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Cadets set themselves apart from others through

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The United States Air Force Academy is inherently unique. It is a post-secondary education facility unlike any other. Its educational opportunities, athletic facilities, extracurricular programs, and military environment are almost unparalleled; even other military institutions are not as new or technologically advanced in as many aspects as the Academy. This year saw the Academy opening the new CETF building and undergoing dormitory renovation to improve education and quality of life.

Not only did the institution continue its unique tradition, the cadets that called the U.S. Air Force Academy "home" in 1997 were unique as well. They represented some of the best and brightest that America, and other countries as well, had to offer.

"The cadets at the Academy come from all over the world, but they have one thing in common ... their willingness to accept any challenge," said Academy Superintendent Lt Gen Paul Stein. "They desire to come here for the unique challenges of a first-rate education in a military training environment."

These young men and women could have attended any public, private, or Ivy-league school, but instead they decided to become cadets and more importantly future officers. Why? **Continued on page 5.**





Sporting an image unmatched by most cadets, CIC Dave Lyons "lets his hair down" at the CSU football game. Although a small school, the Academy proved it had both the athletic determination and school spirit to be noticed nationally. Photo by C. Willis.

Getting a little attention from a faculty member in the counseling center C2C Vincent Miller takes advantage of a unique relaxation tool. Known as "the egg" this apparatus facilitated total calming of the mind and body. Photo by BJ Lingle.



Illustrating the proper care and respect for the U.S. flag, these cadets volunteer their time to instruct Boy Scouts during the Freezoree weekend. Cadets had several opportunities to reach out and touch the lives of young people throughout the community. Photo by M. Brown.

Undoubtedly the most unusual college Sports Bar of its kind, the only true hangout for firsties and secondclass cadets on base was in a constant state of confusion. After it became a beer only establishment the already limited clientele dwindled to the point that it could hardly make a profit. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Caught daydreaming at a parade, this fourthclass cadet passes the time before marching by thinking of the years to come. For many, getting through the first year was a combination of support from classmates and the ability to "check out" mentally from time to time. Photo by BJ Lingle.

Soaring above the ground at a jump over Scott AFB, Capt John Oates, C1C John Polkowski, C1C Heather Hall and C1C Matthew Cunningham take self-expression to new heights. Clubs offered every cadet the opportunity to find their niche. Photo by SSgt Rendall Dills.





An institution
of conformity
steps forward
to define

Oxymoron

There are as many different answers about why cadets choose to attend the Academy as there are cadets enrolled. When they made their selection, the cadets chose to accept all the unique aspects of the Academy, both good and bad. These cadets chose the path of greater resistance for greater glory upon graduation...they, like the Academy, remained unique by choice.

Unique by choice, one might think that the idea itself is an oxymoron especially when discussing the Academy and its members. All cadets get the same hairstyle and uniforms when they enter the Academy. They are taught to conform, which doesn't sound very unique; however, it's this conformity that remains a novelty when compared to their civilian counterparts. But, don't be fooled by the fact that cadets look alike. Looking beyond the surface of conformity, yet another source of individualism appears.

"Each cadet has his or her own personal goals, desires and dreams that the Academy can develop and foster, unlike anywhere else in the world," Stein said. Each person is unique, with many different ideas, dreams and stories to tell. **Continued on page 7.**



After a rain storm, the chapel reflects majestically in a puddle. A building of architectural wonder, the chapel opened its doors to cadets giving them an outlet for spiritual expression and guidance. Photo by BJ Lingle.

Racing through his teammates, C2C Pat Sims gets fired up for an away game at the University of Denver. Rugby attracted many players despite the fact that it was not intercollegiate. Photo by B. Brandow.



C2C Jarrett Hlavaty cheerfully trains his classmate C2C Mason Dula at the Obstacle Course during Recognition. To support their four-degrees, some upperclamen braved the Recognition challenges with them. Photo by B. Boyd.

Putting the final touches on an antenna, C1C Jeff Brach, C1C Johnston Coil, and C1C Kari Agnew see a semester of hard work start to pay off. They helped with the construction of a ground station for a cadet built satellite. Photo by C. Willis.





Personal experiences can't help but make the Academy

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Cadets chose numerous paths that separated them from their peers, both at the Academy and at other colleges. Through limitless opportunities, they made their marks through their choices. "The Academy provides the cadets with unparalleled character building, leadership, and educational opportunities. The entire experience is designed to push cadets beyond their preconceived limits," Stein said.

Most notably, the unique paths taken during the year prepared cadets upon graduation to enter the military service and help defend this nation. Cadets chose their academic majors, club participation, intramural sports, intercollegiate sports, military involvement, and squadron development in an effort to make their journey a personal one.

No matter what the aspect, the Academy and its cadets stand alone. Such a distinction provided those who took the challenge an opportunity to express and develop themselves in a different manner. It was this unique style that distinguished the Academy and its members from others. **By Rusty Evers**

Saluting at the end of wreath laying ceremonies these Honor Guard members remember fallen graduates. Throughout the school year there were a number of these types of ceremonies. Photo by C. Willis.



Bushed from a hard weekend at Fort Carson, these cadets catch some ZZs while keeping track of the sleeping bags used in Operation Range Thunder. Range Thunder gave cadets an opportunity to work with members in the operational Army. Photo by C. Willis



MILITARY

INSPIRES AIR & SPACE LEADERS

Section Editor: Greg Pleinis '98

Unlike colleges and institutions that have ROTC programs, where military life permeates only one aspect of the college, here it's everywhere. Since the ultimate goal of the Academy is to "develop and inspire air and space leaders with vision for tomorrow," cadets trained extensively in preparation of this nation's defense. "We prepare cadets to meet the challenges of the future," said Commandant Brigadier General Stephen R. Lorenz. "The training is tough and requires cadets to live and breathe the core values of 'Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do.'"

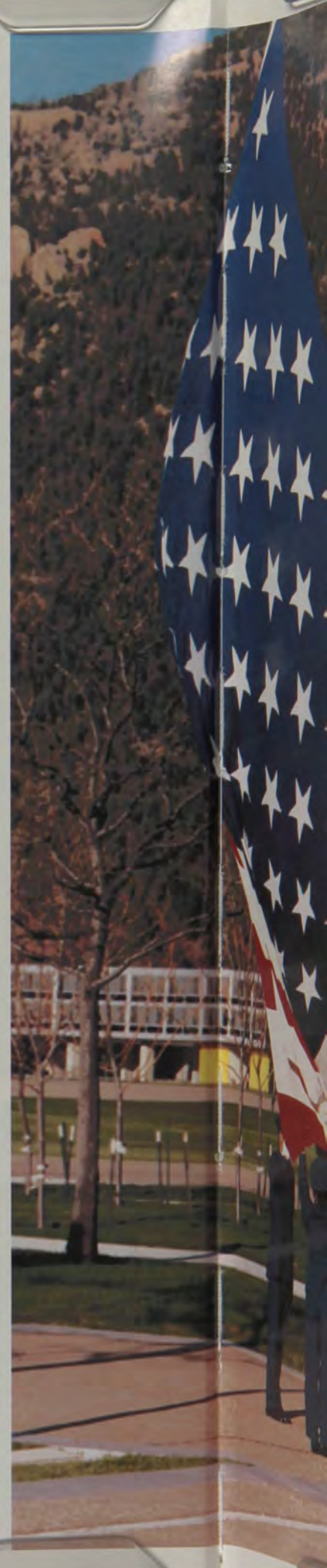
Many things that cadets did in a military manner were unique. Not many college students went through obstacle and assault courses under extreme mental and physical pressures from upperclass students. Fewer schools had their students march to breakfast and lunch on a regular basis while the band played a marching tune. "Activities like the Obstacle Course and noon meal marching instill the qualities of discipline, pride, character, and teamwork. These and

other activities combined, teach the individual just how tough he/she really is, and at the same time teach the Wing that attitude and spirit are force multipliers which make the "team" stronger than the individual," Lorenz said.

Ultimately, cadets chose how much military training they wanted, but no one could escape it entirely. During the fourthclass year, training was mandatory. All the training culminated with Recognition for the fourth class cadets. "Recognition is the culminating event and rite of passage in which the freshmen are put through the final test to become full-fledged members of the Cadet Wing," Lorenz said. "They are challenged, mentally and physically, and when it is all said and done, they walk away from it with a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment. They understand what it means to "never give up!" and they come to appreciate the bonds that will tie them with their classmates for the rest of their lives."

By Rusty Evers

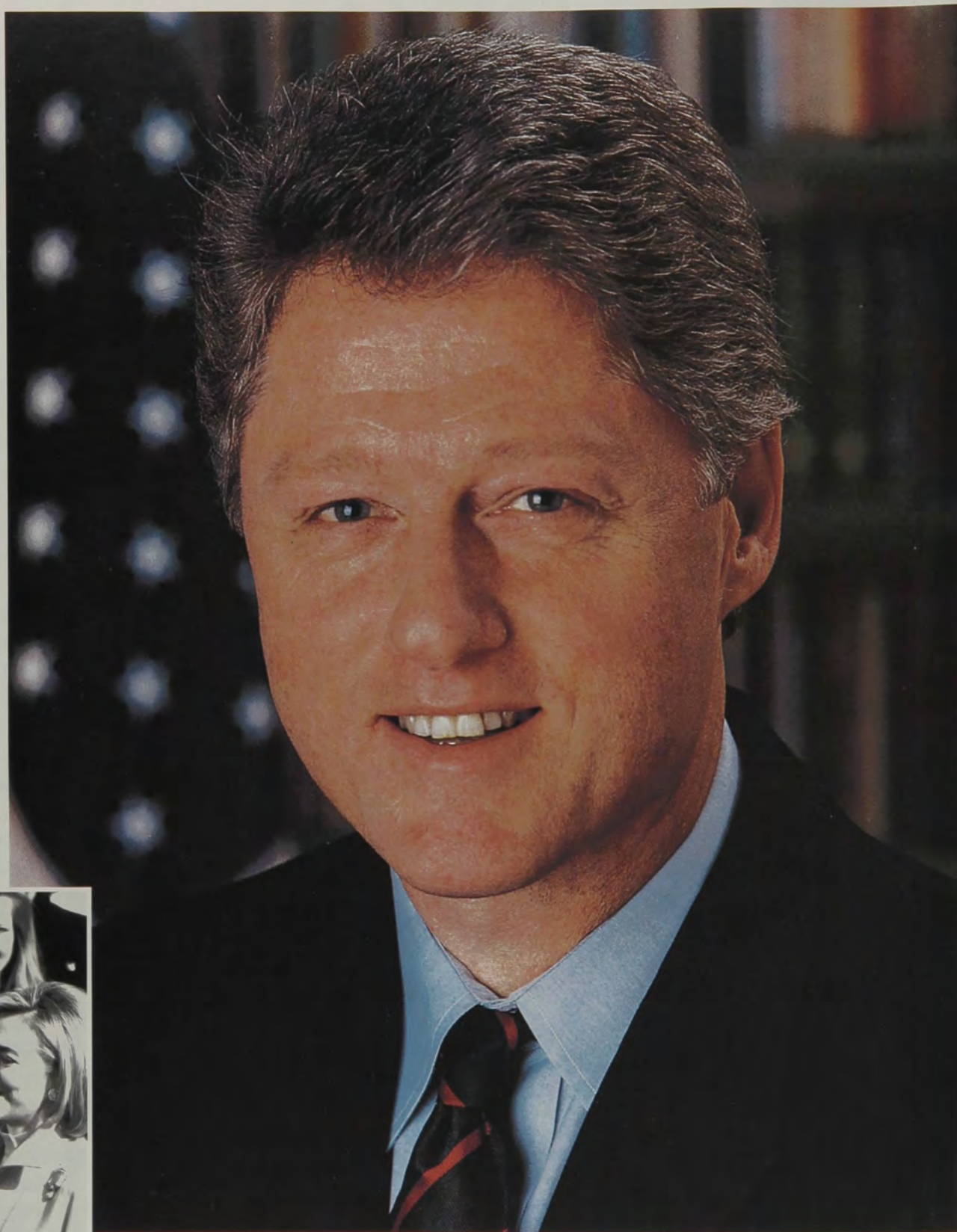
A college experience like no other; these members of the Class of 2000 attack the Assault Course. For most college students, freshman preparation does not begin with a five week course that stresses military training. Photo by B. Scharton.





Putting up the garrison flag on Memorial Day, these members of the Honor Guard perform their duty with great care and seriousness. Although flying the nation's colors is not unique, the pride and professionalism with which this flag is put up is very noteworthy. Photo by C. Willis.

Commander-in-Chief

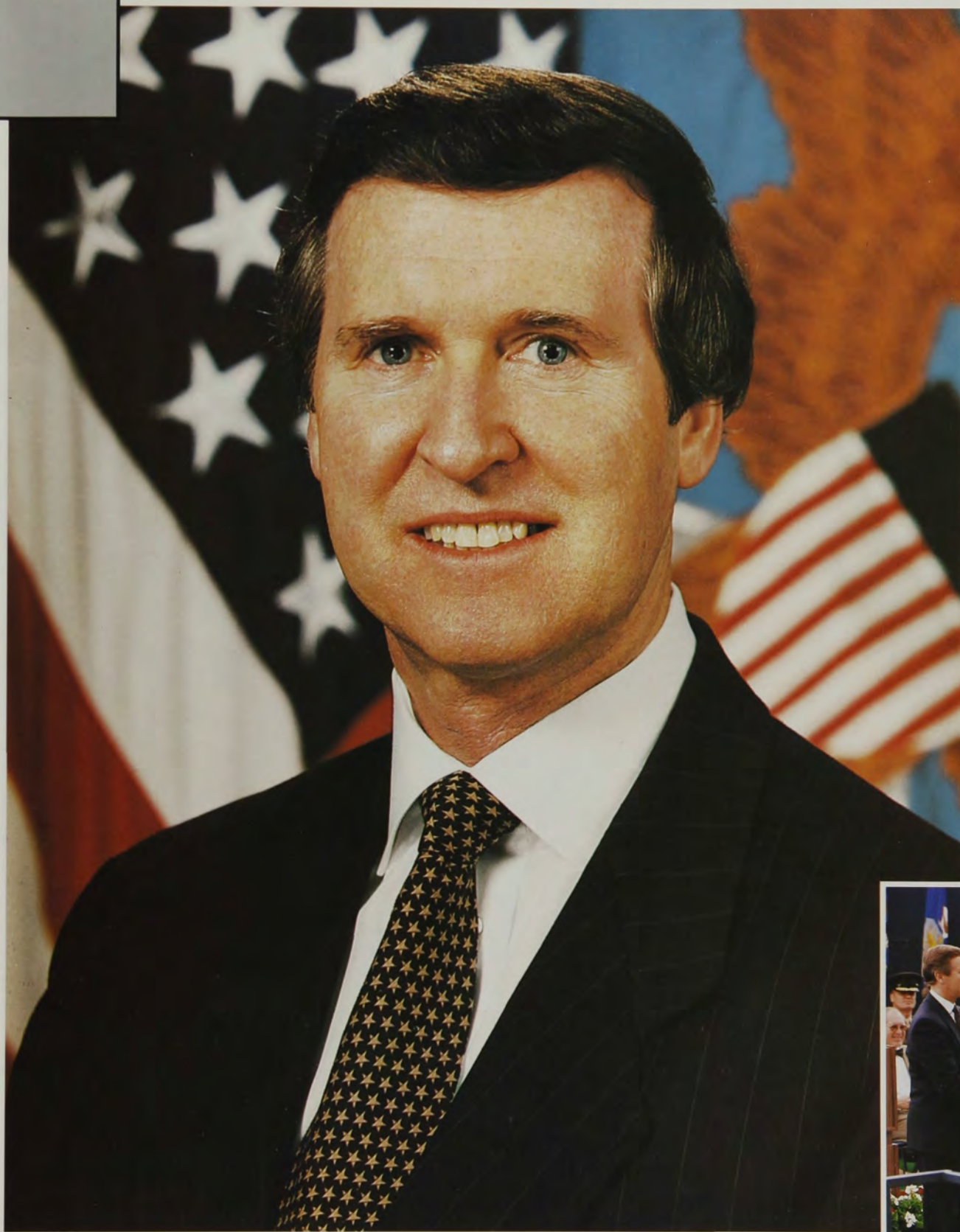


President Clinton and his family spend some time together before the Inauguration Ceremony. President Clinton earned another term in office after the election in November 1996. Photo provided by RM Photo Service.



President William J. Clinton

S^{ecretary of Defense}



Secretary of Defense William Cohen congratulates the number one graduate Jim Smith. Secretary Cohen shook the majority of the graduates hands.



The Honorable William S. Cohen

S

ecretary of the Air Force



Dr. Widnall chats with a member of the Air Force Academy faculty while waiting for the parade during Corona week to begin. Dr. Widnall came out to the Academy during the fall and during BCT for the Class of 2000. Photo by R. Bailey.



The Honorable Dr. Sheila E. Widnall

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ir Force Chief of Staff



General Ronald R. Fogleman

Gen. Fogleman and Gen. Cubero discuss the health of cadets' academics just prior to the beginning of the Corona Parade. Gen. Fogleman visited the Academy in the fall and was the speaker at the Class of 1996's graduation. Photo by R. Bailey.



Superintendent



Enjoying good conversation at the 100s Night Dining In, Gen Stein laughs at a joke told by C3C Jen Drum. Gen Stein attended many class functions throughout the year. Photo by M. Darakjy.

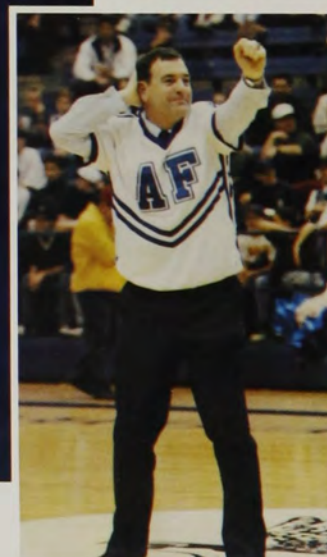


Lieutenant General Paul E. Stein

Commandant of Cadets



Gen Lorenz has spirit and he's willing to flaunt it. Decked out in his varsity sweater, Gen Lorenz leads the crowd in cheering on the basketball team. Photo by C. Willis.



Brigadier General Stephen R. Lorenz

By
K. Reed
&
M. Quatrara

Making decisions and taking responsibility, cadet leadership guides cadets through the *Fall Semester*

Taking responsibility was our overarching theme for the year. But what does responsibility mean with respect to the Air Force Academy environment? We think it means caring about the institution, its values, and most impor-

tantly, each another. Our goals also encompassed taking responsibility, maintaining a positive cadet attitude and seizing leadership opportunities. As cadet commanders, we sought the autonomy to make our own decisions. As such, we had increased personal

accountability for those decisions. The decision making gave us the opportunity to learn from our experiences and hopefully prepare us for future endeavors in the Air Force.

First Group

Front Row: P. Strouse, C. Dotier, R. Carver, G. Ellingson, R. Johnston, D. Brouder, M. Hadley, M. Davis Back Row: W. Volkland, C. McBrayer, C. Helquist, P. Brister, D. Pompa, M. Bess, W. Vaughn, J. Giamp, D. Salmi, S. Tomlinson, V. Benedetto, H. Laws.



Second Group

Front Row: C. Callahan, N. Leonelli, S. Rolenc, J. Berardinelli, L. Travis, P. Born, B. Kabat, J. Lecea. Back Row: M. Smith, K. Staff, M. Emiley, G. Granholm, R. Gordon, A. Kowalchuck, R. Boyle, M. Peeler, T. Clovis, J. Engberg, A. Lobo. Not Pictured: J. Sheldon.





Third Group

Front Row: R. Gernandt, D. Shulteis, C. Misegadis, L. Gregory, J. Haas, R. Keeney, M. Schriever, M. Leong. Back Row: J. Ferfolia, C. Blake, S. Adcock, M. Hayden, C. Spellman, R. Henderson, B. Beachkofski, M. Grafe, J. Powe.



Fourth Group

Front Row: T. Davis, D. Epperson, N. Sevilla, J. Perrys, C. O'Brien, S. Williams, C. Reeder, E. Springer. Back Row: L. Lewis, W. Hepler, G. Lavine, S. Krowlikowski, S. Jensen, D. Johnson, J. Parham, B. White, T. Emerson, L. Waldrep, M. Anderson.



Wing Staff

Front Row: M. Kuzmich, J. Alkire, A. Caggiano, K. Reed, R. Naylor, M. Fetzner, D. Burtz, S. Banks. Back Row: M. Morrison, M. Lammertin, M. Cantore, S. Schmunk, P. Sexton, G. Depew, T. Mukase-Magoye, A. Tallman, R. Gibbs, T. Kuehne, J. Snow, D. Arnold, J. Scholtz, C. Farell, J. Lemons, A. Stohlmann, C. Kauffman, C. Biehn.

By
K. Reed
&
M. Quatrara

Following a tough act, cadet leadership worked hard in the

Spring Semester

The year proved to be fun, exciting, and especially challenging for the cadet staff. In part, we concentrated on spirit within the Cadet Wing. Cadets were encouraged to attend more athletic events and were rewarded for their support with weekend passes, free pizza,

and other incentives. Our program included formal recognition at the end of the year for the outstanding spirit squadron. In addition, Arnold Hall was livened up by working with the Arnold Hall staff to screen current movies as well as a more popular selection of concerts, including the

Steve Miller Band and Leanne Rimes. Despite the difficult task, we did what we could to make it enjoyable to be a cadet, while learning something valuable in the process.

First Group

Front Row: J. Rick, C. Dotter, P. Strouse, L. Savage, B. Bobeck, D. Russell, C. Senn, D. Browder. Back Row: J. Arney, J. Alderman, R. Evers, T. Sprister, M. Bess, A. Roesener, G. Pleinis, C. Fitzpatrick, C. Brackett, T. Alexander.



Second Group

Front Row: G. Taravella, C. Basballe, J. Young, W. Gentry, P. Suermann, P. Born, S. Rolenc, J. Lecea. Back Row: M. Peeler, S. Reagan, S. Brammer-hogan, D. Fowler, J. Engberg, K. Litzler. Not Pictured: J. Ewing, J. Eisenreich, Q. Cox, N. Scopac, C. Vance, E. Burke.





Third Group

Front Row: R. Gernandt, D. Schulteis, C. Misegadis, R. Henderson, D. Patterson, J. Percy, J. Cain, J. John. Back Row: J. Pollard, J. Ferfolia, E. Wolin, T. Hague, J. Melin, T. Schwartzlow, T. Strawser, S. Baker, R. Muggli. Not Pictured: L. Sunvold.



Fourth Group

Front Row: M. Feyereisen, D. Epperson, J. Johnson, T. Welter, L. Anderson, S. Kreuziger, N. Sevilla, E. Harris. Back Row: T. Davis, M. Schroering, W. Hepler, D. Siegmund, J. Vinson, C. Henderson, R. Recker, A. Burch, J. Parham, J. Zicarelli.



Wing Staff

Front Row: C. Blake, D. Burtz, M. Fetzer, M. Quatrara, D. Grover, C. Sedlacek, F. Johnfinn, A. Johnson. Back Row: A. Gray, D. Ronneberg, J. Seto, L. Holland, H. Jeffress, B. Evans, D. Cuciarullo, A. Pike, P. Brown, P. Warlick, J. Suhajda, J. Snow, J. Williams, J. Zingaro, M. Johnston, M. Kuzmich, C. Farell, C. Kauffman, C. Tijhio, D. Daunt.

By
Jeremy
Eggers

2000 learns quickly what it means to be a part of military training known as

The Beast

The start of a military career, no matter what military, always begins with some sort of basic training, which is always dreaded by those who have to endure it. At the Academy things are no different. The Academy's Basic Cadet Training, also known as "Beast," has the mission of taking civilians and turning them into cadets in just six weeks. The training is mentally and physically demanding from the start. The Class of 2000 found out just how demanding it was June 27, 1996, in processing day.

Conquering the First Beast

The First Beast wasted no time sinking its military claws into the Class of 2000. The cadre had their first chance to maul the new basics when they stepped off the bus from Doolittle Hall. "I remember C1C Ian Fairchild storming onto the bus and screaming 'You have 10 seconds to get off of this bus and you've already wasted nine—move!,'" C4C Andrew J. Cass said.

There was no red carpet rolled out for these new basics. After scrambling off the bus, the basics lined up and were welcomed by the cadre. "I got off the bus and all of the sudden I had this huge guy in front of me telling me to get my chin in. I was so scared. I think I peed my pants," C4C Seth D. Malley said. Soon after the initial welcome the basics were sent off to experience the rest of inprocessing and First Beast.

Inprocessing day as remembered by Cass was, "The worst day of my entire life," and many others felt the same way. That day saw basics saying good-bye to their civilian clothes in exchange for BDUs; good-bye to their cars in exchange for marching on their own two-feet; and good-bye to Mom

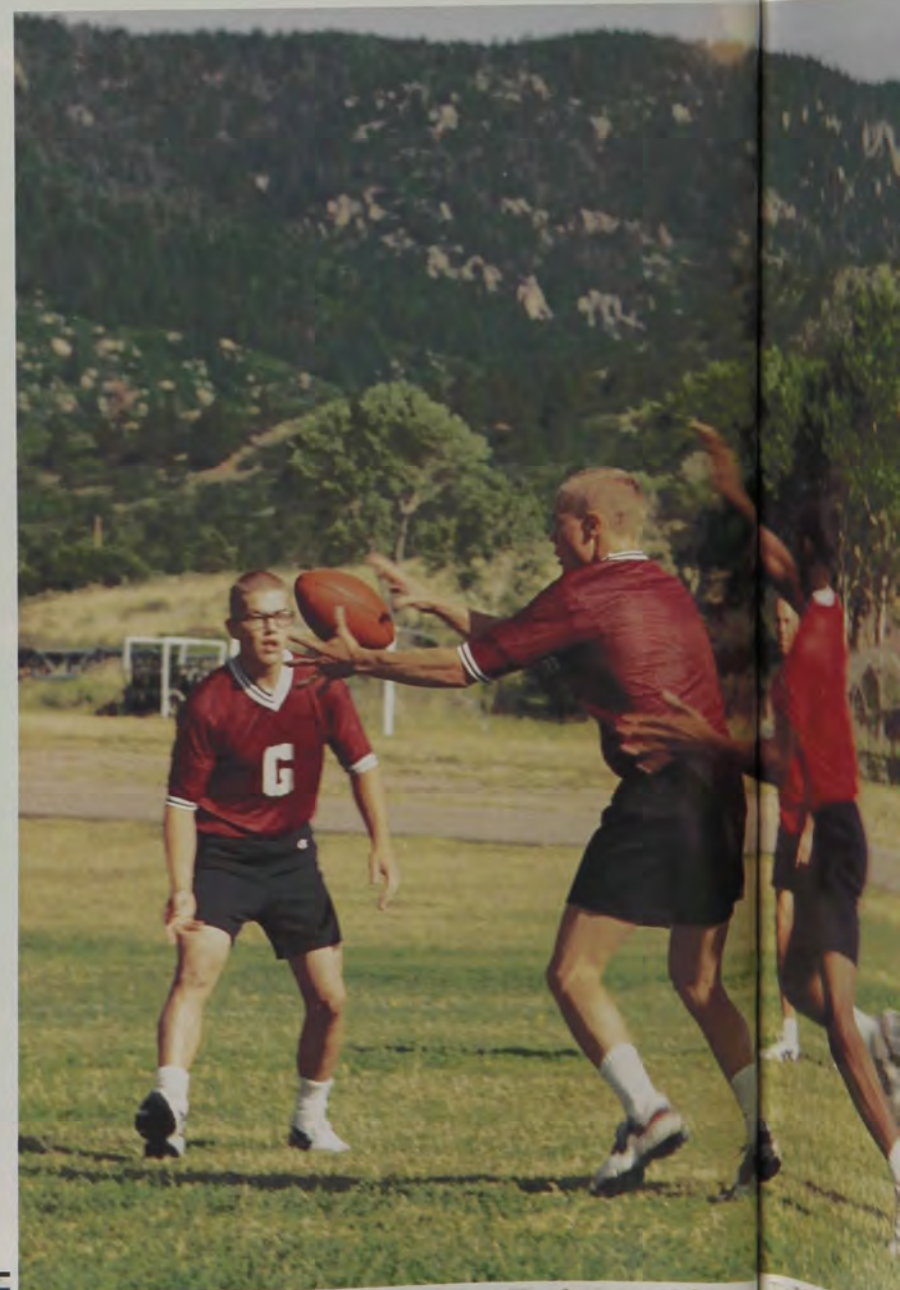
and Dad in exchange for their cadre. Those first few days with the cadre were rough for everyone. The cadre weren't out to make any friends—their job was to transform basics into cadets. They could be intimidating at times and people like C4C Howie Schmidt avoided them when at all possible. "One time I had to use the bathroom really bad but I didn't want to leave my room," Schmidt said.

Unfortunately, it was impossible to avoid them forever and as time went on the basics conquered that initial fear of encountering the upperclass cadets.

First Beast needed to build confidence and teamwork in the Class of 2000 and did so not only through encounters with the intimidating cadre but also with morning physical conditioning, SAMIs, and intramurals. They learned how to work together and to support one another; people who were once strangers became best friends. By working together, obstacles were conquered and seemed to become less scary. "My roommate and I worked together to get ourselves through the hard times," C4C Kelsey Ellingson said. "We tried to make everything fun. Sometimes we would have to do about faces in our beds at night and after the cadre would close the door we would start laughing so hard about it. They would always come back in and tell us to be quiet. Then they would leave and we would laugh ourselves to sleep."

Eventually, with a little of what First Beast Commander Cadet Colonel James A. Finlayson called discipline, integrity, teamwork, and faith, the First Beast was conquered. However, there was another one waiting. After a brief change of command ceremony, 2000 was introduced to the Second Beast.

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These basic cadets dig deep and pull hard in the Tug-o-War. This was just one of the many competitive events during Field Day.



"That I take this obligation freely..." uh-huh, sure. Basic Cadet Benedict Doyle ponders the implications of the oath of office.

"First two fingers on the hat brim; wrist straight; hand canted." These basic cadets practice their salute and get a small workout in the process.



This member of Guts catches a downfield pass in intramural flickerball. Intramurals were an integral, and often relaxing part of BCT.

"Not that foot, your military right!" These basic cadet wannabes try to form up in a flight. Photo by B. Scharton.



"Waist: 33 inches." This cadet tailor shop employee tries out the new voice-recognition system which expedited the issue process. Photo by B. Boyd.

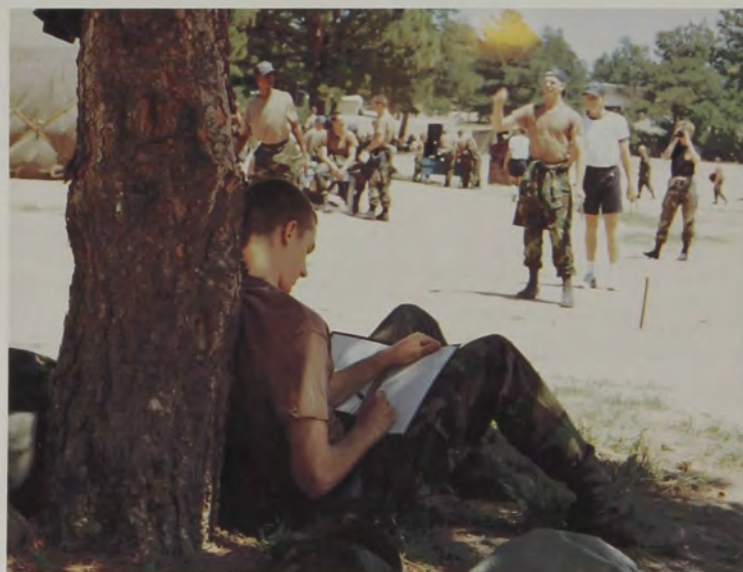
Basic Cadet Felton from Aggressors is declared Big Bad Basic. The biggest thrill came when he had his photo taken with General Stem. Photo by B. Scharton.

This basic cadet defends his position inside helicopter skeleton during Air Base Defense. Unfortunately, due to his limited military knowledge, he does not realize the strategic value it lacks. Photo by G. Pleinis.



This basic cadet waits to draw in the enemy before firing. Air Base Defense taught basics the fundamentals of small unit tactics. Photo by G. Pleinis.

"Dear Mom..." This basic cadet takes time during Chaplain's Picnic to write a quick letter. This was one day when basics could catch some rest for the afternoon. Photo by B. Scharton.



Basic Cadet Aaron Edmonds begins the low crawl on the barbed wire portion of the assault course. She no doubt wishes for the company of her twin sister, because anywhere is better than the A-course. Photo by B. Scharton





By
Jeremy
Eggers

The Valley offers many challenges but 2000 makes it through the

Tough times

Second Beast was hungry for 2000 from the start but waited to get the prey back to its lair, also known as Jack's Valley, before beginning the feast. The Valley posed many challenges for 2000. Still, most everyone agreed that the Second Beast was easier to endure than the First Beast. "Second Beast was a lot better than First Beast because it was more fun," C4C Eric Schmidt said. "The level of toughness was the same, but the different courses and being out in the sun helped keep spirits up. There is much more camaraderie during Second Beast."

Activities like the Assault Course, Confidence Course, Leadership Reaction Course, rifle manual, living in tents, and squadron low-crawl courses were just some of the activities that kept camaraderie and motivation high for the basics. The basics typically experienced one major event a day and were always pushed to their mental and physical limits. When giving up seemed like the only choice left, many looked upward

to keep themselves going. "When things began to drag me down I just prayed that God would get me through; He always did," C4C Kathleen Hasson said.

Others, like the former preppies and prior enlisted basics as well as people like C4C Syed Ameer Abbas, a Pakistani foreign exchange cadet, called on their prior experiences to get them through. "Yeah, Beast was tough but it should be tough both physically and mentally," Abbas said. "There are much worse places than this in the world and having been to one—I can honestly say that coming here and staying motivated wasn't even an issue for me. It was something I had to do and it flowed through me."

Those who couldn't call on a past experience also looked inward to find the motivation they needed to make it. "The big thing that kept me motivated was knowing that it was all for a purpose and that I was in it for everybody else and not just myself," C4C Eric Schmidt said. "So many others had made it before me I realized that it would, eventually, end."

The end finally came. When the basics marched back to the cadet area they were met with cheers from civilians and upperclassmen. The Class of 2000 had conquered the Beast. "I was so happy when it was over. Looking back, I don't think I could ever make it through Beast again," C4C Howie Schmidt said.

The Class of 2000 was accepted into the Cadet Wing August 6, 1996, but they soon found out that it only marked the end of one episode. There was still more to come...



"Oh man, I hope I don't lose my grip!" This basic cadet negotiates another obstacle on the confidence course. Photo by B. Scharton.

By
Rusty
Evers

Through programs like
jump and soaring
cadets take to the

Blue skies

AM-490, whether loved or feared by cadets, is undoubtedly respected. In this course, cadets receive instruction on basic freefall parachute school. Cadets on the nationally-recognized Wings of Blue (WOB) Parachute team instruct other cadets on the finer points of falling out of a perfectly good airplane.

Every year this course is offered in the summer as a two week journey, and as a PE block during the academic year. "Jump" runs year-round everyday except Friday and Saturday. Jump is strictly a volunteer program.

Students must go through extensive training before they go up in the UV-18B Twin Otter for their jumps. Students spend many hours training to prepare for the experience of a lifetime.

"There was a lot of ground-school," C2C Ed Grundel said. "It was kinda painful, and I was sore for three or four days. But it was exciting because thinking of jumping out of the plane and falling through the air is such a rush!"

The cadre, mostly WOB members but also airmen and NCO's, prepared students for every conceivable emergency that could happen while hurtling towards earth.

After all of the schooling, the students jumped. Each controlled fall out the plane is videotaped by ground control and after landing safely on the ground, the cadet is a debriefed by the cadre. Each jump was then graded, and those not meeting the minimum standards received some retraining. "I had some retraining after my first jump," Grundel said. "I showed the tape to my parents later on, and they said I looked like a sack of potatoes that was out of control. The excitement of it all just came

over me then. But on jumps 2-5 I started counting, and everything was fine."

Some students who complete the program are selected to become instructors themselves. They spend another year in training and eventually receive their Wings of Blue patch.

Yet another program that can end in an invitation to become an instructor is AM-251. Better known as soaring, this program gives all cadets the opportunity to fly.

"The whole idea behind this class is to expose cadets to a real-world, functioning airfield," C2C Paul Roberts, an instructor pilot (IP) said. "We want to get cadets into a plane and fly."

And fly they do, after ground school training and several rides with an instructor pilot many cadets solo. During the summer approximately 80% of the class solos during the block, while thanks to the Colorado weather, fewer are able to do it during AM-251 in the fall and winter. For those who aren't able to solo during their block, they can sign up for AM-252 which gives them the opportunity to soar during their freetime and thus earn their wings.

As expected many who take AM-251 get bit by the flying bug and try to continue on as instructor pilots. These people are very necessary as they put almost 1,000 cadets through the program a year. The process to become an IP is a very involved one that sees cadets giving up anywhere from 20-25 hours a week to get trained. Despite this, all agree that it's worth the price.

"I've wanted to fly since I was five, however my eyes will probably keep me from getting to do it in the operational Air Force," C3C Edward King, a new IP said. "This program gives me a chance to fly now. If this is all the flying I get to do ... it will be enough."



These cadets walk back to the debriefing building after a successful landing. Students were guided into landing with a one-way radio by the ground crew. Photo by B. Brandow.



Making an approach to the airfield, this sailplane uses the spoilers to ensure a better landing. Under the watchful eye of the IP in the backseat, this student prepares to bring this plane down on his own. Photo by M. Brown.

CIC Dan Hill goes through preflight with his student. Students needed to memorize many checks both on and off the ground. Photo by M. Brown.



"Pull ... arch ... check." This student practices his emergency procedures while hanging in the harness. The watchful cadre created many emergencies for the students to work through. Photo by J. Clancy.



"Pull thousand ... check thousand." This jump student practices his freefall count. Students practiced this arch-count-pull sequence sitting, kneeling, standing and hanging. Photo by J. Clancy.



"Gimme a hand ... I mean a foot here." These cadets use the buddy system to drain the water out of their pooppy suits. Prolonged exposure in the water and the leaks were a bad combination. Photo by B. Boyd.



This cadet gets a ride up on the Penetrator, the jungle rescue device. Cadets spent one whole day at Kettle Lake learning water survival skills. Photo by B. Boyd.



Using his map and compass, this cadet plots out his course for an evening hike. Precise coordinates must be reached during the night. Photo by B. Brandow.

After a long trek, these cadets wait to turn in their equipment. Despite their tired faces, these are really ecstatic to be done with this summer program. Photo by B. Brandow.



By
Joe
Clancy III

Despite the loss of
resistance and escape
training CST remains an

Experience

Surviving constant change, and rumors that the program would be canceled, Combat Survival Training continued in its second summer at the Academy. As with Academy tradition, change abounded in a program that had already seen the loss of resistance and escape.

For the first time, training took place at the new Base Training Laboratory—formerly known as the Resistance Training Laboratory. With the backdrop of the ex-PDR's prisoner compound to remind all of its old mission, cadets were taught the essentials of land navigation, and assembling a survival pack from available resources.

However, despite the many changes, the program was successfully executed as planned.

Many cadets felt that it was a positive experience. "It was great," C3C Sara Alholm said. "I liked being out in the woods."

Others had fun, but were glad when it was over. Several cadets agreed that the information was useful. "I liked the fact that it was always interesting and it taught information that I might have to actually use someday," C3C Chris Sheffield remarked. "I felt it was an important experience that taught me about my abilities to function when I am not in ideal situations."

Even upperclass cadets were positive about the new program. "It's the best program I've worked at the Academy," said C1C Kirsten Larson. "I wanted to work it because I enjoyed SERE so much."

Some cadets had negative things to say. "Listening to lectures in F1 or D1 or wherever sucked," Alholm added. Some cadets also had unpleasant experiences in the field. C3C Kirsten Veatch said, "The worst part was the last night we were out, and my group was in the middle of a field during the lightning storm." Other cadets reiterated old feelings.

Statements like "they treated us like four smokes" are heard every year, and this year was certainly no exception.

Rain was another common complaint among cadets that participated in the program. "I didn't like trail day. Not one single bit," C3C Kelly Roxburgh said. "The fact that walking for miles up and down hills in the rain might seem fun to someone is just beyond me."

Veatch summed up the experience: "It didn't make for a pleasant experience, but I made it through and that's what counts, right?" Right.

"This rabbit is enough to feed us ... twice!" Students learned to skin their rabbits carefully to get as much of the valuable meat as possible. Photo by B. Brandow.

Adding another stick to the feed the flames, this cadet practices his fire building skills. Cadets had to demonstrate proficiency in building fires in any type of weather or situation. Photo by B. Brandow.



Back by popular demand...

THE SNUGGLE WUZZLE BUNNIES!

go to USAFA!! Oh Happy Day!

STARRING:

—HOWDY DODDY!
FUZZLE!

and

—HI DIDDLY HO!
WUZZLE!

and

"GIP'S ARE YOUR FRIENDS?"

Just what I've been looking for...

UNCLE C.W.'S
KIWI
CADET DRESSING

Prevents: sweat
body odors
itching suits

I'll stock up on them!

Howdy, Fuzzle!!

I ♥ USAFA

GASP!

WUZZLE look at you!!

You're not in UOD!!

I ♥ USAFA

Oh my! You are correct, dear Fuzzle....

According to Cadet Information File 97-001, Para 1.2.1.8 of AFCWI 36-2904 is to be modified to say: "UOD is required to go to the Cadet Store at all times."

My dear Wuzzle... you have violated a regulation!

SAVE STARCH!

SAVE SHIRT GARTS!

You're right Fuzzle... Ignorance is no excuse! You should write me up with a Form 10!

I ♥ USAFA

Why—I mean, how come I should write you up--

Wow...

Don't question the powers that be, Fuzzle!!

Besides, Gen. Lorenz says you're not a real cadet if you've never written a Form 10!

Well, Wuzzle... You've challenged my manhood!

...sure! Why not?!

Attaboy, Fuzzle!

Way to enforce the standards!

Punch!

Is 60 tours too much?

Peachy!

THE END!

DODO

THE NEXT SEMESTER



I AM QUATRUTAS... OF WING...
YOU WILL MARCH... WEATHER IS
IRRELEVANT... LOGIC IS IRRELEVANT...
RESISTANCE IS FUTILE...

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40 YEARS OF
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1957 - 1997



40 YEARS AND STILL SWINGIN'...

The *Dodo* gives cadets the chance to look at themselves and laugh

For awhile

Celebrating

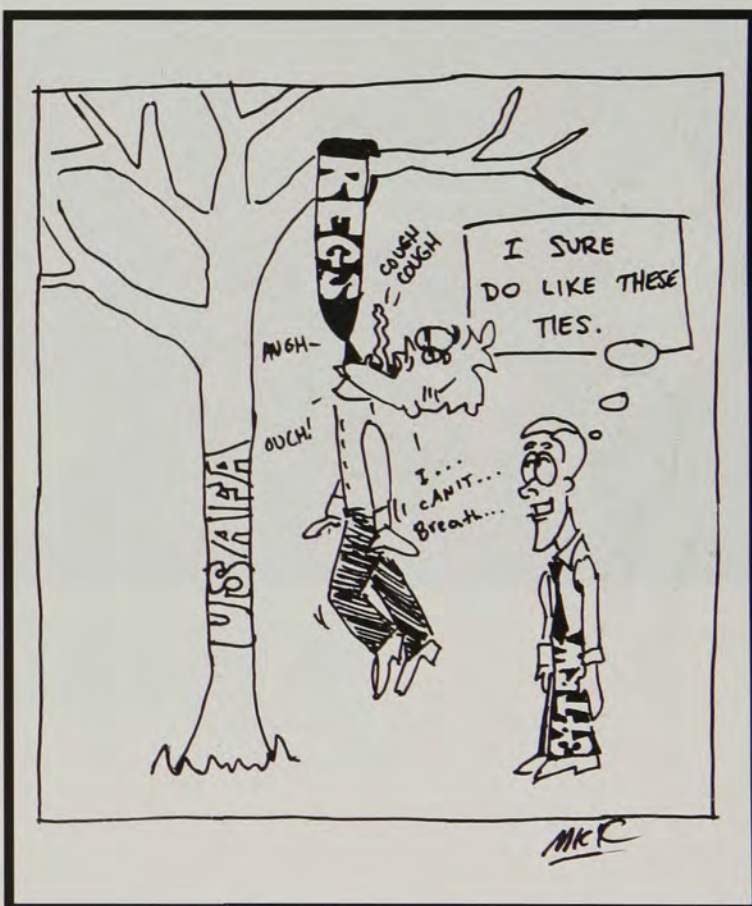
its fortieth birthday, the *Dodo*, the Cadet Humor Magazine, had a lot to brag about. From its humble beginnings as the campus newspaper, the *Dodo* quickly found out that its true niche was to poke fun at the institution as a whole.

As it evolved cadets grew to love the publication more and more as it gave them an outlet to express opinions and con-

cerns that may otherwise have stayed hidden in the dark corners of the Academy.

One area that was hit in practically every issue was the military life, since there was so much of it the target for good natured ridicule was big and for the most part the "powers that be" took it all in stride.

So printed here for the first time in hardback form is the best of the *Dodo* for the year '96-'97.



There were surprises behind every corner; or at least in many closets. Even associate AOCs and NCOs got involved in the inspection. Photo by G. Pleinis.

"Hmmm....I don't THINK he'll find anything under there." During the inspection, officers checked cadets' rooms thoroughly, just as this associate staff member inspects C1C Jen Brannan's room. Photo by G. Pleinis.



Nothing was left unchecked; cadets, officers and NCOs braved the cold morning in the parking lots during the MWH inspection. All cadet cars were checked for contraband. Photo by G. Pleinis.



By
Wm.
Regen
Wilson

An early morning trip to the parking lot is a chilly part of an MWH

Inspection

"Dang, I'm tired," the cadet's body tells him as he dreams of the Dean slamming a sledgehammer repeatedly in to his head. "Wait a minute," his mind says as he is jolted awake. "Is that the Dean? Or is it someone banging on my door? Oh, no. What could this be? Did they find out about the super glue I put on my AOC's coffee mug? Hmmm. I wonder where my robe is? What the heck, at least I'm wearing my underwear..." The cadet opens the door.

A female captain is standing there, fist raised to knock again.

"Good morning," she says briskly. "Please be dressed and at the CQ desk in 10 minutes." She moves on to the next door. "#\$%&!" the cadet mutters. "Now where the h*&l did I put that keg?"

The above scenario was not that farfetched, particularly in the spring semester. Cadets were told that the purpose behind ... well, nobody's really sure *what* the real purpose behind a Morale (yeah, right), Welfare, and Health inspec-

tion was, but the fact of the matter was that they took place. In fact, some squadrons suffered through three such invasions of privacy. Officers went through cadets' rooms and vehicles looking for all manner of contraband: anything from a marijuana plant to outdated vitamins.

Many cadets mused over the fact that although these inspections were supposed to be "super secret," almost all cadets knew ahead of time when the event was to take place. One would think that since almost everyone knew about the inspection, no one would get caught with something against the rules ... unfortunately some cadets never learn and there were plenty of cadets who had some explaining to do.

For those that followed the rules and those who didn't get caught, these inspections gave cadets an appreciation for what it must have been like to live in the Soviet Union.

Some people just enjoy their jobs a little too much. MSgt William Whitfield inspects the overhead in a first group staff room. Photo by G. Pleinis.

"Can you please tell me EXACTLY what's in this box?" TSgt Anderson, MTA in CS-03, is very thorough in his search for contraband. Photo by G. Pleinis.



By
Jen
Phelps

The desire to tote a gun wasn't quelled for most during BCT, the cadets of the Wing said...

We want to shoot

We want to shoot more! That was the response to a questionnaire a few years ago about activities that cadets would like to revisit during the school year.

In response to this, last year the firsties were required to give up part of their weekend to go down to CATM and qualify on the M-9. Needless to say, this didn't go over too well, the cadets complained. The powers that be then came up with a better idea for this year. Playing on the natural competitiveness of most cadets, CATM re-qualifying was turned into a means to earn points for the squadron of the year competition.

This new program gave cadets of all classes the chance to voluntarily re-qualify on the pistol. This is the same qualification that is done during Second BCT.

CATM cadre worked several shoots a weekend that involved about 20 cadets from each squadron. CATM CIC, C1C Wendy Miller said, "Each day we did four shoots with up to 80 people in each."

C2C Joe Ferfolia, 1997 CATM CIC, added, "The number of people from each class varied with each squadron. This approach was better than last year because it gave people in other classes an opportunity to shoot and it also deterred a lot of people from coming down who really could care less anyway."

Reviews of the new system were mixed. "The M-9 instruction was much more in-depth this time than it was during BCT," C3C Scott Meng stated. "During BCT, it seemed as though they were just rushing us through." He continued to say that since this training was more in depth it was very beneficial.

Others agreed with Meng but added that the one fault was that the program lacked M-16 training.

C4C Daniel Guice said, "I would have liked to try to qualify for expert on the M-16 again. I was one short during BCT."

The cadets were scored according to the same Air Force qualification standards that were used during Basic Cadet Training. The scores from each person were then totaled, after that the squadrons just had to wait and see if they earned squadron of the year.



"Pretty good shooting." This cadre member from CATM explains the results of his cadet's shots. With the proper supervision and guidance, many cadets earned the title of expert marksman at the CATM requals. Photo by B. Bradow.

This basic cadet practices firing his M-16 out on the CATM range during BCT. Unlike the upperclassmen, the fourthclass cadets did not have the opportunity to go and try to become an expert marksman during the school year. Photo by B. Bradow.





These cadets review their shots on target. If necessary, the shooters adjusted their sights for a bulls-eye. Photo by T. Jost.

Getting ready for another round of shooters, this CATM member staples another target up to the board. After many shots, the target papers began to deteriorate. Photo by T. Jost.



In spite of the blistering heat, the lack of water and the fact that the candidates have just marched themselves to who-knows-where, CIC David Rayman can't keep from smiling. Needless to say that his counterparts were not nearly as amused. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Eight hours into the march, Golf Company stops to change its socks and refill canteens. Four hours ago, the company passed through this same clearing marching the other way. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Not everything around Quantico revolved around marching; here, in a strictly looker-no-touchee fashion, Marines inspect a TOWII launcher. Photo by M. Darakjy.



By
Mehdi
Darakjy

Some cadets heed the
calling of another military
branch, they explore

Bulldog

Pretend that civilians are larvae; this means that cadets could be pupae. After four years in their cocoons, they will transmogrify into beautiful Air Force butterflies, and sally forth into the wild blue yonder to uphold and defend our Constitution. Such is not always the case, though. Some of the pupae mutate into a different type of fighting organism; some become United States Marines.

Completion of Marine evolution requires a trip to Quantico Island, Virginia to complete the Officers' Candidate Course over the senior summer. Cadets call this program Bulldog. It's a six week leadership evaluation course that places the responsibility of all types and magnitudes upon the candidates, and gauges and can be quite rough for the fainthearted during the first three weeks.

Candidates are taught how

to lead a fire team (four Marines) and a rifle squad (13 Marines) in frontal assaults against pre-designated targets. Candidates also receive instruction and practical experience in day and night land navigation, heritage, uniform care and wear, first aid, evasion, radio protocol, vehicle use, and several other military-related topics.

Candidates are thrown into various leadership billets for 48-hour periods, ranging from squad leader all the way up to company commander. Responsibilities vary, and a high billet can be almost as much of a compliment as a punishment. Candidates are organized into training platoons of 50, with four platoons composing the company. The candidates live in open-bay barracks. Most candidates are prior-enlisted Marines, but there are a few ROTC Midshipmen, AF and Army Cadets, and other onesey-twoseys.

It is difficult to describe the Bulldog experience in so few words. To those who yearn to fight in the rain and the mud, forgoing the power of their rifle in order to use their Kabar on some unsuspecting enemy grunt, this program will be the best six weeks of their lives. For those who wish to embrace jointness and take a hard look at how the Marines do things, this could be the most interesting six weeks of their lives.

This sculpture sums up the hardwork and dedication that all Marines display in times of war and peace. Photo by A. Lefringhouse.



When the temperature and the humidity conspired to end training, the Marines modified their attire and pressed on, this rifle squad trudges through the Quigley on their way to the Combat Maneuver Course. Photo by A. Lefringhouse.



By
**Ben Boyd
& Brian
Reece**

Cadets fly in the wild blue
yonder in the much revered

T-3 program

Its official

title is Airmanship 303, Advanced Flight Screener. However, this menacing course is better known amongst the Wing as "T-3." Dreaded by some, desired by others, the T-3 program was one of the most demanding courses pilot-qualified cadets went through in their four years at the Academy.

Cadets were introduced to powered flight fundamentals in the Slingsby T-3 Firefly, a fully acrobatic, dual seated, low-wing propeller-driven aircraft new to the Air Force inventory. While cadets were pumped about the thrill of flight, the stress was intense.

Why was it so stressful? Except for the lucky few who received summer training slots, most cadets took the flight screener course during an academic semester in either their junior or senior year. In addition, this year brought yet one more experiment tested by the class of 1997-Z.

Cadets flew the T-3 trainer all day, every other day, for half a semester. Then during the other half of the semester, the students took a series of special academic classes. They meet for two hours and completed 42 lessons of material in only 21 lessons.

"The half semester program was good because it was all I had on M-days," C2C Trey Hall said. "I didn't have to worry about GR's

or anything on the day that I was flying."

In addition to the demands of a 15-plus hour academic course load, cadets were subjected to a training program that mimicks the stress they will receive in later pilot training. This came complete with "stand-up" emergency scenario tests and constantly graded flights. And just like any other part of their four-year Academy career, cadets were in direct competition with each other in the T-3 program. This effected when and where they would go for pilot training.

C2C Brent Dorsey explained: "It's really tough. It's a huge time drain, and if you have a bunch of classes, you're going to be stretched thin. Also, if you have a test the same morning you're going to fly, there goes your crew-rest!"

However, the stress of the program was often outweighed by the thrill of learning to fly.

Instructors guided cadets through takeoff and landing pattern procedures, flight fundamentals, and numerous aerobatic maneuvers. After the stress of the pre-flight procedures, finally getting up in the air made up for all of the anxiety.

While T-3 was often hated by cadets while they went through the program, the thrill of being done and eligible for UPT made the experience worthwhile, especially since they learned some of the hard lessons before pilot training.



Going through the preflight check, the most important safety procedure, is a must for every pilot. Photo by B. Blum

Going through the preflight checks, this cadet inspects the wheels. The preflight check is one of the most important safety procedures that is stressed in the class. Photo by B. Boyd.



Studying the preflight procedures, this cadet prepares for the stand-up portion of the T-3 class. During stand-ups, cadets are quizzed on some of the possible emergencies that could occur while in the air. Photo by B. Boyd.

Getting debriefed, this cadet listens intently as his instructor uses the good-old hand model method to illustrate his point. By the end of the T-3 program, most cadets are very well trained in "hand flying." Photo by B. Boyd.



Ready to fly among the clouds, this cadet and his instructor head into the wild blue yonder. The instructor served not only as a mentor but gave the students confidence as they started learning how to maneuver the plane. Photo by BJ Lingle.

Checking a strap on the tail, this cadet walks around the plane before his instructor pilot comes out to join him. Safety, safety, safety is constantly stressed during T-3. Photo by B. Boyd.

Members of space command talk with cadets in the library during a Project Warrior visit. Several major commands were represented throughout the year. Photo by M. Taylor.

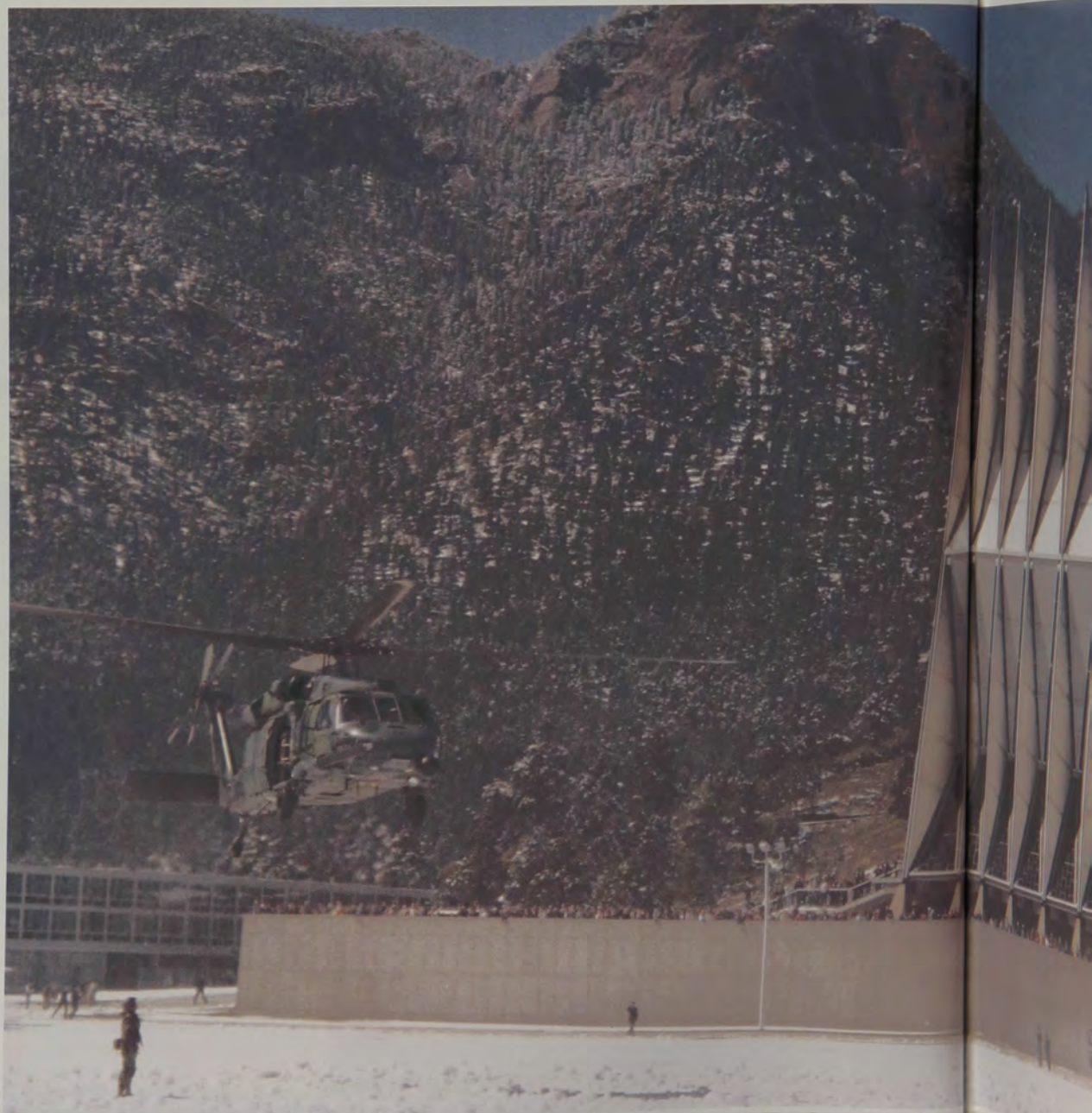


Swift, silent, and snappy, the U-2 flies overhead. Interesting flybys such as this boosted cadet morale. Photo by C. Willis.



Passing overhead is a B-1B Bomber. Flybys occur regularly at Falcon football games and several noon meal formations. Photo by C. Willis.

This Pave Low helicopter lands in the middle of the terrazzo. Project Warrior gave cadets the opportunity to see many facets of the Air Force. Photo by M. Taylor.



By
Gregory
Pleinis

Spy planes, fighters, and nuclear
missiles educate cadets during

Project Warrior

As cadets go through their Academy experience, they often contemplate what they want to do in the operational Air Force. Unfortunately, a summer program called Operation Air Force is often the only exposure cadets have to operational activities. Besides rumors and an occasional advertisement by an instructor or AOC, cadets have to do a great deal of their own research to make informed decisions about their careers. For the second year, the 34th Training Squadron sponsored Project Warrior in an effort to give cadets an idea about what the Air Force has to offer.

Once each month, a group of active duty members from a specific major command came to the Academy, and displayed their

wares, so to speak. Many brought videos, posters, and literature about their day-to-day activities. These activities were far from ordinary to cadets who are accustomed to studying and marching. One of the more memorable visits included Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) landing an MH-53J Pave Low helicopter on the terrazzo during noon meal formation. The event was marked by a mock rescue.

During another visit, Air Force Space Command (AFSC) brought three highly guarded trailers to the terrazzo. Inside one of the trailers was a mobile tracking station that, in the event of a disaster, could replace the operations conducted at NORAD, located in Cheyenne Mountain. Also in-

cluded in the display were ballistic missile transport and maintenance vehicles. As missile operations are now a component of Space Command, members of 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron from F.E. Warren AFB were on hand to answer questions concerning their career field.

The visits from the commands were only one aspect of Project Warrior. The coordinators also brought in flybys during football games, parades, and many noon meal formations. These spectacles were always greatly appreciated by the Cadet Wing as enthusiastic cadets could be heard exclaiming... "Holy cow, look at that..." "Yes, yes, yes," or "That freakin' rocked!" as their favorite aircraft screamed overhead.

Space Command visitors educate cadets in one of several missile transport semis. The cadet is entertained by a 1996 Academy grad. Photo by M. Taylor.



Here's a toast...to the world! General (then Captain) Cubero is elated after his last combat mission in the OV-10.

Go Falcons! Brigadier General Cubero, as Dean of the Faculty, enjoyed attending Falcon Football games, and discussing issues with The Chief of Staff, General Fogleman.



"All in the line of duty, Sir." Major Boyle received the Bronze Star for his contributions to Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.



"Here he comes, let's get ready!" His squadronmates prepare for the congratulatory ceremony as then Captain Cubero lands for the final time in Tay Ninh West.

International support was crucial for success. Major Boyle worked with a number of international troops, including this Zimbabwean soldier.



By
Gregory
Pleinis

Look around and listen up,
there are some surprises
behind many Academy officers'

Experiences

Contrary to cadet belief, intelligence is more than facts and textbooks. In fact, it is often traveling through the streets of a war-torn city, under the threat of ambush and snipers, attempting to find information about a tyrannical warlord and his plans. Likewise, flying is not restrained to nose-high stalls and a set number of flights. It also includes flying over the treetops of a Southeast Asian jungle, looking for "pot marks" and avoiding small arms fire from under the canopy.

At the Academy, it is easy to look at officers and wonder what they really do for a living. Much of the officer leadership has a great deal of operational expe-

rience, some even in combat. Under each pair of bars, leaves, and stars there lies a story. The dean of the faculty, Brigadier General Ruben Cubero, for example, was a forward air controller (FAC) during the Vietnam conflict. While Major John Boyle, the AOC in CS-36, served as a human intelligence officer under the United Nations throughout the peacekeeping operation in Somalia.

As a FAC in the OV-10, General Cubero was the controlling authority for dropping any ordinance within his sector north of Tay Ninh West in Vietnam. His duties and responsibilities were very demanding, as he coordinated communication between air commanders, fighter pilots, and ground troops. However, the adversities he faced as a FAC afforded him respect; a tradition in Vietnam was that the FAC never had to buy a drink.

General Cubero volunteered for his tour in Southeast Asia. He said "[It] was part of my commitment, part of my responsibility." Like most cadets however, General Cubero had no career goals while at the Academy. He said they developed as his career progressed. He added that the Academy helped him prepare for his career. "At the Academy, I learned how to handle stress and work under adverse conditions," General Cubero remarked. "We learn by how much we apply, and often we must dig to find the connection to the 'real world', but it is there."

Another world that may be unimaginable to cadets is Major John Boyle's past assignment. "I got to work with the lowest level of life," Boyle said. He went to Somalia on five days notice as an intelligence applications officer. When he ar-

"I'd like to say that this was my kill, but it wasn't." Major Boyle saw a great deal of action as an intelligence officer in Somalia.

rived, his duties were altered, and he was instructed to build a network of informants in order to gain intelligence about President Aidid and his staff. As part of his responsibility, he traveled the streets of Mogadishu in an armed foot patrol with Zimbabwean soldiers to meet informants. Major Boyle stated, "At night, when the information gathering was through, the night life consisted of listening to incoming mortars, rockets and machine gun fire."

On one occasion, Major Boyle was transported on no notice to a small island off the African coast with three prisoners to be debriefed. Upon his arrival, he was immediately placed in charge of approximately 100 multinational troops. At this point, Major Boyle had to exert what he considers the most important trait for a leader to possess, decisiveness. While he was on this island for three weeks, he set up a camp and defenses. Prior to this, he had little experience in such matters. He called a Marine Corps friend for help. "I had all the power in the world," Boyle said, "I could have anything I wanted in order to accomplish the mission." His decisiveness was crucial. He stated, "I hated being there, every minute of it. But, being there made me proud to be an American, because they respected us."

American military officers, according to Major Boyle, have a reputation, a reputation that current cadets will have to live up to. He said, "They're going to look to you for answers, and don't ever think that they will allow you not to perform." In terms of how the Academy prepares cadets, General Cubero noted, "War is not something that you can simulate very well." He added, "As you enter active duty, take the lessons learned at the Academy, and apply them as best you can."



By
Mehdi
Darakjy

Cadets hit the ground
running at Fort Carson
during Operation Range

Thunder

Cadets like to complain about their lack of military training. This year, fourth group decided to do something about it. Led by their fearless commander, C1C Timothy Welter, one hundred cadets from fourth group (and a smattering of cadets from the other groups) deployed to Fort Carson after Spring Break.

Their mission was to construct and defend a field-expedient airstrip from elements of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, which served as both host and aggressor throughout.

Of course, there was no airstrip. The cadets did hit the ground running, however; within twelve hours of arrival, the tents were set up and the vehicles were camouflaged. Fighting positions were dug and manned, and patrols were organized and launched. 3rd ACR personnel taught the cadets how to set up

ambushes, call in artillery strikes, and mount an orderly retreat (withdrawal).

At points, the temperature dropped far below that which was conducive to the use of the equipment provided to the cadets by the Academy. In fact, their ability to "persevere in spite of frustration" earned the cadets some respect from the army personnel. Prime Beef, from Peterson AFB, deployed to do the kitchen work, and produced some of the finest examples of field food ever before seen by cadets and 3rd ACR alike.

The exercise stressed learning, and both participant groups learned much from one another. The "thunderheads" learned a little about the "Army way" of doing things, and the 3rd ACR discovered why cadets do what they do at times . . . Look forward to an exciting sequel to this operation next spring!!!

C2C Ronald Lobato places himself on overwatch as his squadmates advance. Typically, half the squad moves while the other half cover. Photo by M. Darakjy.

C2C Donald Siegmund explores the possibility of becoming a tank commander atop a M60-A1 static display. The display excited some cadets more than others. Photo by M. Darakjy.



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This squad leader directs his scout to check their forward advance while the rest of the squad shelters in a wash. Aside from in camp fracticides, most casualties occurred while on patrol. Photo by M. Brown.



In addition to fortifying and patrolling the camp, cadets received instruction in various fighting skills. Here cadets are providing suppressing fire with M-60 machine guns. Photo by M. Brown.

C2C Donald Siegmund takes a break before his squad gets bussed back to the assembly area. Although Fort Carson's main gates are located off of exit 139, the exercise took place somewhere east of Pueblo. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Two riflemen sprint across an uncovered road while their scout positions himself to support them. In the distance, the squad leader is using hand signals to encourage them to be quick about it. Photo by M. Darakjy.

C4C Marta Bliniak receives some special attention from an upperclassman. Despite numerous restrictions, the upperclass still found ways to "entertain" the freshmen. Photo by B. Boyd.

Members of CS-16 participate in an indoor training session. Due to the inclement weather all the Recognition activities were conducted indoors. Photo by B. Brandow.



C4C Lance Merkley answers an upperclassman before a meal. The snow prevented all outside activities except for marching to and from meals. Photo by B. Boyd.

Fourthclass cadets from CS-16 go through flow control. Flow control gave freshmen their first taste of Recognition. Photo by B. Brandow.





By
**Jeremy
Eggers**

A member of the Class of
2000 puts the

Recognition experience *Into words*

12 Mar 97

Dear Mom and Dad,

Hey guys, how's it going? Things at good ol' Camp USAFA are going well — so far anyway. That Recognition thing I've been telling you all about will turn into a reality this Saturday. Thank God for that too. I've been a freshman for too long. It sounds strange, but sometimes I start training myself just out of nowhere and for no reason. It's a good thing it's almost over; otherwise, I would probably give myself a training violation.

As you know, this weekend is the culmination of what has been close to nine months of one challenge after another. My classmates and I have met those challenges the best we could. Morning and weekend training sessions, memorizing quotes and checkpoints, running the strips and so on, will soon be things of the past. However, we have to get past the next few days first. All of us feel very confident and definitely ready. Today, we started greeting the upperclassmen on the terrazzo with the phrase "Won't back down," the title of our class song, to show our spirit. I could hear some of them chuckling as we ran by them, as if they thought or were anticipating otherwise. Only time will tell.

13 Mar 97

Well, the first day of Recognition training is over, and I'm happy to tell you that I only had to be resuscitated twice (just kidding)! Throughout the school day, Recognition was the only thing people talked about. People dreaded the end of the

school day in one sense and yet seemed to look forward to it. When we were finally let out, we were left as prey to our upperclassmen. They wasted no time putting us to our final test. My squadmates and I mustered up just outside the academic building and then started making our way back to the squadron. On the way, we were visited numerous times by the upperclassmen to do push-ups, leg lifts, jumping jacks, and other such joyous activities. We eventually made it back to the squad, but that proved to be anything but a safe haven.

The weekend's challenges really began in the squadron. Our upperclassmen greeted us in full force with sly smiles on their faces. It was as if they were saying "It's time to pay your dues." Since I only make \$60 a month, I asked them if they would take an IOU. But they knew of another form of payment. For the rest of the day we did just about every physical activity that had been or could ever be dreamt up. They tested our teamwork by putting us through a variety of different exercises. I don't know how I made it through this first night. Well, on second thought, I think I do know, the support from my classmates was invaluable. When I thought I couldn't do anymore, next to me there would be a friend encouraging me to press on. Today was hell, but it is over now. If today was any example of what tomorrow will bring, then my classmates and I are in for one bumpy ride.

14 Mar 97

Today certainly had many ups and downs. We woke up this morning to heavy metal music blasting in the background and to our upperclassmen yelling and screaming for us to get up. (Continued on page 46)

Sitting below the disapproving eye of Secretary of Defense William Cohen (note the article) C3C Mark Bauman instructs C4C Jon-Michael Kerestes.

Fourthclassmen dreaded any exercise that included a rifle. Photo by B. Boyd.



By
Jeremy
Eggers

After examining and experiencing the Recognition and fourthclass process, the Class of 2000 is relieved that

It's finally over

I figured that maybe there was a fire or something so I ran out of my room in my bathrobe and slippers. Well, if there was a fire, no one was in a big rush to get out of the building. On the contrary, I found myself with rifle in hand, paying more dues.

We spent most of the morning going through the usual yelling, screaming and rigors of physical training; what else is new. One thing worth mentioning is that we did everything indoors today because of snow. You've got to love Colorado weather.

Anyway, our first big event today was this thing called the Leadership Reaction Course, or LRC. We did the LRC during basic training and it was a really good time. The purpose of the whole event is to enhance teamwork. However, we were told that this LRC would be much different from what we did during Basic. So, as we made our way down to the field house for the event, exhausted from the morning's activities, I kept asking myself how I would make it through this. Fortunately, the rumors we had heard were all false. The Recognition LRC was a friendly environment and was conducted in a way similar to the basic training LRC. The LRC is funny in that we do these various things, like hold onto a rope while crawling on the floor blindfolded. No doubt we must look like the proverbial example of the blind leading the blind to an outsider looking in. Still, in all that, I think we learned a lot about teamwork.

The next significant event

of the day was the obstacle course. This was a test of individual strength, endurance, and will. For what seemed to be an eternity, I did up-downs, push-ups, flung my body over obstacles, and then did more up-downs. It's hard to describe the intensity of the physical activity, but let me just say that by the time it was over, my uniform was completely drenched with my own sweat. The smell was gut wrenching.

The obstacle course finally came to an end and so did the day. The last thing we did was attend the Wing Open Boxing Championships. They couldn't have planned that for a better time. Well, only one more day left. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter—I think.

15 Mar 97

Today was tough, but it's over! It's finally all over! My motivation for the whole day was knowing that every event conquered brought me one step closer to dinner, and my prop and wings.

Let's see, we started off the day with Sweepstakes and that was similar to the obstacle course except longer and more exhaustive. During sweepstakes I did countless sets of the ever-so-popular up-downs. Also, if we weren't doing a specific exercise, we were running in place. The sweepstakes cadre, mostly consisting of those sadistic honor guard people, were there to make sure we kept our knees up. It was intense but like everything else, it too came to an end.

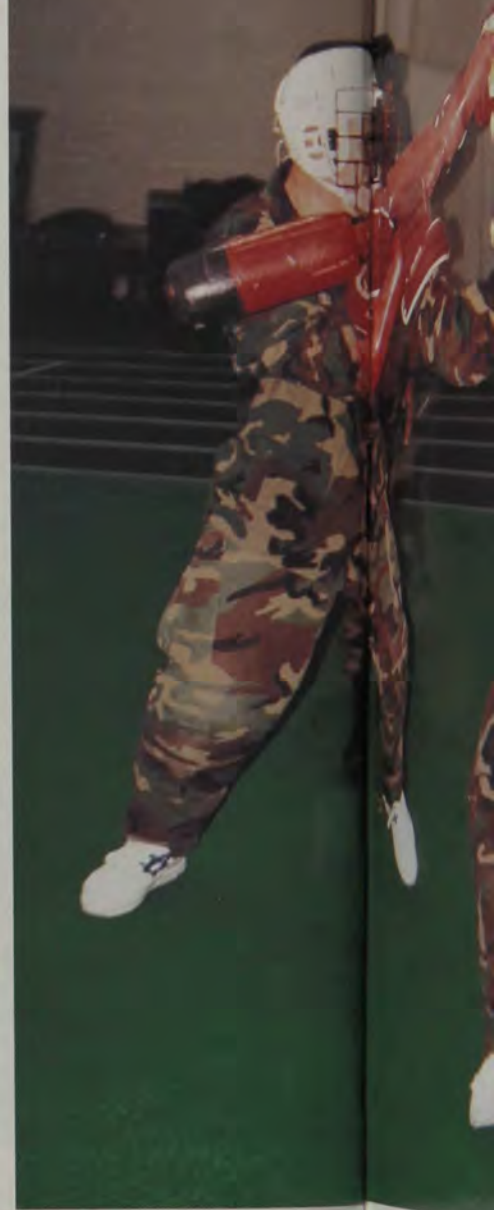
Finally, it was time for the traditional "Run to the Rock." My whole class, along with the seniors, got in formation and started the run

to Cathedral Rock, a landmark about two miles away from the main cadet area. So, by this time I'm starving, the kid behind me is constantly stepping on my shoes, and the dust stirred up from the path we ran on was settling in the bottom of my lungs. When we finally reached the rock, the freshmen from each squadron split up to find their individual squadron rock which was hidden somewhere around the area. After much searching, we found our rock and marched back to the cadet area like a triumphant army that had just ended a war.

Back in the squad we had our Recognition ceremony. One by one, we were called out in the hall, in service dress, and we marched down the hallway. Our upperclassmen were waiting for us in the alcoves and as we walked by them they came to attention and congratulated us on a job well done. Afterwards, we were awarded our prop and wings and we then spent a good part of the rest of the night getting acquainted with the upperclassmen and simply reminiscing about the past. It was pretty cool.

Recognition has finally happened and all this freshman B.S. is over with. There's so much about this freshman year and Recognition that words can't give justice to. I'm definitely proud of the fact that I stuck it out and I'm even more proud of the classmates with whom I stuck it out. Anyway, this letter is too long as it is, so I will sign off for now. See you next week for Spring Break. This time, I'm coming home in civies! Take care. Love – 2000.

Fourthclass cadets search for their rocks during the run to the rock. Firsties hid their squadron's rock and then had their freshmen find it. Photo by M. Taylor.





Two fourthclass cadets battle it out with a pugil stick during Sweepstakes. Along with the O-Course, Sweepstakes was considered the toughest part of Recognition. Photo by B. Brandow.

CIC Yira Muse shakes C4C Casey Moore's hand after she pins on his prop and wings. This event was the culmination of the Recognition Weekend. Photo by B. Ferrill.



Members of Squadron 19 carry their class rock while a few firsties watch. When selecting their rocks, some fourthclass cadets didn't realize that they would have to carry them for a long distance. Photo by M. Taylor.



C4C Paul Anderson low-crawls through netting at the Obstacle Course. Fourthclass cadets didn't fear the obstacles as much as the upperclassmen. Photo by M. Darakjy.

CIC Adrian Smith watches as his selection is posted on the overhead. The cadets selected their jobs based on their overall ranking. Photo by B.J. Lingle.



CIC Claudine Tjho announces her selection to the computer operator. This station could help two firsties at a time which made the line move a little quicker. Photo by B.J. Lingle.



SSgt Diaz talks to CIC Kyle Kloeckner, CIC Mike Rademacher and CIC Greg Ellingson about their recent AFSC choices. Many DPY personnel assisted firsties in their AFSC selections. Photo by B.J. Lingle.

Checking the overhead one last time, CIC Spirit Meller seems pleased with the results. His decision here would affect his Air Force career for many years to come. Photo by B.J. Lingle.



By
Ben
Boyd

The future of the Class of 1997
lays in the balance as they pick

Their careers

AFSC selection, the culmination of four years of hard work. It's where firsties got the opportunity to choose the careers that would affect future endeavors. The AFSC selection process was the light at the end of the tunnel and this year it had a new twist.

Traditionally, cadets were assigned jobs based on the preference sheets they turned in to the personnel office and the decisions of AFSC selection boards. However, this year, the selection process was made more similar to the base selec-

tion process for pilot candidates.

Cadets were allowed to pick their own specialty codes in a lottery process based on order of merit. The AFSCs, Air Force Specialty Codes, are the alpha-numeric codes that designate a person's job in the Air Force. Once they selected the job they wanted, the anxiety over the future was lessened.

After the firsties picked their AFSCs, they anxiously awaited Assignments Night. Once again the anxiety for the Class of '97 wasn't nearly as great as for classes of the past because all knew who had re-

ceived a rated or a nonrated job. Each class member filed into the AOC's office and came out either exhilarated or a bit disappointed when the final word about the job was delivered.

While the new process allowed for much more cadet control and proactiveness in the AFSC selection process, it also extinguished much of the traditional excitement seniors looked forward to from Assignments Night. Most didn't seem to mind though and they all celebrated another milestone that put them a step closer to graduation.

CIC Chris Ledford receives some paperwork after making his selection. Firsties had to fill out specific forms depending on the jobs they chose.
Photo by B.J. Lingle.



CADET LIFE

TURNING FREE-TIME INTO FUN-TIME

Section Editor: Gayle Apolonio '99

When cadets found that precious free-time for themselves, you can bet that it was spent in many unique ways. Depending on their class year and standing, cadets practiced their social skills differently. Due to the rigorous environment of the Academy, cadet life was different from most any other college social life, for the mere fact that the right to leave the Academy had to be earned.

For the first class this wasn't too tough. Many first class cadets had the opportunity to leave base and go downtown because they had more passes than the lower three classes. To get to their destinations, some drove their brand new cars, while others drove something a little less flashy. Whatever the mode of transportation, firsties went to movies, clubs and even to other cities when they left the Hill to pursue entertainment.

Secondclass cadets, unlike their firstie counterparts, did not get to venture out during the week except for the occasional business pass. The weekends were especially precious as these students tried to make up for lost fun-time ... fun-time

for many this would be limited to events that were solely relaxing, well this wasn't the case at the Academy. Many times the secondclass cadets would help organize outings that would make it possible for the Classes of '99 and 2000 get out past the gates.

These events ranged from squadron picnics, and dining-outs to community service projects, whatever the outlet cadets had a knack to make it fun and memorable. Speaking of memorable, some of the bigger cadet bonding events took place right on the Hill. During such times as the snow storm that crippled the base, cadets sled down hills and played in the snow. Others took advantage of the Academy's extreme wind and made the terrazzo a sailing surface.

For the average onlooker, it was plain to see that with a little imagination and innovation, cadet life wasn't just relegated to the same old same old! Faced with a unique environment, cadets chose to make free-time into fun-time at all costs.

By Rusty Evers

Flying in a plane that most college students don't ever even see, these cadets catch a little shut-eye on the way out to the West Point football game. Unlike most schools, the Academy tried to send a contingent to each away football game to help support the team. Photo by B. Brandow





Making an igloo that an Eskimo would be proud of, these fourthclass cadets take advantage of the snow day that gave all cadets a break from class. Although they were not able to get off base often, the Class of 2000 found many unique ways to blow-off steam while trapped on the Hill. Photo by M. Brown.

*cadets use singing, dancing, midget
tossing and other activities to break up
the monotony of*

Life in squads

BY CHRIS RHODES

It's the middle of the week, and cadet life seems to get more monotonous as the days pass. Then, all of a sudden a light appears at the end of the tunnel. It's time to break a cadet's routine...it's time for a little squadron fun. Squadrons did many different things, from singing and dancing to playing games, to spice up cadet life.

C4C Shaka Hilton noted: "In the life of a cadet, anything can be made out into a game." Many would agree with his comment when you have games such as midget tossing, butt wiping contests, and slip and slide in the hallways blessing the squadrons.

In CS-28, every Friday morning was set aside for a little fun, they called it *Death Truck Friday*. According to C3C Seth Barun: "Death Truck Friday was usually a good way to start off the weekend, even though it was just morning and classes were still to come, nothing could stop the Death Truck from rolling once it had begun." Death Truck Friday was a morning of flight competition, one week it could be karaoke and a hallway game the next. It gave cadets in CS-28 something to look forward to in their demanding cadet lives.

While some squads relied on games to keep up humor, many squadrons got their laughs at the cost of others. Many cadets felt that there was nothing better than watching one of their squadronmates receive a pie full of tuna fish in the face. This was the case in CS-40. Another squad got their chuckles by filling a squadronmate's mouth with water and watching the person spit it into a cup that another squadronmate was holding in his/her mouth.

C3C Nate James stated: "It wasn't so much of laughing at them as laughing with them."

Many cadets felt that one of the more interesting squadron activities was when the karaoke machine was brought out for cadets to show-off their singing and dancing skills, particularly in CS-28. C2C Clay Koshnick wondered what people at home would think of his talents. Yes, the hidden talents of cadets often times kept spirits of the squadron high.

Not all squadron activities were fun and games, many took a little more planning. Some squadrons had cookouts, others had dining outs, while a few sponsored activities for the Wing.

Squadron activities broke the monotony of cadet life. It gave fourthclass cadets a break from training and it gave the upper three classes a laugh, which everyone needed to carry on. It's true cadets just want to have fun.

"It's hip to be square." C2C George Noel cuts up the rug during the squad dance contest as his squadronmates look on with amusement. Photo by B. Brandow

Slip slidin' away... C2C Jeff Matre works his way down the hall of Bull Six. The contest known as "carrier landings" had cadets lathering themselves up with soap to go the distance. Photo by M. Taylor.



"Place your bets"... C3C Sean Barr tells freshman from CS-18 as they enjoy gambling night. MWR events such as this helped entertain the cadets and bring them closer together. Photo by E. Ferrill.





Spitting against time...C4C Mike Landers works to fill his partner's cup during one of Bull Six's MWR events. The squadron tried to hold an event every Thursday night. Photo by M. Taylor



On the receiving end...C1C Dave Elliott willingly allows his partner to spit water at him to fill his cup in the least amount of time. Cadet attendance always seemed to be higher for the more unusual MWR events. Photo by M. Taylor

Gentlemen place your bets, C3C Dwayne Gradin, C3C Mike Letschin, and C3C Josh Deim watch the roulette ball fall in hopes that they win millions of Arnie Bucks. The gambling night was well attended. Photo by B. Ferrill.



"Go Brady-Lee." C4C Patrick Brady-Lee shows that he has the right stuff to win the squadron dance contest. Although everyone did not enter the contest most were involved through spectating. Photo by B. Brandow.

*the sports bar is replaced by a 'firstie
officers club,' ... the story of*

Hap's Place

BY RUSTY EVERS

This Winter, the establishment formerly known as the Sports Bar reopened as Hap's Place. During the Fall it was closed by Gen Lorenz for evaluation. After a record number of alcohol incidents, the Commandant decided to close the Sports Bar while an appointed Tiger Team figured out solutions.

When it did finally reopen, "Hap's Place" came out with a bang. There was free food, television, pool tables, foosball, caricaturist and live bands to welcome the new establishment. Even with all of this, it was not quite the same old place.

The two biggest changes were: only firsties were welcome, and there was no hard liquor or pitchers of beer served. The Tiger Team felt that these changes would promote responsible drinking.

The reactions to the new hangout varied. "It is great to finally be back here," CIC JD Scott said. "We have one semester to drink and socialize so we don't graduate as dweebs."

CIC Matt Fetzer also enjoyed it. He said: "It is pretty cool. Making this a firstie-only place creates a lot of class distinction and builds class unity. I hope the interest keeps up here. I like it because there is no driving involved, just walking."

CIC Jason Ausdemore liked the atmosphere of the opening night. "I think tonight is going really well. The free food is nice, but it should be open to all classes; if you are 21 it is your legal right to drink," Ausdemore said.

Many officers from CW showed up to enjoy the first night of Hap's Place. Lorenz thought that the turnout was great. "This is a firstie officer club." "It is for firsties by firsties. It is a great place to hang out, and be with friends. It promotes socializing responsibly, which is what Air Force officers do."

Unfortunately the enthusiasm surrounding Hap's Place was short lived and on 20 February, the administration permitted secondclassmen to attend Hap's Place as well. It was plainly clear that the establishment was losing business and hence money by eliminating second and thirdclassmen from attending.

By permitting 2° and 3°, Hap's Place hoped to recover, and this change will be for the better.

Getting the stamp to say that he's legal to drink, CIC Jason Arnold shows his support of a firsties officer club by coming to the opening night festivities. Unfortunately, the administration soon found out that it would take more customers than the Class of '97 could produce to stay open.
Photo by B. Boyd.





No one can turn down good, free food. CIC Ron Henderson gets a plate to pile on a few slices of pizza. The free food was a big draw on Hap's opening night. Photo by B. Boyd.

"A good brew will do." CIC Derek Steed celebrates the reopening of Hap's Place with a cold one. For those who did not enjoy beer or wine, other alcoholic choices were nonexistent at the "new and improved" club. Photo by B. Boyd.



Taking advantage of the pool table in Hap's Place on opening night, this firstie has found an enjoyable way to kill some time. Many agreed that Hap's Place was a good alternative to have during the week when it's difficult to get off base. Photo by B. Boyd.

cadets who were looking for their religious niche often gravitated toward

Spire Classes

BY RONNIE GARCIA

"Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, I will be there." (Matthew 18:20) Well, many more than two cadets gathered at the different spire programs at the Academy. Many spiritual leaders came forward to share the "good news."

The spire classes, which brought the Christian message to cadets, included but were not limited to: Campus Crusaders for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and Officer Christian Fellowship (OCF). Cadets could choose from different classes that fit their denominational preference. Each class offered something unique to its audience.

Regardless of the apparent differences between the classes, each shared a common goal, which was to remind cadets that although their daily pressures may become overwhelming, their sole purpose is to glorify God in all that they do. Each group glorified God by studying the word and developing a relationship with Him.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him."

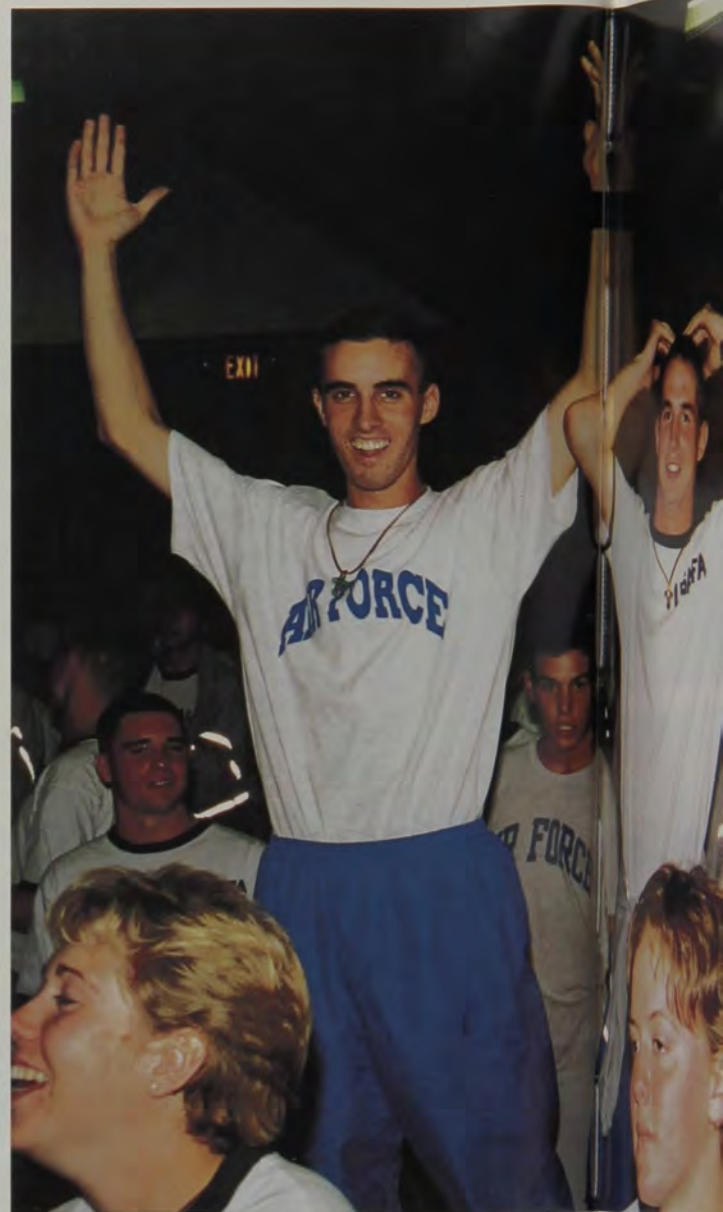
(Psalm 34:8) In essence, this is the underlying theme that builds the fourth pillar of the Academy: spirituality. Cadets who explored the spire classes, found strength knowing that "with God, all things are possible."

The walk to grow in Christ was not only found in the spire classes, but also in different retreats that were sponsored by either the chaplains, or the spire classes themselves. There were many opportunities to participate in these during each semester.

"After the FCA retreat, my flame, that was once dampened by the pressures of school, was renewed." C4C Brooke Effland said. Undoubtedly many cadets grew by the trials that God put before them. From this, many learned that they couldn't make it on their own but rather that Christ would help them through the Academy.

Cadets, through the many religious outlets offered found that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose!" (Romans 8:28)

Entertaining and celebrating the Lord at the same time, these cadets perform at the Doolie Retreat. The Doolie Retreat brought more than 200 fourthclass cadets together to worship and enjoy each others' company. Photo by E. Bixby.





It's fun to stay at the YMCA ... or at least in the cabin at the Doolie Retreat. These fourthclass cadets take the opportunity to get a little crazy while away from the Hill. Photo by E. Bixby.



Warming up for an evening of singing and dancing, these fourthclass cadets "Cabbage Patch" to show their enthusiasm to worship. The weekend was filled with workshops that brought cadets closer to the Lord and His teachings. Photo by E. Bixby.

Renewing his commitment to the Lord, this cadet is baptized during a weekend retreat. Many cadets found that their relationship with the Lord was strengthened during their stay at the Academy. Photo by J. Nelson.

*mother nature rips down trees and blows
out windows when gusts hit more than*

Fifty Knots

BY C RENEE GARCIA

Since the Air Force Academy is sheltered by Rampart Range, many tend to forget the awesome power of mother nature. However, during a windstorm in the month of November, mother nature showed her might. Cadets woke up to the wreckage left behind.

During the day, the wind speed got up near 50 knots. Operations Center had to make numerous announcements cautioning cadets to walk in pairs, avoid outdoor activities, and to crack their car windows. Honor Guard could not raise the flag due to the high winds and many found the simple task of walking difficult.

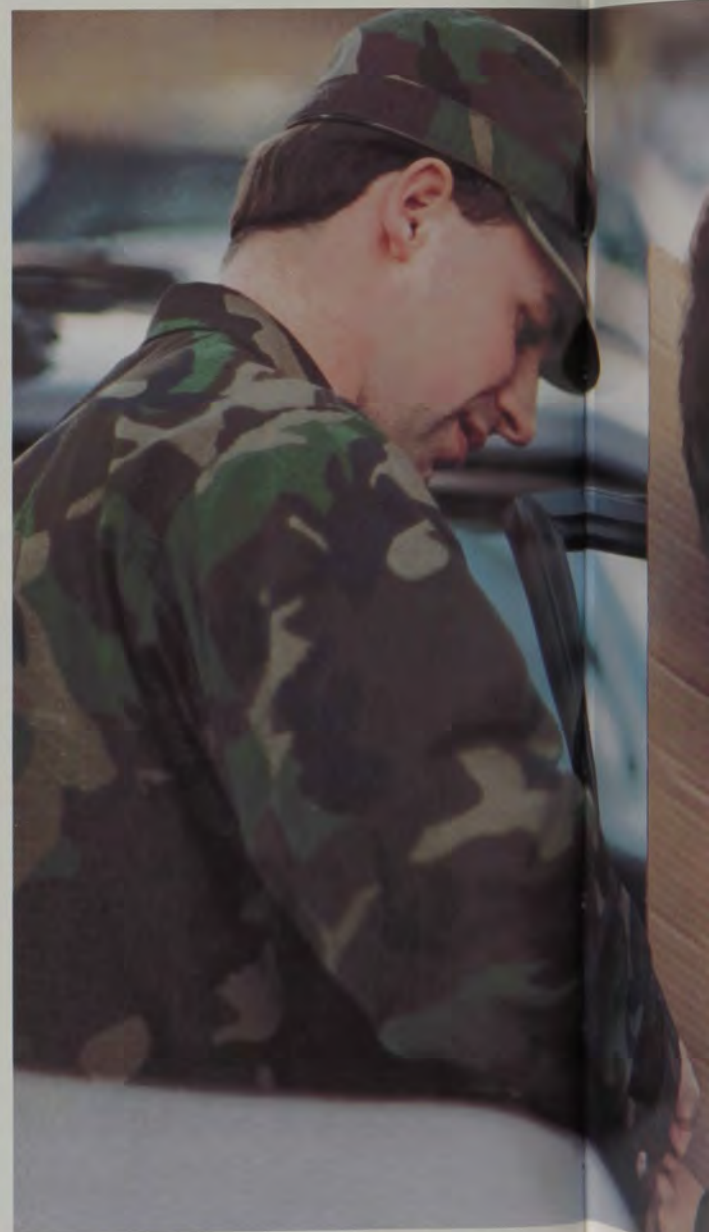
Later on that night as cadets studied and slept in the safety of their room, mother nature decided to leave her mark. The John F. Kennedy memorial tree, located at the base of spirit hill, was completely uprooted. It took an entire day to remove the tree since it had to first be cut into pieces before hauling it away was possible. Cadets and workers had to avoid shards of glass from shattered windows in the stairwells and

rooms of every building. Civil engineering did a quick fix by boarding up the windows with cardboard and plywood. It took several days to fix all the windows because there were so many that broke.

Several first and second class cadets had to reach deep into their pockets as they discovered that row upon row of cars in each lot suffered from blown out windows and other damage caused by the high winds. The cost of repair for each damaged car ranged from \$100-\$700. Cadets found relief several months later when government checks arrived through the mail to reimburse them. Local weathermen had to prove to the Air Force that the wind speed got higher than 50 knots before the government would reimburse people for damages to private property on base at the time of the storm.

The windstorm, followed several months later by a snowstorm, banished the thought that Rampart Range would protect the Air Force Academy from the harsh elements. Many learned that nothing is safe from mother nature's wrath.

Far and few between were the windows that didn't shatter during the wind storm of November. Many insurance companies received frantic calls from cadets whose cars were damaged. Photo by B. Boyd.





Reaching through her car's broken window to remove shards of glass that were still stuck in the frame. C2C Elizabeth Kaster's car fell victim to the Academy's harsh wind. This year more than 100 cadets had to replace car windows thanks to wind damage. Photo by M. Connor.

This tree takes the Academy's November wind storm lying down. The tree which was planted in honor of John F. Kennedy, could not be replanted after the wind ripped it from the ground. Photo by M. Connor.



These bleachers are too close to the fence for even the most devoted fans. From trees to lightposts, even items that were bolted down were whipped around by the 85 miles per hour winds that hit the Academy. Photo by M. Connor.

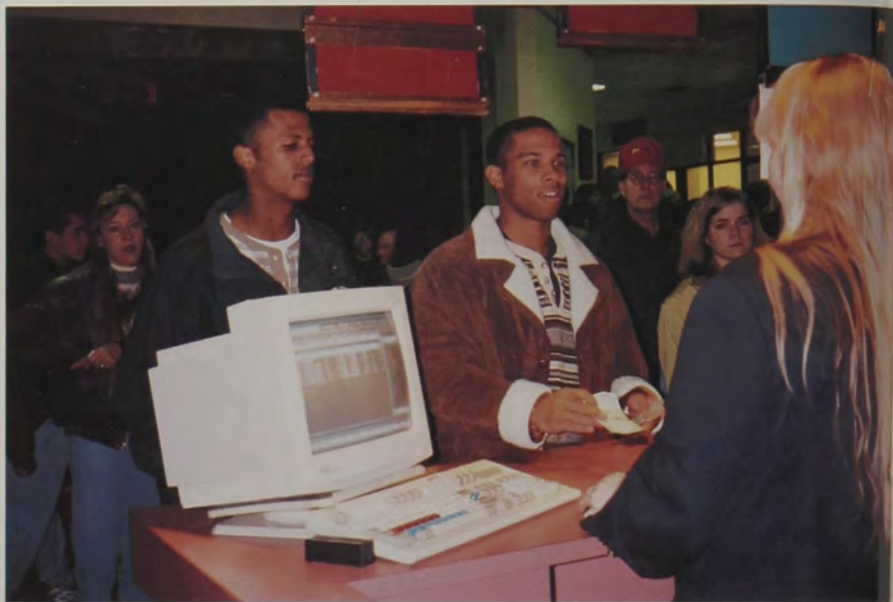


Using a cardboard box to temporarily replace the window that was broken by the wind, cadets Dave Thirtle and Ryan Wierzbanski carefully tape the box to the frame of the car. Cadets used everything from cardboard boxes to pieces of plastic to protect the interiors of their cars until their windows could be replaced. Photo by M. Connor.

Dining for mere dollars these two money conscious men, C1C Blakemore and C1C Geoff Billingsley, grab a bite to eat before hitting the town. If a cadet planned well he could spend less than \$15 a night for food and entertainment. Photo by S. Ortiz.



C2C Floyd Brazier and C3C Courtney Anderson pay for a movie at Tiffany Square Cinema. Movies gave cadets a chance to relax uninterrupted for two hours. Photo by S. Ortiz.



Trying to save some bucks, this cadet washes his shirt in the sink. Some cadets became very ingenious about cutting corners to save money. Photo by B. Brandow.



Taking time one afternoon to do her laundry, C3C Quitugua uses her money to get some clean clothes. Cadets opted to do their own laundry after their freshman year instead of paying around \$30 a month for the laundry service. Photo by J. Clancy.



*from the initial amount on a pay statement
to the cash that actually reaches cadets'
pockets, many are left saying ... show*

Me the money

BY NATALIE HOLZHERR

The one mystery that all cadets encounter has to do with their money. Many have wondered why their salaries do not equal their net pay. We found the answers to most of their questions.

Congress established a base pay for all cadets at all the Service Academies. At the present time cadets receive \$558.04 per month. However, cadets do NOT see this amount every month. The Cadet Finance Advisory Group inputs the requirements for the services that cadets receive each year. Using the inputs from the group the NCOIC of Cadet Pay, SSgt Z. Anna Blume establishes each year's budget for cadet pay. This year, after all of the expenses were taken out of cadet checks, each class saw the following almost every month. Fourthclass cadets got \$60, while the thirdclass cadets saw \$200. The secondclass cadets earned a bit more at \$270, and the firsties made a whopping \$310.

This may not sound like much money, but added to this, approximately every three months cadets saw an extra bonus in their

pay. The amounts were not equal for all cadets because the amount in each cadet's Held Pay Account varied.

Blume said that each cadet must have a minimum balance of \$750 in Held Pay, but the amount varied because each cadet's bonus differed. Some cadets had additional money from scholarships and grants that they received before entering, while other cadets did not even come in with the full recommended deposit of \$2,000.

Although cadets had almost all their necessities met, such as food, shelter and clothing; there were other needs that cadets had to provide for themselves. The big example was, entertainment. It did not always come free. Cadets usually needed money for movies, concerts, CDs and other distractions. Since most cadets did not want to wear their fashionable uniforms on the weekend, many invested in a weekend wardrobe (see p. 64). Finally, those midnight munchies, or BigMac Attacks do not come free either, they took money!

Yes, we found the money! So the next time you wonder where your money went look at your pay statement and checkbook for the answer.

Making a "run for the border" this cadet stretches his food budget dollar by eating at Taco Bell. Taco Bell was a cadet favorite as it offered good, inexpensive food that could fill up even the biggest appetites.

Photo by M. Darakjy.



Playing with a new toy that his pay can't handle, this cadet dreams about a new computer. Many cadets would spend hours in front of computer demos, playing with something they could not afford. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Definitely not ready to fly again anytime soon, Reeder's rented plane was able to make it to the ground in relatively one piece. Thanks to the high altitude at which Reeder was flying, he was able to come up with a feasible plan to land the Pitts. Photo provided by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

All systems are go, when the N69SZ-- a Pitts Special S-2B is running well, there is nothing more exhilarating than flying above the earth for C1C Chris Reeder. Photo provided by C. Reeder.



Looking as if it were bleeding, the propeller and all of its pieces lie on the ground after falling toward the earth at an immeasurable speed. The cause of the accident was a crack in the metal that had been aggravated by aerobatic maneuvers. Photo provided by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.



C1C Chris Reeder along with his brother America Reeder and Lt Col Tim Taylor were outside of Lt Gen Swan's office prior to Reeder being presented with the USAFA Safety Award. Photo provided by C. Reeder.

*the possibilities for tragedies in the
air are always present when flying
but fortunately some*

End happily

Ah, flying and cadets, they seem to go hand-in-hand. Often times when cadets venture into the air, flights are uneventful and it's business as usual. There are other times due to something unforeseen when the flight does not end successfully.

This year's successes were marred by two fatal crashes. On Monday, 30 September 1996, C1C Dennis P. Rando, '97, and Capt. Clay D. Smith, '89, were killed when their T-3 crashed. And on 25 June, 1997, C1C Pace Weber, '98, and Capt Comeaux were killed in the second T-3 crash.

Thankfully though, every plane crash that involves a cadet doesn't end in tragedy. C1C Chris Reeder and a friend (Scott Miller) went out for a routine flight and things didn't go quite as expected.

Reeder and his copilot were forced to

make an emergency landing on that Saturday in October when the propeller of their biplane fell off during an aerobatic loop over Chatfield Reservoir.

"I was showing Scott some routine advanced maneuvers," Reeder said. "But it became nonroutine quickly, the biplane started gyrating, the crankshaft broke in two, and the entire prop assembly separated from the plane."

Reeder continued to say that this was his worst nightmare and that several options ran through his head. His first reaction was to bailout but he quickly realized that he still could control the plane despite the fact that it was missing 80 pounds of weight from the nose.

"Although I had experienced jumping out of a plane, Scott had not," Reeder said. "Scott would be jeopardizing his life by attempting to jump out. The risks of bailing out were greater than the risks of staying with the Pitts."

At approximately 2500 to 3000 feet, Reeder shut down the engine and called Mayday over the radio. After telling the operator his intentions, Reeder brought the plane down on a small road in Chatfield Park. He landed the plane with 1000 feet of road to spare.

Reeder and Miller were quickly greeted by the Jefferson County deputies, Chatfield Park Rangers and an FAA inspector. It was determined that the failure was due to cracked metal and there was no fault on the part of the pilot.

Reeder said: "All in all, I attribute our fortunate outcome to none other than the Lord, who was merciful and decided to spare our lives that day."

C1C Chris Reeder along with his mother America Reeder and Lt Col Tim Taylor wait outside of Lt Gen Stein's office prior to Reeder being presented with the USAFA Safety Award. Photo provided by C. Reeder.

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Personnel

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CADET CIVILIAN UNIFORM COMBINATIONS

6.1. Men's Casual Dress

6.1.1. Required items.

6.1.1.1. Trousers. Dark blue or faded denim material. Pants are loose fitting (not trim). Front of trouser leg rests over front and sides of shoe. No holes or other unique characteristics will be allowed.

6.1.1.2. Belt. Dark or medium brown leather, woven with gold/silver buckle.

6.1.1.3. Shirt. Blue or blue-green plaid, flannel, long sleeve. Shirts may not be tailored and must be tucked into trousers to reveal belt.

6.1.1.4. Socks. Brown, white or color-coordinated with shirt.

6.1.1.5. Footwear. Brown, leather, low-quarter style with plain rounded toe. Matte finish.

6.1.1.5.1. Leather/Hiking boots may be authorized by the 34 TRG/CC for inclement weather. This will be announced by the 34 TRW/OC.

6.1.1.6. Headgear. Baseball cap, rounded brim, your choice of Air Force team logo. Will be worn when so prescribed by a hair disaster (either barber-made or hygiene related). May also be worn to try and hide the "cadet hair-cut" at each cadet's discretion.

6.1.1.7. Badges & Name Tag. Optional, although not recommended with this uniform.

6.1.1.8. Wallet. Must contain: military ID, less than \$10 cash, ATM card, credit card, picture of current/ex girlfriend/fiancee/wife (oops!).

//Signed//

ELIZABETH D. FERRILL, Cadet Second Class, USAF
Fashion Diva at Large



It Ain't What it Used to Be that is what grads and cadets alike are constantly saying about the Academy. It's true that portions of this institution are constantly changing, however, outside influences also impact the environment at the Academy.

This mini-mag looks at some of those influences while also paying tribute to the ***50 year anniversary of the Air Force.*** The first article celebrates this event on ***page 66.*** It looks at how the operational Air Force has transformed throughout the years and where it is headed in the future.

The next article, on ***page 72*** examines how ***women have contributed to the service of this country*** through Air Force careers. It also examines, in an editorial, why women were effectively integrated into the Air Force Academy, West Point and Annapolis and how that differs from the initial integration at the Citadel.



The final topic explored touches the lives of those closer to home at the Academy. This article, ***page 76,*** shares what is like to be a ***second generation cadet!*** There are more cadets here that this applies to than one might initially expect.

Join us now as we delve into why "It Ain't What it Used to Be!"

BY MICHAEL BAILEY

THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST 50-YEAR-OLD

Air Force Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Air Force's function in the military is analogous to the storybook old fashioned marriage; it gets better every year and it lasts forever. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary for the Air Force which, before its conception, many never believed would happen. The very idea of an independent Air Force seemed foolish, if not wasteful, considering that air power filled a more limited support role in the Army. However, thanks to visionaries such as **Billy Mitchell, Benny Foulois, Hap Arnold, and Frank Andrews**, to name a few, the Air Force and air power in general have made monumental strides towards greatness. Modern air power also allowed nations to avoid gigantic losses on the battlefield that are common to pure ground wars such as World War I.

So, as we celebrate this golden anniversary, we must take that proverbial step back to truly appreciate what the Air Force has become and how it got here. Since most things of greatness are not overnight success stories, we can better appreciate the hard work and dedication that has made our Air Force the best in the world through learning more about its history.

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A Tribute to ...

"Hap" Arnold Father of the Air Force

When we think of the word "pioneer", pictures of Lewis and Clark or Columbus come to mind. These are the people that ventured into the great unknown to chart the uncharted. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold was also a pioneer; a pioneer of air power. Air power itself has an interesting history. The miracle of flight was not conceived on the basis of military utility, nor was that its use for many years. Additionally, the term air power that we know today underwent a metamorphosis of definition, which brings us back to Gen Arnold.

Gen Arnold began his military in the infantry branch of the United States Army after graduating from Westpoint in 1907. Ironically, despite his extremely high active duty rank, Arnold never held any formal cadet rank. However, upon graduation he showed professionalism and aggressive behavior that carried him through his long career. His first assignment took him to the Philippines. During this time aviation was beginning to take its first steps. Early aviators like the Wright brothers, Louis Bleriot, and Glenn Curtis were testing and flying the newest aircraft. Arnold's exposure to such marvels is what prompted his desire to get out of the infantry and pursue military aviation.

Around 1911 Arnold was transferred to pilot training with the Wright Brothers in Dayton, Ohio. After completion of the course, Arnold received pilot license number 29, and became one of two active pilots in the U.S. Army. Thus began Arnold's flying career, in what were especially dangerous times due primarily to the primitive technology. Despite the risks, Arnold embraced flying and quickly set several altitude records along with other notable first time achievements such as becoming the first man to fly the U.S. mail. Unfortunately, his good fortune soon ended; he experienced a near crash that tore at his emotions and will to fly. Soon after, he was transferred to a desk job in Washington D.C. where he would later meet a fellow proponent of air power, Captain William "Billy" Mitchell, who would later be responsible for Arnold's return to aviation.

During those next few years aviation in the U.S. and around the world began to take off. Companies were pushing for better aircrafts and the war department was becoming increasingly interested in expanding its air capabilities. On April 6, 1917, the U.S. declared war on Germany which would later escalate to World War I. Despite Arnold's hopes of receiving a command unit he landed a desk job in Washington. Although a disappointing moment for Arnold, this opportunity proved to be invaluable. It allowed him to help develop appropriations estimates for the nation's aviation needs and effectively build a modern air force from scratch.

The primary issue that surrounded military aviation was its position within the Department of Defense. Subordinate to both the Signal Corps and the War Department, aviation struggled with training and operations due to a significant lack of coordination in the organizational struc-

ture. Even more devastating for aviation was the fact that it was expected to fulfill the support role for both the Army and Navy forces regardless, in most cases, of their own missions. Regardless of the failures and setbacks that took place during the war, Arnold learned quickly and used his knowledge to the advantage of the Air Service.

After the end of the war, Arnold along with Mitchell, worked to advance air power's appeal to Congress. Congressional hearings held by the Lampert Committee and the Morrow Board were appointed by President Coolidge to determine the role of the Air Service. Arnold felt that the Air Service should be given a position within the Army, while Mitchell pushed for a completely separate service. After the hearings were completed the Morrow Board's decision was accepted which lead to the Air Corps Act of 1926. The Act resulted in small but nevertheless significant changes.

Arnold's next significant contribution came when he was appointed to several high visibility aviation positions in both the private and public sector. He helped publicize new ideas and technology as well as the multifaceted uses of aviation. Arnold helped develop new tactics and doctrine which set the Air Corps into a high level of readiness. Soon afterward, World War II began and Arnold was appointed chief of the Air Corps. This was due largely to the President's desire to expand air power which would require the experience and technical skills that Arnold possessed. For seven years Arnold worked to build the most superior air force in the world.

Appropriations and budget investments took giant leaps, and it eventually called for a force of nearly two million men and sixty thousand aircraft. Still despite the large numbers, the planes were having problems effectively completing their missions due to a lack of long range fighter escorts. Arnold pushed for advancements long-range technology, jet propulsion, atomic power, and electrical components. Throughout the war Arnold became increasingly involved in all aspects of air power and made valuable arguments for an independent air force. From the beginning of aviation, no single man was as involved as Arnold. Although General Arnold never wore a blue suit, we can thank him for ours. As we celebrate fifty years, we should salute General "Hap" Arnold, for being the father of the Air Force.

By Michael Bailey

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The Air Force Proves Its Worth

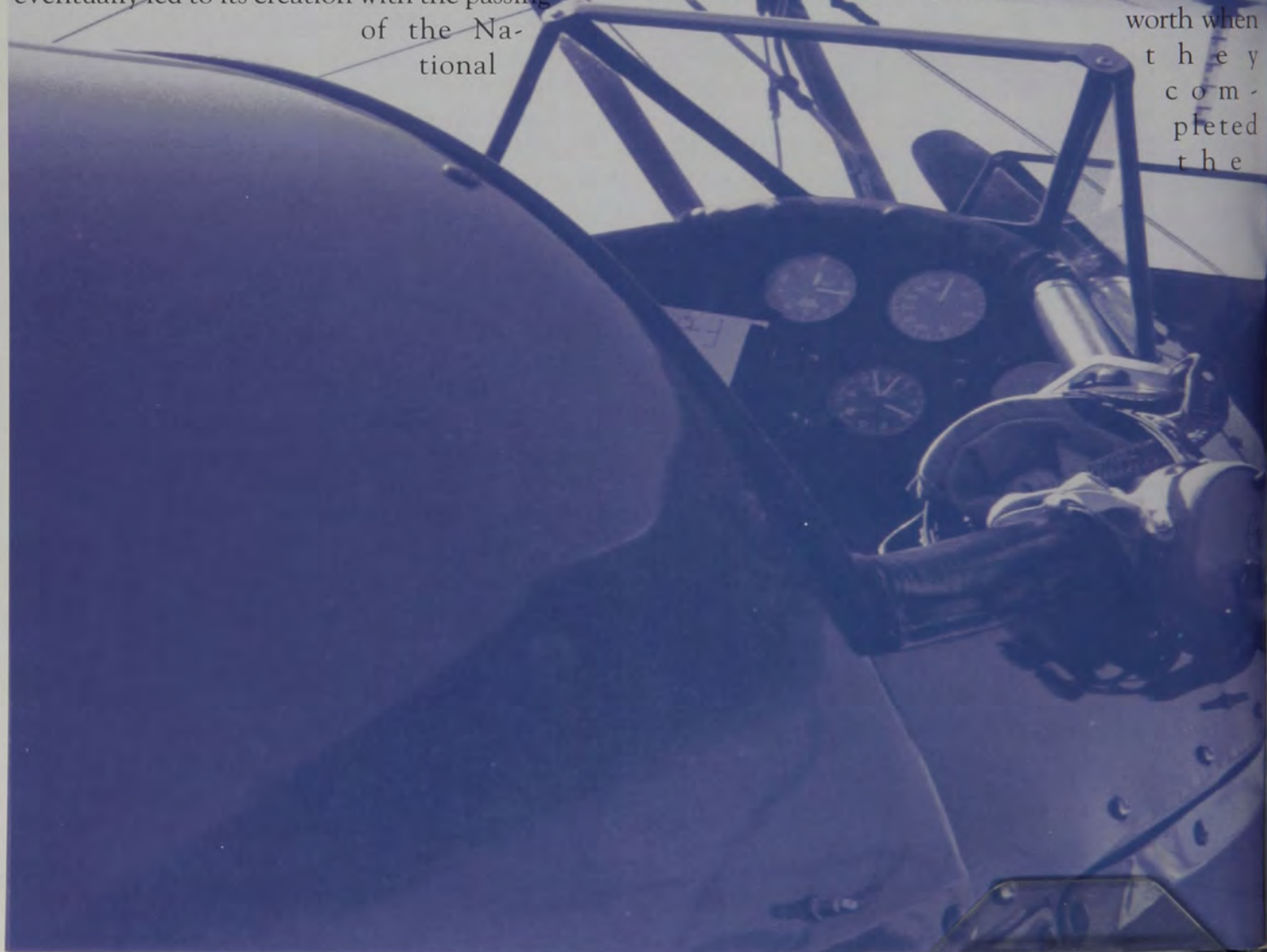
By 1945, the strategic, tactical and financial necessity of air power had become obvious. No longer could we afford to wage major ground campaigns that lasted for months. Nor could we afford to lose numerous ships to the dreaded U-boat. These facts prompted President Harry S. Truman to submit legislation to Congress for an independent air force which eventually led to its creation with the passing of the National

Security Act of 1947. Since then, the Air Force has laid some remarkable milestones for air power.

On Oct. 14, 1947, Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier in the Bell XS-1, which he named "Glamorous Glennis." The Air Force continued to push the technology envelope in jet engines, airframe designs and materials which led to the operational jet fighters like the P-80 and the F-86.

But tech specs and individual achievements only mean so much. Once again the Air Force proved its worth when

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largest airlift in history - the Berlin Airlift. Providing a major contribution to the nation's national security objectives the Berlin Airlift operation brought in nearly 2.5 million tons of supplies to the troubled city.

Commitment in Korea

The conflict in Korea pulled the U. S. into a large scale land war which was something that we wanted to avoid. The best way to avoid a drawn out war of attrition was by utilizing air power to gain air superiority. This allowed the Air Force to engage in several surgical strikes against strategic targets, evacuate noncombatants and provide vital ground support to the troops below. Many say that air superiority is the decisive key to winning any war today and it certainly held true then as well.

Perhaps the most important influence that Korea had on the United States was spurring the Cold War. Nuclear deterrence became the focus for our new security strategy designed to con-

tain communism. Long range bombers were the mainstay of this nuclear force while technology made continual improvements to the aircraft. In 1949, a B-50 completed the first non-stop flight around the world thanks to advancements in air-to-air refueling. Thus began the new era for the Air Force and the world as "global reach, global power" became a reality.

Vietnam: Heroism Under Fire

If there was a period in American history that many would like to forget it would have to be Vietnam. Vietnam was the most unpopular war in modern American history but nonetheless our military had to answer the call of duty. The Air Force launched several major bombing campaigns with limited success. Rolling Thunder was perhaps the most ineffective of the war. However, whatever shortcomings came out of that were adequately made up for in Linebacker II. The Linebacker bombing campaign was the joint operation that effectively ended the Vietnam war for the United States.

Heroism and glory are usually reserved for those that fly the fighter or drop the bombs but those efforts would be in earnest if not for the tremendous effort of the support and supply crews. Many lives were saved and many missions completed thanks to the efforts of those crews. In Vietnam, airmen fought bravely in order to ensure freedom for others.

Golden Dream Becomes Reality

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Investments in Technology

Each service has its particular culture; for the Air Force it would have to be technology. After Vietnam, a massive review took place which resulted in several technology upgrades. One area of particular concern was munitions accuracy. Studies concluded that we were extremely inefficient with precision bombing. Eventually the Air Force began using laser guided munitions and with them it saw a dramatic increase in target accuracy. The fighter inventory also received a welcomed addition with the F-15 which was designed primarily for air superiority. Our on board navigation systems were overhauled in order to handle flying through the dark skies at night or through bad weather. These improvements were very welcomed but they can be seen as mere improvements on the original. The wonder of technology is that it searches for us; enters stealth technology. Although stealth didn't make it onto the battlefield until Desert Storm, its contribution along with PGRs was

immense. There was no greater satisfaction than dropping two bombs, destroying two targets and returning home untouched. The Air Force hopes for similar results with the recently delivered B-2.

Technology also found its way into the space theater with quantum leaps in communications, weather, navigation, intelligence and missile warning systems. Technology will continue to provide the Air Force and the other branches with that decisive edge, not only because it can help



shape the battlefield but because it is necessary to protect our national security. The proof was in the practice at Desert Storm. The improvements and lessons learned from Vietnam were applied in bold fashion en route to the most decisive war in history.

Post-Cold War Realities

The fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union signaled the end of the Cold War. Despite dodging what seemed like a speeding bullet at times,

new threats and new needs were just around the corner. After the collapse of the Soviet Union the world felt a power pull between the numerous third world terrorists fighting to be heard. Ethnic clashes began to abound particularly in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Rwanda. This called for a massive effort on the part of our military and in particular the Air Force who provided the airlift that fueled the effort. Humanitarian missions and low scale conflicts will alter the direction that our forces are gearing towards.

This has prompted congressional reviews of the current military downsizing that all branches are experiencing. Currently the prevailing attitude states that the military can do "better with less." We have seen an approximate 40 percent decrease in our Air Forces alone. Despite the massive cutbacks we still have the ability to wage a full scale campaign.

This is a future that many never thought would arrive. We have seen many changes so far and we will see many more, hopefully for the best. Currently the Air Force is concerned with its strategic vision of Global Engagement and meeting the needs of our National Security Strategy. This will be accomplished through the quality efforts of the

men and women of the Air Force who made this Golden Dream a reality.

Celebrating women in service
50 YEARS

WORKING A 'MIXED FORCE'

By Julie Bird, senior writer for the *Air Force Times*

The changing role of women in the Air Force's 50-year history has been as dramatic as the evolution of military aircraft.

In the days when the brand-new Air Force was flying slow, propeller-driven bombers, women were limited to two kinds of jobs: nurse and clerk-typist. They also could constitute no more than 2 percent of the force.

Today, in the world of stealthy jet fighters and bombers and sleek computerized airlifters, women are making their way into nearly every kind of cockpit and cargo bay, launch-control facility, repair shop and surveillance center. They are doctors as well as nurses. An Air Force woman pilots the space shuttle and a civilian woman runs the Air Force.

But change came slowly. An unofficial Air Force summary of milestones for women contains no entries between 1948 and 1967. Congress did not end the ban on women in combat aircraft until 1992, and the Pentagon did not change its combat-exclusion policies until the following year.

While the Air Force has its first female secretary, Sheila Widnall, it will be a long time before a woman will have the kind of combat-unit background even to be considered for the job of chief of staff.

It is difficult to believe, then, that in 1944 the Army Air Forces chief of staff and renowned pioneer of the Air Force, Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, had this to say when he was inactivating the Women Air Force Service Pilots, or WASPs, female civilian pilots whom the Air Force trained to fly noncombat missions during World War II:

"It is on record that women can fly as well as men. ...We will not again look upon a women's flying organization as experimental. We will know that they can handle our fastest fighters, our heaviest bombers. This is valuable knowledge for the air age into which we are now entering."

Despite Arnold's pronouncement, the Air Force did not let women fly again until 1976. As an institution, the Air Force fought nearly every proposed change that would have given women more responsibilities or authority, said retired Maj. Gen. Jeanne Holm, a long-time director of Women in the Air Force, or WAFs. Holm's 1982 book, *Women in the Military: An Unfinished Revolution*, is considered an authoritative history. She updated it after the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"The Air Force was new, but bound in instant tradition. There was dug-in resistance to change," Holm said in an interview. Change usually came because Congress or the president demanded it, or because of special circumstances that left the service unable to perform its mission with men alone.

Nine months after the Air Force became a separate service in 1947, for example, Congress passed the Women's Armed Service Integration Act. The law established Women in the Air Force as a permanent part of the service. President Truman ordered the armed forces to integrate blacks that same year.

But in 1948, Air Force women did not exactly have a champion of equal rights in Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, the chief of staff, said Rita Victoria Gomez, an assistant professor of history at Anne Arundel Community College in Annapolis, Md. Gomez, a former Air Force social-actions officer, is writing a history of women in the Air Force from just before World War II to 1965.

"The women officers were to be young, good-looking college graduates, and he would hand them out to his senior officers, where they would be like executive secretaries," she said. "The result was [women] had to submit full-length photos" to be considered for service, with appearance being a primary determining factor.

Women who joined had no hope of being promoted beyond the rank of colonel—and only one billet existed at that level. No more than 10 percent of regular line officers could be women. Military women's husbands could not qualify as dependents unless they were being supported by their military wives, so the couple could not live in base housing or receive the larger housing allowances given men who had dependents. Women were discharged if they had babies or if they married men who had children younger than 18.

"Things were pretty grim" during those years, said Holm, who enlisted as a truck driver during World War II before becoming commissioned. "I was always dissatisfied with the pace and reluctance of the institution itself to be progressive."

She became director of Women in the Air Force in 1965, a year that Gomez considers key, because the growing need for troops in Vietnam meant the Air Force needed more women. Society was changing as

well, with the civil rights and women's rights movements beginning to influence military policy.

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During those years Holm was influential in convincing Air Force leaders to let more women into noncombat jobs in Vietnam, Gomez said.

Holm says she was just trying to "keep the ball rolling in the direction I thought it would invariably have to go."

In her book, Holm writes that she argued more women would stay in the Air Force longer if more jobs and assignments were available to them, including those in Vietnam.

Change did not come, though, until the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, DACOWITS, heard in 1966 that thousands of qualified women volunteers were being turned away or delayed from entry to military service while men were being drafted.

A year later, in 1967, Congress removed the grade and strength ceiling restrictions based on a recommendation from the President's Commission on the Selective Service.

By 1971, with the Vietnam War still raging, the Air Force began considering, on a case-by-case basis, whether to discharge pregnant women. In the same year, Jeanne Holm was selected as the Air Force's first female general officer. She considers it an accomplishment by the Air Force rather than herself, but says she is disappointed the service has yet to name a female three-star general.

"When I used to walk the halls of the Pentagon as a full colonel, people would stop and stare," she said. "As a brigadier general, people would stop and stare and come up and say, 'Can I shake your hand? I've never seen a woman general before.' I'll be so glad when that is all over. Then we'll have arrived."

Holm said President Nixon's decision to end the draft was a major milestone for military women; an Air Force that could not force men to join would have to entice more women to volunteer and would have to make service more attractive to them. The draft ended in January 1973.

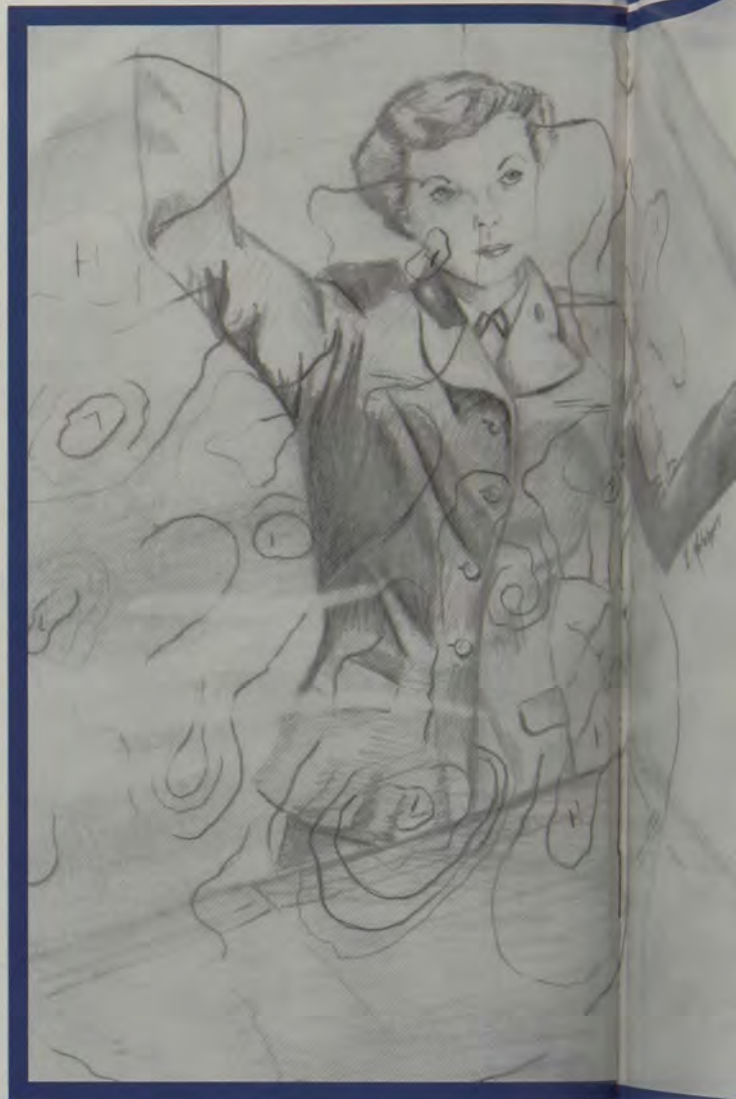
Over the next two decades, career barriers and unequal policies regarding benefits fell, although not always by the Defense Department's choice. One by one, the services ended policies that treated military women different from men in terms of benefits. The first women entered the service academies in 1976, the same year the first women began training as pilots and the Air Force ended its WAF program.

The focus now is shifting back to the social front as Americans debate whether women who still are blazing trails receive special treatment or compromise their units.

Yet the time for which Holm yearns—when no one pays attention to whether a woman or a man fills a job—seems on the horizon as the Air Force celebrates its 50th anniversary.

"I'm proud of the way the women have stepped up to the challenges that [they have only been allowed to face] for a few years, and how they have met the demands of whatever was asked of them," she said.

I really think that I am proud of the Air Force, even though [Air Force leaders] dragged their feet. They really proved they could work this mixed force."



A Conscious Decision? *an editorial*

When the first young lady entered the Citadel in July of 1994, this was not the first time a historically male institution had to make some adjustments. Eighteen years earlier, Annapolis, West Point and USAFA opened their doors to the first female cadets.

Why did the attempt at the Citadel to include women as a part of their corps fall flat on its face? Well, it stems from a multitude of sources, but two stand out above all others.

First and foremost, The Citadel, its administrators, cadets and supporters never vowed to make it work. Instead, they decided they had done their part in allowing this "intruder" to step through the gates. If they could make her leave on her own, so much the better.

The service academies had no way out. Once Congress made the decision to accept women, it was final, and everyone knew it. Those in opposition could try to pressure women to quit, but every case was watched very closely. The question wasn't if women were there to stay, but how difficult the process would be to integrate women.

The second reason for the failure stemmed from a lack of support structure. No one person could make it through a place like the Citadel by *himself or herself*—no matter how well prepared, no matter how fit, no matter how determined—if the rest of the institution was against success. Anyone completing the first year could testify that teamwork is needed to succeed. United against a common enemy and given latitude in how they defend their sacred institution, these young, college-aged men could have driven Superman out!

Because the service academy leadership did not (and could not) stand up in opposition to women entering the academies, many members of the cadet wing/corps also openly supported the change. In addition, the service academies brought an entire class of women on the first day. This extended the support structure from male classmates, some upper-class men, and officers, to others just like them.

Recently, USAFA had a visit from members of the Chilean Air Force. They are planning to bring women into their academy in three years and are doing everything they can to ensure the integration goes smoothly. They came to research what happens here: to see what worked and what didn't. This kind of attitude toward implementing such a large change is not only appropriate, but also very reassuring.

It is quite intriguing that a country in a different hemisphere was interested in what happened when our military institutions included women in their composition. But an institution in our own country, sending their graduates into the same military, did not learn from history. Could it be that they never wanted the change to have even the smallest chance for success?



Samuel H. Clovis, Jr.
Class of 1971

C2C Travis J. Clovis



Thomas R. Callen
Class of 1971

C3C Thomas Callen



Gary C. Huckabay
Class of 1971

C1C Ryan J. Huckabay



Theodore J. Wierzbowski
Class of 1968

C2C Ryan M. Wierzbowski



Most families have traditions. In some families the traditions are long histories of one profession, such as plumbers or doctors. Yet in others, those who are related have a history of attending the same school. Many families take great pride in saying that they are all graduates of Harvard or a similar institution. Some even say: "Harvard runs in our blood."

Here at Camp USAFA, there are now families who are working on this tradition of academic endeavors. They have the Air Force running in their blood, and even more importantly the Air Force Academy in the veins. Being a member of any family with USAFA in its veins makes for some fairly unique challenges, and some rather interesting experiences.

To date there are more than 200 parent and child combinations that have made the Academy their choice for higher learning and this number continues to grow with each passing year.

The Skalko family is one of the families that has blue in the veins. Already, there have been two graduates from the Academy: Col. David J. Skalko of the Class of 1973, and James P. Skalko of the Class of 1974.

The Skalko tradition of the seventies has now made its way into the nineties. Two offspring of Col. David Skalko called the Academy home during the 1996-97 school year. Callie Skalko, with the Class of 1997, and Courtney Skalko, with the Class of 1999,

Following in the footsteps of their father, a fifth son to them, a fifth Skalko, with the Class of 2000. Yet another Academy graduate, Col. Gary Huckabay, is slated to join the Huckabays in the same college. They realized that the same college. The sons of CS-26 were in the same dates. In addition, they graduated with the 39th class. The way between the two sons. Another father, the Millers. Col. graduates in the Academy, is expected to full four decades after. Although there when parents and ch



It's a Family Tradition

Blood ties run deep for those cadets whose parents also graduated from the "Little engineering school in Colorado Springs"

By Tom Preston

are following in the footsteps of their father. In addition to them, a fifth Skalko, Mark, is slated to enter with the Class of 2001.

Yet another Academy family is the Huckabays. Lt. Col. Gary Huckabay graduated in 1971, and his son, Ryan, is slated to graduate with the Class of 1997. As the Huckabays discussed the similarities between them, they realized that it went far beyond just going to the same college. Both were Cadet Squadron Commanders of CS-26 with 26 years between their graduation dates. In addition to this, Lt. Col. Huckabay graduated with the 13th class while Ryan will graduate with the 39th class. Interestingly, the 26th class is half way between the graduating classes of this father and son.

Another father and son combination is comprised of the Millers. Col. Max Miller was one of the original graduates in the Class of 1959. Col. Miller's son, Scott, is expected to graduate with the Class of 1999, a full four decades after his father.

Although there are many similarities that occur when parents and children attend the same school,

there are differences as well. Between these similarities and differences a unique bond is created.

Some may argue that those cadets who choose to follow in their parent's footsteps do so because it is what others expect. Most cadets who are currently in this situation don't agree.

C3C Courtney Skalko stated that she didn't feel pressured: "My dad let all of us kids make our own choices. There was no pressure to attend the Academy because other family members had...."

Her decision, however, was influenced by her exposure to cadets as a young child. While C3C Skalko's father was an AOC, he held cadet parties at his house and took the kids to football games. C3C Skalko remembered that "we only saw the fun part, we never really visited the dorms. I thought it was cool though, and decided to pursue attending here."

Although she made her decision on her own, there was an added incentive; Col. Skalko promised a car to any of his children who attended a service academy.

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David J. Skalko
Class of 1973



William W. Crimmel
Class of 1968

C1C Kelly A. Skalko

C3C Courtney L. Skalko



C2C Beth L. Crimmel



*Just because graduate-
parents have paved the
road for their children, it
doesn't mean that the ride
is always smooth*

By Tom Preston

It's a Family Tradition

Defending this incentive, C3C Skalko said: "It was only fair. He doesn't have to pay any tuition, so he's happy for more than one reason!"

For C1C Ryan Huckabay, his desire to attend the Academy started way back in first grade. "Mom and Dad took us to see USAFA, and it was then I decided I wanted to come here," Huckabay recalled. Of course, some other things helped. He also admitted that: "The whole Top Gun thing was the driving force."

Having a parent who is a graduate brought with it some advantages and disadvantages. A big advantage being that cadets can learn from their parents "what it was like."

C3C Skalko explained: "I knew what I was getting into when I came here, more so than most other people." However, even this story telling can only do so much to prepare the younger generation, the times

and mentality of the Academy change to reflect the needs of the Armed Forces.

Lt. Col. Huckabay remembered: "The mentality in the 1970s was very different. Back then, if you graduated, odds were pretty good you were heading off to the war in Vietnam. Today, there isn't that looming threat."

When Col. Miller went through the system there were no preconceived ideas of how the Academy experience "should be." Col. Miller explained: "We had SAMIs and parades every weekend, and Saturday classes until noon. Even the academics were different; graduates only earned a generic Bachelor of Science degree."

Of course, times change from one extreme to another all the time. Lt Col. Huckabay added: "The pendulum is always swinging back and forth." Al-

Dwight G. Corbett
Class of 1974



Thomas E. Distlehorst
Class of 1970



C3C Jason Corbett



C4C John Distlehorst

though graduate-parents do share many philosophies about the Academy, they do not always lend a shoulder to cry on for their children.

When C3C Skalko goes home she finds people who understand her predicament better. The only problem with that is, she said, she does not get much sympathy. "I get the 'back when I was a cadet' stories a lot, so I can't complain about much that happens here," C3C Skalko remarked. "However, my mom is still sympathetic. I guess it's because she's been attached to the Air Force and Academy for so long, and because she's a mom."

Along with listening to many "back in my day" stories from their parents, many cadets of grads wish to graduate from the same squadron as their parents. Although they are given this favorable opportunity, they also sometimes get unwanted attention. Take, for example, C3C Skalko, she and her father had the same English instructor, Col. Shuttleworth. C3C Skalko explained how this brought a preconception of her to class: "My dad was the section marcher, so I was automatically the section marcher."

The advantages and disadvantages of having a graduate-parent are numerous, but it should be noted that each of these cadets and their parents attended the Academy for their own reasons. C3C Miller stated: "Whatever you choose to do, you can't be afraid to be your own person and make your own choices while here. That way, you can make your own name for yourself."

Kenneth M. Page
Class of 1977



C4C Jeremy Page



Grady W. Gaulke
Class of 1963



C1C Gary W. Gaulke

John Fer
Class of 1962



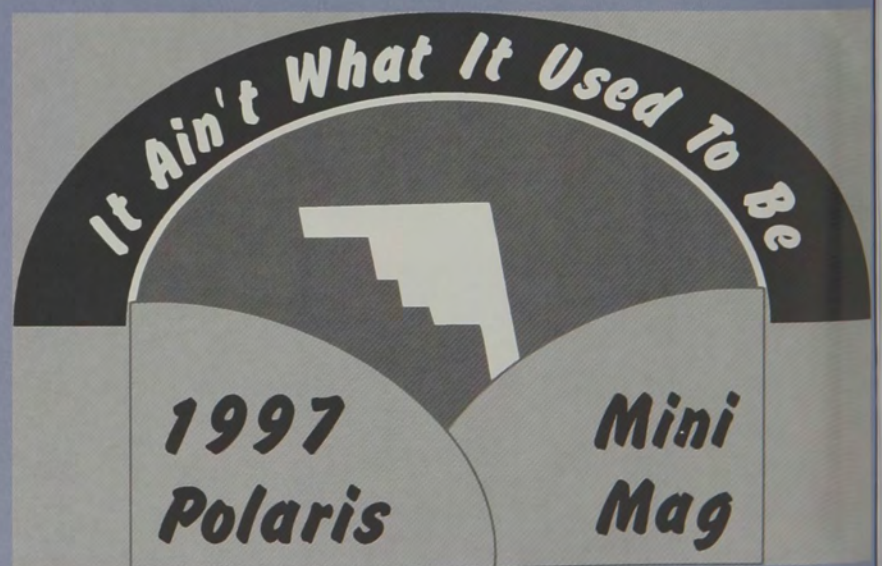
C2C John P. Fer

Max I. Miller
Class of 1959



C3C Johnathan Miller





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Treasury Secretary William E. Simon Committed to Service...

BY JEFF CAIN & VAL WEBER

Treasury Secretary under Nixon and Ford...Chairman of fund-raising for the U. S. Olympic Committee...Serves on the boards of over 30 companies including Xerox and Citibank...and by the way, likes to stop by and spend time talking with cadets.

William E. Simon's biography is long. Choose any area of business and he's probably involved with it. Not only involved but very successful, too. Simon is what most would term a "self-made" man. He hasn't always been a millionaire. He started out in the Army for two years and then went to law school on the GI bill. In the Army he learned that "the discipline factor is important and you won't find any greater discipline than in the armed forces."

In 1952 he moved into the business world and in 1974 succeeded George Schultz as Treasury Secretary. He owes a lot of his success to his philosophy that, "life isn't always fair, but you keep your head down and keep doing the right things and you're going to come out just fine."

He has done "just fine" but after holding seven governmental posts, including Secretary of the Treasury, you'd think that he could sit back and revel in his accomplishments. This, however, is not the way Simon sees things. "We just have to continue to work hard. I work hard. I have to give something back for all the money that I made." Service truly is the foundation upon which Mr. William Simon stands. "It's really sinful to just live for yourself, and just glory in all the wonderful things you can when you have all the money in the world. I'd rather go and try to make other people happy."

Many people are pessimistic about the future and especially about our generation's potential. They think that the world is falling apart and that we, as a generation, won't do anything about it. Mr. Simon takes the opposite view point, he's very optimistic and has great faith in our ability to lead. "I know that we

have problems, I don't look at the world through rose colored glasses. But I think this new generation is just fantastic."

Part of Mr. Simon's charitable work includes investing time and money here at the Air Force Academy. He is especially interested in helping out the summer immersion programs offered by DFIP. These programs send cadets to Spain, France, China, and Russia for several weeks over the summer to experience a new culture and to learn the language.

His interest in the Academy runs very deep. "Why do I come to the Air Force Academy? It all starts in schools. I've created scholarships for thousands of students over the years...Most of all I want to help people. Young people, you guys are our future. The military academies produce the best example of that, you're disciplined, you're principled and you got good character. You won't find that in many places." Mr. Simon takes time out of his busy schedule to visit the Academy every year. While he's here he lectures as well as visits one on one with cadets. "I think it's wonderful, I'd love to do more of it. You guys are so busy, you've got a schedule that would choke a horse, and for a student to give up an hour when they could be doing other things, well I think it's a terrific compliment."

Mr. Simon's years as a business leader have taught him many things about leadership, the following are some of his thoughts for you to contemplate. "A leader is a person who does the right things, a manager is a person who thinks right. Because sometimes when you do the right things, they might be the right things in your mind, but they might not be correct as far as many other people are concerned. That's what a leader is; you leave yourself open to criticism. You know you're doing what's right and what's important. I think that's what a true leader is."



*making a difference in the community
through a little hard work and time,
cadets keep on*

Volunteering

BY GAYLE APOLONIO

Cadets are always finding ways to get off base, away from school, the blue uniform, and the rules they have to follow every day. They want to go out and do something fun and relaxing where no stress is involved... and what better way to do that than to help out the community.

There are many ways cadets helped out the community and had fun at the same time. Take rock painting. CS-17 and CS-18 learned the art of rock painting when they volunteered their time up on Mount Herman.

C1C Ian Chambers organized about 40 cadets to help with the Mt. Herman project that included digging trenches, building a new fence that was destroyed and painting over rocks that had graffiti on them. "Metallica was a very popular band up there," said C3C Alex Brown. It was a place where people went to party all of the time.

C4C Adam Rogge said, "I always wondered who cleaned up those areas. I guess I found out."

After a day's hard work, the cadets looked forward to camping on the mountain. It was a way to integrate fun with the community service. The cadets did a great job cleaning up the area. C1C Chambers remarked, "We worked even harder than the prison detail that was there a week before."

Another group that worked hard was Third Group, they volunteered to do community service projects that brought positive publicity to the Academy and benefited many. Through their projects, Opera-

tion Heartland, Operation Storm King and Operation Revitalize, the volunteers helped clean up areas that had been long neglected.

In Operation Revitalize, not only did the 130 cadets help restore a playground, assemble a jungle-gym and repaint the outside of buildings, they also planned a session to talk with children about the importance of saying "No to Drugs". This took place in the Academy's own backyard of San Luis, Colorado.

Said one volunteer: "seeing what we've accomplished, it's easy to understand what kind of impact volunteers can have on a community."

These community service projects didn't come easy to cadets. There was a lot of planning. In the organization of Operation Revitalize alone, more than ten cadets held key positions that were vital to make the project a success.

An NCO who worked with the cadets from Third Group said of the volunteers' activities: "When a cadet stands back and sees what he or she has accomplished, the small sacrifice of a weekend and the hard work will seem inconsequential."

"Work even Picasso would be proud of..." these cadets revitalize the school's slide with a little elbow grease and paint. In addition to giving the children's playground a new look, they also interacted with the community. Photo by T. Jost.

These two cadets carefully apply natural colored paint with sponges. Park rangers taught cadets that sponges, rather than brushes created a natural looking rock surface. Photo by G. Apolonio.





Burning down the brush, these volunteers from Third Group's Operation Revitalize, help clear out the bramble from around the school. Approximately 130 cadets volunteered to restore facilities at a school in the San Luis Valley. Photo by T. Jost.



Cadets mix paint to apply to the rocks to cover the graffiti and tag marks. The cadets learned to mix special natural colors to cover the rocks and restore them to their original beauty. Photo by G. Apolonio.



Giving the newly repaired swings a test ride, these cadets take a moment to enjoy the fruits of their labor. The volunteers constructed a playground, built a new entry way for a school and cut trees in addition to several other projects for the Centennial School District. Photo by T. Jost.

A Mount Herman volunteer park ranger shows a group of cadets from CS-17 and CS-18 how to paint vandalized rocks. A compassionate flight commander, C1C Ian Chambers, organized this community service trip to repair these unfortunate natural treasures. Photo by G. Apolonio.

*through their willingness to help,
employees make USAFA life*

More bearable

BY TOM PRESTON

They stand in the background quietly doing their jobs. They don't get public recognition or medals, and they are often overlooked. However, if it weren't for them, Camp USAFA would be a much less liveable community. They are: Wayne - the linen guy, Roberto - the waiter, and the men and women of the barber and beauty shop. They are the civilians who make cadets' lives easier.

It's the little things that make a cadet's day, and take away the bitterness and cynicism surrounding us: it might be getting some extra chicken strips at lunch; it could be getting that much needed bedsheet for a SAMI, (even if you forgot your old one), or it could just be a friendly smile while you get your haircut.

The nice thing about these folks is that they know how things work around

the Hill. Some have been here for five to ten or more years. This is in direct contrast to the two or three years that most officers spend here before moving on. The civilians are a constant in our hectic daily lives, and they know how it goes. They *understand* cadets, which is why they know just how to take our day from the bleakness of a dungeon to the brilliance of a tower.

The challenges of USAFA can sometimes wear a person down, whether it be the Dean giving eight GRs in a week, or the people up in CW creating a great new reg. Nevertheless, when you get Roberto to hand you an extra pan of chicken strips, everything seems to be put back in perspective.

By taking the extra time and effort to make our lives as cadets a little more hospitable, these people have a special place in the hearts of cadets.

Getting rid of the little hairs that can be so uncomfortable, Chuck helps another cadet stay in regs with a proper haircut. Cadets paid six dollars a month for unlimited haircuts. Photo by B. Ferrill.



Helping make sure that she has a perfect fit in her mess dress jacket, this woman in the Tailor Shop checks the sleeves. The Tailor Shop not only fitted uniforms but they would alter civilian clothes as well. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Measuring CAC Philip Reed to ensure that his next year of service. During the school year in the spring and summer, the Tailor Shop works hard to cadets in well-fitting uniforms. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Sewing the lining into a service coat, this seamstress makes sure that the fabric matches up well. Through the course of a cadet career, most cadets only go through the two service coats that were issued to them after basic training. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Measuring C4C Philip Rose's waist to ensure that his next pair of pants fit well, this tailor provides efficient service. During the school year and even in the spring and summer the Tailor Shop works hard to keep cadets in well-fitting uniforms. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Service with a smile, Roberto, a Wing-favorite waiter, chats with some cadets during lunch. Roberto was always willing to help ensure that cadets got enough to eat. Photo by M. Taylor.

*cadets attempt to recover from the
rigors of military and academic life by
seeking a moment of respite at*

Arnold Hall

BY RONNIE GARCIA

For many, Arnold Hall is merely a place for long tedious briefings. However, A-hall also has another identity. For virtually every four-smoke, Arnold Hall served as the second sanctuary-next to the chapel. Four degrees knew that they were safe from the treacherous paws of the upperclassmen who felt compelled to "train" on the weekends. But let's not kid ourselves... A-hall also saved those poor souls from Mitches cuisine if they couldn't go out to eat on the weekends!!! Not to say that the infamous Richter Lounge had the best food in the world, but at times it was a great alternative to those awesome veggie-burgers.

The fun didn't end with the fine cuisine found in A-hall despite popular belief. Actually, the hall had good wholesome activities for all ages. For those who were legal, the Sports Bar had the best beer around... uh yeah. And for those who were not legal, well... OK, Arnold Hall could be dull, occasionally one could find the

smooth tunes of the "New Kids On The Block" roaring from the auditorium. Maybe NOT, but LeAnn Rimes and the Steve Miller Band (and a couple of others) were cadet favorites and they performed here in concert. And let's not forget all those "cool-cats" who identify themselves as pool sharks, and religiously found their way to the billiard tables. Additionally, for added enjoyment (if the genuine sport of 8-ball isn't enough) the "cool-cats" could put money in the jukebox and listen to a variety of hits ranging from Debbie Gibson's, "Electric Youth" to Kenny G's, "Breathless."

Yes, Arnold Hall was only as good as the individual made it, except when going to hear a briefing, in that case who needs entertainment when you can sleep? Personally, I am partial to the ticket office, because I love it when I buy U2 tickets only to find that I can't go. Hey... what can they say-they tried.

C2C Lisa Martinez-Perez and her partner cut up the dance floor at a Los Padrinos sponsored night of fun. Arnold Hall was the location of various functions, from conferences to awards banquets and contests to classes. Photo by M. Brown.



Cadets observe a caricature artist do a rendition of one of their buddies. Arnold Hall hosted the second annual Cadet Jamboree during the last week of school. Photo by M. Brown.



These two first-class cadets take advantage of one of the many pool tables Arnold Hall has available. Cadets often sought the facilities of Arnold Hall as a way to relax after a demanding week of classes and military duties. Arnold Hall was most popular among the fourth-class cadets. Photo by B. Boyd.

C4C Carl Grodnick poses with country singer LeAnn Rimes after inviting her to his ring dance. It is not uncommon for cadets to do everything possible to get a ring dance date early. Cadets often tried to convince big stars to attend as a date. Photo by B. Boyd.



Singer LeAnn Rimes belts out a song at a concert in Arnold Hall. Cadet Activities scheduled several concerts and big-name shows last year such as Sinbad and Sheryl Crow. Photo by B. Boyd.

This cadet poses as a caricature artist draws him in cartoon form at the Cadet Jamboree. A variety of activities, such as caricature drawings and a velcro wall, were available for cadet amusement. Photo by M. Brown.

a blanket of snow covered the Academy on April 24, chaos set in as it threatened to cancel the cadets' one

Day vacation

BY MATT BROWN

When God gets mad, He let's the Cadet Wing know! For the first and last time of 1997, classes were cancelled due to SNOW! With a little more than two feet of snow covering the Academy, no one was going anywhere, at least not on Thursday, April 24.

Normally, the inclusion of a snow day would thrill cadets, however on that particular day cadets were alarmed to see the sign-out logs close. Friday, April 25 was already slated as a vacation day (since recognition had been moved up) and many were eager to leave good old USAFA behind for three days of fun.

When the sign-out logs closed, the reaction was all pretty much the same. "It sucks really bad," C1C Sloan Hollis said. "Now I'm stuck (and I was going to Vegas)."

Although the weather proved to be poor and the circumstances poorer, most cadets made the best of an otherwise wasted day.

C3C Dave Furr commented on the impromptu Sabre Drill football match that occurred, "We played against the smacks and beat them handily."

C4C Markus Holland had never seen snow quite like this. Being from Texas, Holland said he got his thrill by "burying a

couple of people."

Not all was fun and games though when the snow fell. Some looked at it as an opportunity to finish incomplete assignments and to get ahead on class work.

"The snow helped a lot of people out with writing papers," C3C Cyriledoux said. "That's a definite advantage of class being cancelled,

Despite the optimism of some, being that the snow came on the only three day weekend, most cadets shared C3C Kevin Culliney's thoughts: "It really sucks for the people trying to go home."

C4C Shelly Hooten couldn't have agreed more, she said: "It's boring 'cause no one can go anywhere."

Trying to make the best of it, many succumbed to their artistic side, soon snow sculptures began to appear. C3C Matt Pearson and his squadronmates took to Spirit Hill and constructed one of the largest igloos on the Academy. Then, to the joy of every cadet the next day, although still snowy, brought enough sun to melt the snow on the roads and get the sign-out logs reopened. C1C Rusty Evers summed it up best though when he said: "It just goes to show you even with 34 days to go, you haven't seen it all."

Taking a trip back in time, these cadets relive their childhoods as they roll around in the snow and try to bury one another. The snow brought out the carefree side in many cadets who were cooped up. Photo by M. Brown.





Thinking that a few pairs of skis might aid in getting them back to their rooms sooner, C2C Jason Fuller and C2C Cheryl Crow trudge back to the dorms after their class was cancelled. Classes were cancelled after third period. Photo by M. Brown.

Making a hideout that any guy would be proud of, C1C Stacy Walser and his buddies try a little snow camping on the terrazzo. Between igloo building, sledding and snow football games, there was some outdoor entertainment for every cadet who wanted to participate. Photo by M. Brown.



Getting instructions on how to care for his injury, C2C Donald Siegmund takes a trip to the clinic after a collision in the snow. The clinic saw its share of bloody and broken noses during that day. Photo by B. Ferrill.

All wasn't fun and games. A casualty of snow athletics that went awry, this cadet waits in the clinic to be seen for a potentially broken nose. Many cadets ended up spending some time in the clinic on April 24. Photo by B. Ferrill.

Takeoff won't be occurring anytime soon. The F-4 on the terrazzo was almost completely covered as the snow day wore on. The snow plows also had a hand in burying the bird. Photo by M. Brown.

*the academy offers cadets
braces for free,
tin grins become*

Smiles of gold

BY GAYLE APOLONIO

During in-processing, basic cadets took the "smile check" when they paid a visit to the dentist. This smile check was a way for dentists to decide whether or not a cadet was a potential candidate for braces. This year alone, approximately 125 cadets were potential candidates.

The orthodontist, Col. Stephen Andrews said: "Braces are normally put on during a cadet's sophomore year because as freshman he or she is too busy. In addition, in the case of cadets who might out-process, we don't want to start a two year plan, depending on the nature of the problem, if they are not going to stay here."

In the civilian world braces cost around \$4000 to \$5000, but they were free for cadets. C3C Michael Morales said: "I decided to get them because I couldn't afford them otherwise and it would be nice to have perfect teeth."

There were a series of events that had to occur before a cadet could get braces. Most of the work was routine, but for some

it even required having teeth pulled. C3C Tanya Cruz called her mom after initially meeting with the orthodontist. "I called my mom and asked her, 'can they pull five teeth at the same time?!'"

After the teeth pulling (if it was required) the cadets had to have molds of their teeth made so that the braces could be made. The braces were finally put on in two appointments after that. The brackets went on at the first appointment, and then the wire and rubber bands were put on at the second.

Once the braces were in place, cadets had the privilege to be called names like "railroad tracks" by their friends and peers. "A guy in my squad did a choo-choo thing, like when a conductor would blow a whistle, whenever I went by for about a week," C3C Sarah Alholm said. "I didn't mind though, I knew that in the end the good-natured teasing would be worth it." And worth it, it was for most cadets because after all said and done, their tin grins became smiles of gold.

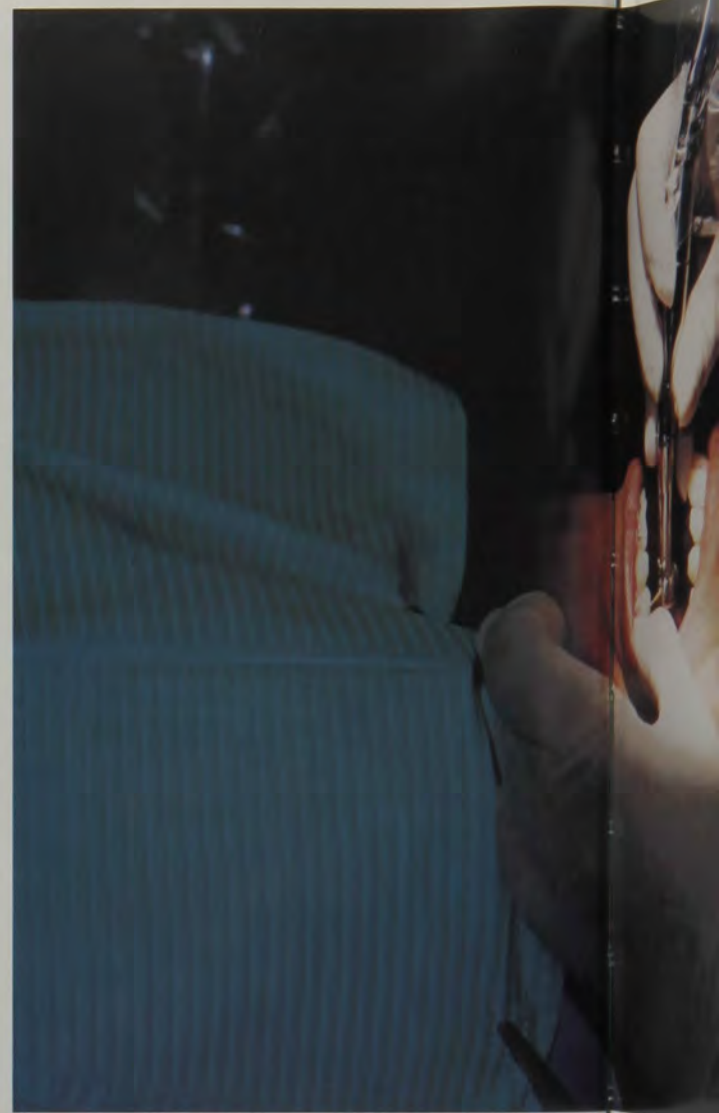


C2C Uvalde Mendez receives instruction about proper oral hygiene. Oral hygiene was stressed at every opportunity as it is important to healthy teeth and gums. Photo by S. Ortiz.



Getting an impression of his teeth, this cadet is in the first stages of being fitted for braces. Approximately 100 cadets a year get braces. Photo by S. Ortiz.

This cadet receives his routine braces check up. The Dental Clinic saw approximately 50 patients per day. Photo by S. Ortiz.





Done at last, this cadet waits anxiously as his braces are removed. Removing the brackets and the cement was less painful than it looked. Photo by B. Boyd.

Just the beginning... this cadet checks out his new smile after his first visit. It usually took two visits to the orthodontist to get the braces on. Photo by B. Boyd.



This cadet endures another braces tightening. This procedure which helps make the teeth straight also made them sore. Photo by S. Ortiz.



And they're off ... Terrazzo
sailers slide across the icy
concrete. Amazingly, this
method of sailing was not
prohibited by those in control.
Photo by B. Brandow.



"Come on, help me guys, I want
to perfect my Bielman Spin
before my date on Friday."
Cadets could enjoy free skating
at the hockey rink on Sunday
afternoons. Photo by
M. Darakjy.



"Nothing's hurt but my pride,"
CIC Ty Barbary takes a spill
while skating with his squadron
during a MWR event. Skating
gave the cadets an opportunity
to laugh at themselves. Photo by
M. Darakjy.

C4C Marcus Harlin tries out his
ice-legs in the arena. Many flights
went to the hockey rink during
off-hours to enjoy themselves.
Photo by M. Darakjy.



*from skating at the ice rink on their
free-time to cheating death on the
terrazzo cadets go*

Cruzin' round

BY TOM PRESTON

The wind up here at Camp USAFA can be pretty nasty at times. It has broken windows, blown hats off, and made getting to class a challenge on some days. But, as with every challenge at Camp USAFA, cadets took it and made it into something wild and fun. They invented new and exciting sports. USAFA is the home of terrazzo sailing.

It doesn't take much. Just take a windy night (the windier the better), a bedsheet (preferably issued), and something that can move and carry at least one person. Add a cadet who hasn't gotten out in awhile, and you have people zipping across the terrazzo at 40+ mph. It's a dangerous sport, with scrapes and bruises a common occurrence. There is always that threat you might not be able to stop before hitting the wall or some other object. Whether the object is moving or not doesn't usually matter, because terrazzo racers are not the most maneuverable things in the world. For a real challenge, racers can 'thread the needle' by going be-

tween the new gates that were installed on the Bring Me Men ramp.

Traditionally, the terrazzo cruiser is a bedsheet tied to a cart, but some courageous souls ventured out on roller blades. This year, however, a new model was introduced. A ladder from the old Vandy room furniture made its appearance one day when the terrazzo was completely iced over. This new model was even more uncontrollable than the old, but the advantage was that it was a bonafide two-seater, whereas the old carts were more of a one-seater, with the option to have someone on your lap.

It is truly unbelievable what cadets can come up with. We are America's best and brightest. It will probably be some time before terrazzo sailing is recognized by the NCAA. But the proud, courageous few will continue to venture out on windy nights and speed along the marble blocks. Perhaps, some night, you will hear their blood curdling screams as they speed toward some object, cheating death on the terrazzo.



This cadet takes a moment to make sure that his hockey skate is on extra tight. The hockey rink offered both figure and hockey skates to cadets for only one dollar per rental. Photo by M. Darakjy.

"Blow wind, blow!" These two fourthclass cadets discover the joy of "Terrazzo Sailing." Given the proper equipment and wind conditions, distance per sail varied. Photo by B. Brandow.

School spirit the way it should be... diehard Falcon fans get all decked out for the game against CSU. Unfortunately cadets were not permitted to deviate from their uniforms enough to achieve this look. Photo by J. Nelson.



In a massive showing of class pride and spirit, the secondclass cadets all sport their red baseball hats on the final noonmeal formation of second semester. On that day it was clear to see that '98 Dominates! Photo by M. Brown.



Standing out in a crowd, C2C Newt Adcock proudly displays his red hat during noonmeal formation. More than 90% of the class participated in this show of spirit. Photo by M. Brown.



*the commandant's pet project
encourages the Wing
to show more*

School spirit

BY C RENEE GARCIA

Every Commandant who comes through this place has his own pet project, Gen Lorenz' pet project involved improving cadet spirit using any means possible.

After visiting West Point during the fall semester and noting the unwavering spirit and support the cadets demonstrated for their various sports teams, Gen Lorenz decided that Air Force Academy cadets needed to improve upon their spirit. He was determined to show West Point that the Academy was better in every aspect.

Gen Lorenz' first official move began with creating the wing staff position of Spirit Officer. Group and squadron Unit Public Affairs Representatives also acted as the group and squadron spirit representatives. Their task was to improve Wing participa-

tion in community service activities as well as find methods to improve the overall spirit of the Wing.

In some instances, some may argue, Gen Lorenz and his spirit officers went too far. Each squadron was required to represent two sports. That meant that when one of the sports had a game, the squadron was required to publicize the game and convince as many cadets as possible to attend. In the beginning, each squadron was required to have a minimum number of people attend each game.

This was a nice idea but what normally happened was that the fourth class cadets were ram jammed into attending the game. Realizing that this method wasn't working due to the demanding schedules of cadets, the Commandant backed off that idea but still encouraged as many cadets as possible to go.

As a perk for those squadrons that did attend, the squadrons with the highest attendance for certain games were rewarded with an extended weekend pass for all who attended and Mitch's mountains at lunch.

Other showings of spirit did not get much prodding from the Commandant but rather the cadets took it upon themselves to express themselves along avenues more to their liking. Spirit missions remained popular with the fourthclass. No one will soon forget that the Class of 2000 managed to hang the Wing Commander's hat on a chapel spire after all it was rumored that this was why they were recognized early!

A heck of a hat hook ... congratulations to the fourthclassmen of 33 who managed to liberate the Wing Commander's hat and place it high on top of a spire on the chapel. Rumor had it that if the Class of 2000 could manage to get the hat up there, they would be recognized the next day. It didn't quite happen. Photo by BJ Lingle.



Strutting his stuff at the football bonfire, C2C Udi Piyasena entertains the masses. Due to the fact that the bonfire attendance wasn't the roaring success that they'd hoped for, there was only one. Photo by B. Brandow.



*the fourthclass bids farewell to the
Class of '97 with their very own*

Farewell gifts

BY NATALIE HOLZHERR

The tradition of Hundred's Night started with the first graduation class and it is one of the very few traditions that has remained unchanged at this young Academy.

One hundred days before graduation, the firsties have the final dining in prior to their permanent exit. After the dining in the class continues the celebration throughout the weekend.

While the firsties are out and about, to keep with tradition, the fourthclass cadets have plenty of time to cause some mischief in the firsties' rooms. The fourthclass cadets take this opportunity to decorate the domiciles.

Many of the themes that started with the first classes remain in use today. In addition to these, each squadron puts its unique twist and decorations into the rooms.

Every year themes such as beaches, farms, sporting events, and weddings are found throughout the Wing. In order to produce such elaborate theme rooms, the

fourthclass cadets begin procuring the necessary supplies as early as Christmas break.

Room decorating did not come without noteworthy recognition for the Class of 2000. One cadet fell out of a fifth story window while trying to repel out after putting the finishing touches to the room. (He is doing fine now, but it did dampen spirits for quite awhile.)

This year's memorable rooms included: a barnyard with chickens from one of the cadet's farms and a reassembled jeep. However, one unusual project that the creative minds of 2000 contrived was the complete assembly of a bathroom inside a dorm room. This creation had everything but working plumbing.

After the festivities, many members from 2000 helped the firsties undo some of the damage to their rooms. The weekend proved to be an experience for both the firsties and those fourthclass cadets who made it a night to remember.

When this firstie returns to his room, he'll surely be surprised to find that his bed unit has been an aircraft all along! Many four degrees tried to connect their 100's pranks with the true interests of the inhabitants of the room. Photo by B. Brandow.



"Wait this isn't the used jeep dealership?" C4C David Ericson and Kevin Kuciapinski in CS-18 spend their evening disassembling and then reassembling this Jeep Wrangler. Photo by M. Darakjy.





C4C Dana Hansen looks suspiciously at her classmate as he eats a red flesh vegetable. Freshman spared no expenses--in either money or time--when they prepared for Hundred's Night. Photo by M. Darakjy.



With a little help from his parents who donated the chickens, these four degrees in CS-11 turned their squadron commander C1C Mencer's room into a barnyard. Relatively speaking, they had a lot of help from C1C Mencer's brother and some chickens from the family farm in Northern Colorado. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Collecting old newspapers every day for the past month, this fourth-class cadet attempts to organize his massive paper collection. The newspaper room was one of the most infamous pranks for Hundred's Night. Photo by B. Ferrill.

C1C Phil Lynch returns to his room only to discover that someone has confused his room with the recycle bin. At least he won't have a lack of reading material for awhile.



ACADEMICS

CREATE AIRMEN-SCHOLAR-CITIZENS

Section Editor: Celeste Rodriguez '99

Academics were definitely unique. From the small size of classes to the in-depth learning, the Dean of the Faculty, Brigadier General Ruben A. Cubero, made the academic course load different by design. Cadets took a rigorous course load, both in core classes and majors' studies. One could expect to graduate with between 145-161 credit hours. "We are a single opportunity institution which means that everyone who attends USAFA will be going into the Air Force and, consequently, we try to devise an academic program that will provide the best intellectual development for our primary purpose of producing the best second lieutenants," Cubero said.

Cadets on average took about 20 credit hours per semester with mandatory core classes like physics, math, chemistry, English, political science, history and economics. "The core curriculum provides both breadth and balance and truly is our professional major for officership," Cubero said. "Also the core values lay the foundation for critical thinking in solving problems and decision making in ambiguous situations."

After most of the core is satisfied, cadets

selected a major and focused on their studies. As to be expected, with unique cadets, came the necessity for a wide range of majors that included both "fuzzy" and "techy" choices.

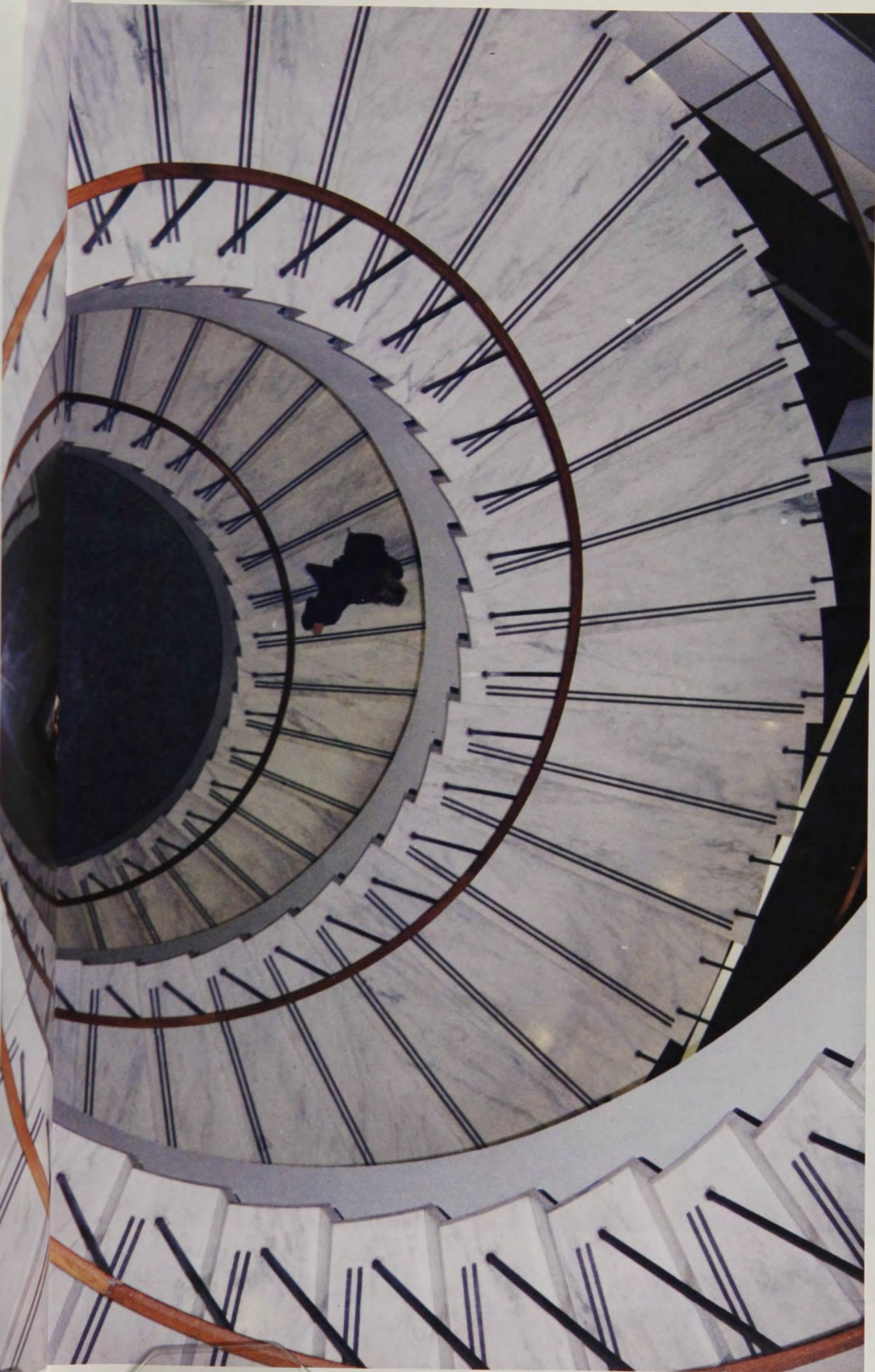
Some cadets excelled in the academics, while others struggled. After repeated failure, those who did not meet the standards were dismissed. This was unique in itself, because at other institutions, many students got numerous chances to raise their substandard grades. For those who did well academically, some added on additional hours to earn a double-major and/or a minor, usually in a language. No matter what the effort, extra help was always available to all cadets. The officer and civilian instructors were always available for extra instruction as their primary job was to teach, and then to pursue their research interests. Cubero said: "The faculty is superb in providing unparalleled services at USAFA. First and foremost, they all consider cadets their number one priority in terms of learning the material in their courses." Here cadets become Airmen-Scholar-Citizens.

By Rusty Evers

Exploring the wonders of the earth in a botany class, these cadets study the manual before continuing with the lab. Academy classes were unique to other colleges in that there was a low student-instructor ratio and many of the classes were hands-on.

Photo by S. Gatto.





Just like the staircase in the library, education at the Academy is an unending circle. Cadets quickly learned that the amount of knowledge that they could gain was only limited by their own choices. Photo by M. Taylor.

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CIC Waynetta Gentry looks worried, dangling from the tower. Cadets use the course to learn teamwork and trust. Photo by C. Willis.



Towering in the air, this cadet waits for his turn to descend. The Alpine Tower was available for squadron training events and other group activities. Photo by C. Willis.



History Department



All grins, this cadet is very glad to be lowered back down to safety. The Alpine Tower provided an exciting leadership experience for many cadets. Photo by C. Willis.



Holding onto the rope net for dear life this cadet tries not to focus on the ground below. The various obstacles tested many cadets' various abilities. Photo by C. Willis.





Towering above the rest

By Tom Preston

When cadets think of the Character Development Center, they usually have very stereotypical views. These views are of officers in little rooms, picking apart cadet brains. They may refer to them as the "touchy feely patrol," and cadets usually look at it as a punishment to go talk to them. Many people don't realize how useful the Character Development Center is, and how much fun they can be. A good case and point is the Alpine Tower.

Many cadets pass by the Alpine Tower every day. It's that mess of wires, ropes, and logs down by the Obstacle course. It has huge signs saying "Off Limits" and similar warnings. Some of the structures don't even look safe enough to stand under let alone stand on top of.

Despite its frightening appearance, the Alpine Tower is a very effective, and safe, program.

It's called a leadership laboratory. The purpose of taking teams down there is to get individuals to trust one another, and to get to know each others' strengths and weaknesses. Many different teams have gone through the course, including athletic teams, individual squadrons, and summer programs. It is not only a useful exercise in leadership, but it can be fun at the same time. Cadets undertake team building exercises such as walking across wires and climbing up the setup of logs using ropes and help from their teammates. At the end of the day, cadets know more about each other in their team, as well as about their own strengths and weaknesses.

At the end of the day, cadets know more about their own strengths and weaknesses.

In keeping with new and innovative ways to challenge and train cadets at the Academy, the Alpine Tower is a striking departure from the norm. It is, however, very effective in its purpose, and gives cadets a real alpine experience.

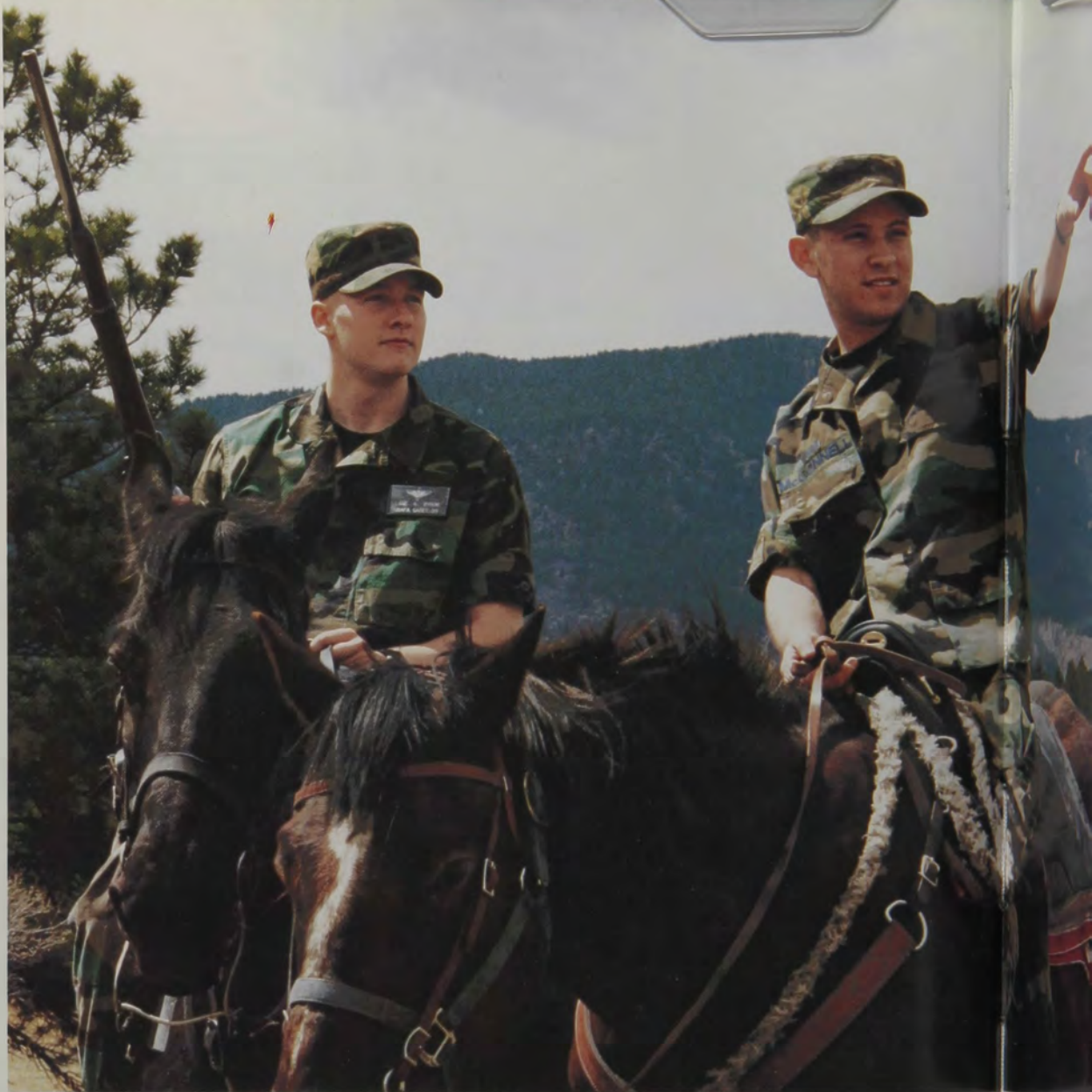


Management Department



CIC Justin Riddle learns about the equipment necessary to safely tackle this obstacle. Safety was a key concern at the Alpine Tower. Photo by C. Willis.

Looking into the distance to spot the cannon fire, C3C Lane Byrum and C3C Joseph McConnell, participate in the Civil War Reenactment Day. The event took place in Jack's Valley and both cadets and civilians alike attended the activities. Photo by C. Willis.



Chatting about the horrors of war, this soldier from the Seventh Cavalry relays his stories to very interested cadets. The cadets had an opportunity to get first hand lessons and information from the "re-enactors." Photo by C. Willis.

Teaching a very willing student how to load a cannon, this "re-enactor" takes this young man back in history to a time where military equipment was not as advanced as its counterparts of today. This "re-enactor" was part of the Fourth Cannon Division. Photo by C. Willis.





War breaks out in Jack's

By Cory Willis

As the cannons roar and the thunder of hooves echo on the dry ground, pistols crack and men scream in agony. The doctors, sweating in their wool coats, absently wipe their blades on dirty aprons, looking on expectantly to treat the injured. Sabers flash in the hazy air and through the cannon smoke comes the smell of ... barbecue.

The cavalrymen stop, put away their weapons and smell the air. They dismount from their horses, and help the dead to their feet. They all laugh, dust each other off, and walk to the barbecue grill to get a juicy steak and a cold Coca-Cola.

Though it sounds like something from a soft drink commercial, such was the scene at the Civil War reenactment conducted in Jack's Valley in April. The reenactment was sponsored by the History Department, the History Club, and the Wargaming Club. According to Senior Airman Jack Waid, who was instrumental in bringing the reenactment to the Academy, the event aimed to educate cadets and the public about "an explosive part of American history."

Spectators walked from station to station and listened to "re-enactors" portray their characters. Some listeners cringed as a doctor, wielding a knife, a saw, and a handlebar mustache, described how limbs were amputated and how bullet wounds were cared for, while others

heard about the drudgery of camp life. By far, however, the most popular station was the cannon battery, where soldiers taught the specifics of loading, cleaning, and firing cannons.

One "re-enactor" commented, "The cadets learned fast, and by the end of the day, they were loading and firing the cannon themselves, and all we did was watch."

Despite the day's fun, the organizers of the event hoped that a very important lesson was learned about the horrors of war and how the Civil War has been an integral part

of American history.

As one organizer said, "Without the American Civil War, the United States would not be the nation it is today. The war between the North and the South is a part of our heritage that we must not forget."

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Physics Department



Taking a moment to enjoy the view at the Civil War site, this cadet reflects on the reenactment that he just participated in. Many cadets learned first hand about the Battle of Little Roundtop as well as several others. Photo by C. Willis.

Dodo strikes the Wing again

The Dodo doesn't only poke fun at the military side of the house, it also takes jabs at the academic side of the house at every chance it gets.

Again the Dodo helped cadets laugh at their situations that were brought about from the instructors and the dean.

From computer science to astro there was plenty of ammunition to keep the Wing in stitches while it tried to survive another year of betterment through education.

With 40 years of humor under its belt, the Dodo promises to continue strong for many years to come.

1. Excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) (uncontrollable sleepiness and/or sleep attacks)



2. cataplexy (a rapidly occurring loss of voluntary muscle tone, usually triggered by strong emotions)

Mathematics Department



OK. So it DOESN'T take much to excite an AcPro Ranger.

INSTRUCTOR QUOTABLES

"I will not be ashamed that I am a nerd. Nerds rule the world. A few years ago nerds had no friends...they never got invited to parties. Now, everyone wants to be friends with a nerd."

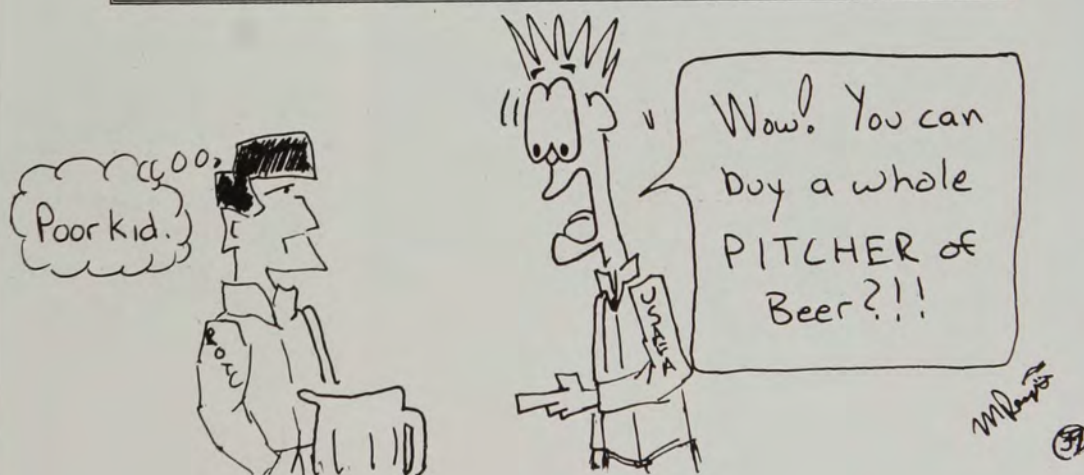
--Comp.Sci Instructor



"We are not here to make you cynical and tell you lies."

"You will be social cripples when you graduate."

--Econ Instructor



Why being in a Coma is better than being a Comp Sci major:

You get some sleep in a Coma.

You might get out of a Coma.

People come out of Comas in better shape than Comp Sci majors.

You don't get ulcers from Comas.

You never hear, "You're in a Coma!?!?! Are you crazy!?!?!?"

Sometimes in people in Comas smile.

You don't get carpal-tunnel syndrome from a Coma.

You feel sorry for people in a Coma, but it's a Comp Sci major's own d&* & fault.

Submitted by Mike Reavey with help from G. Martin

Cadets go where air is rare

By Joe Clancy III

To some, the altitude chamber means a day to leave the Academy and miss classes. To others, it is critical to getting incentive rides while at their Ops bases. Whatever their reasons for going, it is an experience that often brings back smiles as they recall their altitude chamber memories.

Established to acquaint a person with the effects of altitude on the body, Physiological Training at Peterson AFB has allowed cadets to experience hypoxia and other symptoms in a safe, controlled environment. "I experienced the symptom of uncontrollable laughter," C3C Christel Gilbert recalled. "I started laughing because Ryan Larson couldn't say his name under high pressure breathing and then I couldn't put my mask back on because I was laughing so hard that I cried."

The goal of this experience is to show the symptoms that could turn into a potential problem.

C3C CJ Hutto tests his abilities of balance and orientation in the gyrochair. Academic lessons in the body's response to flight make up half of the visit to the altitude chambers. Photo by G. Apolonio.

"They made me
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"I think it's a great way to see how you respond to little or no oxygen," C2C Ross Wilderman said.

One of the distinctive lessons that stays with people long after they experience it is losing consciousness in the chamber. This happens when the pressure decreases and the volume increases.

C2C Mike Reavey quipped, "I'm not sure if it's the lack of oxygen or over-abundance of methane that makes you pass out in there."

Even after a couple of years, C1C Ki Larson was able to recall how the altitude chamber surprised her. "I remember that the rush of the air leaving the cabin, it literally pulled me out of my seat until I was standing."

Undoubtedly, some memories eventually fade, but others are ingrained. Reavey remarked: "They made me put my mask back on because I was smiling too much. But really...I'm just a happy guy."



C3C Kevin Pritz and C3C Ryan Trueman anticipate the instruction to remove their oxygen masks. The infamous visit to the Peterson AFB Physiological Training Center allowed all cadets to experience the effects of increased altitude on the body. Photo by G. Apolonio.





Thirdclass cadets dream of coveted fighter rides during a nap break between the academic lessons of their physiological training. The certification is a prerequisite for all thirdclass cadets receiving incentive rides during the summer Ops program. Photo by G. Apolonio.

Aeronautics Department



A member of the training facility staff instructs cadets on the procedures to relieve hypoxia. Sometimes instructors have to assist cadets who suffer from the effects of high altitude. Photo by G. Apolonio.

C3C Kerrie Quinn examines Peterson AFB's altitude simulator chamber. The facilities introduce cadets, pilots and air crew members to the symptoms of hypoxia experienced at high altitudes. Photo by G. Apolonio.

Update informs the Wing

By Rusty Evers

The *Warrior Update* was a cadet newsmagazine published for cadets, by cadets. Every two weeks, this 24 page informational edition provided news, humor, editorials, sports, entertainment, and Q&A for the cadets to read. The cadets who wrote the news magazine took the course in lieu of MAS 440. The *Warrior Update* class was known as MAS 480.

The cadets not only produced the *Warrior Update*, they also learned the MAS 440 information. They looked at modern military operations and the role of media and mass communications in both peace and war-time. Furthermore, the cadets examined and analyzed the unique and troublesome relationship that the media and the military share.

The cadets selected to write for the *Warrior Update* had to pass an interview with the adviser, Capt. Pete Popp. He chose 20 first-class cadets to assemble the 24 page newsmagazine. The schedule was rigorous, and demanded that the cadets get involved in

all aspects of production. They wrote articles, designed the pages, and shot and scanned the photos. Each edition was approved by CW first, since it was considered "The Comm's paper."

"It's cool, but a lot of work. It is fun sometimes, but I feel like no one reads it anyway."

C1C Tommy Taylor, who wrote the Commentary and Humor sections said: "It's cool, but a lot of work. It is fun sometimes, but I feel like no one reads it anyway." Taylor added: "Sometimes, I write an article that slams the Academy; and only officers respond to me. Cadets don't care. I do work with great people, though. In the future, I will be happy that I took this course."

The *Warrior Update* made every attempt to cover items relevant to cadets. The other base paper (*The Falcon Flyer*) covered aspects which mainly affected instructors, families,

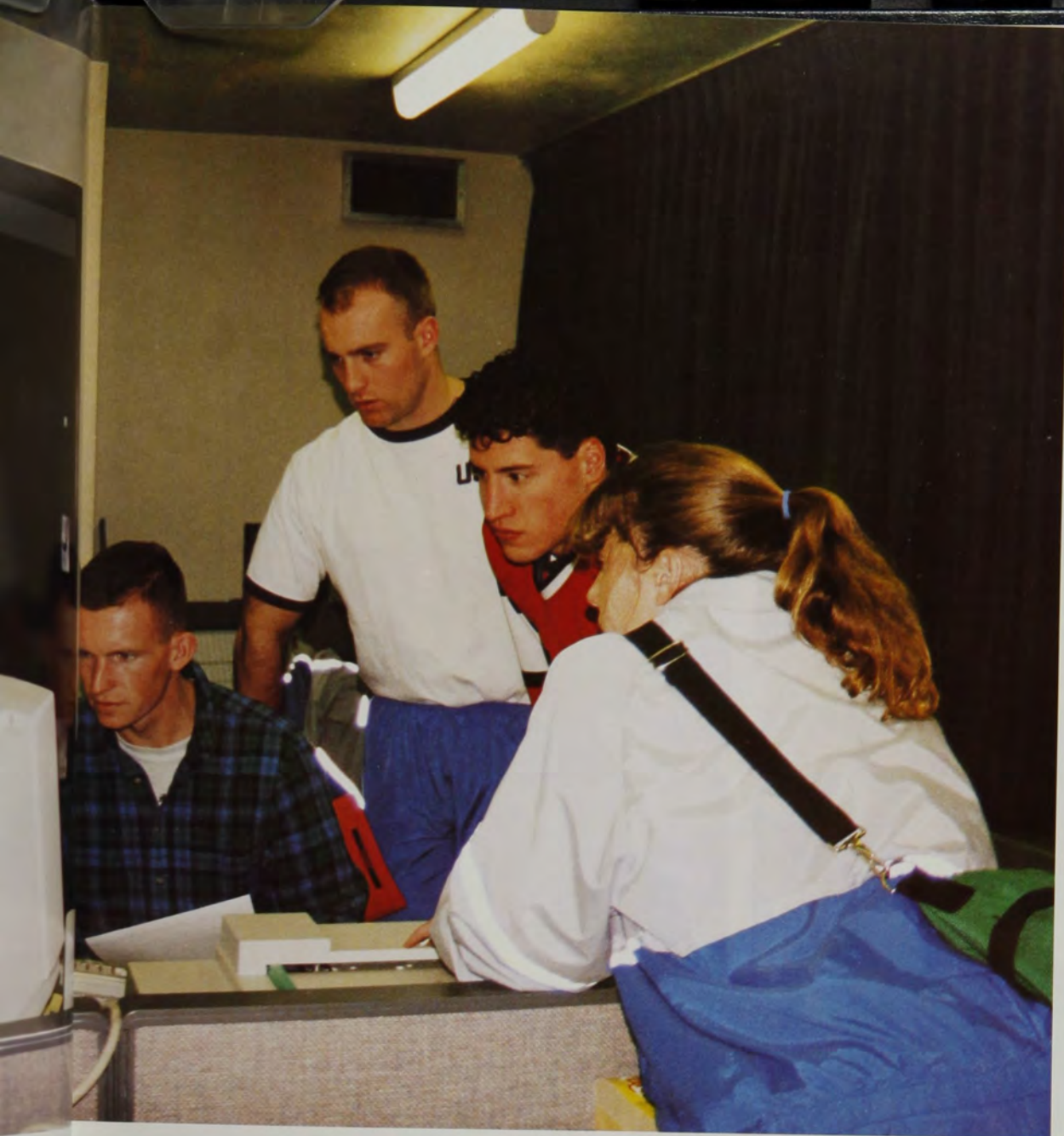
etc. The cadet paper, on the other hand, covered the death of cadets, movie trivia on the back page, and other pertinent topics in-between. It was a good source of information for those cadets who chose to read it.

Foreign Language



English Department





The staff gathers around the computer to see how the finishing touches on the issue will look. Putting together each Warrior Update was definitely a team effort! Photo by M. Taylor.

Taking the chair for a spin in an effort to put the headaches of newspaper paste up behind, this staffer remains relatively calm. The staff became very intimate with the Warrior Update room when deadline was upon them. Photo by J. Gouldon.



Dreaming about a day when Pagemaker really does what it says it will, CIC Nereyda Sevilla works on completing another issue of the paper. Sevilla was instrumental in the layout and design of the second semester papers. Photo by M. Taylor.



It always takes more time than you think. This member of the second semester Warrior Update staff spends another late night trying to finish the paper. Most of the staff members didn't have much experience with newspaper layout and design before taking this class. Photo by M. Taylor.

A class project, cadets Hyunko, Stuart Rubio and Josh VanOrman capture an image of M-57 Ring Nebula. Photo provided by Capt Wetterer.

Political Science



Philosophy & Fine Arts



Cadets pour over the computer to complete a project in their Physics 371 class. Most cadets who took the class really enjoyed it. Photo by J. Alderman.

Star studying on planet earth

By Greg Pleinis

The Physics department is well known for its required classes, as well as studies in motion, gravity, electricity and magnetism. However, there is another aspect of physics that is not located on the second floor of Fairchild Hall, or even on this earth.

Physics 371, Fundamentals of Astronomy, gave cadets a chance to apply basic physics principles to the study of extra-terrestrial bodies. Taught by Captain Charles Wetterer, cadets discussed several topics. Inter-galactic distance scales, galaxy identification, and the expansion and age of the universe were studied in depth.

Cadets agreed that one of the best parts of Physics 371 was the three evening lessons that were held at the USAFA Observatory. Cadets learned the rudimentary skills necessary to operate the 16-inch and 24-inch tele-

scopes. Once this was mastered, the cadets observed some heavenly bodies. These heavenly bodies included: stars, planets and planetary nebulae.

C2C Troy Hacker, a space physics major, stated: "We all like to look into the night sky, and it was good to learn about what I was looking at."

In addition to the introductory lessons, many cadets chose to use the observatory as part of their final projects. These projects ranged from tracking man-made satellites to determining the existence and location of worm-holes, an astronomical phenomenon. Many of the final projects turned out quite well and they were even published on the World Wide Web, for enthu-

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siasts around the world to see.



One of the telescopes at the USAFA Observatory prepares to view images in Colorado sky. Photo by J. Alderman.

At the USAFA Observatory, cadets capture a photograph of Comet Hyakutake. Photo provided by Capt Wetterer.



Capt Lisa Boyce from the Cadet Counseling Center explains the results of the biofeedback computer to the class. The machine is used to monitor the egg's occupant's breathing and pulse rate in a relaxed environment. Photo by R. Bailey.



Clad in wires and electrodes, C4C Jason Simmons is instructed on the technicalities of the biofeedback system by an officer in the Cadet Counseling Center. Photo B. Brandow.



Behavior & Leadership



Listening as the instructor explains what they can expect once seated inside the egg, these cadets are ready and willing participants. Many classes went down to explore the benefits of the egg. Photo by B. Brandow.



The egg stresses relaxation

By Joe Clancy III

Cadets get tense and typically respond "What did you do?" when someone says they are going to the Cadet Counseling Center. But for some, the Center is their chance to get away from the rigors of cadet life. In a secluded room located in the Counseling Center, a white shell nicknamed the "Egg" sits, waiting to assist the next cadet with the stresses of the day.

Officially called the Alpha Chamber, the "Egg" was designed by two individuals who were looking for a relaxed environment with quality sound to rest in. The 6-foot shell holds a comfortable cushion seat to relax in, along with a sound system that surrounds the occupant's body. While sitting in the shell, the occupant is able to watch videos on the television in front of the "Egg." These videos help to guide the user through different techniques of stress management that the cadet can use later in the normal cadet environment. Major Jeff Jackson of the Center explained that they "use it for relaxation training and stress management."

In order to assist the user, a computer is used to

monitor the user's breathing and tension level. This Biofeedback Training allows the user, to control stress through management of the physical factors of the body.

"It's possible to control the physical part of the stress more easily than the mental part, but with this, we can teach cadets to control the mental part by using the physical part," Major Jackson said.

According to Major Jackson, a cadet is "taught" from Basic Training to be tense through falling in. Cadets wake up in the morning and stay tense until they go to sleep at night. Major Jackson explained: "Being a cadet is like being in a pressure cooker." The Alpha Chamber, and Biofeedback Training help calm cadets, and get them to forget the "worries, concerns, and preoccupations" of life.

Although these sessions are scheduled for 50 minute periods, they typically do not take longer than half an hour. A couple of sessions is usually enough to get cadets well on their way down the path to relaxation.

"Being a cadet is like being in a pressure cooker (we try) to get them to forget the worries and concerns of life."

Behavior & Leadership



"It's not a tumor." C2C James Miller grimaces as Maj Jackson explains the feedback from the computer. The system monitors the body's reaction to stress. Photo by B.J. Lingle.

The common bus launches

Many consider space the final frontier, a place where mysteries abound. In the Astro 433/495 class, cadets worked to create a mechanism that would help bring some of those mysteries back down to earth in the form of data.

Better known as the "small satellite" program, cadets got hands on experience programming, developing, building and managing a system known as the "common bus." This bus, which houses the data collecting device, is attached to a satellite which can then be propelled into space.

In an effort to make their work even more meaningful, the cadets and instructor, Maj Dewey Parker, worked out a deal with Lockheed Martin to attach their project to one of Martin's satellites. The project earned the name Falcon Gold Mission.

C1C Catherine O'Brien said: "We went to Lockheed for a fit check. We bolted the bus to the rocket and it fit perfectly, that's a real credit to the structure and the subsystems."

After the check-up at Lockheed the cadets went back to work at the Academy. "We didn't always get what

we expected out of the project," C1C Jim Smith said. "Things didn't always go as planned but we rolled with the punches."

Rolling with the punches paid off as late in the second semester, the class and the instructor took their bus out for a test drive. They launched the balloon that carried the project from Aardvark.

"At four in the morning, I was a little more tired than excited at the beginning," C1C Mike Dunn said. "But the excitement and apprehension built as we got closer to the launch."

The launch went almost as expected, after a small glitch in the recording devices worked itself out. The balloon landed in West Pueblo where the chase team picked it up.

"The best part of this whole class was seeing it all gel at the launch," Smith said. "At the beginning it was easy to be skeptical and think that there was no way that it

would work. When it did it was pretty exciting."

And, the excitement will continue, the project is slated to launch from Cape Canaveral in November of '97 after more modifications are made.

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Astronautics Department



C1C Jason Clark assembles the battery packs that will be used to power the satellite. Non-rechargeable primary batteries were used in the power system. Photo by C. Willis.



"Two minutes to launch," these cadets give the balloon one final check-over before launching the satellite. The satellite launch was the culmination of a year's worth of hard work. Photo provided by the class.



CIC Jac Coil and CIC Mike Jamoom put the finishing touches on the thermal blanket. The thermal blanket will help control the temperature of the satellite while it's in space. Photo by C. Willis.



CIC Todd Smith sews the thermal blanket for the satellite. Smith and CIC Mike Jamoom were responsible for the construction of the thermal system. Photo by C. Willis.

Not an ordinary Schwinn

By Jen Phelps

It wasn't your run-of-the-mill bicycle, C1Cs Phil Warlick, Todd Eppich, Byron Bright and Christina Misegadis were involved in the year long project to build a Human Powered Vehicle. Fall semester, these EM 499 students worked on designing the bike and building the prototype. In the spring, EM 492, the senior design project class completed the project. It then was entered in a competition conducted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in San Diego. The competition consisted of a speed trap and an endurance race. This was the third year that the Academy participated.

The bike was not a traditional design. It featured laid back design and a wind screen. Some of the early design modifications came after running it through wind tunnel tests. For the speed competition, the bike needed to reach speeds in excess of 45 miles per hour.

The EM 499 Senior Design course is the "Engineering 410 course of the engineering mechanics department,"

Capt Mike Brady, the class OIC, said. He added that this was a great opportunity for cadets to see a project through from start to end. This class was unique because it gave cadets the chance to get out of the research arena and get real hands-on experience. He said that all too often, senior design classes focus on theory and research which may not always be the best for undergraduates.

"I got involved because ... my dad used to race bikes. I thought it would be fun."

The biggest problem the students ran into on their path to San Diego was time. Getting four cadets together on a regular basis is not easy to do. After having to redesign the frame midway through the semester, they also found difficulty acquiring the right parts for the job.

What prompted these cadets to get involved in the project?

C1C Warlick, head of the design team, said, "I got involved in this project because I worked in a bicycle shop when I was in high school and because my dad used to race bikes. I thought it would be fun."

Engineering Mechanics



C1C Byron Bright tests out his group's project down a hall in Fairchild. This was one of the few times that bike riding was permitted in the academic building. Photo by M. Taylor.





CIC Phil Warlick, CIC Todd Eppich, CIC Christina Misegadis and CIC William Bright give their unusual bicycle one last check. Long hours of hard work finally paid off for these students. Photo by M. Taylor.



Cruising around Fairchild Hall, CIC Byron Bright tempts fate and doesn't wear a helmet. Most agreed that at the speed he was going, if he fell, only his pride would get bruised. Photo by M. Taylor.



Civil Engineering



Group members work as hard as a racecar pit crew to put the finishing touches on their bicycle. The lab had all the necessary equipment to keep the bike up and running. Photo by M. Taylor.

'Mortal Kombat'

By Cory Willis

hits cadets

All cadets are required to take at least two combative physical education courses sometime during their cadet career. For the classes of 1997 and 1998, the requirement for men was boxing and unarmed combat, while the women's requirement was self defense and unarmed combat. However, with the increased fear of losing pilot qualified status or being seriously injured while boxing, the Athletic Department decided to change the requirement for the classes of 1999 and 2000.

Unarmed Combat was split into two courses, UC I and UC II, both to be taken by males and females alike. Similar techniques are taught as original UC class, but the new courses allowed instructors to go into more depth and teach more maneuvers.

Unarmed Combat courses are not for the faint of heart. Lovingly known as "Mortal Kombat" by those cadets enrolled in either class, Unarmed Combat students, choke, get choked, tumble, fall, and twist each other's limbs into painful positions. It was not uncommon to see bloody noses, sprained wrists, or people leave to go get stitches.

C4C Anthony DeGregoria thinks that, in fact, Unarmed Combat is even more dangerous than boxing. He said: "My roommate tore six ligaments in his neck and had to be on a Form 18 for months."

Even with all of the pain and agony, some cadets still enjoyed Unarmed Combat. C4C Chris Breffett said:

"The most satisfying part of the course was when they would let us fight other classes. It's a very satisfying feeling to choke an upperclassman."

Cadet opinion differed on the usefulness of the course. Some said that it was useful. One cadet remarked: "All fights end up on the ground. You need to know what to do if that happens."

Others disagreed. "In a fight you're going to be throwing punches, not saying 'Hey wait, let me get into the counter-offensive,'" C4C Chris Breffett said.

Despite the questions of its usefulness, Unarmed Combat did allow cadets to have some experience in wrestling and grappling. This experience gave cadets a little more confidence and if nothing else, it gave them a way to vent their frustrations.

"My roommate tore six ligaments in his neck and had to be on a Form 18 for months."



Working to flip over his attacker, these students practice the techniques that they were taught in class. UC I was the first combat class that the '99 took; they will take UC II as secondclassmen. Photo by S. Gatto.



Struggling with each other, these thirdclass cadets get a taste of hand-to-hand fighting in UC I. Unarmed Combat was split into two classes to give cadets more in-depth lessons. Photo by M. Connor.





Although it may look like these two are dancing, in actuality C2C Kelly Bruckner is trying to break the hold of C2C Eric Tibbs. Many cadets liked the Unarmed Combat classes and felt that it taught them useful skills. Photo by M. Connor.

Electrical Engineering



Effectively disarming his attacker, this cadet proves that he has grasped the concept behind weapon evasion. Cadets attacked each other with fake weapons and knives in the class. Photo by M. Connor.



Taking the offense, C2C Guy Johnson kicks his partner during a fight. Cadets fought everyday in the class to practice the techniques that they had been taught. Photo by M. Connor.

Biology Department



Shark attack, this creative cadet works on the underbelly of his final project. The final project gave cadets the opportunity to work in their favorite medium. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Lost in thought, C1C Chris Vasquez concentrates on depicting the perfect image. Many firsties took the fine arts classes as a means to break away from the monotony. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Creating a castle fit for a king, C2C Misty Hancock works on her final project for Fine Art 460. Many cadets enjoyed this class because it was so different from their others. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Producing fine art in class

By Wm. Regen Wilson

The bulk of the Academy's emphasis is on technical courses, a fact not surprising when one considers the number of Air Force career fields that require at least some sort of technical competence. Nonetheless, there is something to be said for being well-rounded, and Fine Arts classes aim toward just that.

Each semester, the Department of Philosophy and Fine Arts offers cadets a limited number of classes that exercise the right side of the brain almost exclusively. Unfortunately, some cadets are not eligible for these classes after having had that side removed to make room for an expansion of the left side of their brain. This is an operation common for cadets due to the amount of credit hours required in technical classes.

Classes in music and art appreciation, as well as art creation, are offered. Occasionally, special topics are also added to the curriculum. The problem arises when cadets who might be interested in taking such classes are unable to do so because of overloading their academic schedule. Cadets majoring in

the humanities or social sciences disciplines are still required to take classes like thermodynamics and electrical engineering. After squeezing in all of these required classes, many cadets find that there simply isn't room for broadening their horizons with classes in the arts.

There are many arguments in favor of removing a technical class from the core curriculum in favor of an art class. A reason for this is that art and music appreciation are valuable life-enhancing classes. Cadets are more apt to remember and appreciate great works of art than they are an electrical circuit breaker. Since there are so many core classes that are already unrelated to a cadet's major, why not just add fine arts class to make everyone more well rounded?

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However, arguing these points is an academic exercise (pardon the pun) at best. There are no plans in the foreseeable future for adding any sort of art or music appreciation class to the core. These classes will be reserved for those who squeeze them into their schedules.



In a moment of creative genius C2C Jason Alderman attempts to recreate a Van Gogh masterpiece. Actually the painting wasn't a Van Gogh but merely reflected his style. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Fun with pottery, these cadets work on a class project after hours. Many thought that the fine arts classes would be easy only to find that they required a lot of time and commitment. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Meteorology earns

By Jen Phelps

'major' spot

There's a new major that's been added to the list of cadet time absorbers: Meteorology. It became a track within DFEG (econ/geography) and physics in 1992 and now it has been made a full-fledged major starting with the class of 1998.

What exactly is meteorology and why is it important to the Air Force? Meteorology is a broad field that covers everything from predicting the weather on earth to predicting space weather involving satellites and communication. Lt Col Knipp, a physics instructor involved with the formation of the meteorology major explained: "[Meteorology is] the medium the Air Force operates in." According to Knipp, it has everything to do with flying operations at any base.

C2C Pat Williams originally chose the major because of the close connection between weather and flying. He plans on going into space weather where he'll get the opportunity to study how satellites and the atmosphere interact. Another AFSC that interests meteorology majors is Combat Weather.

C2C Joel Stevens stated: "Combat Weather will give me the opportunity to be attached to an Army support squad and still enjoy the Air Force life." With this

major, he may also have the opportunity to become Airborne qualified and go out into the field with a Ranger or Special Forces team.

The major consists of eight different classes. It was modeled after similar programs at Annapolis and Texas A&M. The Meteorology lab has all kinds of high tech equipment plus, it is hooked into the Pueblo Doppler Radar service. This is one of the tools that cadets can use to help predict weather. They also make extensive use of weather information machines and the World Wide Web.

C1C Rich Mader said, "All the cool toys in the lab give me the ability to try to figure out the weather. I could even tell my roommate what the weather was going to be like before he went down to fly."

In addition to this exciting new major, a new core was added to the curriculum for second and thirdclass cadets. They have the option to take Geography 210 which studies how geography controls Air Force operations and how the operations are effected by regional meteorology.

"All the cool toys in the lab give me the ability to try to figure out the weather."

C2C Charity Kauffman bores into a tree behind the Aero lab. Kauffman, a meteorology major, uses the sample to learn about the tree's life. Photo by B. Lingle.

Economics & Geography





C2C Eric Winterbottom takes a core sample. The samples can be used to tell how much precipitation that an area's received in a year's time. Photo by B. Lingle.

Chemistry Department



C2C Jason Loe and C2C Eric Winterbottom discuss maps during a meteorology class. The maps provide insight into future weather patterns. Photo by B. Lingle.

Captain Loomans explains what the rings in the core sample tell about a tree. The climatology class is available to meteorology majors. Photo by B. Lingle.

SPORTS

PRODUCE WARRIORS & WINNERS

Section Editor: Nereyda Sevilla '97

The end of the academic day did not mean the day was over as those on intercollegiate athletic teams walked down to the Cadet Gymnasium or the Field House. There, these warrior-athletes honed their skills on the fields of athletic competition.

Intercollegiate sports played an integral role in the lives of many. Some came to the Academy for the primary reason that they were recruited to play Division I sports. Other cadets walked-on to a particular team to add athletics to their Academy experience. Undoubtedly, the comraderie that came with intense hours of practice and competition was unparalleled by any other organization.

Academy Director of Athletics Colonel Randy Spetman said intercollegiate sports are a unique choice for many cadets who have chosen the Academy lifestyle. Intercollegiate athletes faced the same academic and military rigors as their fellow classmates. The limited discretionary time that exists in a normal cadet life was given up to prepare for competition at the Division I level. Spetman said, "The victories and experience that come with intercollegiate competition are unforgettable. Many of

the same feelings you experience on the athletic fields will be those you experience in combat. If you know how to react and push yourself, the ultimate achievement will be victory. I believe there is no better place to test your character in peacetime than in the athletic environment."

With the help and encouragement provided by the coaching staff, those cadets who ventured into the fields of friendly strife had many notable achievements. The women's sports program elevated to Division I competition. The women's soccer team qualified for the WAC tournament in its first year of Division I competition. The men's cross country team won the WAC Championships, while the men's soccer team ranked as high as 3rd in the nation. In addition, the rifle team placed 5th in the nation, and the fencing team had their 7th straight Top 20 finish in the NCAA National Championships.

And as Colonel John Clune, the Athletic Director at the Academy for 16 years stated: "We produce warriors and winners with our athletes." **By Rusty Evers**

A unique perspective, these fencers compete in a bout at the Falcon Invitational.

Fencing is a sport that many do not get exposed to prior to college. Academy fencers are quite competitive despite their small numbers and limited experience. Photo by M. Connor.





Outmaneuvering his opponent during a faceoff, C2C Brian Schumer, midfielder, proves that determination has much to do with who will win the ball. Schumer was known for his tremendous ability to pick up ground balls. Photo by M. Taylor.



Col Randall Spetman
Director of Athletics

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Most Valuable Player

Beau Morgan

Morgan became one of the most celebrated football players in Air Force history last year. The Carrollton, Texas, native became the first player in NCAA history to rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in two consecutive seasons. Morgan, a two-time first team all-Western Athletic Conference selection, was named the WAC's Offensive Player of the Year in 1996. He capped his brilliant career by finishing 10th in the Heisman Trophy voting this season.

Outstanding Scholar-Athlete

Brian Payne

Payne was the consummate student-athlete. A dependable, consistent, javelin thrower, he has finished in the top eight in two WAC Championships. He had a 3.88 overall grade point average, which included a 3.95 GPA in his major. He was a three-time WAC scholar-athlete, and had top averages in academic and military performances.

Athletic Leadership

Stacy McClain

McClain was the track team's leading scorer during the 1997 indoor and outdoor seasons. She holds the fastest time in history in three running events as well as the long jump. This season she ran a leg on the school record-setting distance medley relay team.

Most Valuable Player

Maiya Anderson

Anderson helped the women's swimming team to back-to-back national titles in 1995-96 and helped ease the transition into the NCAA Division I ranks this season. She was a 12-time All-American and two-time national champion. An academic All-American, Anderson held a 3.59 grade point average in environmental engineering. She concluded her Air Force cadet career with a dual meet record of 38-11.

Athletic Excellence

Brian Pendergast

Pendergast was the first Academy water polo player in history to earn All-American honors three times. Following graduation, he will train with the U.S. National Team. He earned Western Water Polo Player of the Year honors twice, led the Falcons in scoring his firstie season and was the number three all-time scorer in Academy history.

Athletic Achievement

Marcus Nichols

Nichols won the WAC decathlon, was a two-time conference champion and All-American in two events. He scored more points in WAC Championship competition than any other track athlete in Academy history. He holds school records in the decathlon and pentathlon.

BY DEREK SALMI

FALCONS THRASH TWO OPPONENTS

In what would turn out to be a roller coaster season of phenomenal wins and devastating losses, the Air Force Falcons used the opening two games of the 1996 season to send a clear message to the rest of the newly-expanded Western Athletic Conference: With Air Force football there's only one option, and that's to win.

And win they did. Building upon the success of last season's Copper Bowl team, the '96 Falcons welcomed two of the WAC's newest members, San Jose State and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, to the big league with back-to-back thrashings that left Air Force 2-0 early in conference play and their opponents wondering what exactly hit them.

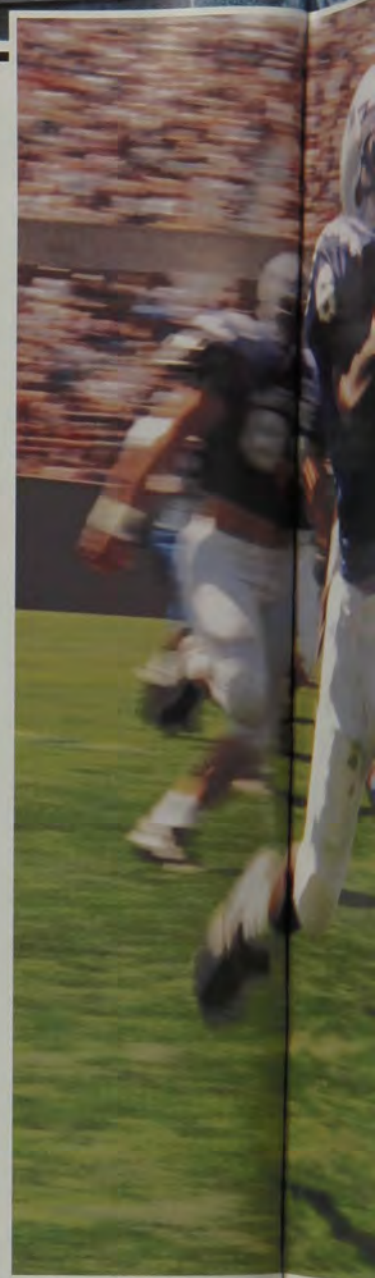
"We took a whipping," said San Jose State coach John Ralston after his Spartans managed only 158 total yards in the 45-0 season-opening loss. "It's obvious Air Force will be a contender."

While the defense posted the first Air Force shutout of a WAC opponent in 121 games, the offense got the fireworks going with 548 total net yards, including a 71-yard touchdown run by senior halfback Andre Johnson just 43 seconds into the game. Johnson ended the game with 138 yards and two first-quarter touchdowns.

Defensive tackle CJC Joe Suhajda (98) pressures UNLV quarterback Jon Denton. Suhajda had one tackle for a loss in the Rebel rout. Photo by B. Scharton.



All good runs must end CJC Andre Johnson (6), running back, keeps the ball protected after being tackled by San Jose State defenders. Johnson scored twice in the matchup against San Jose. Photo by M. Darakjy.





Sprinting down the line for his first touchdown as a running back C1C Andre Johnson (6) proves a force to be reckoned with. Johnson was the AT&T Long Distance Award winner for his longest run of 80 yards against Rice. Photo by M. Darakjy.

C2C Tobin Ruff (19) running back, eludes a would-be tackler as he works to run the kickoff up-field. Ruff's speed put him on the season's best list for a 35 yard kickoff return against Army. Photo by S. Mirus.

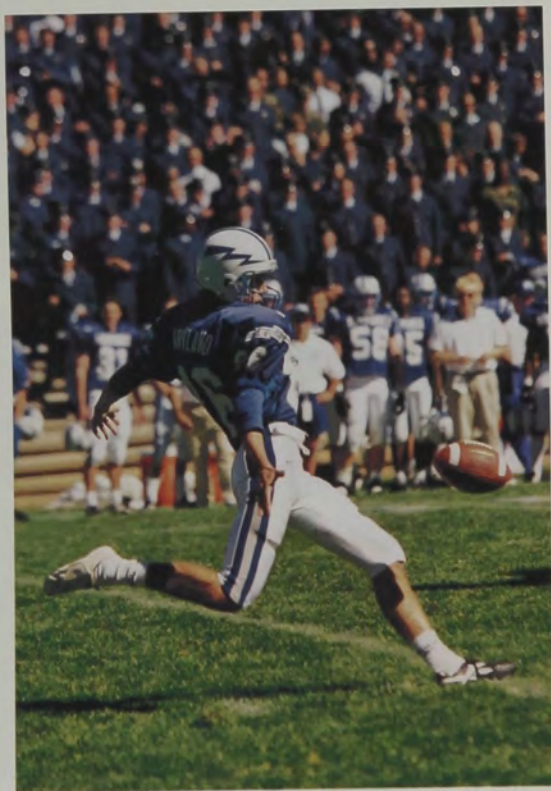


Busting through the line for a touchdown, C3C Jamal Singleton (24), running back, chalks up points for the home team. Singleton was an underclassman to watch, he rushed for 55 yards on seven carries in his first game. Photo by M. Darakjy.

C3C Dallas Thompson kicks a 47 yard field goal against Wyoming while C3C Jason Kirkland holds. Thompson was twice named the WAC's Pacific Division Player of the Week. Photo by M. Darakjy.

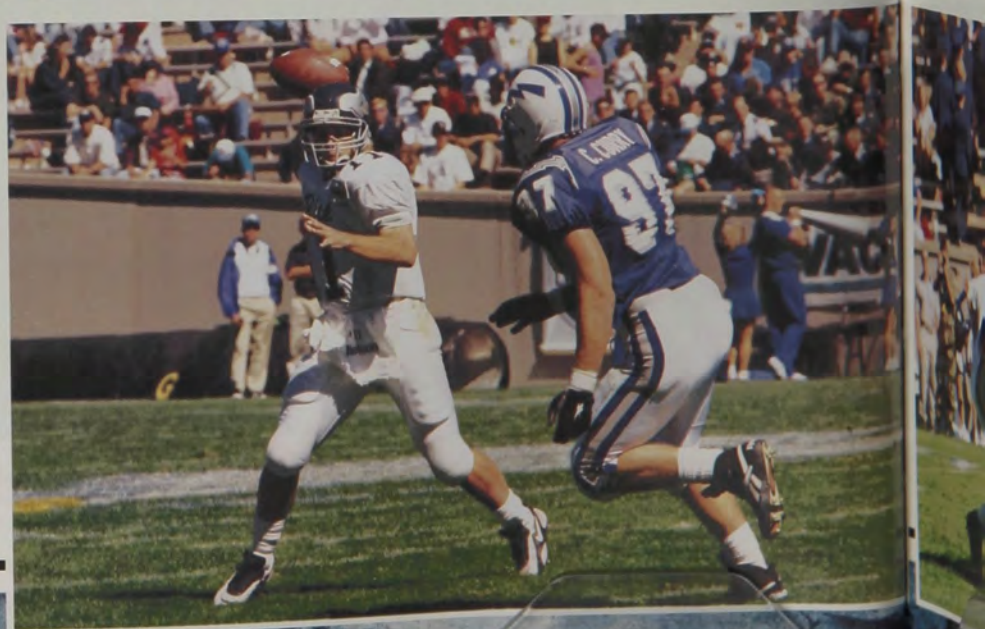


C1C Beau Morgan is tackled by a Wyoming Cowboy after eluding at least one defender. Morgan was the first Falcon to be named WAC Pacific Division Player of the Year since Dee Dowis in 1989. Photo by C. Willis.



C3C Jason Kirkland punts to Rice as coaches and the Cadet Wing watch anxiously. Kirkland had 16 punts for a total of 685 yards. Photo by C. Willis.

Putting the pressure on the quarterback, C1C Cameron Curry (97) defensive tackle, moves in for a sure sack. Curry was selected to play in the Hula Bowl as a defensive tackle. Photo by M. Darakjy.





AFTER LOSS, BIRDS BOUNCE BACK TO WIN

BY DEREK SALMI

Heading into the Sept. 21 match-up with unbeaten Pacific-division rival Wyoming, the Air Force Falcons ranked first in the nation in rushing, third in total yards and third in scoring average. On the defensive side of the house the Lightning Bolts also ranked nationally in defending against the run and fewest points allowed. In the end, however, a poor kicking game and sloppy secondary coverage would come back to haunt Air Force as the Cowboys squeaked by with a 22-19 victory in Laramie.

"Things maybe had been a little too easy for us," Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry said. "And when things got tough they smacked us in the mouth. Wyoming knew how to rally, knew it could be done."

The Falcons, driven by another 300-plus-yard performance out of senior quarterback Beau Morgan, took the lead three different times, culminating with a 19-16 advantage early in the fourth quarter. Despite the effort from Morgan, the best of his college career to this point, and the gritty determination of the defense, the Falcons simply couldn't overcome a kicking game that accounted for two-missed field goals and a missed extra-point.

This, coupled with the strength of the passing duo

of quarterback Josh Wallwork and star receiver Marcus Harris, allowed the Cowboys to set up the winning field-goal with only 36 seconds left in regulation. The loss in a game that had potential championship ramifications was hard for the Falcons to swallow.

"This loss is tough to take because it was one we were really looking forward to winning," Morgan said. "It was an emotional drainer."

The Falcons rebounded, however, a week later back at Falcon Stadium to trounce the Rice Owls 45-17 before 45,607 screaming Air Force fans. The win improved their conference and overall record to 3-1. The turning point occurred when Air Force took advantage of two Rice turnovers, a fumble recovery and an interception by free safety Jason Sanderson, to finish off the Owls with 17-unanswered third quarter points.

"This was our best quarter of football this year [the third quarter]," DeBerry said. "Now we've just got to figure out how to play four quarters like that."

Long runs by fullback Nakia Anderson, halfback Andre Johnson and halfback Tobin Ruff insured that the Falcon offense was back on track.

Pulling the opposition to the ground, CIC Alex Pupich, outside linebacker, sacks the quarterback. This year's Falcon defense was the best group in the last decade. Photo by C. Willis.



BY DEREK SALMI

TROPHY LEAVES FALCON NEST AFTER LOSSES

In yet another twist in the crazy 1996 season, the Air Force Falcons proved they had a football team that could beat nationally-ranked Notre Dame, yet one that couldn't pull through for the two most important games on the schedule, Army and Navy.

Navy kicker Tom Vandehorst's 25-yard field goal with just nine seconds left capped a stunning 20-17 upset victory for the Middies on Oct 5. Just over one month later the Black Knights of Army held senior quarterback Beau Morgan to six yards rushing en route to a 23-7 pounding of the Falcons. This season marked the first time Air Force had been swept by the other two service academies in one season since 1978. And, for the first time in seven years, the Commander-in-Chief's trophy would be somewhere other than the Cadet Fieldhouse.

After the defeat to Army, Falcon head coach Fisher DeBerry tried to sound upbeat. "We've lost to Army one time in the last seven years," DeBerry said. "I think that makes a statement for our program. We're not going to fold our tents and go home because we got beat by both service academies. We

have lost to the service academies only six times in 26 games. I think that speaks well."

Entering the game with the Naval Academy, the Air Force Falcons were ranked first in the nation in rushing. The Midshipmen, however, held the 'Bolts to 216 yards below their total offense average while outgaining them 202 total yards to 80 in the second half.

The Middies also recovered from senior Steve Pipes apparent game-turning play, a fourth quarter interception returned 31-yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Navy quarterback Ben Fay's 45-yard touchdown strike to Astor Haven, however, erased the Falcons' lead with under ten minutes to play in the game.

In a game that wasn't as pretty but was just as tough, Army also teamed up to hold Air Force to just 69 yards on the ground, their lowest running output since the conversion to the wishbone offense in 1980. Army running back Joe Hewitt ran through the Falcon defense for 161 yards and two scores. "They beat us play after play after play," AFA free safety Jason Sanderson said.

"It's been unbelievably bizarre," DeBerry said. "You beat Notre Dame and you lose to Army and Navy."



Heading up field on a kickoff return, C3C Charles "Spanky" Gilliam, halfback, tries to gain some yards against the Black Knights of Army. This was Gilliam's first year on varsity, he scored once. Photo by B. Brandow.

Junior Rory Rosenbach (83), tight end, and his teammates prepare to do battle in the trenches. The Falcon offensive line helped Morgan record his tenth 100 yard rushing game. Photo by E. Hindmarsh.





Stopping Navy quarterback Chris McCoy, linebackers, C1C Lee Guthrie (44), C2C Chris Gizzi (51) and defensive tackle C1C Cameron Curry are a force to be reckoned with. The three combined for more than 35 tackles against Navy. Photo by R. Bailey.

Making the trip a short one for a Navy ball-carrier, C1C Mike Walker (5), cornerback, and C1C Lee Guthrie (44), linebacker, do some damage in front of a packed stadium. Guthrie boasted back-to-back 100 tackle seasons. Photo by R. Bailey.



Punter C3C Jason Kirkland keeps his eye on the ball before connecting with another bombing kick. Kirkland averaged nearly 43 yards a punt. Photo by C. Willis.

C1C Beau Morgan, quarterback looks for a hole as C2C Chuck Parks, offensive tackle, seals off an Army defender. Morgan rushed for 1494 yards and 18 touchdowns in the '96 season. Photo by B. Brandow.

Stopping a Notre Dame runner with all of the force of a freight train, CIC Cameron Curry (97), defensive tackle, CIC Lee Guthrie (44), linebacker and cornerback CIC Mike Walker (5) make a key play. The defensive prowess of Curry, Guthrie and Walker was essential in the Notre Dame victory. Photo by M. Connor.



Stretching to make the tackle, C2C Chris Gizzi, linebacker, doesn't give up easily. The never-say-die attitude of the Falcon defense held Holtz's team to its lowest rushing output in 11 years. Photo by M. Connor.

Taking a hand-off from CIC Beau Morgan, quarterback, CIC Todd Eilers, halfback, heads up field for more yardage. After being out for the first half of the season, Eilers made his season debut at Notre Dame. Photo by M. Connor.



FALCONS OFFER NO LUCK TO THE IRISH

BY DEREK SALMI

Heading into South Bend, Indiana on Oct. 19, the Air Force Falcons had everything going against them. The memory of the 44-point, 510-yard pounding delivered from the Irish the season before. The three-touchdown point spread given to this year's Notre Dame team, a squad ranked eighth in the country heading into the game. And the famed luck of the Irish.

But the one thing the Falcons did have going for them, the heart and determination characteristic of all Academy teams, in the end proved too great for even the Irish to match. On the strength of a 27-yard Dallas Thompson field goal in overtime, the Falcons left 59,075 Irish fans stunned as their team came out on the losing end of the 20-17 final score.

"This is as good as it gets," AFA outside linebacker Steve Fernandez said. "We spanked them."

The stingy Falcon defense held the Irish to a paltry 57 yards rushing, the lowest ground total of any Irish team under the reign of head coach Lou Holtz. AFA defensive

tackle Joe Suhajda and senior linebacker Alex Pupich also combined for the biggest play of the game, the strip of Notre Dame quarterback Ron Paulus on the first play of overtime. The ensuing fumble recovery put the Falcons in position to win.

The place-kicker Thompson had made only three of seven field goal attempts on the season but was two for two in the game against the Irish. His first game-winning field goal, a 22-yarder, was called back on a delay of game penalty, but after a Notre Dame timeout designed to ice him, Thompson calmly stepped up and drilled the winning kick through the uprights.

"I congratulate Air Force, I applaud Air Force," Holtz said after the game. "They played their hearts out. I'm sure they're happy. They should be."

Leading the offensive charge for the Falcons was none other than their star quarterback Beau Morgan, who amassed 183 yards on 23 carries. Tobin Ruff also tacked on 46 yards of rushing, including a 26-yard scamper on a fourth and one late in the fourth quarter.

"We said we were going to come here and have fun playing, and that's what we did," Morgan said. "To come here and win, nobody will ever forget this. Nobody in this room."

Due to a new contract, the Irish and the Falcons will not meet again until the year 2000.

Victory how sweet it is ... the scoreboard only told a portion of the story that brought the Falcons to their most notable win of the season. Photo by M. Connor.

Placekicker C3C Dallas Thompson, prepares to kick the game winning field goal against Notre Dame. Thompson's 27-yard boot gave the Falcons a stunning 20-17 overtime win against the Fighting Irish. Photo by M. Connor.



BY DEREK SALMI

BIRDS CONTINUE SEASON OF UPS & DOWNS

For Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry, the two-game spread against Hawaii and Colorado State ran the full spectrum of emotions. With their 34-7 thrashing of the Rainbow Warriors, the Falcons made DeBerry the winningest football coach in Air Force Academy history. With the disappointing 42-41 loss to intra-state rival Colorado State, however, Air Force lost any chances of playing for the Western Athletic Conference championship.

"I'm honored and humbled to have my name mentioned with Ben Martin [the coach whose record he broke]," DeBerry said after the victory over Hawaii. "I'm proud that we won. We don't take winning for granted. But we can play better and our players know it."

With touchdowns on three of their first four possessions, 520 total yards and a defensive shutout of almost 40 minutes, there wasn't much more that the Falcons could do against the hapless Rainbow team. Senior quarterback Beau Morgan rushed for 192 yards and passed for another 131 while account-

ing for three touchdowns.

One week later Air Force wasted another command performance by Morgan against the CSU Rams. In front of 51,116 Falcon Stadium fans, and a national television audience, Morgan's 243 yards on 21 carries and four touchdowns simply weren't enough as Colorado State rebounded from a 41-14 deficit to win. This loss, perhaps the most painful of the season, marked the fifth straight time Air Force has fallen to the Rams.

Air Force maintained its 41-14 lead with 5:34 left in the third quarter, but CSU quarterback Moses Moreno led the Rams to 28 unanswered points against the Air Force defense, ranked first in the WAC heading into the game. A 21-yard pass from Moreno to receiver Jeremy Calhoun with 45-seconds left and Matt McDougal's extra-point kick proved to be the difference. The touchdown was CSU's third in the fourth quarter.

Aside from Morgan's four rushing scores, senior receiver Marcus Alexander scored on a 30-yard reception and senior Steve Pipes returned a fumble recovery 21-yards for another score.

With C1C Craig Tanner (39), fullback, and teammates plowing through the line, C1C Tom Brown, quarterback prepares to make one of his infamous runs. Brown's rushing in the Hawaii game broke down to 12-49-0. Photo by C. Willis.



Preparing to enter the field of friendly strife, C1C Nakia Addison, fullback, stretches before the game. Addison finished his career ranked 18th in AFA rushing with 1,296 yards. Photo by R. Bailey.





Loosing the ball after a hard hit from a CSU player, C3C Jamal Singleton, running back, braces himself for a fall. The Falcons suffered from two fumbles in their battle with the Rams that ended with a 42-41 loss. Photo by C. Willis.

With "freshman fury" C4C C.J. Zanotti, linebacker, tackles a Rainbow Warrior while nose guard C3C Joe Kennedy pursues the ball. Photo by C. Willis.



Stopping a CSU punt returner dead in his tracks, C1C Andre Johnson, halfback, makes a solid hit. Johnson is a Colorado Springs native rushed for 410 yards and had five touchdowns this season. Photo by J. Nelson.

Undaunted by the defense, C3C Jamal Singleton, running back, breaks the tackle of the Hawaii defenders during a kick off return. Singleton averaged 26.5 yards a carry which placed fourth in the WAC and 13th in the nation. Photo by G. Pleinis.

BY DEREK SALMI

SEASON ENDS ON BITTERSWEET NOTE FOR BIRDS

The final two games of the 1996 Air Force schedule played out just like much of the rest of the season: a last hill of the unpredictable roller coaster ride that left Falcon fans wondering just what might have been and just how far this talented team might have gone.

In one of the classic comebacks in Western Athletic Conference history, the Falcons overcame a 31-3 halftime deficit to defeat the Fresno State Bulldogs 44-38 in overtime. One week later, however, the Falcons mercifully ended their wild season on a sour note with a 28-23 loss to San Diego State in San Diego.

"This game just goes to show you that anything is possible if you just believe," Falcon head coach Fisher DeBerry said after the victory "The second half we got after it. We needed to score every time we had the ball. And by golly we did."

Spurred by senior backup halfback Craig Tanner, who exploded for 102 yards on 12 carries, the Falcons scored six touchdowns in the second half in a rally that eerily mirrored the CSU comeback only

one week earlier. Air Force rushed for 481 yards, with 340 of those coming in the final 30 minutes of play.

"I've probably never played a more determined half," said senior quarterback Beau Morgan. In the game Morgan became the first player in NCAA history to both run and pass for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons.

Seven days later it would be two fumbles and a costly roughing-the-punter penalty that prevented the Falcons from finishing the season with a win over San Diego State. After a 75-yard scoring strike from Morgan to Marcus Alexander brought the score to 21-16 in the third quarter, the Falcon defense forced the Aztecs to punt on fourth and 17. A roughing-the-punter penalty called on senior Steve Pipes, however, extended the San Diego drive and a quick touchdown three plays later put the Falcons into a hole they could not get out of.

"The mistakes were just too costly," DeBerry said. "We just helped them way too much. they didn't help us at all."

The Air Force Falcons finished the season with an overall record of 6-5, 5-3 in the Western Athletic Conference.

After flattening a SDSU defender, C2C Karl Falk, offensive guard, extracts himself from the aftermath. Despite their efforts on plays such as this one, the Falcons lost the game 23-28. Photo by M. Darakjy.





With a little pressure from linebacker C2C Steve Fernandez (56), and rushing from linebacker, C1C Chris Gizzi (51) the SDSU quarterback gets caught in a tight spot. Gizzi posted over 100 tackles by the end of this season. Photo by M. Darakjy.



C1C Beau Morgan, quarterback, calls the signals, while the line, C1C Mike Zeman (54) center, and C1C D.J. Leary (53) guard, wait for the starting words. The offensive line had several players come up big in back up roles throughout the season. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Creating a space, C2C Chuck Parks (72) offensive tackle, supports fullback C1C Nakia Addison as he tries to pull in a few more yards. Addison only carried the ball once in the game against San Diego. Photo by M. Darakjy.



BY RANDY ACKERMAN

CHEERLEADERS EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Previous yearbook articles have posed the question: "Why be a cheerleader?" Well, finally the question will be answered with a convincing argument. Last year's highlight was six fun filled days in Hawaii (Answer #1). This year, the cheerleading squad felt compelled to do that feat one better. How does two springbreaks sound? The cheerleading squad enjoyed a five day extension to Springbreak in Daytona Beach (Answer #2).

On Dec 21, 1996, the cheerleaders entered the Air Force Academy record books by receiving their first ever invitation to compete in the National Cheerleading Association's National competition. After sending in a skills tape, the Academy was ranked 14th out of the 40 schools that applied, they beat both Army and Navy.

On April 2, the cheerleading squad traveled to Daytona Beach, Florida and competed against twenty Division IA schools to include WAC rival;

Colorado State University. The team competed with an intense two-and-a-half minute routine which included partner stunts, pyramids and gymnastics put to a music mix.

Going to nationals was a milestone that some of the cheerleaders had been trying to reach for four years. CIC Thad Middleton and CIC Beth Houston (co-captain), both four year veterans, had seen the nationals opportunity pass them by all too often, but not this year.

"Squads of the past had the potential but never had enough dedication," Houston stated. "That is what made this team different-the dedication of the team members." Middleton added: "After seven months of cheerleading (football and basketball season) a lot of cheerleaders, especially seniors, usually decide to pursue other activities and interests at the Academy."

This was not the case this year, through the hard work, and dedication that landed the team at Nationals, this talented squad finished 16th in the country.

Who is that masked bird? CIC Stacy Walser struts his stuff around Falcon stadium to amuse the crowds. Photo by S. Mirus.



C2C Beth Crimmel stands on a one-leg post and waves to the crowd. Cheerleaders practiced tirelessly and thanks to this they made their jobs look easy. Photo by C. Willis.



CICs Randy Ackerman, Beth Houston, Christophe Vasquez and C4C Aubrey Vasquez fire up the crowd during the Hawaii game. The cheerleaders maintained public relations both on and off the fields. Photo by G. Pleinis.

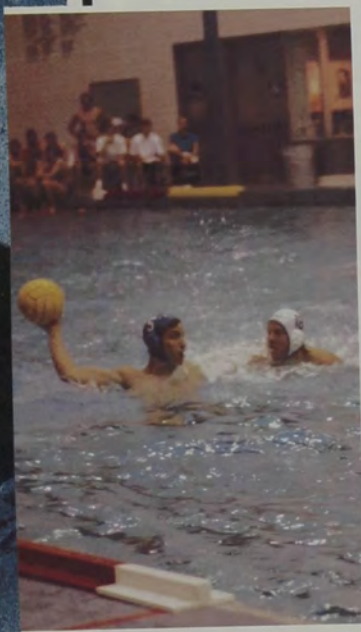


CIC Yira Muse makes a difficult routine look delightful to the crowd. Muse was a varsity cheerleader for four years. Photo by C. Willis.

Setting up for a two-one-two pyramid, C2C Joe Zingaro, CIC Beth Houston, C2C Beth Crimmel, CIC Jay Hutzell, CIC Yira Muse and C2C Brad Brewington practice to make perfect. Cheerleaders put in many hours of practice for each event that they cheered. Photo by B. Ferrill.

Trying to out maneuver the defense, C3C Jim Melvin, 2-meters, works his way to the ball. Melvin's ability to pass well and help run the offense was essential for Falcon victories. Photo by M. Connor.

Looking for a sure pass, C1C Mackie Contreras, driver, helps the team push down into the opponents' territory. Contreras missed a portion of his junior season due to a broken hand, this year, he was unstoppable! Photo by M. Connor.



There's strength in numbers, C3C Jason Golabeski, C1C Brian Pendergast and C1C Brian Groat, put pressure on their opponents. All three of these athletes were lettermen. Photo by M. Connor.



NO TITLE, BUT SEASON IS A WINNING ONE

BY DAVID EPPERSON

Falcon Water Polo achieved success in every form except one, a championship title. The Falcons had a record setting season that included a 14-10(10-1 in the Western Water Polo Association) record which boosted them to their highest ever ranking of seventh in the nation.

The first Conference loss of the season proved to be in the final game of the season. They lost in the Championship to U.C.Davis, a team they beat on two previous times throughout the season. The team finished the season ranked ninth in the nation.

Concerning next year's season, C2C Jay Reaves, 1997-98 team captain, promised: "We will continue the Air Force tradition next year placing in the Top Ten."

Not only did the team as a whole do well, there were many notable individual achievements. C1C Brian Pendergast won Conference Most Valuable Player and was named an All American for the third year in a row. Seniors Craig Thomas and Mackie Contreras also joined him receiving first team all conference. C3C Rob Mattivi earned second team all conference and C1C Brian Groat earned an honorable mention.

Other milestones that are worth mentioning are: the team beat Pepperdine and U.C.Santa Barbara at their pools for the first time in Falcon history.

Yes, the team was certainly strong and experienced but, although the Falcons will graduate seven seniors, don't think that the Falcons won't stay as a force to be reckoned with. The young spirit shall prove to overcome their inexperience.

C3C Jim Melvin stated, "We will stay on top by staying focused!"



Undaunted by the defense, C1C Brian Pendergast, utility, prepares to take a shot. Pendergast was a four year letterman and one of the team's top scorers.

Looking for a teammate to pass to, C3C Jason Nolting, 2-meters, keeps control off the ball. Nolting split his time playing both the position of 2-meters and defense. Photo by M. Connor.



The Waterpolo Team: Front Row: G. Ebent, R. Garcia, S. Fuller, D. Epperson, C. Thomas, J. Reaves, I. Larive, H. Lopez, D. Slavich Row Two: G. Krino, S. Cruz, M. Contreras, W. Laughrey, B. Conklin, R. Wood, B. Christ, M. McGill, C. Wood, A. Martinez, J. Bell Row Three: R. Mattivi, J. Binns, S. Li, J. Melvin, R. Fair, T. Dressen, J. Nolting, J. Golaboski, F. Layo, B. Pendergast. Photo provided by team.

Placing the ball in position for a perfect hit, C3C Kat Dehne, setter, feeds middle blocker C4C Megan Barker. In addition to setting, Dehne was a defensive specialist. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Pulling the block away in enough time to get the out of bounds call, C1C Tracey Smith and C4C Summer Koons play smart defense. Setting a solid block, but also knowing when to pull off is essential to a team's defense. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Waiting for the fallout, C1C Tracy Smith's teammates, C4C Tharommony In and C4C Tracy Wilkerson are ready to pick up any ball that may come over the net. The senior leadership and freshmen enthusiasm made the team's first year in Division One a positive experience. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Bringing the ball back into play with a pancake, C4C Tracy Wilkerson, outside hitter, gets up a short hit; teammate C4C Brooke Effland looks to support her. Wilkerson was the team's Most Valuable Player. Photo by M. Darakjy.



RECORD DOESN'T REFLECT TEAM'S TALENT

BY TARA SHAMHART

The year finally came — the first Division I season for the Lady Falcons. Among the WAC opponents to be faced were number one ranked Hawai'i, top twenty-five ranked San Diego State and Colorado State. How would the extremely young, yet highly dedicated team do against these opponents? Record wise, the answer would be poorly. Team wise, though, the answer is fantastic.

The theme of the year was "starting from scratch." With only four returning varsity players, a new head coach, Penny Lucas-White and a new assistant coach,

Verna Julaton, the year was an adventure.

After winning the opening game against Mercer University, the young team found that the remaining wins would be few and far between, but they were well worth the wait. Katherine Dehne said: "This season was definitely an eye opener, but now that our eyes are open, there is no telling what we can do." Finishing the season with a record of 4 and 21, a fair share of "eye openers" were dealt.

Other than the four wins, there were several other successes. Freshman Tracey Wilkerson made the Georgetown All-Tournament team. Senior Tara Shamhart and sophomores Katherine Dehne and Sara Freeman earned All-WAC Academic honors.

For the future, there is only one place for this team to go — up. With a team of juniors and seniors, the WAC best watch out for the Air Force Academy Women's Volleyball team. In the words of Tracey "Chip" Wilkerson, "We might never be a huge team, but we have all the heart in the world to make us a winning team."



Sending the ball over the net for a kill, C4C Summer Koons, middle hitter, takes advantage of a misplaced block. Koons was a definite force in the middle both offensively and defensively. Photo by M. Darakjy.

The Women's Volleyball Team: Front Row: K. Dehne, T. Wilkerson, S. Freeman, T. Shamhart, B. Effland, T. In. Back Row: R. Duncan, K. Clark, M. Barker, S. Koons, J. Bingham, T. Smith. Photo provided by team.

Pacing off of one another C3C Shane Rodgers and #209 C2C Wil Woodward concentrate on the upcoming finish line. The team continued on the path of their trial of miles and miles of trials. Photo provided by the team.



Braving an early Colorado snow fall, C2C Steve Radke is unphased by the weather and the competition as he prepares to pass a Utah and CSU runner. The men's team not only proved to be accomplished runners, but academically gifted as well. Photo provided by the team.



Heading off in the masses, #201 C2C Brandon Maroon and #207 C4C Jim Nelson, start a cross country race in Oregon. The team travelled on several weekends during the Fall semester. Photo provided by the team.





TEAM BOASTS ACADEMIC & ATHLETIC PROWESS

BY NEREYDA SEVILLA

The Falcon cross country finished an incredible season which not only included athletic ability, but academic success.

First, the men's team upset defending champion BYU for the Western Athletic Conference Championship. This year marked the seventh straight top three WAC finish. Junior Zach Smith, named as the team's most outstanding runner, finished the race in third and was also the first American finisher. He also earned first-team all-WAC honors. "To be ranked nationally in the top 25 of 299 Division I teams is extra special for us, because we do it without recruiting the top talent year after year, and without foreign talent," Smith said.

Senior Andrew Marx completed a successful career as team captain. He was the only runner to qualify for the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships. He earned all-district honors as well as all-WAC honors for the second year by placing ninth at the Championships.

The women, after moving into Division I, finished a respectable tenth in the WAC. Surprisingly, from the onset the rookies proved themselves as the leaders of the Lady Falcons. Freshman Rachel Smith finished as the first Falcon at the WAC Championships and was named the team's most outstanding performer. Smith placed 33rd in the 5,000 meter race at WAC while classmate Katie Mitchell was 41st.

In addition to the athletic success, both teams could also be proud of their academic success. The men earned Academic All-American team honors with a 3.1 CUM GPA by the 24 member team. This placed them 18th of the 299 Division I schools. Seven men and one woman also earned Academic All-WAC honors.

The cross-country teams expect a strong season next year with their returning members. The men will train in hopes to retain their championship title while the women will improve their WAC standings. Their Trail of Miles—Miles of Trials—on and off the path will help the Falcons continue down a winning road.

Trying to make up some lost ground, #8 C2C Amy Finch, #3 C4C Dawn Golding, and #6 C4C Katie Mitchell keep plugging along. Mitchell placed 41st in the WAC Championship. Photo provided by the team.



Drawing support in numbers, C4C Heather Johnson, C2C Amy Fitch, C3C Cathy Majaukis, C1C Sierra Gould, C4C Rachel Smith and C3C Amy Nesbit congregate after completing a race. Smith was the Runner of the Year. Photo provided by the team.



BY JENNIFER BRANNEN

BIRD'S SEASON SILENCES SOME CRITICS

Making the jump from Division II to Division I is something "The Birds" have been looking forward to for four long years. When the Academy announced that its women's programs were going to the Division I level and joining the WAC, there were many doubters. However, the first women's sport to conclude its season may have silenced some of the critics.

Under head coach Marty Buckley, the Falcons earned a berth into the WAC Tournament. "We may not have been able to come home with a WAC championship this year," Buckley explained, "but we achieved our main goal which was to make it to the WAC Championship Tournament."

By placing fourth in the WAC Mountain Division, the team qualified for the eight-team WAC Tournament in Provo, Utah. Unfortunately, the Falcons got a tough draw early and had to face the top-seeded and 20th ranked BYU Cougars in the first round.

"They were a really good team," C3C Polly Van Ess said. "Even though we lost to BYU, we were all

very excited to get a chance to play in the tournament."

Not only was the season as a whole a success, it was notable for several players as well. They earned top honors. C1C Dolly Pasini was named first-team all-WAC while C1C Marie Peterson and C4C Jennifer Weatherspoon were named second team all-WAC.

Pasini led the team and was ranked in the top 15 in the WAC in scoring with nine goals and two assists. Peterson and C2C Paige Wyatt were two of the league's top defensive players all season while Weatherspoon was the Birds second leading scorer with four goals.

Pasini and Peterson were also named to the *Soccer Buzz* magazine all-National second team which honored players from first-year Division I programs.

"Our first year in Division I was tough, especially with all of the injuries we suffered," C1C Stephanie Jardine said, "but at the same time it was great to move up to a higher level of competition."

The Falcons ended their first season in Division I with an 8-10-2 overall record and a 3-2-1 mark for fourth place in the WAC Mountain Division.

Braking away from her opponent, C1C Dolly Pasini, forward, makes her way down field for a pass from midfielder C4C Julie Moore. Pasini was named first team all-WAC.
Photo by M. Darakjy.





Unphased by the pushing of her opponent, C3C Polly Van Ess, midfielder, holds her ground and thus keeps the ball. Van Ess remained a consistent player for the Falcons as they transitioned to Division I. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Working to get a step up on the competition, midfielder C3C Polly Van Ess, makes the transition from offense to defense. Although primarily a defensive player, Van Ess did score four goals and had nine assists. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Doing some fancy footwork, C3C Liz Alton, midfielder works to keep possession of the ball. Teammate C4C Carrie Bracken, midfielder, prepares to pick the opponent if necessary. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Falling victim to a slide tackle, C1C Marie Peterson, defender, lands on her opponent. Peterson's intensity earned her a spot on the second team all-WAC. Photo by M. Darakjy.

BY MATT ANDERSON

NUMBER 3 RANK IS WORTH CELEBRATING

On November 4, 1996, the Air Force Academy men's soccer team went down in history. With 406 points, the Falcons were ranked number three in the national coaches poll. Not only was this the highest ranking ever for an Academy soccer team, but also the highest any Air Force athletic team had achieved at the Division I level.

This was one of many highlights the Falcons (14-3-3, 6-1-1 in the Western Athletic Conference) accomplished in 1996. Picked to finish third in the WAC's inaugural year, Air Force tied for second and participated in the WAC Championship game. The team's 14 wins placed them second in Academy history for wins in a season. A 13-game unbeaten streak (10-0-3) helped the Falcons not only break into the national coaches poll but stay there for the last nine weeks of the season. The Falcons senior leadership was evident throughout this streak as Air Force went 5-1 in games decided by one goal.

What was the secret behind one of the most successful seasons in Air Force soccer history? "The players are dedicated hard workers and winners," head coach Louis Sagastume said.

Senior co-captain, John Stratton added: "We are

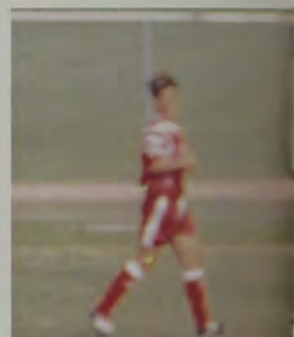
a very close-knit bunch of guys that really enjoy each other and soccer. This team was not worried about individual accomplishments, the team was always put first."

Whether they admitted it or not, Air Force players were among the WAC, Region, and Nation's best. The Falcons had three of the Region's top 20 scorers in C3C Ryan Schaeffer, C2C Drew Dougherty, and C1C Dan Fischer. Defensively, goalies C4C Rich Cullen and C4C Tim Murphy ranked third and fourth in the WAC, respectively. Three players (C1C Matt Anderson, C1C John Stratton, and Schaeffer) earned All-WAC honors. Schaeffer made the first team and Anderson and Stratton made the second team. Stratton was also named to the NSCAA/Umbro All-American first team. Head Coach Louis Sagastume was also named Midwest Region coach of the year by the NSCAA and Umbro.

With all the wins and losses put aside, this team will always remember "the land," circle talk, theme nights, Jack Zindel's place, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the friendships made that will last a lifetime. Reflecting on the season, C1C Chris Klopping said, "Once the games and scores from this season are forgotten, I will always remember the friendships made and the experiences we all shared. These guys are my brothers and I know they feel the same about me."

The Men's Soccer Team:

Front Row: N. Lambert, B. Pompa, G. Zindel, J. Stratton, C. Kopping, D. Dougherty, M. Anderson, D. Fischer, J. Burgener, B. Harrison. Back Row: Coach Louis Sagastume, Major Doug Hill, D. Clayton, B. Fischer, R. Schaeffer, T. Murphy, R. Cullen, M. Darling, P. Jeffords, P. Raber, K. McDaniel, W. Williams, C. Zeppis, Lt. Mathes Mennel, Lt. Col. Mark Braley. Photo provided by team.



C3C Ryan Schaeffer, forward, turns upfield for a shot on the goal. Schaeffer's focus led him to all WAC honors. Photo by E. Hindmarsh.

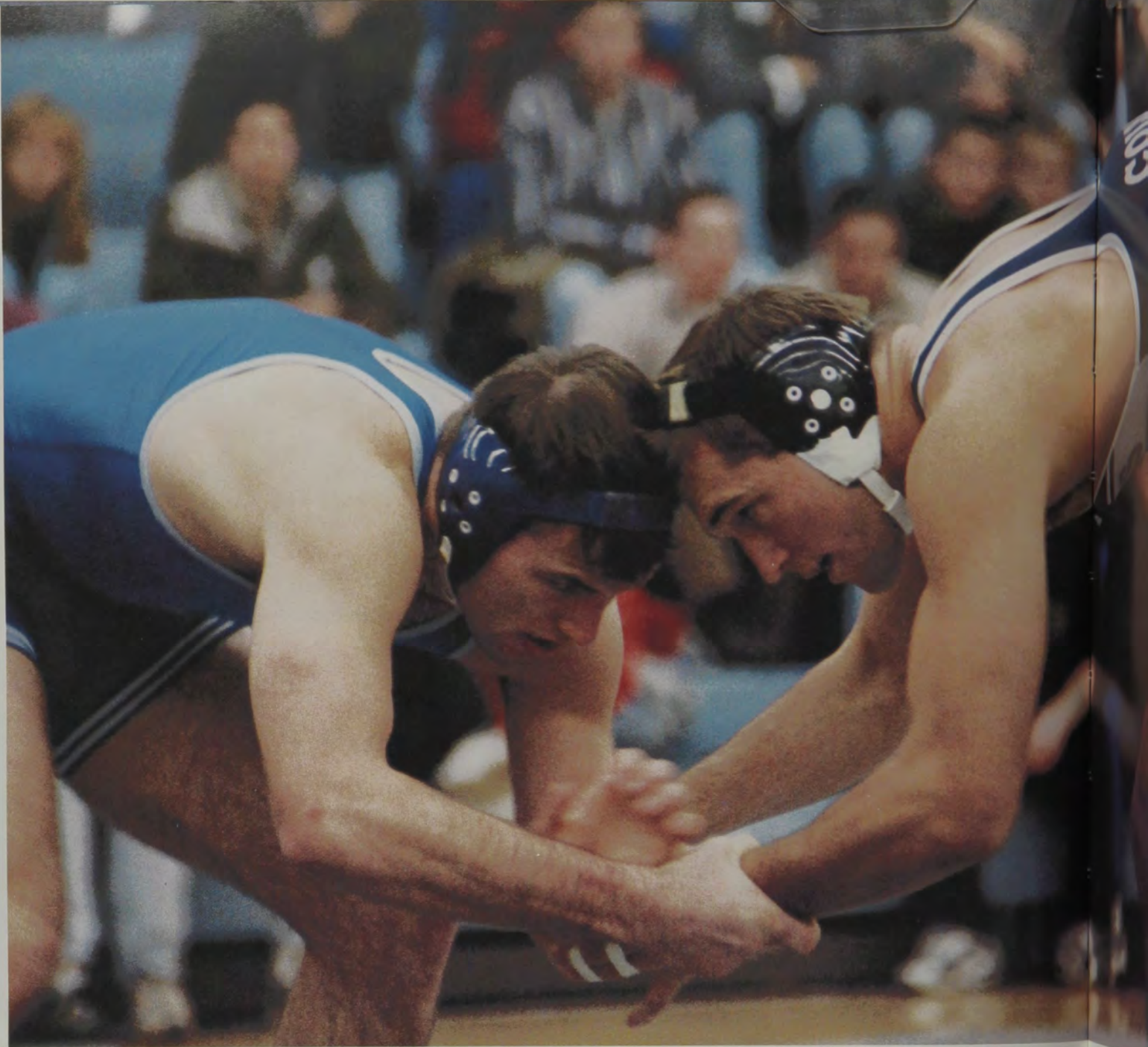
Falcons create a wall for a direct kick. Aggressive defense was one of the factors that helped the Falcons attain a number three national ranking. Photo by J. Geaney.

C2C Drew Dougherty, forward, soars above his earth-bound opponents. Dougherty's speed and agility gained him all WAC honors. Photo by S. Archie.



Determined to score, C1C Dan Fischer, forward, struggles with an opponent for possession of the ball. Fischer was one of the regions top 20 scorers. Photo by J. Geaney.

With a quick spin, C3C Byron Pompa, midfielder, rolls past a disoriented defender. Pompa started in 17 games; he scored twice in the season and had four assists. Photo by S. Archie.



The Wrestling Team:
 Front Row: R. Phan, J. Zudwig, K. Eknes, R. Seagraves, B. Morris, L. Osborne, C. Lindberg, J. Citrowske. Second Row: D. Riggs, D. Peters, M. Edmons, A. Jacobs, C. Sample, J. Hughes, M. Taraborelli, P. Brady-Lee, B. Acheson. Row Three: M. Kallai, L. Bindreiff, J. Gilliam, B. Kozola, E. Springer, J. Brown, S. Brown. Row Five: T. Bailey, D. Doyle, M. VanHook, M. Peters, J. Potvin, C. Kretsinger, J. Sherer, M. Warner, R. Rupe, M. Yarian, R. Reed, J. Fleming, S. Govein. Photo provided by team.



TEAM HAS STELLAR PERFORMANCE

BY NEREYDA SEVILLA

Once again, the Academy presented stellar competitors at the WAC and NCAA Championships. Overall, the team placed fourth in WACs with 46.50 points.

Senior Jeremy Potvin (177 lbs) made it to the final round before losing to Wyoming, he earned his spot to the national championships. Potvin finished an impressive career with a record of 87-20 including over 10 tournament championships. However, that just scratches the surface. Potvin is the only three time Colorado Collegiate Champion in Academy history, and he earned the title of Out-

standing Wrestler of Colorado this year. He was the only two time Inter-service Champion from the Academy and posted the best record on the team for third straight year.

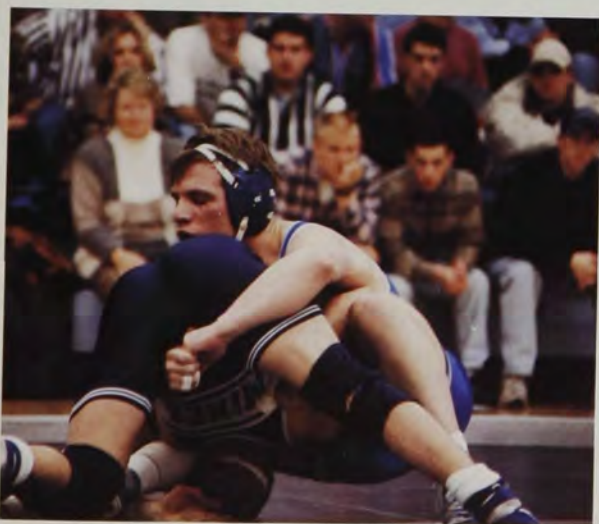
Potvin's co-captain Chris Kretsinger (190 lbs) also finished an impressive career. He lost in this year's WAC finals, but won the true second place match. Junior Jake Sherer placed third in the heavy weight division performing well, until an unfortunate loss during overtime. Sophomore Luke Bindreiff (167 lbs) also placed third with a loss to the WAC champion.

One of the biggest games of the season was the All-Academy tournament. Potvin won the class title while Kretsinger won the consolation round. Juniors Kirk Eknes (126 lbs), Sheroyd Brown (142 lbs), Mike Kallai (150 lbs), and Jake Sherer (heavyweight) all placed second. Freshman Patrick Brady-Lee (134 lbs) and sophomore Luke Bindreiff also took the consolation title.

"Next season will be a whole new ball game. The WAC tournament was a disappointment for the entire team. I am looking to fix that next year," said Sherer. He added, "I expect to be a national champion and have a few of my teammates with me at nationals. Most likely Luke "Binford Tools" Bindreiff, Mike Kallai, and Matt "Fruity" Warner."

As expected, the team is dedicated to improve on themselves and have a successful season. "This season didn't turn out as great as we all wanted. We gave it our hard work, fought the battle, and grew closer as a team," Potvin said. He further mentioned that next years' seniors have good strength for the team and that the future looks optimistic. Good Luck to all and of course—"Strength and Courage"

Working to gain the upperhand on his opponent, C3C Luke Bindreiff is at 100% concentration. Bindreiff placed third in the WAC Championships. Photo by G. Yoschak.



C1C Kris Kretsinger, maneuvers his opponent into a pin position. Kretsinger lost in the WAC finals but won the true second place match. Photo by G. Yoschak.

Getting his opponent in an awkward position, C3C Chris Sample, doesn't let up. Sample wrestled at 126 pounds. Photo by G. Yoschak.



On the upstroke, C2C Krista Steenberg practices for the 200 meter breaststroke. Steenberg's best time in the 200 breast stroke was 2:22. Photo by L. Lemelson.



Gliding through the water with grace and style, C3C Connie Cann competes in the 100 meter butterfly. This year Cann broke the team record for the 100 meter butterfly with a time of 56.69 Photo by L. Lemelson.



Taking some time to chat before a race, C3C Connie Cann, C2C Beth Haynes, C2C Beth Zeman converse while C3C Laura Lalumia laughs at a comment she overheard. C4C Sarah Freas ignores all of the outside distractions and meditates on the starting board. Photo by L. Lemelson.



SWIMMERS STAY COMPETITIVE AT EVERY LEVEL



The following question was asked all last season: How will the Women's Championship Swimming team perform in Division I play? They responded with a very firm "Very Well, Thank You." The Lady Falcons proved their worthiness by finishing the season with a 10-1 record and finishing seventh in the Western Athletic Conference Championships.

The duel meet season saw the Lady Falcons first compete against defending WAC champions CSU, who they decisively beat with a 181-120 victory. In January, PAC-10 powerhouse U of Washington came to the Cadet Natatorium and was defeated 124-81. The Lady Falcon's only loss came from BYU with a narrow margin of 148.5-151.5.

"I think this was the most exciting meet of the year, even though we lost. Everybody came together and swam well as a team," C2C Beth Zeman said. Other Falcon wins came over WAC schools Wyoming, New Mexico, and New Mexico State.

"I thought that for jumping into Division I, our duel meet record says a lot for the dedication and motivation

of the people on this team," C2C Jenna Tukey said.

A new school record was set during WACs by the 200 free relay team consisting of senior Claudine Tjhio, junior Beth Zeman, sophomore Connie Cann, and freshman Sarah Freas. A time of 1:35.15 beat the previous record set in March 1996 at 1:35.40. Individuals also had season best times including senior Julie Freedman (200 butterfly), junior Jenna Tukey (1650 freestyle), and freshman Dana Hansen (400 individual medley).

Zeman led the team in the WAC by placing seventh in the 50 free with a time of 23.71. She also placed 12th in the 100 free. Freas placed an overall 11th place in the 50 free at 23.88.

Jenna Tukey placed ninth in the 500 free (4:56.09), a season best, and eighth in the 1650 free. Junior Rachel Tukey placed eighth in the 500 free with 5:01.33. Cann finished 12th in the 100 butterfly. A strong showing was also set by Hansen for tenth in the 400 IM and 15th in the 200 IM, while her classmate Julie Turner placed 21st in the 500 free, and swam a season best in the 1650 free. A time of 17:28.85 placed her 19th overall.

The team expects an even better season next year as well as a strong showing in the next year's championship. "We always had fun where ever we went," Hansen said. "I look forward to WACs next year and finishing even stronger." The move to Division I did not stop the Lady Falcons from showing that they are competitive in any environment.

Getting some air before continuing the race, C3C Darcy Thorstenson swims the 2000 Individual Medley. In addition to this event, Thorstenson also swam the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke. Photo by L. Lemelson.



The Women's Swim Team: Front Row J. Hughes, K. Pugh, D. Moerer, M. Demma, Row Two: D. Smith, S. Silva, D. McCowan, C. Wyatt, J. Freedman, M. Swarc. Row Three: S. Freas, L. McRoberts, D. Hansen, M. Anderson, A. White, M. Braswell. Row Four: D. Haylett, R. Tukey, E. Walker, C. Cann, J. Tukey, K. Steenbergen. Row Five: A. Cowden, D. Apgar, J. Turner, J. Dowd, L. Eckert. Row Six: B. Zeman, A. Hennies, B. Haines, D. Thorstenson. Not Pictured: S. Goff, L. Lalumia, C. Tjhio, managers S. Glinski, M. Farness, E. Nagle. Photo provided by Sports Information.

BY SPORTS INFORMATION

SEASON'S BEST TIMES SEEN AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Air Force Academy swimming team's only goal going into the WAC Championships was to swim the best they could. They had a record of 3-6 going into the Championships. After swimming "season best times" in all but two events, the Falcons were quite pleased with their efforts. The Falcons netted 175 points to place ninth out of ten teams and ahead of Rice (136).

Senior team captain Matt Davis was the Falcons highlight, as he had been all year. The North Carolina native placed third in both the 200 butterfly and 200 individual medley, which was the highest finish by any Air Force swimmer, male or female, at this year's championships. He then placed fifth in the 400 IM and swam on two relay teams. He broke his own school record in the 200 IM (1:49.69) by swimming a 1:49.07.

Sophomore Cody Rasmussen had the next best meet, he placed fourth in the 200 butterfly, one spot behind Davis. He was ninth in the 400 IM, making him the only Falcon other than Davis to place in the top ten in any event.

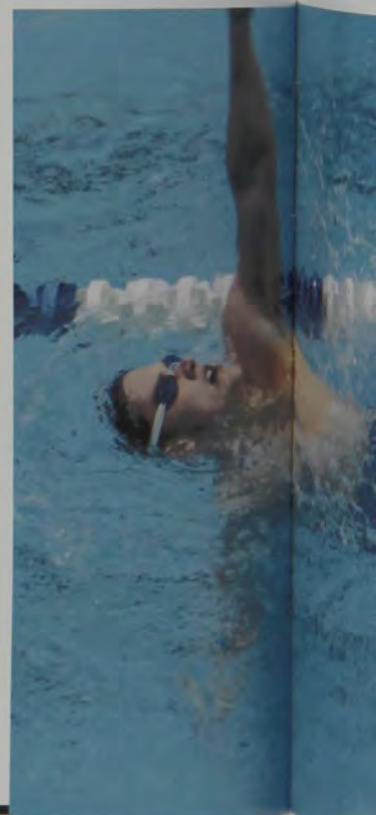
During the regular season, Air Force earned victories over New Mexico State, Denver and the Colorado School of Mines. In invitationals, the Falcons

placed second in the Lobo Classic and third in the Early Bird and UC Irvine Invitationals. Davis netted WAC Swimmer of the Week honors in early November, the only Falcon to do so, and was the team's main point getter in nearly every meet. The Class of 1999 (Rasmussen, Mike Foster, Scott Hudson, Shannon Anderson and Ryan Nofziger) continued to improve, making them the core of the next two Falcon teams. Individuals who had break through campaigns included junior Derek Tharaldson and freshman Tim Paschke.

Working to pull ahead of his competitor, the Falcon in the middle lane swims in a free-style race. The team swam the season best in all but two events at the Championships. Photo by L. Lemelson.



Making up lost time, this Falcon prepares for the downstroke of the butterfly. Team captain, CIC Matt Davis was one of the team's best butterfly competitor. Photo by L. Lemelson.





Backstroking his way to the finish line, C4C Aaron Roark uses all of his energy to win. Roark competed in the backstroke and the breaststroke. Photo by L. Lemelson.

Waiting to see the results of the race, C3C Mike Foster takes a breather while the time is rechecked. Foster continued to improve and will be a core member next year. Photo by L. Lemelson.



The Men's Swimming Team: Front Row: H. Tritilo, A. Steadman, J. Marion, C. Alonzo. Row Two: G. Kraus, B. Elder, W. Hepler III, S. Hudson, M. Davies, M. Durkin. Row Three: C. Rasmussen, R. Bremer, A. Smith, M. Foster. Row Four: L. Lemelson, S. Anderson, R. Nofzinger, A. Roark. Row Five: J. Alkire, A. Jett, L. Hauk, T. Kildare. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Shooting the air rifle, C1C Dan Pempel concentrates on the target. Pempel was one of the top air rifle shooters in the Nation. He placed second at the NCAAs. Photo by Lt. R. Orth.



One of the team's top shooters, C1C Erin Brewer stands to compete in the small bore. Brewer was an All American in small bore and air rifle. Photo by Lt. R. Orth.



C4C Beau Nicewanner stands shooting the small bore rifle. Nicewanner was the only freshman to qualify for the NCAAs. Photo by Lt. R. Orth.

Two year All American C2C Matt Johnson shoots the small bore rifle standing. Johnson is next year's team captain and was one of this year's best shooters. Photo by Lt. R. Orth.



TEAM RACKS UP NUMEROUS ACHIEVEMENTS

BY DAN PEMPLE

The rifle team had yet another strong season and over its course, they racked up numerous successes.

The team saw several changes in its coaching staff. Capt. Dirk Bouma took over the reigns as head coach from Maj. Alan Arata. Filling in as assistant coaches were Class of '96 grads Lts. Robin Orth and Bobbie Breyen. C1C Lewis Harper led the Falcons as team captain. The team saw a strong returning upperclass, with seniors Dan Pempel and Erin Brewer, juniors Courtney Hamilton, Matt Johnson, and Jason Priddle, and sophomore Dave Walker. High school standouts Beau Nicewanner, Matt Berube, and Rich Watson were recruited, while walk-ons Paul Schwennesen, Sarah McGuane, Stephanie Pollard, and Brett Shackelford rounded out the team. With such a strong freshman class, the Falcons promise to be a dominant force in the coming years.

During the season, the Falcons racked up an im-

pressive 20-4 record. At Sectionals, the team qualified six individuals, Pempel, Brewer, Hamilton, Johnson, Berube, and Nicewanner, for Nationals. In the process, they set a new team air rifle record, and just missed the national record by one point. The NCAA Championships had its ups and downs. The team had hoped to improve on its last two second place finishes, but fell short of the mark. The team came in fifth behind strong performances by West Virginia, Alaska-Fairbanks, Kentucky, and Murray State.

The team did have a few individual standouts that day, however. Dan Pempel and Erin Brewer both placed in the top ten. Pempel claimed fourth in smallbore and second in air, placing him on the National Development Team. Brewer finished 12th in smallbore and eighth in air rifle.

The Falcon rifle team is already planning for next season. Lew Harper is ready to fill Robin Orth's shoes under Coach Bouma, and Matt Johnson will be the team captain. With a strong showing from 2000, and several good prospects for the incoming freshman class, the team is confident they can knock the Mountaineers from the top.



The Rifle Team: Front Row: B. Nicewanner, S. McGuane, S. Pollard. Row Two: Capt. D. Bouma, E. Brewer, P. Schwennesen, C. Hamilton, M. Johnson, Lt. B. Brennon, Lt. R. Orth. Row Three: M. Berube, B. Shackelford, R. Watson, L. Harper, D. Pempel, J. Priddle, D. Walker. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Keeping the puck out of the net, C1C Pat Kielb saves another one for the good guys. Kielb was one of six seniors on the team. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Evading his opponent's hook with his stick, C3C Mike McGuire stays quick on his feet. Being that the team was relatively young, it looked to gain more experience this season. Photo by M. Darakjy.



The Hockey Team: Front Row: M. Zitzlsperger, J. Scott, S. Maturo, A. Ratfield, R. Hornby, P. Kielb, M. Smith, T. Lafortune, A. Hasbargen, M. Deroche. Row Two: E. Marchand, N. Grafstrom, G. Bixby, P. Monaghan, W. Gibbons, Asst. Coach J. Bowman, Asst. Coach Capt J. Doyle, Col J. Roney, Asst. Coach 2nd Lt. M. DeGironimo, Trainer E. Marsh, Rink Mgr. D. Hurlbutt, J. Haberlach. Row Three: M. Alt, T. Nelson, M. Carey, P. Sandness, S. Nietzke, J. Kramer, T. DaCosta, M. McGuire, D. Davies, F. Isupov. Row Four: D. Selnow, S. deMoultied, D. Zeytoonjian, K. Zerkel, J. Rimstad, J. Kieffer, S. Shelton, M. Keough, E. Oberg, P. Hilfer. Photo provided by team.



TEAM REMAINS UNDAUNTED DESPITE SETBACKS

The Falcon hockey team finished its 1996-97 campaign with a disappointing record of 8-21-2. After a dismal 95-96 season, in which the team only earned four victories, this year's team wanted to achieve greater things. Despite the season's setbacks, the pucksters did have some bright moments.

Team co-captain, senior Todd Lafortune, was named to the all-tournament team at the fifth annual Denver Cup. Sophomore Justin Kieffer and senior co-captain Steve Maturo were selected by GTE as district all-academic performers. In addition, Maturo was nominated for the "Humanitarian" award. This is a national award, with only 13 players even being nominated, it is given to the player who exemplifies the "character" of college hockey.

In their only game of the year against nationally ranked Colorado College, the Falcons took the Tigers into overtime with two goals, one by senior Peter Sandness and the other from Lafortune, in the last two minutes of the third period.

The team lost in overtime; however, it was one of the biggest memories for the team's six seniors—Pat Kielb, Justin Scott, Derek Sellnow, Peter Sandness, Todd Lafortune, and Steve Maturo. "Even though we didn't win, we left our hearts on the rink. The guys showed tremendous courage and pride to come back in such a short time. It will always be one of my greatest hockey memories," said Sandness. Air Force's final game of the 96-97 season was a 5-2 victory over West Point. This was definitely a great way for the seniors to end their college careers.

Next year's team will build off of the six seniors valuable leadership and continue to grow through their on and off-ice determination.



Using whatever means necessary to trip up the competition, C1C Justin Scott belly-slides across the ice.

■ Scott was one of six seniors on the team. Photo by M. Darakjy.



C3C Joe Kramer works the puck back up the ice and hopefully past an Army opponent, The Falcons beat Army to end the season; it was a highlight. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Waiting for the fallout, #15 C2C John Haberlach and #16 C1C Steve Maturo eye their teammate #5 C4C Mike Carey who is taking the face-off. Teamwork was essential for the Falcons. Photo by M. Darakjy.

BY MICHELLE ROXBURGH

THE WORD IMPRESSIVE DESCRIBES SEASON

With consistent veterans and talented freshmen, the Lady Falcons had their best season ever. On their way to a record of 11-8, their best win-loss record in Academy history, the ladies broke almost every record in the book, individually and as a team.

C3C Kelly Roxburgh scored a 9.9 several times on vault, which was better than the record she set in the 1996 season. C2C Kerrie Gribuski broke the Academy floor record with an impressive 9.925 in the last home meet of the year.

C2C Michelle Roxburgh tied her record of 9.8 on the balance beam, while C4C Katrine Waterman broke both the bars and all-around records with a 9.8 and 39.075, respectively.

As a team, the Lady Falcons broke the records

in all four events-vault, bars, beam, and floor-and surpassed the 190 point mark several times to out do their team all-around score of 1996. The record is now 191.65, which is three points better than the record set in 1996.

Despite losing Shannon Faber, the team's only senior, to injury, the day before leaving for USA Collegiate Nationals, the ladies finished fifth in Seattle. This was their best finish ever.

Key to this finish was the impressive uneven bars performance given by the team. Individually, C2C Michelle Roxburgh finished sixth in the all-around competition.

With as much talent and determination as the women's gymnastics team has, they can only improve next year, and they will again be a force to be reckoned with!

C3C Shawna Wartner executes her routine on the balance beam. Although Wartner competed on the beam her best event was the floor exercise; she earned a 9.65 against Winona State and TWU. Photo by G. Yoschack.



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Making her way around the bar,
 C4C Katrine Waterman continues
 her routine. Waterman scored a 9.8
 on the bars against Denver University
 and Winona State. Photo by
 G. Yoschack.

Pouring all of her emotions into her
 floor exercise, C2C Kerrie Gribuski
 shows what it takes to get a 9.925
 out of 10 in this event. Gribuski's
 score is currently the USAFA record.
 Photo by G. Yoschack.



C1C Shannon Faber regains
 her balance on the 4-inch wide
 balance beam. Faber scored a
 9.75 on the beam against
 TWU and Winona State.
 Photo by G. Yoschack.



Ready to stick her vault, C3C
 Kendra Jackson concentrates on the
 matter at hand. Jackson's best vault
 of 9.7 was against TWU and
 Winona State. Photo by
 M. Connor.

The Women's Gymnastics Team: Front Row: S. Strickland, F. Bell,
 J. Begozzi, L. Brocklesby, K. Waterman, M. Dolfinger. Row Two: H.
 Andrews, M. Bir, M. Alexander, S. Hooten, L. Newton. Row Three:
 K. Roxburgh, K. Jackson, S. Wartner, M. Roxburgh, J. Parr. Photo
 provided by Sports Information.

BY ROY UTLEY

GYMNASTS BAG TOP EIGHT HONORS

A second-place team finish for the men's gymnastics team at the USA Gymnastics National Collegiate Championships marked the end of the season. The team, having a 216.725 final score, was less than one point away from the USAG Championship title. However, the College of William and Mary came from behind to take the lead with a 217.525 in the final rotation.

In the individual rankings, seven gymnasts bagged top-eight honors. Senior Ben Smith took second-place honors in the all-around contest. Smith was also credited with a fifth-place finish in the floor exercise. Junior teammate Geoff Jensen fell in right behind Smith in the floor exercise with a sixth-place finish. On the pommel horse, sophomore Casey Guerrero took sixth. The vault event found junior Peter Lueck tied for eighth-place. Sophomore Erin Montague managed to tie for fourth place in the horizontal bar while Guerrero slid into seventh place on the bar as well. Earning USAG All-American honors

were Smith, Jensen, Guerrero and Montague.

The Falcons managed an impressive 6-7 record throughout the season as they took on the likes of New Mexico and Brigham Young. In the Southwest Cup, the Falcons beat UC Santa Barbara and Arizona State. The team was also credited with setting a new school team record. The gymnasts erased a two-year-old record on the rings with 36.30, two-tenths above the record 36.10.

During the season, Smith was the team's consistent all-arounder. He held the season high records in floor exercise (9.50), parallel bars (9.40), all-around (53.75) and tied in the pommel horse with Lueck (9.10). Other season-high record holders were Greg Meis on the rings (9.50) and Nathan Drewry and Montague tied in the high bar (9.40).

The master of the rings, if only for this competition, C3C Casey Guerrero concentrates on keeping the rings steady. Guerrero's best score on the rings was 8.9 against Springfield. Photo by C. Willis.



The Men's Gymnastics Team: Front Row: B. Smith, G. Meis, P. McKabe, J. Peterson, J. Jones, P. Marshall, M. Harlin, J. Whiles, C. Guerrero, J. Corbett. Row Two: M. Wolfe, J. Smith, N. Drewry, P. Lueck, C. Silva, E. Montague, M. Emiley, M. Jensen, R. Mahoney, D. Kern. Photo provided by Sports Information.



An excellent All-Around competitor, C3C Nathan Drewry proves to be right at home on the parallel bars. Although Drewry did well in most events he was most successful on the high bar. Photo by C. Willis.



C3C Erin Montague flips over the vault with ease. Although Montague competed on the vault his best events were floor and the high bar. Photo by C. Willis.

In a show of sheer strength, C3C Casey Guerrero works his way around the pommel horse. Guerrero's best score on the horse was 8.95 against UNM. Photo by C. Willis.



In an act of flexibility that the average person can't master, C2C Geoff Jensen, competes in his strongest event. Jensen's best score was 9.45 at USAA Nationals. Photo by C. Willis.

Holding his position, C2C Geoff Jensen is in a mental zone that is unmatched. In addition, to the floor Jensen competed on the high bar and parallel bars. Photo by C. Willis.

BY NEREYDA SEVILLA

FENCERS KEEP WINNING STREAK ALIVE

The streak remains alive ... The Air Force pushed for a top 20 finish for the seventh year and succeeded. The Falcons hosted this year's NCAA Championships and placed seventeenth overall. Air Force qualified three people for nationals and each of them put on a strong performance.

Junior Zoe Hawes (foil) placed tenth overall by winning a total of seven bouts. This earned her the distinction of having the best showing ever by a female Academy fencer at the championships.

Junior James Steiner (sabre) placed nineteenth overall. This included beating the national champion during roundrobin competition.

Senior Tim Sehnem placed seventeenth with eight wins in sabre.

Although the team did well at Nationals, the best

tournament for the team was Westerns. Here the men's sabre finished first, foil second, and epee third. The women placed first in foil and fourth in epee.

This year the team had newcomers on the traveling team and they proved to be a welcomed addition. Out of a traveling team of 17, only nine had ever competed in NCAA tournaments before this season. Included in this team were five freshman, four of which had never fenced before.

Next year the team anticipates another winning season as well as increased performance. "I expect all the teams to finish first at Westerns and to qualify six people for nationals. I also expect us to do well in the east coast NCAA tournaments," Hawes said. The team will only lose a few seniors and it hopes that with the upcoming freshman, the team will bond and bring Air Force another winning season.



The Fencing Team: Front Row: Coach D. Bouma, T. Sehnem, V. Zabala, A. Greenwald, H. Triggs, M. Quitugua, Z. Hawes, G. Jennings. Row Two: Coach J.B. Thompson, F. Cooper, D. Pittman, J. Frank, M. Mirowski, N. Bercl, J. Fischman, S. Snow, Coach Bill, Coach K. Chalaire. Row Three: Coach Steve, R. Moon, J. Lotspeich, T. Dribble, S. Bereit, J. Steiner, W. Stille, S. Karl. Photo provided by Sports Information.



The J.V. Fencing Team: Front Row: S. Caffrey, T. Tinianow, C. Tinianow, M. Campos, L. Powell. Row Two: K. Haley, M. Dugan, J. Balduf, A. Ondrusek. Row Three: R. Wood, M. Astroth, N. Davidson. Photo provided by Sports Information.





Warming up before a bout, C3C Michelle Quitugua and C2C Heidi Triggs practice parrying. Both fencers agreed that good practice kept them on their toes for their opponents. Photo by C. Willis.



C3C Ryan Moon (on left) scores a touch on his opponent with a counterattack in the men's epee bout. In the Penn State Open, Moon's first team competition, he went two and one. Photo by C. Willis.

C3C Michelle Quitugua fleshes into teammate C3C Heidi Triggs. This action earned her a double touch. Photo by C. Willis.



Countering his opponent's fleshe, C4C Tripp Dribble (on right) competes in the men's epee. Dribble's most memorable bout was when he beat the Bulgarian National Champ in the Colorado State Games. Photo by C. Willis.

Stretching for the water, C2C Lauren Eckert comes out of an inward one-and-one-half. Eckert overcame a wrist injury to place second highest for the team in one meter and three meter at the WAC championships. Photo by L. Lemelson.



C4C Andrew Steadman looks to the water to finish his inward dive. Steadman participated at the varsity level as a freshman. Photo by L. Lemelson.

C4C Jim Marion does a back line-up from the tower. Line-ups allowed divers to practice their form and entries into the water. Photo by C. Willis.



A SEASON FOR LEARNING AND REBUILDING

BY CORY WILLIS

According to the men and women of the Falcon Diving Team, this was not the season to win medals, but a season to learn and gain experience in dual meets and championship competitions. There were many freshmen on the teams, and only one senior, which was the lady Falcons team captain, C1C Dawn McCown, an Academic All-American. Besides the normal challenges any team faces, the Falcons were moved up to Division I status where the competition was extremely tough.

"Going from Division II to Division I was a big jump, but the ladies performed well," Coach Stan Curnow said.

C1C Dawn McCown, C2C Lauren Eckert, and C4C Donna Silva all went to the WAC Championships in San Antonio, Texas.

According to Curnow, McCown and Eckert had the meets of their lives, and McCown and Silva continued to regionals held at the Air Force Academy during recognition. This took its toll on Silva who held the number two

slot behind McCown.

"Donna had a hard time in the meet because she felt like she should be with her squadron, not at a diving meet," Curnow explained.

The Lady Falcons are looking forward to their second season in Division I and feel that they will be more prepared for the competition.

On the flip side, the men's team had a season that could be described as a growing one. The only returning diver was team captain, C3C Dave Devemark. Devemark and C4C Jim Marion were the only two divers to go to the championships in San Antonio. Devemark placed fourth on Platform.

Marion shared that the purpose of this season was to build confidence in the team. "We are a young team and we got experience this year," Marion said. "We learned a lot, and we will be a force to be reckoned with next year."



The Diving Team: Front Row: D. Apgar, K. Pugh, J. Hughes. Second Row: D. McCown, L. Eckert, D. Silva. Third Row: D. Mitzevski, D. Devemark, J. Marion, J. Chapman, A. Stadman. Photo provided by team.

BY LAURA FAWCETT

HIGHLIGHTS HELPED OVERSHADOW DISAPPOINTING SEASON

Falcon head coach Marti Gasser had definite goals for her basketball squad which included a spot in the Western Athletic Conference tournament, a few upsets, and a record better than 4-22. But, with a team plagued by inconsistency and poor shooting, she didn't reach any of those goals, and she was definitely not satisfied.

The Falcons picked up just three wins against Division I teams, plus a victory over Division II Fort Lewis. The team was young, with only one senior and two juniors, they were unable to generate any momentum.

However, the season wasn't without its highlights. Air Force picked up hot-shooting freshman Megan Thiedeman, and saw the emergence of a star in sophomore Elycia Hall. But, like the rest of the Falcons, the pair was hot and cold, mixing it up for rather lukewarm seasons. The other Falcons suffered under the extreme pressure of Division I defenses, averaging just 36 percent shooting from the field all season as a team.

Air Force opened its season at the Idaho State tournament with a three-point loss to Navy. After a 24-point loss to Idaho State, the Falcons picked up losses to both New Hampshire (60-79) and UNC Greensboro (58-64).

The Army game was part of the inaugural Falcon Classic, a four-team tournament pitting programs from Air Force, Army, Wyoming and CS Fullerton against each other. Air Force defeated its service academy rival, 66-60, with the entire freshman wing watching. It was the Falcons' first win as a Division I team.

After a loss to Cal State Fullerton, Air Force then picked up consecutive wins over Fort Lewis, 72-49, and Texas-San Antonio (51-47 in overtime).

Looking over her options before passing off the ball, C2C Kallie Quinn keeps cool despite the pressure. Starting in 25 games, Quinn scored a season high of 17 points against San Diego State. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Against the Skyhawks, senior Carrie Carrow picked up 20 points in an easy win, while Sara Fortna led the way against Texas-San Antonio with 12 points.

With a respectable 3-5 record in hand, the Falcons then embarked on the longest losing streak in Academy history of nine games. The reasons: poor shooting and an abundance of turnovers.

The Falcons broke the losing streak on Jan. 25 in front of their hometown fans in Clune Arena. The Falcons defeated UNLV, 67-62. The win was the first for Air Force in the WAC, but it also turned out to be their last of the season. The team dropped the last eight games, including one to UNLV by 23 points, to close out the year.

The emergence of Thiedeman and fellow freshman Mollie Peters were also positive signs. Freshman Shilah Hudson, meanwhile, proved a capable back-up to Kallie Quinn at point guard, dishing out 29 assists in limited playing time. With the return of nearly the entire squad, next year's team should pick up a few more wins.





Six-foot-freshman Mollie Peters goes up and in for the lay up. A powerful force under the basket, Peters added depth to the inside game. Photo provided by Sports Information.



C3C Elycia Hall lets one fly from the three-point line. Starting in 22 of 25 games, she scored a season high of 28 points against Army. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Taking the ball to the paint, C3C Julia Karlstad jukes her defender. This guard started in every game and scored a season high of 16 points against CSU. Photo provided by Sports Information.



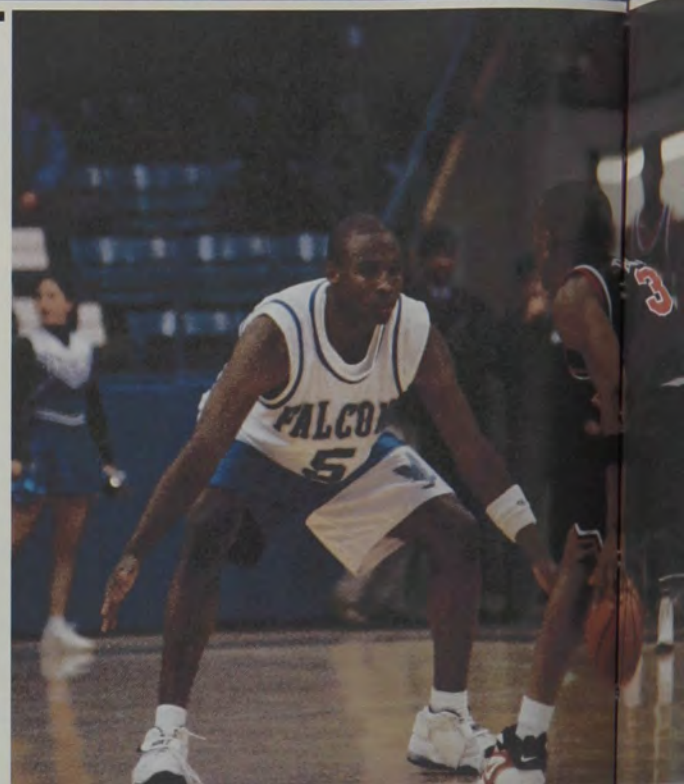
C4C Shilah Hudson drives the ball down court past a defender. The freshman point guard played 20 games and scored a game high 12 points against Loyola-Marymount. Photo provided by Sports Information.

The Women's Basketball Team: Front Row: Trainer A. Smith, Manager L. White, Manager K. Temples, R. Hein, J. Karlstad, J. Whittingham, J. Logue, K. Quinn, T. Hunter, S. Hudson. Row Two: Asst. Coach D. Ragon, Asst. Coach J. Schafer, Asst. Coach L. Wilbanks, E. Hall, M. Peters, S. Fortna, D. Tutt, C. Carrow, M. Thiedeman, H. Meyer, Asst. Sports Info Director L. Fawcett, Asst. Coach L. Heeren, Head Coach M. Gasser. Photo provided by Sports Information.

The Men's Basketball Team: Front Row: R. Smith, C. Kay, J. Reese, D. Pope, M. Horin, G. Gonzales, P. Dillingham, J. Hollins. Row Two: M. Garcia, M. Kilgore, B. Summers, J. Middlemore, M. Freeman, B. Luzey, L. Stewart, B. Humphrey. Photo provided by Sports Information.



Making a menace of himself, C3C Jovan Hollins defends against the offense. Hollins' best game was against SDSU, he had 13 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Photo by G. Yoschak.



Using his big-man moves, C1C John Middlemore gets into position to receive a pass under the net. Middlemore's high scoring game was against CSU. He had eight points and ten rebounds. Photo by G. Yoschak.





TEAM IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS THE SEASON

BY NEREYDA SEVILLA

Improvement highlighted this year's basketball team, as they finished the season with a 7-19 record. The team surpassed last season in both the overall and WAC wins. In fact, the two wins in the WAC were against Fresno State and Hawaii, who finished first and second respectively in the Pacific Division. Air Force, also, advanced to their first tournament championship game since 1988 in the Montana State Tournament and improved on their rebounding average to 38.7 (best since 40.4 in 1977). The season finished strong with two back to back wins. It was a hearty thank you to the fans who averaged 3,214 in the last five games.

Fortunately, the team expects a strong comeback next season as it will return its top four, seven of its top eight scorers, and the team's top three rebounders. Freshmen Dylan Pope and Billy Humphrey were the first rookies to start since 1987. Freshman Bryan Summers also joined his classmates in the starting spots. Together they started in a combined 41 games.



Lending a hand to a downed teammate, CJC Mark Kilgore, helps CJC Bryan Summers up off of the hardwood. Due to its physical nature, many players took a spill at some point. Photo by G. Yoschak.

Point guard CJC Matt Horin begins another offensive drive down the court. Horin made the Academy's athletic list every year that he was at the Academy. Photo by M. Connor.

Humphrey said: "Say what you want about three freshman playing a lot this year, but next year we will be sophomores!! No more excuses for not enough experience. We did accomplish more wins than the year before, but that is nothing to be excited about."

Humphrey continued: "We have really high expectations and goals for the upcoming season. We expect to have a .500 record at the end of the season or better. Individual accomplishments and stats isn't what this team is about, because if we are going to accomplish our goals then we need to do it as a team!"

However, the season did close out with some impressive numbers and equally impressive individual stats. The Falcons finished with a season-high of 62.3 percent at the free throw line, while hitting over 70 percent in eight games. Junior Jarmica Reese led the Falcons in scoring, rebounding, as assists. He also scored in double figures in 22 games, and hit a career high of 13 rebounds against Hawaii. Reese's scoring moved him into the top 25 career Air Force scoring list with a total 897 points.

Junior Mike Freeman took second in scoring, rebounding, and assists. He finished second in the WAC in field goal percentage and posted three double-doubles this season. This brings his career total to nine (this is the most since 1983).

Air Force expects even more improvement for next year. "We were very young and inexperienced this year, but we proved that we can play with some of the most competitive teams. Next year there are no excuses as to why we shouldn't be one of the top teams in the WAC," Pope said. Reese added: "We improved a lot from the beginning of the year to the end, and next year we will be something special." With the returning talent and new freshmen, this statement should hold true.

BY DAVE KELLOGG

INDIVIDUALS QUALIFY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Air Force came within a handshake of finishing in the top three of the Western Athletic conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

But, a dropped baton in the 4X400-meter relay cost the Falcons. In the end, Air Force finished with 80.5 points for fourth place, which was just one point shy of finishing in third ahead of Rice. UTEP won the men's title with 141 points, followed by BYU (129) and Rice (81).

The Falcons did produce two individual champions. Marcus Nichols won the decathlon for the second consecutive year and Steve Radtke won the 10,000-meter. The race was Radtke's first at that distance.

Overall, the men's team finished the dual meet season with a 9-3 record. Two of the losses came to third ranked Southern California and fifth-ranked Louisiana State.

Senior Clayton Cole, who won the indoor high jump title, finished the year with the best mark in the league - 7-2.5. He qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships despite finishing second at the WAC Championships. Steeplechaser Shane Rogers also qualified for the NCAA Championships.

C4C Brian Denaro does his best spread eagle while clearing one of the barriers during the steeplechase event. This was the newcomer's first year of college competition. Photo by B. Boyd.

Another highlight of the season was the 400-meter relay team that beat Army and Navy at the Penn Relays before more than 40,000 fans. It was the fourth time in four years that the Falcons won this premier race.

Additionally the Falcons laid title to the best team in the state by defeating Colorado and Colorado State in the Colorado Classic held earlier in the season.

The women's team ended the outdoor dual meet season with a 3-6 mark. Senior Stacy McClain was the top scorer for the women. She ended her career ranked second on the Falcon's all-time list in both the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes and third in the 100-meters and long jump.

Junior Gretchen Rhoads became the first Falcon female to ever qualify for the NCAA Championships when she threw a school record 168-0 in the hammer throw.

C2C Katie Joynt goes all out during her attempt at the triple-long-jump. Joynt competed in the triple-long-jump and the javelin throw during the outdoor season. Photo by B. Boyd.





Concentration is on the mind of CIC Heath Duncan during the hammer throw. The senior from Ottawa, Kansas completed a very notable career. Photo by C. Willis.

C4C David Francis clears the bar with room to spare. The newcomer came from Lincoln County High School in Stanford, KY. Photo by C. Willis.



CIC Stacy McClain sets sail during the long jump competition. McClain was the top scorer for the women's team and ended her career ranked second on the Falcons' all-time list in both the 200-meter and the 400-meter dashes and third in the 100-meter and long jump. Photo by B. Boyd.

C2C Jennifer Petykowski skims the bar during this high jump attempt. Petykowski was the top high jumper for the Falcons. Photo by B. Boyd.



C2C Melissa Youderian displays her form during a throw at a Falcon sponsored meet. The javelin throw is not the most glamorous of track and field events but it requires both tremendous speed and strength. Photo by B. Boyd.



Leading off for the Falcons C1C Adrian Smith explodes from the block to begin a relay race. In addition to being a relay team member, Smith also ran the 200-meter and 400-meter for the Falcons. Photo by B. Boyd.



TRACK COVERAGE KEEPS ON COMING



C4C Tony Jones becomes airborne while competing in the triple jump. Jones was just one of many fourthclass cadets who made their debut on the team this season. Photo by C. Willis.

C3C Shane Rodgers hurdles the barrier during a steeplechase race. During the season, Rodgers posted a time that qualified him for the NCAA Championships. Photo by C. Willis.



C4C Heather Johnson runs in the middle of the pack during the 1500-meter event. This was the first year of collegiate competition for the newcomer from Niceville, FL. Photo by B. Boyd.

BY NEREYDA SEVILLA

FALCONS RALLY TO A WINNING DIVISION I RECORD

The Lady Falcons finished their first year in Division I with a winning record. The season closed with an overall 15-10 record and 3-4 against WAC teams. This winning record was due to the tremendous individual talent and teamwork by both the rookies and those returning players.

The Lady Falcons went into the season with nine returning players, this experience paid large dividends.

Freshman Nadine Lynn led the way with a 17-7 record at Number Three singles. She also led the team in doubles with a 13-6 record at Number Three doubles. This was quite an accomplishment for a newcomer.

Freshman Julie Weiss finished with 15-9 at Number Four singles. At the same time, she finished

at 8-10 at Number One doubles.

Junior Yvonne Carrico playing at Number Five singles finished the season with 15-8 and 7-14 at Number Two doubles.

Senior Misty Holder rounded out her career playing Number One singles (8-17) and Number Two doubles (7-14). Holder has been a consistent talent during her stay with the Lady Falcon Tennis Team.

Another consistent player, junior Jen Baird scored 8-13 at Number Two doubles and 6-10 at Number One doubles. Number Six singles was played by junior Christel Helquist (8-2) and sophomore Kacy Mitchell (8-4).

Since the team will only lose a few key players, the future for the Lady Falcons seems very bright indeed. They will focus on continued competitiveness as they gain more experience in Division I play.



C4C Mae Li Amick watches as the ball she hit makes its way over the net. Amick helped the team to a 15-10 record overall.
Photo by B. Brandow.

Hitting it on the sweet spot, C4C Julie Weiss returns the ball with a backhand. Weiss had a 15-9 record at Number four singles.
Photo by B. Brandow.





C4C Julie Weiss concentrates on returning the ball to her opponent. Weiss finished the season at 8-10 in Number One doubles. Photo by B. Brandow.

The Women's Tennis Team: Front Row: F. Marsh, J. Weiss, M. Tibbetts, M. Amick. Row Two: J. Baird, M. Holder, K. Mitchell, N. Lynn. Row Three: L. DeStafany (Assistant Coach), Y. Carrico, C. Crow, J. Shelby, K. Wolfe, C. Helquist, Coach K. Green.



With much determination, C1C Misty Holder follows through with her forehand. Holder finished her career at Number One singles with an 8-17 record. Photo by B. Brandow.

Watching his return, C4C Nolan Cooper keeps his feet moving to anticipate his opponent. Cooper broke the Air Force Academy record for best winning percentage at .923. Photo by B. Boyd.



Stretching to meet the ball and return it to his opponent, C1C Karl Gregor competes in a tournament at the Academy. Gregor helped the Falcons to a 25-4 record this season. Photo by B. Boyd.



Playing up on the net, C1C Mike Parks watches his return. Parks finished his Falcon career with an overall record of 89-24 at Number Three singles. Photo by B. Boyd.



SEASON ENDS INCREDIBLY FOR MEN'S TENNIS

BY NEREYDA SEVILLA

The Falcon Tennis Team concluded an incredible season with a 25-4 record. This record included a 13 home game winning streak. Overall, the team has won 63 of 64 at the home Indoor Tennis Court. (18-1 for the year).

Sophomore Jason Anderson led the team with a 22-4 record at No. 1 singles and 14-8 at No. 1 doubles. The 22 wins in singles put Anderson in a tie for sixth place in the all-time Air Force List. A winning percentage of .846 placed him fourth.

Senior Mike Parks finished a career playing No. 3 singles with an overall record of 89-24. The 89 wins rank third in Air Force history, which was six shy of first place. Parks finished the year at 20-9, this marked his

third consecutive 20-win season. He has a winning percentage of .788 which ranks seventh in AFA history.

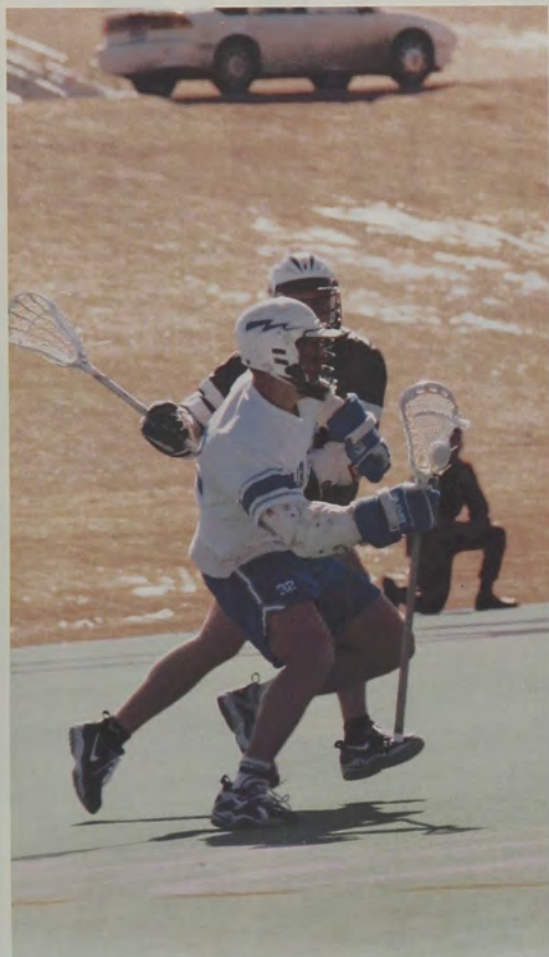
Junior Chet Bryant also had a winning year with 17-10 at No. 6 singles and 18-4 at No. 3 doubles. Freshman Nolan Cooper led the team for the year with 24-4 in No. 4 singles. Cooper's 24 wins place him at the second most ever. He broke the AFA winning percentage record with a new one at .923.

Classmate Tom DeAngelis finished at 25-4 at No. 5 singles. The 25 wins broke the old record and set the new winning standard. A winning percentage of .862 put him at third on the all-time list. In doubles, Cooper ended with 19-5 at No. 2 while DeAngelis took the team record at 21-4 playing No. 3.

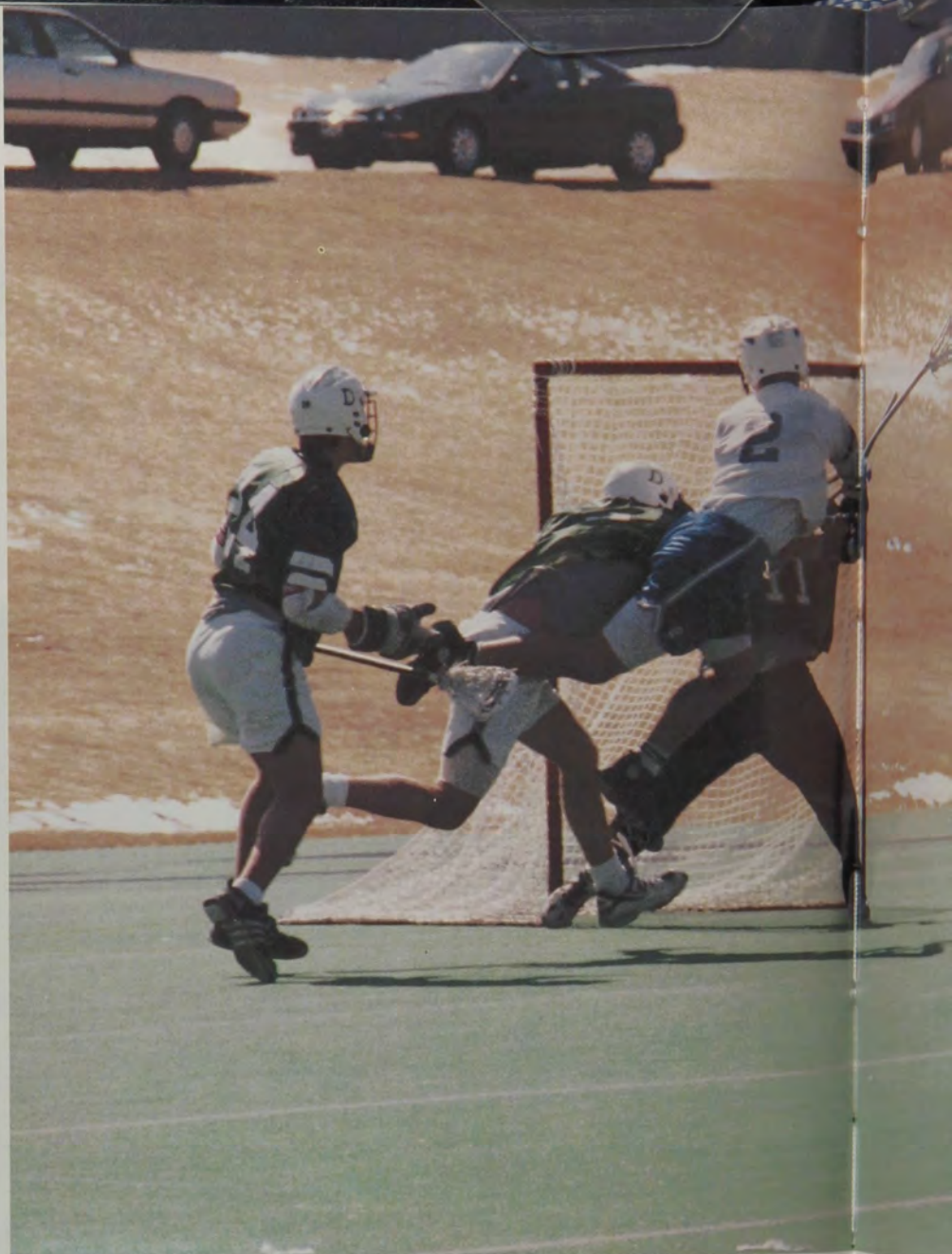
Preparing to deliver a picture perfect backhand, C4C Jason Anderson keeps his eye on the ball. Anderson led the team with a 22-4 record at Number One Singles. Photo by B. Boyd.



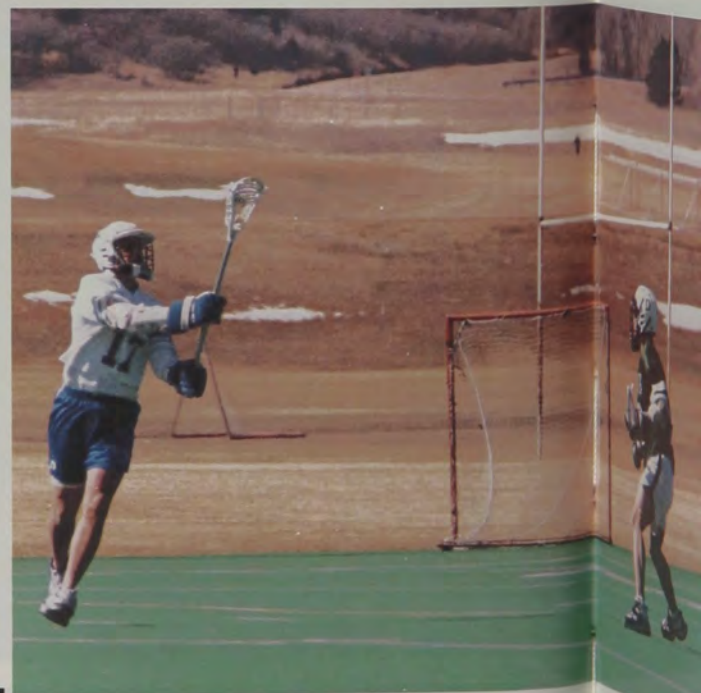
C2C Shane Vesely, midfielder, works to get around a Dartmouth defender. Although a consistent player on the offense, Vesely was known for his aggressive defense. Photo by M. Connor.



C2C Pace Weber, midfielder, gets a little hang time while shooting the ball into the goal. Weber constantly found creative ways to reach the net. Photo by M. Connor.



The Lacrosse Team: Front Row: L. Fawcett, B. Laidlaw, A. Walenga, J. Schmidt, B. Schumer, H. Glenn, S. Seigfried, E. Carrano, R. Makro, S. Michalowski, M. Calabro, J. Capello. Row Two: B. Rurka, A. Orbon, M. Contardo, M. Hurt, J. Garst, J. Tuite, N. Dipoma, R. Principi, K. Peterson, P. Lindell, Coach K. Wessels. Row Three: D. Sloat, J. Foster, D. Baniewicz, P. Weber, C. Macaulay, D. Vetrano, A. Ochs, S. Meng, P. Schnobrich, D. Brown, R. Schumer, Coach T. Leary. Row Four: S. Leprell, B. Heslin, B. Turner, A. Patek, B. Harrison, D. Wright, B. Rogers, S. Vesely, S. Sztan, B. Apple. Photo provided by team.



LAX BOASTS 3RD STRAIGHT WINNING SEASON

BY NEREYDA SEVILLA

Tough competition did not stop the Lacrosse team from finishing a third-straight winning season with a 7-5 record.

Symbolically, the season ended with a 12-4 victory over Denver. The game against Denver itself showed the determination and dedication of the team. Control came early with a 4-0 lead in the first quarter. Junior Chris MacAulay scored a season-high six points with two goals and four assists. Sophomore Scott Seigfried scored three times, senior Brain Laidlaw added four points, and senior All-American candidate Dennis Baniewicz added his pair to the rally. This game also marked the end of Coach Terry Leary's stay at the Academy. After three years as head coach he compiled a record of 23-12.

The Denver game was only one of many highlights for the Falcons. For the first time ever, Air Force won against Dartmouth and Colgate. Furthermore, they took home their first league victory since 1995 with a 14-13 win over Ohio State. "Perhaps the greatest thing about this season was the national exposure it gave a lot of the younger players," Laidlaw said. "They gained both experience and confidence that will pay dividends the next few years as the Air Force lacrosse program continues to compete with the nation's best teams."

Individually, the team harnessed some stars. Baniewicz finished a career with 49 points, putting him in the top 10 for Division I scoring. MacAulay finished with 33 points while Laidlaw ended with 32. Senior Steve Sztan led the team in ground ball and also shared in the scoring with a total of 24. Senior Billy Rogers was also an integral part of the defense.

Next year, the LAX team expects the winning streak to continue. Playing both offensively and defensively, they hope to earn an NCAA playoff spot. "Every year our top goal is to make it to the playoffs and this year we didn't make it," MacAulay said. "I think next year we will be stronger even though we're losing some incredible players in the senior class."

Seigfried summed it up: "We are definitely going to miss the seniors. Looking forward I think the team definitely has potential. We have a lot of returning players that can definitely step up and make a difference next year. It will be interesting to see what happens with the new head coach, but I know everybody will pull together, regardless of what happens, and play as a team."



C1C Steve Sztan, midfielder, waits to catch the ball from his teammate across the field. Sztan had a career high of three goals in the game against Dartmouth. Photo by M. Connor.

D-ing up a Dartmouth attacker, C2C Hal Glenn, defensive midfielder, tries to prevent his opponent from passing. Glenn's solid defense helped the Falcons win several "close ones." Photo by M. Connor.



BY NEREYDA SEVILLA

TEAM CONTINUES SHOOTING FOR WAC WINS

The Air Force Golf team finished a season striving to improve and to have a good showing at WACs. The team did that and more as they placed thirteenth shooting a 920.

The Falcons share the WAC with three teams that are in the nation's top six. After the first round of play, they scored behind Utah and Rice. However, after the final round, the Falcons placed not only above those teams but also above Wyoming.

Senior Ryan Luecke performed his best placing 43 overall. He did this by shooting only four over par on the last 36 holes. This was a great showing to end his career. Luecke was one of two members who played in all 11 varsity tournaments this year. His spring season improved, in those, he led the Air Force in four of the five tournaments. Luecke averaged a team high of 75.56 for the year which placed him in the top 30 for the WAC.

Junior Geoff Mann played the team's best round at the championships. He hit a one under par (71) which made him one of only 16 golfers to shoot at or below par on the first day. He finished with a 236 to place 67th. He will lead the team well next year as the only senior.

The J.V. team on the other hand, put a new season team stroke record in the books at the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Golf Association. The Falcons played in 12 tournaments and won the league championships averaging 298.5. This is ten strokes better than the runner-up. Air Force set the lowest mark in the 17-year history of the RMIGA. Sophomore Jason Jensen, Senior Jason Lind, and freshman Jeff Scohy all played in at least six RMIGA tournaments.

Next year, the team hopes to continue improving as well as move up in the WAC standings. The incoming freshman and dedicated upperclassmen will prove that the Air Force is competitive amongst the best teams in the nation.



Showing off the fruits of his labor, C4C Danny Visosky accepts his trophy. Visosky placed third out of 120 golfers at the '96 Falcon/Cross Creek Invitational. Photo provided by team.

Looking to put the ball in the cup, C2C Geoff Mann competes at a Falcon Invitational. Mann played the best at the championships, he shot a 71. Photo provided by team.





Holding his follow through, C1C Ryan Luecke watches his drive. Luecke was the captain and the team's most valuable player. Photo provided by team.



The Men's Golf Team: Front Row: J. Lind, R. Luecke, A. Caggiano, D. Visosky, R. Dekok, B. Brouse, D. Crump, G. Mann, M. Peterson. Row Two: Lt. T. Treadewell, Lt Col D. Lee, J. Roth, N. Gilbert, T. Koehler, C. Hall, B. Sullivan, C. Miles, J. Scohy, J. Petrosky, C. Polomsky, C. Sere, T. Lessner Jr, G. Miranda (Coach) Capt B. Doan (Asst. Coach) Photo provided by team.

Bringing the ball out of the rough, C1C Jason Lind watches to see where his ball will land. Lind played in six RMIGB tournaments. Photo provided by team.

BY NEREYDA SEVILLA

DISAPPOINTMENTS TO EUPHORIA DESCRIBES SEASON

The final weekend of the baseball season served as a microcosm of the entire 1997 campaign.

Air Force played possibly its best overall game of the season in the series opener against Fresno State on May 9. The result was a 9-8 win in extra innings over a team that had gone to nine straight NCAA regionals. That win will rank among the greatest wins in AFA history. However, just as the entire season had gone from disappointment to euphoria and back to frustration in a matter of hours, the Falcons were shutout in the final two games of the season.

Air Force finished the season with a 13-37 overall record and a 6-24 mark in the Western Athletic Conference. The Falcons finished third in the north division, one game ahead of Grand Canyon.

Despite just 13 wins, this Falcon team proved it would never quit. The team won six games in its final at-bat. What made this team so difficult to understand was how quickly they could turn the mo-

mentum from good to bad and back again. Yes it was a rollercoaster season but the team proved it had both talent and heart.

Individual accomplishments came from C1C Justin Collins who earned first-team all-WAC honors at designated hitter. He is the first player to earn all-WAC honors since 1995. He led the team with a .417 average, 11 home runs, 44 RBI, 102 total bases, .803 slugging percentage and a .525 on-base percentage.

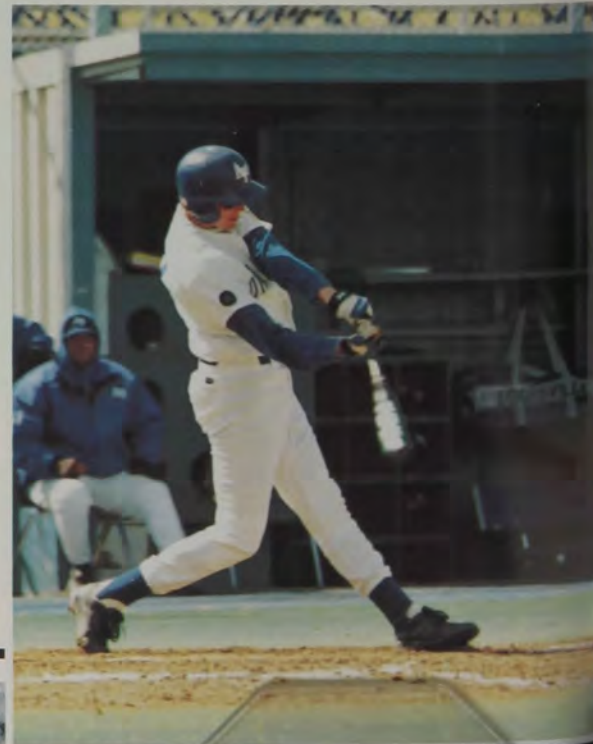
In addition C1C David Lyons completed an outstanding career. He was the team's number one starter after battling back from a serious injury. His second pitch of the game against Kansas State was hit back at him and struck him on the right ear. He received 12 stitches and a perforated ear drum. He missed just one start.

As seven seniors graduate, Collins, Lyons, Derek Sawser, Kevin Strauss, Andy Watson, Jason Martin and Drew Allen, the team will focus its sights on next year when it returns 11 juniors and several underclassmen.

Number 22, C1C Drew Allen gets set to uncork a pitch at Falcon Field. Allen started six games and posted a 1-2 record. Photo by M. Darakjy.



C2C Travis Lauritsen swings at a ball and sends it flying. Utility was the name of the game for Lauritsen as he started in several different positions and also pitched at times. Photo by C. Willis.





CIC Kevin Strauss takes a rip at the pitch. Strauss started 27 games in right field and hit .302 with four homers and 19 RBI. Photo by M. Darakjy.



CIC Drew Allen stares at his target before unloading a pitch. Allen battled back from a shoulder surgery to help the Falcon mound crew. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Falcon's secondbaseman C3C Chad Hillburg pops the ball up during a spring game. Hillburg started 49 of the 50 games during the season. Photo by M. Darakjy.

A TRADITION OF FIGHTING AND FUNDRAISING

THE WING OPEN! It has a storied past filled with rich, wholesome, glorious tradition.

It begins with a wing-wide tournament that is an extension of an optional boxing class and intramural boxing program offered to the Wing in the fall.

The tournament finals become the Wing Open, one of the most anxiously anticipated events on the Academy's sports calendar. It is a classy, exciting event that takes place in a jam-packed Clune Arena.

Wing Open finalists go toe-to-toe, blow-for-blow, in an all out effort to win their weight class. A title win brings with it a trip to the intercollegiate regionals and a win at regionals means a shot at a national intercollegiate individual championship.

Down through the years, the Wing Open also has served as a fund-raiser for several charitable organizations and individuals. The 1997 Wing Open was no exception. A total of \$12,433.00 was raised for 10-year old Armando Sosa to help in his battle against acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Here are the 1997 Wing Open results by weight class: 119 lbs—C3C Justin Mokrovich (CS-32) def. C1C Timothy Huddleston (CS-26); 125 lbs—C2C Roy Blanco (CS-37) def. C2C Al Kinkle, Jr. (CS-05); 132 lbs—C4C Mike Benza (CS-16) def. C4C Paul Gabriel (CS-11); 139 lbs—C1C Sloan Hollis (CS-05) def. C3C Erwin Vargis (CS-14); 147 lbs—C3C Ryan Dahlin (CS-24) def. C2C Dave Lewis (CS-20); 156 lbs—C1C Randall "Cheese" Johnston (CS-08) def. C2C Chris Kurek (CS-16); 165 lbs—C3C Chris Lance (CS-33) def. C3C Chris Goad (CS-09); 175 lbs—C1C Mark Clifford (CS-32) def. C4C Mark Sletten (CS-40); 185 lbs—C2C Jay Hughes (CS-32) def. C1C James Spencer (CS-33); Hwt—C3C Tyler Smith (CS-19) def. J. B. Wills (CS-26). Clifford was chosen the outstanding boxer at the 1997 Wing

C2C Dave Lewis (blue) and C3C Ryan Dahlin go toe-to-toe during their Wing Open title. Dahlin squeaked by with a 3-2 decision in this hotly contested bout. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Open and received the Col. John J. Clune Award.

The 1997 West Regional Intercollegiate Boxing Championships took place in Reno, Nevada, in March and the Air Force Academy boxers easily captured their 18th consecutive regional title. The regional competition features two more weight classes than the Wing Open, therefore Falcons' coach Ed Weichers got to add two of his top Wing Open second place finishers to the regional team.

Eight Falcons' pugilists qualified for the National Tournament by winning their regional weight class. They were Huddleston, Kinkle, Blanco, Benza, Hollis, Clifford, Hughes, and C1C Eric Warne (CS-15). "Cheese" Johnston also received a trip to nationals when his regional opponent was unable to make the trip.

The 1997 National Boxing Championships took place at the U.S. Naval Academy in April and the host team edged the Falcons for the 1997 national crown.

Four boxers—Benza, Hollis, Clifford, and Johnston—captured national individual titles for the Falcons. All of the others captured bronze.

C1C Sloan Hollis exults in his victory of the 139 pound class at the 1997 Wing Open. Hollis also won the national title at this weight. Photo by C. Willis.





C3C Tyler Smith lands a straight left to the forehead of C3C J.B. Wills during their Wing Open heavyweight clash. Smith earned a hard-fought 3-2 decision. Photo by C. Willis.



C3C Chris Lance gets ready to unload a roundhouse against C2C Chris Goad in the 165 pound Wing Open final. Lance pulled out a 4-1 decision in this match. Photo by M. Darakjy.



C1C Mark Clifford displays the form that helped him earn the Most Outstanding Boxer Award at the 1997 Wing Open. Clifford also slugged his way to regional and national titles following the Wing Open. Photo by M. Darakjy.

C3C Justin Mokrovich is probably thinking about a new sport for next year. Cornerman, C2C Rick Chadwick, tries to assure him that he is having a good fight. Photo by C. Willis.

THE BOXING SLUGFEST CONTINUES



Ten-year old Armando Sosa is introduced in the ring at the Wing Open. The 1997 Open raised \$12,433 to help Armando in his battle against acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Photo by C. Willis.



Referee Tom Cleary raises the hand of C3C Justin Mokrovich following his victory over C1C Tim Huddleston in the 119 pound class of the Wing Open. Photo by C. Willis.



A game but bloodied C4C Mark Sletten battles C1C Mark Clifford for the 175 pound class Wing Open Title. Clifford captured the 5-0 decision and was named Outstanding Boxer. He also went on to win a national collegiate title for the Academy.
Photo by M. Darakjy.



C2C Dave Lewis and C3C Ryan Dahlin exchange blows during their Wing Open match at 147 pounds. Dahlin edged Lewis 3-2 in this close contest.
Photo by C. Willis.

C2C Roy Blanco (blue) blocks a right hand thrown by C2C Al Kinkle during the Wing Open 125 pound final. Blanco decisioned Kinkle this bout, but both went on to represent the Academy at Nationals and both won bronze medals. Photo by C. Willis.



INTRAMURALS

OFFER AN AVENUE TO SUCCEED

Section Editor: Nereyda Sevilla '97

While those cadets who played intercollegiate sports gathered down at the field house and gymnasium to practice, their classmates were not far behind when it came to trips down to the gym and athletic fields. Monday through Thursday the academic day was completed with the age-old favorite, intramurals.

Academy Director of Athletics Colonel Randy Spetman commented that the athletic program at the Academy is unlike any other. "We have a very unique situation in that each cadet is required to participate in athletics. This athletic program has been developed to enhance physical conditioning, develop physical conditioning skills for officership, teach leadership in a competitive environment and build character. To accomplish this we have some of the finest facilities, coaches, and trainers in the nation."

For an institution with an enrollment of 4,000 students, it would seem that there are excess facilities. But on any given afternoon the 143 acres of athletic fields, the gymnasium, and field house

are filled to capacity with a need for more space increasing yearly.

So in an effort to create more well-rounded cadets, the intramural program continued to dominate the afternoons of the Wing. It should be noted however that not all cadets solely used intramurals as a way to stay fit. Many cadets had outside athletic interests that kept them busy. Some gravitated toward outdoor activities like mountain bike riding and rock climbing, while others took to weight lifting and participation in nontraditional sports. Whatever the outlet proved to be, when it was all said and done, the Athletic Department attempted to provide through physical education classes and intramurals an environment to succeed.

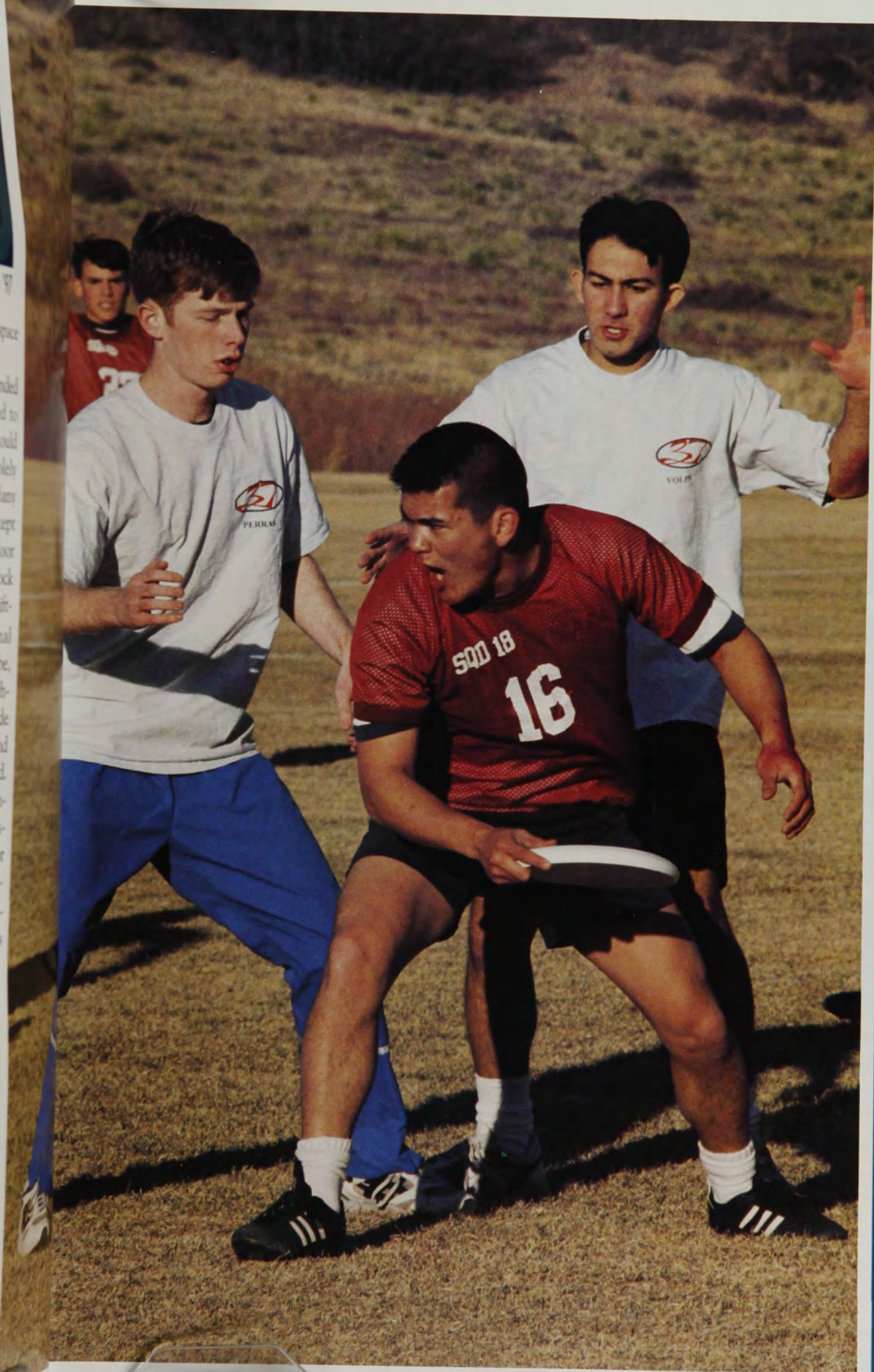
When talking about the Wing athletes, Colonel John Clune, the Athletic Director at the Academy for 16 years stated: "We produce warriors and winners with our athletes." There's no denying that this is true.

By Rusty Evers

Making a unique choice, these cadets take some shots at the bag in a boxing class.

Boxing, once a mandatory requirement, was offered as one of two optional classes. The other optional class was self-defense. Photo by B. Nickel.





Playing one of the more unique intramurals offered, these cadets partake in a friendly game of ultimate frisbee. Although intramurals was the only required physical activity other than P.E. many cadets had their own workout programs that were very intense. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Squadron Six versus Squadron Four. With red flags waving in the wind, a Fightin' Fourth player attempts to intercept the receiver. Although flag-football was always fun, it was not without it's share of bumps and bruises. Photo by C. Willis.



In the tough world of intramural tennis, this cadet powers his kill shot over the net, winning the point. Intramural officials tried to pair opponents with those of equal skill level to increase the competition. Photo by M. Connor.



Exchanging blows in the ring these cadets blow off a little steam in the intramurals boxing program. Boxing was one of the few sports that cadets were not ram jammed into, they volunteered to do it. Photo by S. Gatto.



C1C Julie Master and C2C Teresa Mead run during their free time to practice for the AFT. Firsties were lucky that they only had to take the AFT once during their firstie year. Photo by B. Panton.



CADETS JUMP INTO A NEW YEAR
WITH FALL INTRAMURALS

INTRAMURALS AND BEYOND

Unlike most other institutions of higher education, the United States Air Force Academy requires all non-intercollegiates to participate in one intramural sport or another. Even cadets who partake of club sports and travel for competitions are required to choose a sport. The year is divided into two separate seasons, fall intramurals and spring intramurals, to correspond with the academic year schedule. However, it's the fall season that indoctrinated cadets into the intramural program and created the first impression that is always the lasting one.

During the fall season, cadets had a wide range of sports from which to pick, most of them were outdoor sports which allowed cadets to take advantage of the good weather. The sports varied from flag football to flickerball, from handball to cross country, and from boxing to tennis. Most cadets picked which sport they wanted to play, and most went at it with the zeal equal to those

of intercollegiates in competition.

Each game a squadron won earned that squad a point, points that went toward deciding the Outstanding Squadron of the year and the most athletic squadron of the year. Cadets don't see anything material out of winning each game or claiming the titles. They did, however, earn respect for their squad which in turn fostered in each member a certain kind of pride.

Although the seasons were picked based on the weather, those who participated in the fall intramural season saw little of the season due to rain and high winds. The number of games were reduced due to rain-outs and the makeup games were quickly forgotten as the number of them piled up. Lucky for them!!! By C. Renee Garcia.

Squadron Two verses Squadron Nineteen. The forward from CS-02 attempts a kill shot just before his opponents get him. Intramural soccer offered a more aerobic workout than many of the other sports. Photo by P. Rose.



Lunging around his opponent, this Squadron 25 team handball player takes a shot on goal. Team handball matches were fast-paced and intense and relatively safe compared to some of its intramural counterparts. Photo by S. Drew.

Attacking the forward, this goalie makes every effort to prevent the opponents from scoring. The intramural soccer teams competed aggressively in the championships. Photo by P. Rose.



Easily outdistancing a fellow intramural competitor, C1C Jason Clark takes the final hill and continues to stride. Cross country was arguably the most physically demanding fall intramural sport. Photo by B. Panton.



WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING BUT
IT HELPS

INTRAMURALS AND BEYOND

And the champions are ...

Flag Football	CS-01
Flickerball	CS-26
Team Handball	CS-27
Tennis	CS-17
Soccer	CS-12
Basketball	CS-03
Boxing	Team 3
Cross Country	CS-27



Despite all efforts by the defender, the flag football player hauls in the pass. Intramural flag football gave some cadets a chance to relive high school glory days. Photo by M. Connor.

Gaining strength through positive thinking and a few cheers, these members from the CS-15 team handball team prepare for competition. Although many cadets griped about having to participate in intramurals, they usually made the best of it. Photo by S. Drew.



Scooping up a ball to send it back over the net, C2C Charlie Blackshear remains calm during competition. Although winning was stressed most tried to enjoy the game as well. Photo by S. Ortiz.

Cutting the angle down, this goalie prepares for a shot while looking for some backup. Many cadets found that they had the opportunity to play sports that they hadn't played before. Photo by P. Rose.





TO PLAY OR NOT TO PLAY DON'T
ASK THE QUESTION

INTRAMURALS AND BEYOND

Twice a week, cadets with 7th period class rushed from Fairchild Hall back to their rooms, changed into PC gear, and then hurried off to intramurals. Like most of their lives at the Academy, it was a mandatory activity over which they had no control. Intercollegiates had to go to practice every afternoon, but the rest of the Cadet Wing was given a choice between different sports in which to participate for intramurals. Depending on the semester, they had choices between softball, flag football, water polo, cross country, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, team handball, and flickerball (a sport noted for its 168-page players' manual, obviously devised by the IRS and mod-

eled after the tax code for maximum frustration).

While there was a choice over which intramurals to play, there was no choice about *whether* to play intramurals.

In an effort to provide cadets with one more opportunity to work together as a team and further develop physical fitness, the athletic department stated that intramurals would be mandatory for all non-intercollegiate cadets. Thus they have been, for as long as any of us have been here. **Continued on page 202.**



Successfully blocking a right hook, this fourthclassman concentrates on coming up with a counterattack. The boxing class did not appeal to everyone and with this in mind it was an optional class. Photo by B. Nickel.

INSIGHT TO CADETS' FEELINGS ON MANDATORY FUN INTRAMURALS AND BEYOND

Yet there were some problems with this program. To avoid any bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo, political jargon, or other beating-around-the-bush, let's just cut to the chase, shall we? The general consensus around the Cadet Wing was that intramurals are a waste of time. Period. Sure, we play in teams and run around for an hour twice a week, but beyond that what do we gain? It can honestly be argued that this added burden on a cadet's time was not only unnecessary, but detrimental.

Granted, this may not be something that AH *wants* to hear, but it's something they *need* to hear. We already work together in our squadrons and in our classes to the point that we learn teamwork very well. In addition, cadets' personal workouts are much more effective than an hour of intramurals, and you have to ask the question "Why?"

Why do we have mandatory intramurals? It just doesn't make any sense.

The solution: Make intramurals optional. Let cadets decide whether they want to participate or not. As adults and future officers, this makes sense. Like so many other matters here, it's an issue of personal responsibility, of which cadets have far too little. *By Wm. Regen Wilson*



Concentrating on throwing a strike, C2C Korey Watkins looks for the sweet spot. During intramural play, all pitching was thrown underhand. Photo by M. Darakjy.



With eyes closed this softball slugger, C4C Laura Williams, takes a swing at the ball. Many cadets enjoyed softball as the games were friendly yet competitive ... most of the time.
Photo by M. Darakjy.



Looking to block C2C Doug Morches' pass, C2C Viet Nguyen makes a menace of himself. Good defense was a must in ultimate frisbee. Photo by M. Darakjy.

Guarding his opponent with all of his might, C2C Doug Morches displays perfect defensive form. Ultimate frisbee was one sport that most had no clue about how to play before being assigned to the team. Photo by M. Darakjy.



WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING BUT
IT HELPS

INTRAMURALS AND BEYOND

And the champions are ...

Ultimate Frisbee	CS-17
Softball	CS-03
Racquetball	CS-36
Water Polo	CS-14
Rugby	CS-27
Walleyball	CS-12
Volleyball	CS-22

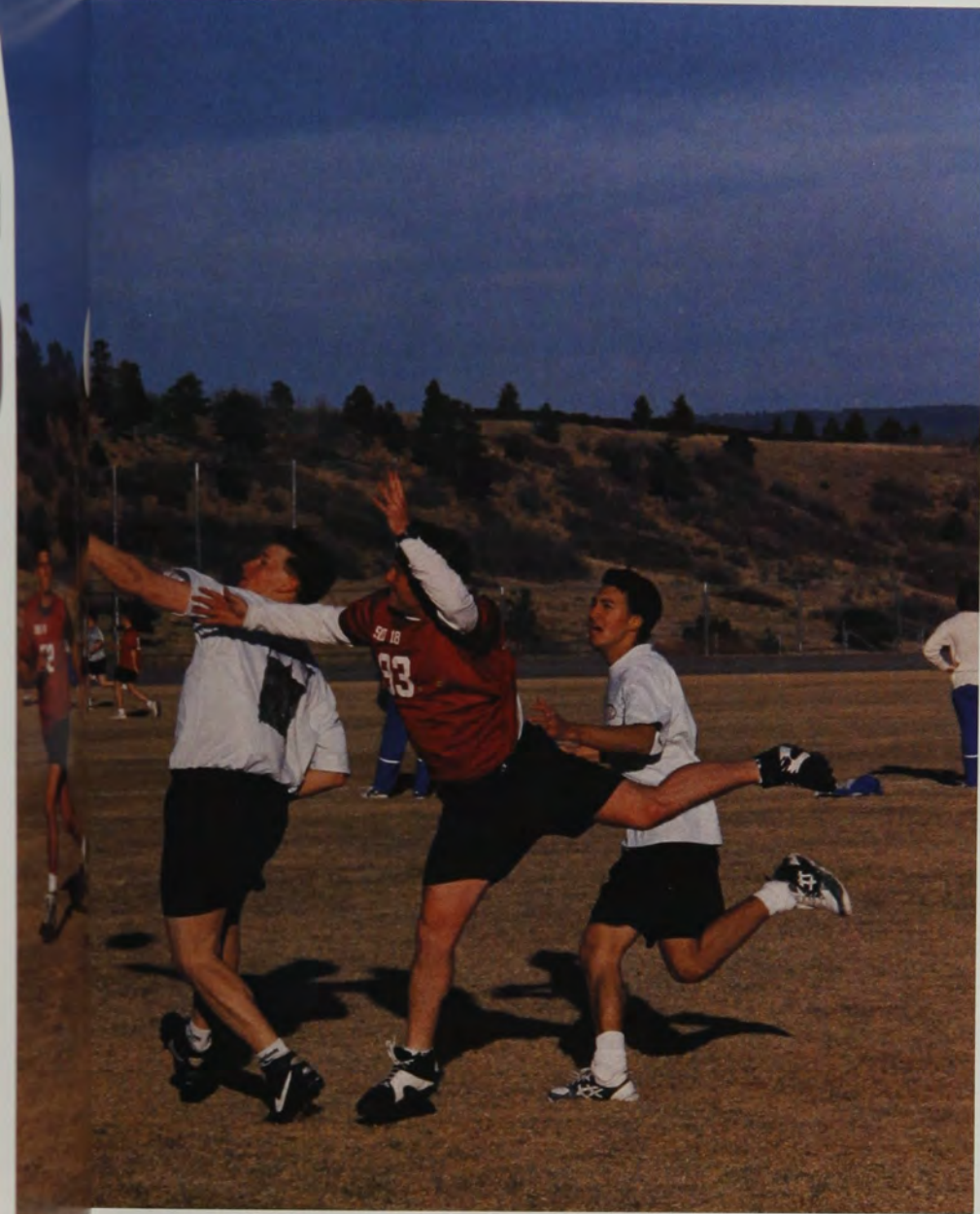


Huddling up for the final cheer. These teammates celebrate another successful game down on the intramural fields. Photo by M. Darakjy.



Quick feet and concentration go hand-in-hand as this play tries to work his way around the CS-06 defender. Being that the game could get rough all were required to wear the proper protection during intramurals. In this case shin guards were a must. Photo by J. Clancy.





Fighting for control of the frisbee, these players never give up. This never-say-die attitude was prevalent with those who were mega-competitive. Photo by M. Darakjy.



C2C Charley Parent uses a forehand to return the ball to his opponent. Tennis is one of many sports where some cadets uncovered hidden talents. Photo by S. Ortiz.



The Squadron 32 quarterback attempts to complete the pass before he is tackled. Flag football gave every player the chance to practice moves he'd seen on television the weekend before. Photo by M. Connor.

BOXING CLASSES & INTRAMURALS OPEN DOORS FOR COMPETITION INTRAMURALS AND BEYOND

PE 110. For some it's considered a one-way ticket to pain, for others it offers an opportunity to punch people without the risk of getting written up.

C4C Paul Gabriel was excited to take the optional boxing class, he didn't have any experience in the sport, but the thought of taking out excess energy on punching bags and sparring partners appealed to him ... he had no idea it would take him far beyond the ring in the gymnasium.

"There were about 35 guys in our class," Gabriel said. "And they all wanted to be there. It made the performances all around better."

Those who took the class spent the first eight classes learning the punches and hitting a bag over and over again. After that, they entered the ring to spar.

"I hopped into the ring the first time and I really didn't have a plan," Gabriel said. "I just started punching and hoped it looked good."

Apparently it looked quite good as Coach Weichers invited Gabriel down one afternoon for a "surprise" fight so that he could be graded for class. Gabriel met C2C Roy Blanco, a national boxing champion, in the ring. He said it was an experience he will never forget.

"The coaches saw something in me and really

motivated me," Gabriel said. "After fighting in intramurals they (the coaches) encouraged me to try out for the Wing Open."

Gabriel did just that, with an intense training program, he lost 20 pounds in just two months and qualified for the Wing Open.

"I never expected to get that far," Gabriel said. "The coaches believed in me more than I believed in myself."

Gabriel did not win his bout in the Open.

"I was nervous at the Open and I was fighting in front of my whole class," Gabriel said. "I think next year I will have more confidence in myself and ability."

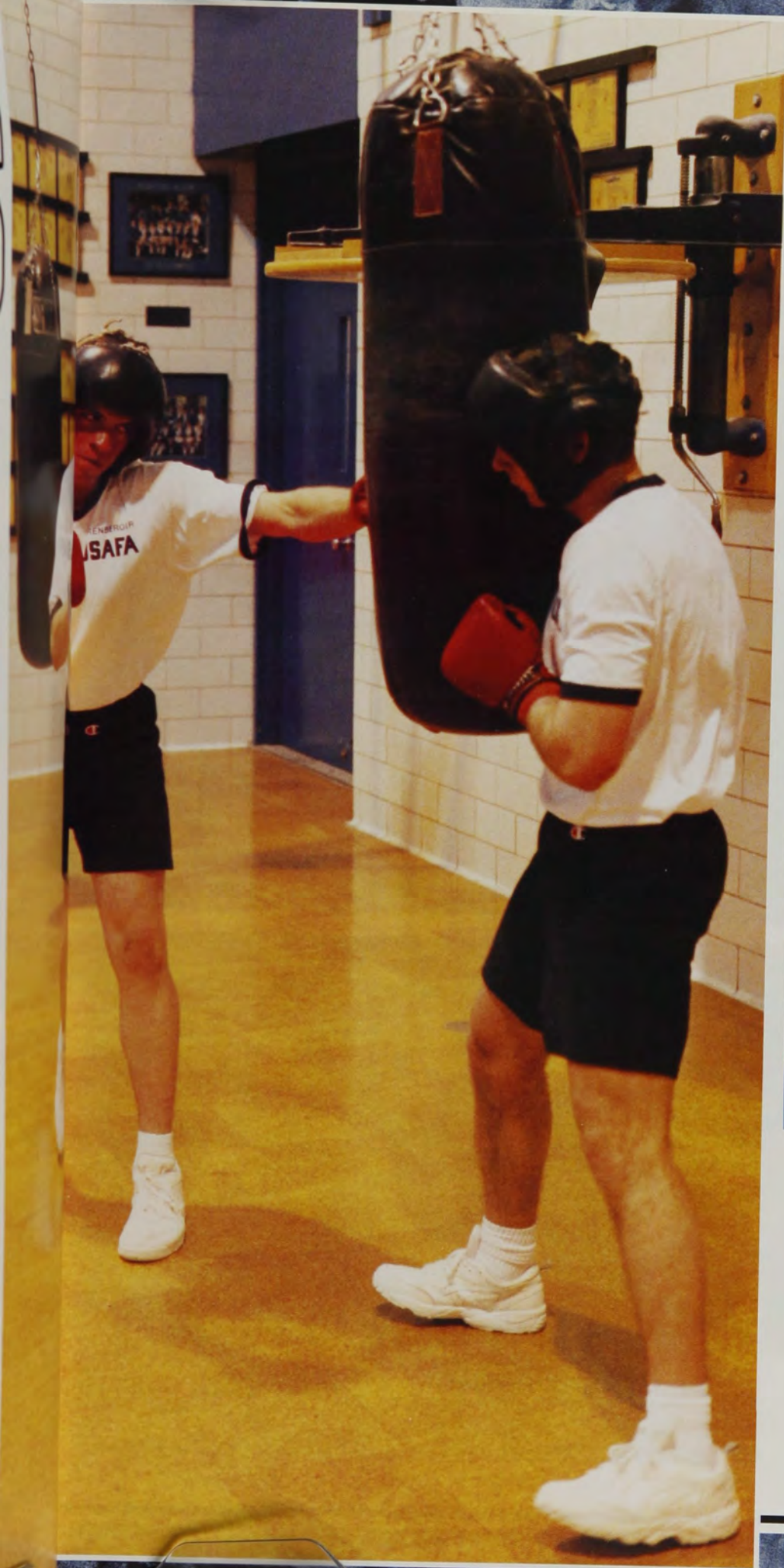
For this young man his new found interest got mixed reviews from his parents.

"When I told my mom I was going to take a boxing class she encouraged me to take swimming," Gabriel said. "My dad thought it was a great idea and started telling me stories about the old greats. Now that I'm going to train again for next year Mom is still pushing the swimming class!"

Despite this protest, Gabriel said he is in for the long haul. "The boxing class helps a person gain confidence," Gabriel said. "Some people stay away from it because they don't want to hit their friends, all I can say is that it really makes closer friends. The people I train with are truly champs and it's good to be around them."

With fists flying these two pugilists battle in the gym. Boxing was one of the only intramurals that was voluntary, no one was rammed jammed into it. Photo by S. Gatto.





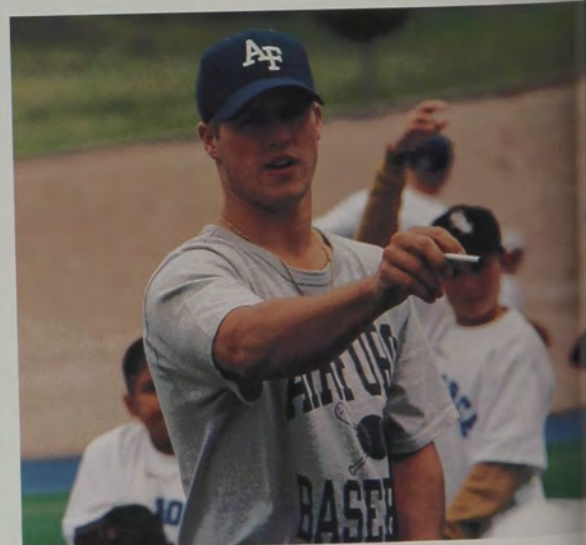
Giving the bag a beating CAC Ryan Rensberger works on his form. His partner holds the bag in an effort to give Rensberger more resistance. Photo by B. Nickel.

"You've come a long way." From the boxing class to the Wing Open most who competed got their start throwing punches at others who wanted to learn the sport as freshmen. Photo by C. Willis.



Helping a camper get a better stretch before starting their soccer drills, Lt. Matheis Mennell watches over the masses. Several lieutenants were "volunteered" to postpone leave to help with the Sports Camps. Photo by B. Boyd.

Showing eager campers how to get low to scoop up the ball, this "rental lieutenant" give clear and concise directions. Due to poor weather, the baseball campers ended up practicing in the field house on numerous occasions. Photo by B. Boyd.



Trying to organize the campers for another drill, this lieutenant uses all of his communication skills to get them in a line. Many lieutenants and cadets were exhausted after spending the day with enthusiastic eight to 18 year-olds. Photo by B. Boyd.



SPORTS CAMP GIVES CADETS A NEW PERSPECTIVE

INTRAMURALS AND BEYOND

Every June the Academy is invaded by 3000 new visitors. These new visitors are not incoming freshmen, but athletes ranging from grade school to high school. These kids, ages 8-18 participated in the annual Air Force Academy Falcon Sports Camp program. The mission of the program, sponsored by the Athletics Department, is to expose high school and junior high students to the opportunities they might have by attending the Air Force Academy and to help them gain more athletic skill in their chosen sport.

The Sports Camp program began in 1980 when children participated in three available sports: soccer, tennis, and golf. Since then, the camp has grown by leaps and bounds. This year, the Falcon Sports Camp offered over 3600 children the opportunity to compete and learn about 19 different sports, all utilizing both Academy

coaching staff and Academy sports facilities.

The camps were offered for three weeks in June, each camp lasted a week. Most of the children attended the camp as boarders, where they were housed in Vandenberg Hall and ate at Mitchell Hall. The boarders got a good idea of what attending the Academy might be like.

"Falcon Sports Camp duty is the best leadership credit offered to cadets and new lieutenants at the Academy," Jerome Harnden, director of the Sport Camp Program, stated. Cadets and lieutenants run the predominant aspects of the program. "Not only do they lead and direct other cadets, they have the greater responsibility to care for the needs of civilian children of various ages." This responsibility included monitoring the kids in the dorm at night, providing transportation for the kids to and from the airport, as well as in inclement weather, and supervising the daily catered lunch for 1500 children. "Most importantly," Harnden said, "cadets and lieutenants learn how to be a good example not only to cadets, but to the young and more impressionable youth looking up to them."

While many cadets dread the program when they see it on their summer schedule, the program does have its perks. All cadets got the same catered lunch as the campers, which ranged from Subway one day to McDonald's the next. Not only did this mean no Mitch's for lunch, but most cadets took enough leftovers to stay away from Mitchell Hall most of the program. In the end, while the program does do a great job of eliminating most participants desire for children ever, the leadership learned and those one or two kids the cadets reached do make the program worth while. **By Ben Boyd**

Sending the ball over the net to an awaiting camper, Lt. Craig Moe offers pointers to improve swings. Many lieutenants and cadets were needed to make the Sports Camps the successes that they were. Photo by B. Boyd.



ORGANIZATIONS

HELP DEVELOP OFFICERSHIP SKILLS

Section Editor: Connie Garcia '98

If there was one thing that kept cadets and indeed the Academy unique, it was all the clubs offered. There were roughly 75 clubs at the Academy. These clubs were voluntary, and many cadets joined them to help develop officership skills.

Many clubs that the Academy offered were the same as other institutions, but some were inherently unique. Organizations like Falconry offered an experience that many other clubs did not, while the ethnic and cultural clubs brought diversity to the Academy, and thus a better understanding and appreciation for different ways of life.

The uniqueness of the clubs gave all cadets the opportunity to find one that suited their interests. On Club Recruitment day at Arnold Hall, most all organizations set up tables and did demonstrations to entice the freshmen. The four-degrees then could sign up to join two clubs. Some clubs had a fee, while others were free.

Finding time to allot to one's club was diffi-

cult due to the constraints placed on cadets. However, most found the time necessary to make club participation successful. Taking an hour or two out of a busy schedule could often be tough, but rewarding. Some clubs, like Falconry and the Drum and Bugle Corps, even traveled to other schools and major towns for competitions or shows and thus enhanced a cadet's travel life.

More importantly though, the clubs offered an outlet for cadets. The cadets who participated did so because they loved the activities. The rewards were definitely worth the hard work put forth. More often than not, the harder one worked in his or her club, the better these rewards were.

C1C Ryan Campbell said: "Falconry is not common in North America at all. There is no other college that does something even remotely close to what we do. Other clubs hunt with their falcons, we do performances. We show people something they've never seen before. We get a lot of requests to do presentations at airshows. It's great." *By Rusty Evers*

Folding the flag at the end of another academic day, these members of the Honor Guard fulfill another time tested tradition. Although most colleges have a U.S. flag flying daily, the Academy is unique in the fact that the students care for the colors. Photo B. Brandow.





Reaching new heights to pull down a ball, these rugby club members compete in Denver. Unlike their intercollegiate counterparts, cadets who participated in most club athletics were not able to give up extraneous academic and military duties. They had a unique commitment to compete. Photo by B. Brandow.

NINJUTSU

Back Row: H. Jones, A. Schultz, M. Fisher, J. O'Brien, R. Moores
Middle Row: K. Roy, B. Thompson, S. Lacktorin, A. Price, A. Ackerman, J. Day, D. Pokrifchak
Front Row: M. Cox, L. Speakman, M. Jaroszewski



CIC Matt Jaroszewski, club CIC, demonstrates a Tai Sabaki (full body movement) technique known as Tobi (leaping) to avoid a staff strike. The art of Ninjutsu requires patience and plenty of practice. Photo by M. Darakjy.

TKO

Front Row: P. Laslie, J. Aguilera, I. Barrett, J. Wellen
Back Row: L. Duffy (coach), K. Roman, I. Weisenburger, R. Torres
Not pictured: Y. Pasanen, D. Le



JUDO

Front Row: N. Flores, M. Howard, C. Willerreal, E. Zerba
Back Row: TSgt M. Vgros, K. Redmann, A. Mankowski, M. Hurt, S. Noland, K. Schaier, A. Madland



C2C Shad Lacktorin demonstrates a hanbo technique on C2C Dave Pokrifchak. The three foot staff is one of the many weapons a Ninja learns to use in combat. Photo by M. Darakjy.





LEARN TO FIGHT

By Matt Jaroszewski

The Ninja first seeks peaceful resolutions to violent confrontations. But when necessary, should the situation escalate to violence, their bodies will react instinctively and bring their attackers to the destruction they seek.

The Ninjutsu Club

is one of the more popular, albeit mysterious, martial arts clubs at the Academy. The club aims to prepare its members for violent encounters both in combat and on the streets, as well as study authentic history of the Art and the Japanese culture from which it emerged.

The most dangerous battles students will fight will not be on mats in lighted rooms with rules, but on the streets without restrictions. Unfortunately, there will always be those who wish to harm others and take what is not theirs. The Ninja's objectives are self-preservation and protection of their loved ones and that which is good. One must follow a path of righteousness marked by humility and subservience to the Art. Training is not a means to an end, but an ever lasting path of enlightenment. The means for fulfilling these objectives include understanding the forces working in nature and proper training to prepare for any encounter. The Ninja first seeks peaceful resolutions to violent confrontations. But when necessary, should the situation escalate to violence, their bodies will react instinctively and bring their attackers to the destruction they seek. Training is conducted to prepare club members for any situation.

Taijutsu, Japanese for full body movement, is applied in all combative techniques. The Ninja does not depend on strength, quickness, or speed but rather on subtle movements of the body. These controlled movements enable the Ninja to avoid attacks while positioning to counter. There is an infinite amount of

techniques a student may utilize, but the Kihon—fundamental principles of movement—are very simple. The Ninja trains to escape from any situation and attack using various unconventional strikes and grapples. By maintaining a pure heart and receptive spirit, the Ninja can attack an opponent while seeming to possess the elemental powers of the earth, water, fire, wind, and the void.

For the club, simulating reality is the primary focus because anything can happen. The Ninja allows circumstances to dictate the fight because any attacker will have gaps (weaknesses) in their technique. There is no ultimate defense or offense. Simply being able to punch or kick, throw or wrestle an opponent to the ground, or wield a firearm are not adequate tools for every situation because in reality one must be able to enter any range within the spectrum of violence—from subduing an assailant to lethally wounding an attacker. The physical and mental obstacles to survival that arise in combat are what the club prepares students for in their training.

The red Bujin patch on the black uniforms symbolize the peace and kindness of the Ninja's heart shining through the ignorance, hatred, and evil in the world. Members train hoping to never unleash the timeless secrets understood only after countless hours of training—not just in the dojo, but during everyday life. The ability to survive in any environment by understanding yourself, others, and nature, is the underlying strategy.

Shindosui Alex Mordine, an eighth degree black belt and a former member of the US Army Special Forces, teaches C2C Dan Campos and C3C Chris Garcia kobudo (traditional martial ways and body skills). Mordine presented the Bujinkan Golden Dragon medal to Col Fox during his visit the Academy. Photo supplied by the club.

COMBAT PISTOL TEAM SHOOTS TO WIN

By Scott Fowler

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Team is one of the newest and most exciting clubs at the Academy. It was formed in April 1996 in response to a challenge of hard-core, in-your-face competition from the teams from West Point and Annapolis. The team of four cadets, at that time, traveled to North Carolina to take on the other two service academies in the first annual Inter-Service Academy competition. The team performed above expectations and one cadet placed second overall in the competition.

The team, led by Cadet-in-Charge C3C Devlin Kostal, has come a long way in the past year. Almost 100 people tried out to be a part of the elite team, but only 15 could be taken. These select few cadets spent countless hours competing in local civilian practical pistol matches. They trained with .45 caliber pistols, M-16 and M-60 machine guns, .308 sniper rifles, combat-style 12-gauge shotguns, and MP5 submachine guns.

The CPT sponsored two invitational shoots: the "Youth vs. Experience" shoot in December, and the "Bigwig Invitational" in April. Cadets from the team competed against people from the 10 SPS and 10 SFG (from Ft.

Carson) as well as against Academy personnel that included Gen Lorenz and Col Fox.

In addition, the eight members of the traveling team participated in the Second Annual Inter-Service Academy Competition. The team surpassed all expectations and finished with a team score of second place along with many individual placements. C2C Scott Tomplinson, next year's spring semester Wing Commander, was the top individual scorer on the team with a strong second place finish. C3C Scott Fowler and C3C Craig Fisher also shot well and placed first and second, respectively, in the shotgun night-shoot stage. Other notable finishes include: Combat Pistol Team "A" placed second out of nine entries, C3Cs Craig Fisher and Devlin Kostal captured eighth and ninth in individual standings, and all eight members beat the sixteen West Point entrants.

The team should be a strong contender in the years to come in practical pistol competitions. With six returning members for next year and many talented cadets in the Wing, the Combat Pistol Team will be a force to be reckoned with for any who dare to challenge the team.

Cadets stand and receive civilian instruction on combat pistol. The International Practical Shooting Association helped sponsor this event. Photo provided by team.



CIC Mike Wilcox examines the cleanliness of his weapon. Maintaining a clean weapon is imperative for its effective performance. Photo provided by team.



TSgt Cliff Anderson and C3C Scott Fowler analyze the target. The Combat Pistol Team attracted officers, enlisted and cadet participants. Photo provided by team.



Col Fox receives instruction on the Combat Pistol Course of Fire. Safety was stressed at all of the club's events. Photo provided by team.



COMBAT PISTOL

Maj. D. Censo (OIC), MSgt. D. Hemlock (NCOIC), 2Lt. D. Eaton (AOIC), A. Kerutis, J. Johnson, S. Molosky, C. Allred, M. Wilcox, B. Wenthur, S. Fowler, M. Smedra, C. Riesco, N. Holmes, P. Soweda, M. Shafer, T. Bowman, D. Kostal
Photo by G. Pleinis.

PISTOL CLUB



Front Row: J. Wolworth, S. Greenfield, D. Hammond, E. Oti, A. Barnes, R. Carver, K. Rechsiek. Row Two: Major Taylor (OIC), T. Miller, M. Michalek, M. Crill, E. Rivera, R. Naylor, D. Dohle, S. Williams, D. Jordan, M. Gose. Photo by B. Lingle.

INTER-COLLEGIATE PISTOL



Front Row: C. Wilderman, M. Walker, M. Schroering. Back Row (L to R): Maj. D. DiCenso, J. Benson, T. Miller, J. McClendon, T. Benson, A. Curtus, J. Joshua, Maj. White
Photo by G. Pleinis.

HUNTING



Front Row: J. Jensen, B. Graves, M. Bremer. Row Two: B. Palermo, Maj. Bleakley, D. Mortenson. Photo by J.

WOMENS LACROSSE

Photo by M. Connor.



Playing first home, C2C Lizabeth Grupe brings it down the field while C2C Meghan Scott looks to pass. Despite not having LOS the team remained highly competitive. Photo by M. Connor.

AIKIDO

Photo by D. Casson.



KAYAKING

Photo by M. Connor.



ARCHERY

Photo by M. Connor.



Always on the offensive threat, C2C Meghan Scott hustles to meet the pass in the AF versus Babson College game. Scott made the All Vail Team. Photo by M. Connor.





WOMENS LACROSSE KEEPS ON WINNING

By Liz Grupe

Throughout the season, the team played many well-established programs. Despite many losses, they kept its motivation and gained much experience from each game.

The Women's

Lacrosse team just finished its second season. Capt Cappello served as the ladies' coach for the last three semesters. Although they maintained a winning record the first season, they did not have one this semester. The reason for such a record was that the team played in a largely competitive league. They beat teams such as Regis, Colorado State University, and Navy Junior Varsity. They held their own but lost to teams such as Colorado College, Denver University, and Babson College. Although the ladies saw more losses than wins, they improved greatly this season. The team captain, C1C Shannon Cary, shared the philosophy of the team, "We want to have fun; yet, our goal is to play hard!"

The team began the season with a rough start. Hoping to gain Limited On Season status, the team soon found out they did not qualify. Weather was also a factor and caused many games to be cancelled. Although frustrated, the team practiced in all types of weather, getting ready for the first game. The season began with a tournament they hosted.

Throughout the season, the team played many well-established programs. Despite many losses, the team kept its motivation and gained much experience from each game. The highlight of the season was the trip to the Naval Academy, where the team had a record of two wins and one loss. It was the first team trip, and they enjoyed the experience very much.

Later in the season, Capt Cappello chose six individual members to try out for both the National team and the Vail team. Two players made the National team: C2C Lizabeth Grupe and C2C Wendy Volkland. All six individuals made the Vail team: C2C Meghan Scott, C2C Shannon Kavanaugh, C2C Carrie Platt, C2C Sheri Webb, C2C Wendy Volkland, and C2C Lizabeth Grupe.

The Women's Lacrosse team is a relatively new sport at the Air Force Academy. The sport requires much running, a lot of stick work, and most of all, a lot of motivated young women. The team encourages anyone interested to come out and play—no experience required.



Defensive wing, C2C Shannon Kavanaugh works hard to catch her opponent on defense. Kavanaugh made the All Vail Team. Photo by M. Connor.

A strong center, C2C Wendy Volkland is aggressive on the loose ball while C1C Melissa Feyerlesen is the outlet. Volkland made the National Team. Photo by M. Connor.

KEEPING CONTACT WITH THE PAST

By Jeremy Eggers

In the soul of every prior enlisted cadet lies a special sort of value that stems from past experiences with enlisted heritage, training and enlisted life in general.

From a distance

they simply blend into the crowd with every other cadet. Up close they may change slightly — a few extra ribbons, a specialty badge or two, and maybe even a few extra signs of aging. Inside though, there is something quite distinct about them. In the soul of every prior enlisted cadet lies a special sort of value that stems from past experiences with enlisted heritage, training and enlisted life in general. The wealth of knowledge to be gained and utilized from these "priors" is what makes the Prior Enlisted Council one of the most hard-charging, forthright organizations at the Academy.

Founded in the early 90's, the council's mission mainly centers around recruiting. "In past years, the number of enlisted people applying and consequently being accepted to USAFA or the USAFA Preparatory School was incredibly low," said C3C Brian Crozier, council co-cadet-in-charge. "Getting a commission the USAFA-way was simply an under-publicized, seldom talked about route." To help spread the word, council

members went on recruiting trips to Air Force bases all over the country and talked to airmen about what the Academy has to offer.

As a result of the council efforts, new programs like LEAD, Leaders Encouraging Airman Development, came on line which boosted enlisted enrollment dramatically. "In one year, the prep school went from having 13 priors to 69," said C3C Devlin Kostal, council co-cadet-cadet-in-charge. "This group is now part of the Class of 2000 and they will no doubt be the driving force in the Academy's cadet leadership in the coming years."

Other than recruiting, the council also serves to enhance the effectiveness of Academy programs. Kostal said: "The Prior Enlisted Council is here to address many quality of life issues at the Academy. It's a forum for priors to come together, talk about their past experiences, and discuss ways to introduce a 'real Air Force' approach to the Academy way of business."



Let's dance! These club members dress dummies in the cadet service dress. Prior Enlisted Council members helped the Visitor's Center prepare a display of cadet uniforms and rooms. Photo submitted by the club.

Here is your jacket madame, allow me to assist ... these members of the Prior Enlisted Council dress a mannequin that will be displayed in the Visitor's Center. The Prior Enlisted Council often volunteered to help recruit for the Academy and act as liaisons. Photo provided by the club.



These two club members set-up a dummy cadet in the Visitor's Center. Prior Enlisted Council members spent a weekend putting their expertise to good use setting up displays. Photo submitted by the club.



C2C Andrew Parke meticulously irons a set of parade pants. Being prior enlisted gave these cadets an added advantage over their classmates when it came to ironing uniforms. Photo submitted by the club.



COLOR GUARD

Photo by B. Brandow.



CONTRAS

Photo by B. Brandow.



DRUM-LINE

Photo supplied by the club.



PRIOR ENLISTED COUNCIL

Photo by G. Pleinis.

RUMORS CAST

Front Row: L.
Holland, C. Devlin, H.
Vandehei, G. Iglesias
Back Row: R. Baily, R.
Wilson, C. Powers, M.
Edwards, D. Wilson,
E. Andren Photo by J.
Clancy.



BRIGADOON

Photo by M. Brown.



D&B

Kneeling: M. Brown, B.
George, J. Hendricks,
M. Jamoom, A. Lapp
Standing: J. Buchta, J.
Miller, J. Stahr, J.
Brown, J. Bice, L. Hill,
D. Drummond, A.
Albert Photo by B.



D&B

Brandow.
Back Row: P. Brown,
W. Shipman, W.
McClelland, B. Larson,
J. Shuck, M. Law, D.
Wrazen, K. Wrey Middle
Row: M. Cok, K.
Washington, E. Vrena,
J. Liang, R. Dunegan,
C. Israel Front Row: S.
Davis, H. McIntosh, M.
Amendariz, J. Bowyer,
P. Welsh Photo by B.
Brandow.



These cast members of Brigadoon rest their tired feet in the Green Room. Putting on a production often required cast members to lend the stage crew a hand. Photo by E. Hindmarsh.



BLUEBARDS DELIVER BRIGADOON & RUMORS

By C Renee Garcia

It takes a person with a special talent and capabilities to bring the plays to life for those watching.

They are often

spotted walking around, mumbling to themselves. Some are even found huddled in dark corners reading. These people are not to be taken as mental patients, but rather aspiring actors trying to find the time and space needed to practice their lines. Lurking inside of every cadet is some sort of talent that those in charge of Bluebards attempts to root out, often with success.

Every year, Bluebards puts on a production both during the fall and spring. It takes a person with a special talent and capabilities to bring the plays to life for those watching. So, an extensive search for just the right cast is conducted each time with required talents dependent upon the play and musical. The genre ranges from classical musicals to Broadway productions and from fantasy to reality. These productions give those involved time

away from their studies and military duties. It also supplies the Wing and surrounding area with relief from day to day life and entertainment.

This past year, the Bluebards delivered Neil Simon's Rumors, fall semester, and Brigadoon, spring semester. Each production involved an extensive amount of time and dedication. As a result, only those with prior stage experience, be it from high school or small town plays, tended to grace the stage of Arnold Hall. Cast members well familiar with Bluebards included: C1C Gen Iglesias, C2C Catie Devlin, C2C Chris Olsen, C2C Rob Bailey, and C3C E. Arden. Even though the members from cast to cast tended to include the same people, Bluebards always welcomed new talent and new ideas. New blood is what keeps the theater alive.



C2C Regen Wilson and a fellow cast member perform in a scene of Brigadoon. Productions often brought together people who would otherwise not have met. Photo by E. Hindmarsh.



C2C Catie Devline, as Cookie Cusak, and C1C Christophe Powers, as Ernie Cusak, share a laugh during the dress rehearsal of Neil Simon's Rumors. Cast members often form life long friendships after spending numerous hours together on a set. Photo by J. Clancy.

THEY'RE NOT YOUR ORDINARY CHOIR

By C Renee Garcia

It's amazing to see how in just four years this group has been able to perform for such amazing audiences. For a fledgling club, we have come a long way in such a short time!

The USAFA Show

Choir, originally known as "The Bluebirds Show Choir," was founded in March of 1993 by Trevor Smith (Class of 1994). Capped at sixteen members, this year, Show Choir was the only club completely run by cadets. The CIC, ACIC, and NCOIC made all the decisions regarding new members, music, choreography, performances, and costumes.

Show Choir was also unique in several other ways. The choir performed in costumes rather than mess or service dress like other Academy organizations. Additionally to add some variety, this year they traded their red costumes, for black and purple outfits. CIC Genevive Iglesias proclaimed: "We still have the original red ones tucked away somewhere!"

Show Choir was also one of the more diversified choirs. They performed a wide range of music from jazz, rock, and pop, to Broadway, Disney and gospel. Show Choir also had a unique opportunity to travel across the country and represent the Academy. Mr. Joe Quigley, Associate for Fox Broadcasting said: "The Show Choir represents the Air Force Academy as well as, if not better than, the

Thunderbirds represent the Air Force."

This year alone, the Choir performed for: Congressional Staffers, the USAFA Volunteer Recognition Social, the NORAD/USS PACECOM Christmas Party, CBS This Morning, and the Colorado National League of Postmaster. The highlight of the year was a trip to Seattle, Washington for a special performance for the Charles A. Lindbergh Foundation in honor of Mr. Neil Armstrong. C4C Kelly Strom commented on this performance and future ones: "We even got our picture taken with him! I can't wait for more great things to come in the next few years."

A fledgling club compared to the others, Show Choir accomplished a lot in the past four years, which impressed its own members. CIC Christopher Powers, one of two graduating members stated: "Out of all the clubs I've participated in at the Academy, Show Choir was by far the most exciting. It's amazing to see how in just four years this group has been able to perform for such amazing audiences. For a fledgling club, we have come a long way in such a short time!"

Delivering the song just as they had practiced, C2C Cate Devlin and C1C Chris Olsen hold a long note. The Show Choir practiced long hours to make sure that every show was up to par. Photo by M. Connor.



Getting into the groove of the music, C3C Holly Vandehei and C2C Dan Fowler are front and center for this song. The Show Choir members each had an opportunity to be in the center of the spotlight. Photo by M. Connor.



Performing a melody complete with choreography, C2C Susan Canady and CIC Chris Powers, sing a song at one of their many yearly performances. The Show Choir travelled all over the country bringing enjoyment to many audiences. Photo by M. Connor.



Voices united in harmony, these members of the Show Choir start their show's finale. Show Choir performed many times each semester. Photo by M. Connor.



SHOW CHOIR

Front Row: H. Vandehei, G. Iglesias, C. Devlin. Row Two: E. Hindmarsh, D. Fowler, J. Williams, C. Olsen. Row three: L. Adami, J. Marino, S. Canady, L. Holland, D. DBacco, K. Strom. Row Four: D. Grodin, D. Wilosn, K. Heinrich, C. powers, M. Edwards, H. Anker, J. Kreinbrink, Col R. James. Photo by R. Bailey.

PRAISE TEAM

Front Row: B. Vodila, T. Tapia, P. Sexton, E. LeVaughn, J. Wahrmund, W. Laslie, B. Burton, J. Johnston, V. Weber. Row Two: J. Ciesielski, U. Mathis, P. Kelly, J. Hohn, J. Weihrich, U. Yerker, S. Rider, J. MacGregor, D. Creviston, G. Pleimis, P. Crispell. Photo by J. Nelson.



GOSPEL CHOIR

Front Row: G. Jackson, D. White, A. Watson, M. Dumas, T. Criz, A. Eiland, J. Watford, M. Campos, M. Albin, E. Johnson, C. Peterek, N. Fagin, T. Bronson. Row Two: B. House, M. Tippet, N. Laney, C. Anderson, A. Aggemang, P. Gabriel, R. Glenn, K. Demaray. Row Three: A. Hosler, M. Dunn, E. Williams, R. Daniel, J. Thomas, J. Brown, R. Roberts, D. Swaby.



PROTESTANT CHOIR

See names below.



Front Row: K. Lyons, A. Tipton, J. Rand, T. Vick, I. Lalilmarmo. Row Two: J. Kreinbreg, J. Comtois, B. Ainslie, J. Van Orman, M. Pearson, J. Balduf. Row Three: G. Hoffman, J. Smith, S. Walser, B. Salmi, A. Schlag, M. Farness, D. Galloway, M. Pennington, B. Bellamy, M. Elless, L. Moore. Row Four: B. Fuji, A. Cagle, K. Heinrich, D. Ware, T. Hutton, N. Oltmans, J. Seto. Row Five: B. Laubscher, D. Heintz, C. Kobilush, M. Uribe, J. Queen, R. Ellis, K. Everett, C. Powers. Photo provided by S. Walser.

FALCONRY

Front Row: E. Palmer with Echo (prairie), R. Campbell with Phoenix (peregrine), J. Johnson with (Aurora gyr), S. Kreuziger with Lil (peregrine), D. Hendrix with Arthur (prairie) Row Two: B. Leivers with Oscar (kestrel), D. DeYoung with Havoc (peregrine), C. Haney, LtCol Riddel, M. Stanley, M. Beverly with Vector (peregrine), R. Ng-a-qui with Bob (Kestrel) Photo by B. Nickel.



CIC Rob Gibbs and C3C Kistina Marty worked hard to assemble the freezeore flag. Scouts and cadets joined together during reville and retreat to show respect for the American flag Academy style. Photo by M. Brown.

MOUNTAIN- EERING

B. Doyle and Ryan Pirozzi. Photo by M. Taylor.



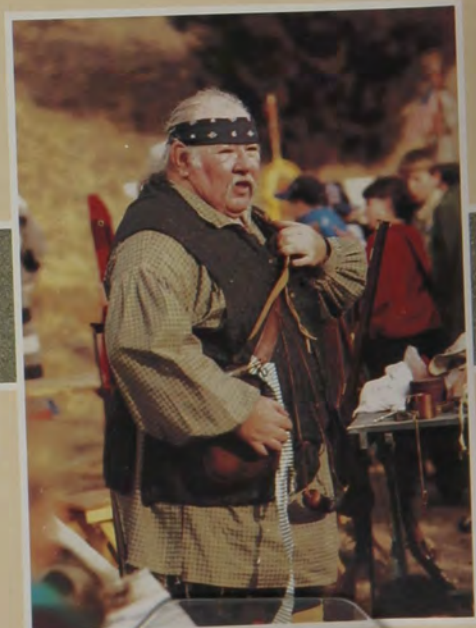
EXPLORERS

Photo by M. Taylor.



Cadets and scouts low crawl at the 1997 Freezeore at Falcon Stadium. Due to the large crowds, cadets had to improvise to keep the scouts entertained. Photo by M. Brown.

The mountain men and women of the Colorado Springs area explain the old ways to the scouts. In addition to the cadet ran events, the CST sergeants and grunts from nearby Fort Carson showed their stuff. Photo by M. Connor.



NEW HORIZONS

By Matthew Brown

Chartered through the Boy Scouts of America, Explorer Post 81 is the largest post in the nation, membership numbers over 30 cadets.

From trekking

in the woods to helping scouts at the annual Freezoree, the Explorer club had its share of events. Chartered through the Boy Scouts of America, Explorer Post 81 is the largest post in the nation with membership numbering over thirty cadets.

A trip to Philmont is just one of the many annual challenges presented to the members of the Explorer club. "Awesome!" was the only way post member C3C William Donehue could describe the several day trek through the mountains and valleys of New Mexico. Although they "kind of got lost one time—[it] was fun anyway." Activities such as the trip to Philmont give cadets the opportunity to push their limits further as well as enjoy the sites the country has to offer.

Another activity sponsored by the Explorer club, and cosponsored by the Pikes Peak Boy Scout Council, was the annual Freezoree

held at Falcon Stadium. The event attracted nearly 200 cadets, mostly former scouts, and close to 3000 scouts from the surrounding area.

When scout Adam Oskvarek of Troop 39 was asked about his favorite activity, he stated: "[the] obstacle course [was] 'cause it was adventurous!" Other scouts commented about the Leadership Reaction Course, "You had to work together to solve different situations."

The Freezoree gave cadets the opportunity to "work together to solve different situations," because the event was completely cadet run. Cadets worked with different organizations on and off the Academy to make the Freezoree a success.

Activities that included community service, camping and hiking allowed members to work with people of all backgrounds and expertise. Many of the events sponsored by Explorers add to the Academy experience.



C4C Smith looks on as scouts enjoy the Freezoree "Leadership Reaction Course." Many of the Freezoree events closely modeled the training cadets partake in at the Academy. Photo by M. Connor.



C3C William Pendleton, CS-10, helps out scouts racing in the "ski patrol." Both fun and hard events let cadets and scouts share experiences. Photo by C. Willis.

NOT FOR THE WEAK TOUGH SCRUMMER S

By Ryan Gaylor

Finishing in the Elite Eight of Division I Nationals, the Zoomie Rugby Team still looks toward the future for more success

The Man's Zoomie

Rugby Football Club had another season full of ups and downs. Although the team finished in the Elite Eight of Division I Nationals, they expected a better season. The team's loss to the University of California, Berkley was one of a few bad marks on an otherwise outstanding record.

The team was led by co-captains C1C Jeff Gheraty and C1C Linwood Wells. Both players started throughout the year, and led the team through a successful season. Other key players that displayed their skills on the field were C1C Mike Maksimowicz (fullback), C2C Debacco (scrumhalf), C2C Billy Nelson (center), C2C Jay Forte (Flanker), C2C Ross Johnston (Prop), and numerous others.

The fall started off very promising, with over a hundred players showing up for the first few practices. Although these numbers dwindled as the season proceeded, the enthusiasm and level-of-play never lessened. The ZRFC had a successful fall season, winning the Jackalope tournament in Laramie Wyoming, and a majority of their other games. In the

spring season, the team continued its quest for a national championship by capturing the ERRFU title and continuing on to regionals.

Although the team worked hard, it still had fun. The team traveled to England during spring break, taking on some tough teams showing them just how good the Academy players could play. After traveling to California and losing in a fierce match to Cal Berkley the team was still not done. Many of the players went on to play at the military nationals, where all were recognized for their excellent playing skill and a few won individual awards.

The season ended with its annual banquet honoring the coaches and a few individual players. C1C Mike Maksimowicz won the best back award, C1C Linwood Wells captured the outstanding scrummie award, and finally C3C Andrew Harkreader won the title of Mr. Rugby. With the loss of only a few key players, the 97-98 team looks to be very promising and they all look forward to seeing increased support from the Cadet Wing at home and away games.

See you down at the pitch!

During an inter-squad scrimmage, teams A & B lock in a scrum down. The scrum is a "civilized battle" for possession of the ball. Photo by M. Brown.



With the ball in his hands Coach, Captain C1C Rick Sheetz scrambles away from Matthew "Weed" Weeder. The coaches often practiced with the team in friendly match ups. Photo by M. Brown.





Not quite within reach, C2C Adam Schnicker depends on C2C Pat Sims to keep him high enough to grab the ball. C1C Jason Frazee and C1C Christian Lenahan await the outcome. Photo by B. Brandow.



RUGBY

Front Row: L. Waldrep, A. Petrino, S. Smith, M. Demma, D. Bozarth. Row Two: Coach A. Osur, P. Kelley, S. Lynch, B. Brings, J. Carter, H. Miner, K. Lee, E. Phelps, Y. Miliani (Captain), OIC Major R. Nefzger. Row Three: A. Watson, M. Scott, C. McBrayer, S. Storm. Row Four: A. Newcomb, S. Baker, J. Zicarelli, C. Berkahn, J. Peterson, S. Victoreen. Not shown: N. Harris (Captain).



RACQUETBALL

Front Row: M. Peterson, J. Thode, B. Neel, R. Hinchey, W. J. Miller, M. Cabbot. Row Two: J. Gallego, C1C J. Soto. Row Three: D. Maestas, J. Hall, K. Malloy, A. Anderson, Coach Struck, C. Parent, J. Marceau, M. Campbell, J. Simmons, OIC Maj. Zupan. Photo by S. Gatto.



KARATE

Front Row: J. Lewis, M. Wernersbach, D. Miller, S. McCoy, M. Stevens, C. Backus. Row Two: Coach G. White, B. Wolf, A. Rogge, P. Williams, J. Sansory, Capt. Y. Wood. Photo by C. Maravac.

C2C Rich Hemmings and C4C Casey Newton tackle C3C Justin Soosuel during an inter-squad scrimmage at Metro State. Inter-squad scrimmages helped keep the team tough. Photo by B. Brandow.

VOLLEYBALL

Front Row: J. Merback, S. Rosengren, P. Volpe, C. Enriques, J. Grindrod, B. Glon, N. Kistler, B. Hettinga.
Row Two: B. Moe, C. Ryan, B. Johnson, C. Rice, C. Meddel, D. Peters, J. Stanley, D. Baumgartner, M. Bland.
Photo by E. Ferrill.



Putting the roof up over the competition, C2C Wayne Merback and C2C Cory Middel are awesome on defense. The team tied for seventeenth in the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Collegiate Club Nationals. Photo by E. Ferrill.

COMPETITION FLYING TEAM

Photo by B. Lingle.



MODEL ENGINEERING

Photo by M. Connor.

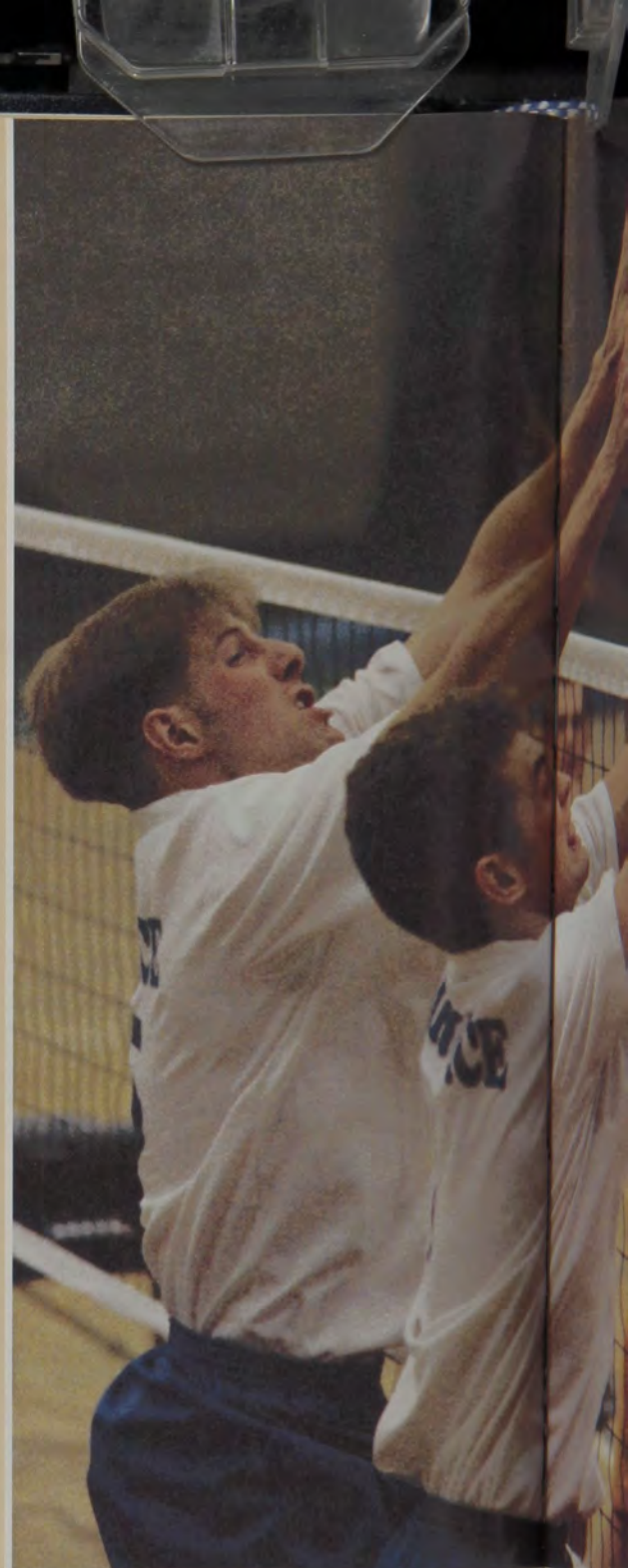


GEOGRAPHY

Front Row: L. Rockwell, C. Berkhahan, A. White, E. Rockhold, C. Lueken, C. Cameron, L. Perez.
Row Two: J. Litzler, J. Sanchez, J. Melvin, J. Otis Capt. Loomans.
Photo by M. Darakjy.



Slam that ball! C1C Chris Rice sends the ball over the block. The team had several matches at the Academy this year. Photo submitted by the team.



MEN'S VOLLEYBALL RANKS IN THE TOP

By John Stanley

We are not just a group of guys who hang out because we are on a team together, but rather we're a group of guys who would hang out together even if not on the same team. It's because we all love the sport of volleyball.

The Men's

Club Volleyball team is more than just another club. It is a group of guys who are brought together by a common love for a game. They didn't hang out just because they were on the same team; they just got along really well. They could be seen playing grass ball in the mail room quads during the summer months as well as during the season down at the gym.

The team worked hard and definitely played hard at all of their home and away competitions. Their efforts seemed to pay off; the team met its goal set at the beginning of the season, to finish in the top 20 nationally.

Going into Nationals, the Falcons entered the tournament ranked 27th with a record of 13-18. They ended up tied for 17th (out of 48 teams) after all was said and done at the club nationals in Tucson, AZ.

The most notable part of this win was

that the Falcons beat their nemesis the University of Colorado. They shut them down in a (9-15, 15-12 17-15) match. C1C Neal Kistler said: "this was by far our greatest victory."

One person who worked especially hard was their coach, Captain Scott Nelson (nominated for Company Grade Officer of the year). He tirelessly volunteered his evenings to help coach the team, on top of all of his other duties. His family also deserved a special thanks for putting up with the team, and the long hours and frequent trips. The team thanks all of them from their hearts.

Coach Nelson also had something to say about the team. "[These players] are an extraordinary group of athletes and I am extremely proud of how they represented the Academy this year. I give them all the credit for making their dream a reality."



C2C John Stanley suffers the rigors of off-season training. The team travelled together over Springbreak. Photo submitted by the team.



High school teammates, C1C Chris Rice and C1C Rick Goodmant, help each other stretch before a big match. Photo by the team.

SKIING THE SLOPES SUCCESS IS SEEN

By Shira Ravitz

Rebuilding a team doesn't seem to bother the Alpine Ski members as they bring home several race honors both on the team and individual levels of competition.

The USAFA Alpine

Ski Team had another good season. Although a rebuilding year, the men's team qualified for regionals, while the women's team just missed the cut. With five out of ten skiers being first time racers, the success of the team was unpredictable. Returning to the team were: C1C Sean Mirus, C1C Shira Ravitz, C2C Beth Peebles, C2C Robin Schaeffer, C3C Jeremy Daily, and C3C Kristian Thiele. New members of the team included: C2C Michelle Edberg, C3C Theresa Soboleski, C4C Mike Blair, C4C Gary Calnan, C4C Jay Geaney, and C4C Dan Hingley. The team was also supported by a strong B team which added to its depth and will make the rebuilding process of next year smoother.

The team was coached by Mr. Bob Catalano, Lt Charlie Metzgar, and Lt Jason Worley. Lt Derek Keck also assisted. The team sponsored its race at Breckenridge and also raced at Howelsen Hill, Copper Mountain, and Loveland Ski Area. For the fifth time in a row the men's team qualified for the regional competition at Winter Park, Colorado. The

women's team barely missed qualifying. The men's top skier was C3C Kris Thiele and the women's top skier was C2C Beth Peebles.

While the women failed to qualify for Nationals for the first time in four years the team was not without success. Guided by OICs Lt Col Dave Alley, Capt Dave Crowe, and Capt Robert Wishtischin, it was a year of individual achievement. Kris Thiele won two races, while Dan Hingley and Jeremy Daily posted several top 15 finishes. Nearly all of the women's team posted top 15 finishes, including C1C Shira Ravitz, C3C Theresa Soboleski, and C2C Beth Peebles whom each had a handful.

The team's success was born by the assistance of many people and they deserve a big thank you. Bob Catalano volunteered many hours coaching and the staff of the CE Lab donated storage space. Transportation always gave the team a vehicle when it was needed and most importantly, the Engineering 410 group Big Bad Bench made an outstanding ski tuning bench.

Faster than the speed of light C4C Larry Gabe works to make it around another flag. Several fourthclass cadets were on the Alpine Ski team. Photo provided by the team.



On a beautiful Colorado day, C3C Kris Thiele competes in a slalom race. Thiele earned two first place finishes. Photo provided by the team.



ALPINE SKI

Front Row: E. Peebles, T. Seboweski, R. Schaffer, S. Ravitz, M. Edberg. Row Two: G. Calnan, L. Gabe, M. Blair, J. Geaney, D. Hingly, Coach C. Metzgar, K. Thiele, J. Daily, Coach D. Keck. Photo provided by team.



TRIATHLON

Photo by M. Connor.



NORDIC SKI

Front Row: J. Peterson, J. Augustine, Row Two: A. Hamel, S. Alholm, N. Hartman, L. Schuman, K. Ellingson, C. Kochen, C. Gage. Back Row: J. Caldon, S. Palfery, J. Glover, D. Jokenin, M. Manning, G. Bryson, J. Newham, S. Gleason, J. Clark, R. Wilderman. Photo by B. Boyd.



CYCLING TEAM

Front Row: S. Alholm, A. Kernt, N. Hartman. Row Two: J. Ausustine, S. Palfery. Row Three: R. Sanestevan, P. Nesulan, J. Trew, T. Pendleton, M. Scheer, D. Hammond, D. Juhl, J. Shaffer, G. Bailey. Photo by M. Connor.

Rounding one of the flags, C2C Beth Peebles makes her way down to the finish line. Peebles had several top 15 placings throughout the season. Photo provided by the team.

WAY OF LIFE

See names above photo.



Front Row: A. Baker, J. John, A. Eiland, T. Cruz, N. Fagan, C. McBrayer, C. Palmer, M. Dumas, D. White, H. Green. Row Two: R. Saddler, M. Campos, C. Anderson, P. Rose, S. Payne, C. Laney, M. Ranger, G. Jackson, A. Burks, M. Tippet. Row Three: R. Cockhem, H. Jeffress, L. Paige, C. Rhodes, J. Thurman, M. Morales, R. Graham, R. Jennings, D. Swaby, M. Campbell. Row Four: T. Beverly, T. Brown, A. James, J. Rhone, B. Evans, R. James, K. Shaw, M. Dunn, A. Brodle, D. Mitchell, A. Dothard. Row Six: R. Pryor, A. Agyemang, R. Giles, X. Bruce, L. Wallace, E. Irick, J. Thomas.

ASCE

Photo by S. Ortiz.



ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY

Photo by M. Brown.



BACCHUS

Photo by B. Boyd.



Giving his partner a little oxygen, CIC Mark Waskow applies the CPR technique he learned on CIC Andy Lipina. Diving required that all knew basic life saving techniques. Photo by G. Yoschak.

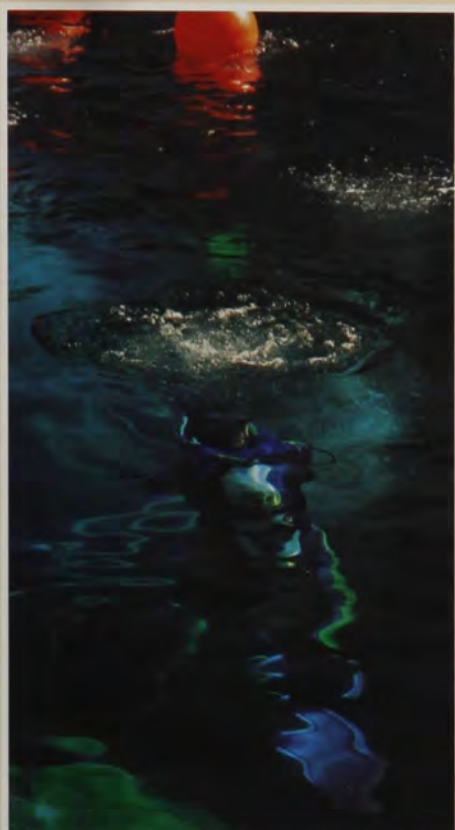
This trainee begins to surface after a successful dive. After getting the final lesson, trainees are able to tour the area without supervision. Photo by G. Yoschak.

Col. Hastie checks off his safety list while CIC Mike Sovitsky and his classmate watch. Going through the predive list was essential. Photo by G. Yoschak.



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by G. Yoschak.

very last while C1C Mike
watch. Coming through the
by G. Yoschak.



IT'S BETTER WETTER DIVERS HAVE FUN

By Sharon Rocha

"I started SCUBA diving because I wanted to be able to see things that no one had ever seen before... grains of sand or other simple objects because I know, no matter how simple, I discovered them." - C1C Phil Morrison

How can a cadet

see things never seen before or explore things never explored before? Become an astronaut? It can be done that way, or you could just join the SCUBA Club. As instructor Phil Morrison said, "I started SCUBA diving because I wanted to be able to see things that no one had ever seen before... grains of sand or other simple objects because I know, no matter how simple, I discovered them."

Scuba stands for Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. It gives people access to a new world, the other two-thirds of the earth. For the most part, the SCUBA club explores the infamous Blue Hole in Santa Rose, New Mexico. A new instructor, Joe Parham said, "Blue Hole is a great place to learn and practice but it does get cold." C1C Mike Sovitsky agrees. He said about his certification experience, "Blue Hole is great, especially when its snowing and your hands and feet are numb." Blue Hole may not be the best SCUBA spot, but it offers a convenient place for cadets to get certified. This year alone, the club

certified over 300 divers from beginner SCUBA divers to instructors.

After certification the possibilities are endless. Cadets dove everywhere from Mexico and Hawaii to Florida and the Bahamas. The SCUBA Club participated in the 39th annual Grand Lake Competition where a team from USAFA recaptured the team title in diving. C1C Michelle Gadus won the title for all around female diver, while C1C Dave Pryor took the prize in all around male diver.

The SCUBA Club also ran a trip to Catalina Island, California over Spring Break, where it certified nine new instructors and had some fun. Divers saw sting rays, sharks, dolphins, octopi, abalone, sea cucumbers, an assortment of fish and many other things. C2C Chad Sterr who went to Catalina said of his more than 50 dives, "I've swam with sharks and seals, held octopus, done underwater rock climbing and so much more. There is no limit to what you can do as a SCUBA diver."



Assistant instructor C2C Sharon Rocha observes C2C Kevin Hornburg and C1C Candace Sharp perform rescue techniques. Each person learned the basic procedures to perform an underwater rescue. Photo by G. Yoschak.

E POLARIS KEEPS ON **S** **EARNING AWARDS**

By Rusty Evers

Committing time and effort the yearbook staffers put together a product that continues to receive national and regional recognition

The Polaris

Yearbook Staff had another extremely impressive year, representing themselves and the Academy very well. The small band of crazy cadets known as writers or shooters put in time from their normally hectic schedule to create a nationally recognized yearbook for the Wing.

The *Polaris* documented many of the events that happened during the 1996-97 academic year and wrapped it up in this handy hardbound book. Not only did they cover all the cool events, but they went above and beyond the call of duty on a regular basis. While many cadets use the *Polaris* as a bookend at the corner of the bookshelf, the yearbook earned tremendous honors both regionally and nationally.

Again staffers, under the supervision of Amara Fotenos, a veteran to the yearbook and media cultures and again, the Editor-In-Chief, C1C Rusty Evers herded a few dedicated and

wonderful cadets to produce the *Polaris*.

In addition to putting the book together, the staff also went on some trips to improve their media skills. Such trips included: the publishing plant in Marceline, Missouri, Disney World, and New York City. Here, the cadets learned tips on how to make the yearbook even better.

To reward their hard work, the staff earned many accolades for the 1996 *Polaris*. These included capturing the Top Regional Honor for the third straight year, judged Best in Yearbook in the 14 state Rocky Mountain Collegiate Media Association, and earning an unprecedented 14 Columbia Scholastic Press Association Awards, the Walsworth Publishing Company's Gallery of Excellence, and best Mission Support Club in USAFA. Congratulations to all the recipients, and best of luck in the future. Keep up the outstanding work and make us proud, even if the *Polaris* does not get sent to the President!



On top of the Empire State Building in New York City, C1C Rusty Evers, C2C Greg Pleinis, Junior Kelly Millington (friend from Boise University) C2C Connie Garcia, C2C Tom Preston and C2C Mike Connor are the typical tourists. Not only was the trip great to see sights, the staffers learned a lot in the daily sessions. Photo by some random stranger.



Trying to make heads or tails of her layout for the Sports section, C3C Gayle Apolonio gives up yet another free Saturday to work on the book. Staffers were amazingly generous to give up what little time they had to help complete the *Polaris*. Photo by G. Pleinis.



Getting some recognition closer to home, C1C Rusty Evers and C2C Phil Hagen accept the award for Outstanding Mission Support Club. They earned this award for all of the positive involvement that the Cadet Wing Media clubs had for the past year and a half. Photo by M. Brown.



POLARIS

Kneeling: R. Evers, B. Brandow, B. Boyd, C. Rodriguez, G. Apolonio. Standing: M. Brown, L. Lemelson, C. Willis, T. Preston, J. Clancy, P. Hagen, B. Ferril, G. Pleinis, C. Garcia, M. Connor, P. Rose. Photo by B. Scharton



KAFA

Photo by BJ Lingle.



DODO

Photo by B. Brandow.



FORENSICS

Front Row: B. Baumgartner, S. Briscoe, M. McMillan. Row Two: Lt Col Brailey, R. Woodward, G. Sonkel, A. Robert, C. Dinote, A. Meudt, D. Jones, J. Trafecanty, S. Stigler. Row Three: B. Burke, R. Magaziner, M. Pennington, D. Foster, R. Sullivan, B. Finnerty, Capt Wheeler. Row Four: B. Baldwin, E. Berg, Capt Casebeer, J. Dunham, H. Warring. Photo by P. Hagen.

Looking over the fruits of labor from 1996, C2C Connie Garcia, C3C Matt Taylor and C2C Mike Connor get an early glimpse of the 1996 Polaris before it was handed out to the Wing. Although far and few between there were perks for staffers who helped record the Academy's history. Photo by B. Brandow.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

First Row: C. Rohrig, C. Wilde, P. Warlick, J. Richter
Middle Row: D. Leung, J. Deim, A. Roesner
Back Row: C. Davis, N. Boss, B. Lane, T. Earp, J. Simons, P. Crispell, J. Raber



This team member tries to intercept the frisbee from his opponent. Quick hands and the ability to second guess the passes was essential to effective play. Photo by M. Brown.

SABRE DRILL

Photo by G. Pleinis.



HONOR GUARD

Photo by G. Pleinis.



HONOR GUARD

Photo by G. Pleinis.



Getting some energy and working on their strategy, Turbulence takes a breather. The team's smart playing this season earned them first in the B bracket at Regionals. Photo by M. Brown.





FRISBEE REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

By AG Roesner

Through hard work, they took first in the "B" bracket, but unfortunately it was not enough to advance them to Nationals.

Ultimate Frisbee

is a little known and even less understood sport. It is a very aerobic sport-comparable to soccer and flickerball. It requires a combination of numerous physical abilities-speed, endurance, agility, and excellent hand/eye coordination.

Competitions for Ultimate Frisbee were found on two levels-collegiate and club. For collegiate tournaments, the teams can be (but are not required to be) coed. For club tournaments, at least two females must play at all times. The USAFA Ultimate Frisbee team (nicknamed "Turbulence") has not been at the Academy for very long-only five years. They competed with numerous collegiate teams in this area: Denver University, University of Northern Colorado, Colorado University, Colorado State University, Wyoming, and Colorado College.

Prior to this year, Turbulence had not really been successful in its competitive endeavors. This year was quite different, they were quite successful.

The team competed in three tournaments during the season, then they competed in the Sectionals Tournament at UNC. From there, the team advanced to the Regional Tournament at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. Turbulence competed against teams from Carleton College, Notre Dame, University of Nebraska, and University of Chicago.

Through hard work, they took first in the "B" bracket, but unfortunately it was not enough to advance them to Nationals. There is always next year, however, and they look forward to the competition.



Passing off the frisbee, this Academy player hopes to gain more yardage by his play. The Ultimate Frisbee team had its best season ever this year. Photo by M. Brown.

SQUADRONS

CREATE UNIQUE CADET CULTURES

Section Editor: Tom Preston '98

The squadrons held cadets together, comparable to other institution's fraternities or sororities, they became a sort of home for cadets. But more than that, squadrons were unique and different from the average college house. In the squadrons, there were more rules than a dorm or house, but the furniture was better and it was far more spacious. In addition, the squad was a working environment as well as a home with friends and "family."

CIC Jason Ausdemore, the spring squadron Commander of Cerebrus said that his squadron was more than just a group of cadets living together.

"I would say we are a family; we look out for each other. The big difference is the loyalty and the friendship," Ausdemore said. "We all come from different backgrounds and facets of life, but we work together effectively. Overall, I think that the squadron is an integral part of success and also a family; nobody wants to let their family down."

The varying personalities of the cadets in these

"families" made each squadron unique. While some squads focused attention on the separate pillars of the Academy, others attempted to simulate college life outside the gate.

Some squadrons were known for their relentless training sessions, while others were known as squadrons that just wanted to have fun. From morning runs to sweat sessions and midget tossing to stall stuffing, squadrons were always buzzing with activity. Regardless of a squadron's reputation, each offered a culture and philosophy that contributed to a cadet's personal development.

This development was further enhanced by the squadron Air Officer Commanding and Military Training Advisor. These officers and NCOs, respectively, supervised and guided the squad. These people were instrumental, as they provided insight into the "Real Air Force," which helped cadets focus on their goals.

**By Rusty Evers and
C Renee Garcia**

Eating a wonderful alternative to a Mitch's meal, this cadet turns his room into a pizzeria. Some squadrons sponsored dining-outs and fast-food nights to make eating outside of Mitch's accessible to the lower three classes. Photo by B. Brandow.



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Hooking up a piece of equipment that is vital to surviving life at the Academy, this fourthclass cadet looks forward to finding a way to communicate with his friends in other squadrons. The Class of 2000, unlike the upper three classes were not welcome to roam the halls and socialize with their friends. Photo by B. Brandow.



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MACH ONE *Keeps* IT STRAIGHT

As sure as the sun will rise each day, the members of Mighty Mach One will consider themselves one of the more stract squadrons in the Wing. This self appraisal doesn't come without actions to back it up. After a particularly successful 1996, the 1997 squadron kept up the good work.

The squadron's flag football team won the Wing championships and the fourthclass cadets made it to the Wing Knowledge Bowl in the fall.

"Making it to the Wing Knowledge Bowl was big for us," C4C Abby Kent said. "The sophomores were proud of us and that made us proud."

Squadron pride was noth-

ing that the members lacked, they were constantly on the lookout for ways to improve themselves.

"The first semester, a lot of emphasis was put on knowledge," C2C Kyle Pumroy said. "Second semester will focus more on teamwork and confidence building, we want people to learn about themselves."

The fourthclass seemed up to the challenge. C4C Chase Yarbrough said: "I'm looking forward to more physical training and new training. We need to get a good balance, so as far as I am concerned it will be good."

C3C Jim Taggart added: "The additions to the training system will teach us (especially the fourthclass) how to be good followers and thus how to become good leaders."

One might worry that with the focus in the squadron being on the military side of the house that Mach Oners lose out on some fun, this was not the case at all. With events that ranged from numerous dining outs, to a pig roast, to Flight Olympics, the members blew off plenty of steam.

"Flight Olympics was really fun," Kent said. "It gave us a chance to get to know the upperclassmen better."

Yarbrough added: "In Mach One you really learn the meaning of work hard, play hard. We got rewarded for hard work. The training could be pretty bad but when it came time to relax and have a good time, it was great."

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Jared G. Clay
Robert A. Farina
John W. Fenwick
Corrine R. Gadus
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Adam M. Mankowski
Damani K. Mitchell
Thomas D. Moon
Cory J. Naddy
Samuel J. Noland
Jacob B. Raser



Mackenzie B. Rohl
Kimberly A. Roman
Brian D. Sherry
Edwin J. Sligar Jr
James R. Taggart
Polly K. Van Ess
Michael J. Whitted





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Kevin L. Brown
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Joseph D. Cox
Beth L. Crimmel
Michael P. Des Roche
George H. Desch
David B. Eisenbrey
Ron R. Jenkins



Andrew B. Jennings
Maurice H. Kidney
Brian T. King
Robert A. Matlock
Jennifer L. Murphy
Robert D. Myers



Kyle J. Pumroy
Rory Rosenbach
Matthew R. Santorsola
Michelle L. Tibbitts
Thomas B. Wolfe
Joseph F. Zingaro



Vanessa C. Bartley
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Eric M. Bissonette
Lance M. Brenneke
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Heather A. Fox
Kasey L. Fry
Jeremy C. Heimgartner
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Abigail I. Kent
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Hector A. Lopez
Albert F. Lowe



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Carlos C. Mararac
Kellie R. Marks
Ryan-Thong V. Pham
Cory C. Raeth
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Justin D. White
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DEUCE *Lets loose in* THE HOUSE

By Tom Preston

The Delta House has long been thought of as the only fraternity in the Cadet Wing that knows how to party. "We partied so much, we ended up in debt," C4C Ryan Braman said. To reduce their MWR debt, rooms with the new furniture were auctioned off to the secondclass cadets. Deuce also organized a theater for the re-showing of Star Wars, and had the fastest root-beer drinking fourthclassman in the Wing. He drank a record three root-beers in 10 seconds.

Not only did the Delta House know how to party, they knew how to play. They were one of the most fit squads in the Wing. They did well in intramurals, two

teams went to the semifinals first semester. "Deuce has a tradition of talking the most smack of anybody on the field, and we can usually back it up" C2C James Miller said.

The physical aspect of Deuce transcends to the training side of the house too. C4C Matt Byrne commented: "The upperclassmen don't usually train, but when they do, they make it really tough, physically." The upperclass in Deuce like the physical training, because according to C3C Doug Dickson, "We don't believe in motivation by fear, but we do make things hard." Things don't get out of hand, though. Everyone sees to that. Dickson added: "Our motto has always been 'we take care of our own', and it keeps everyone

out of trouble."

Deuce not only takes care of its own, but they take care of others too. "We have a lot of people doing community service, and a lot of hours are put in," Dickson said. Among the service projects were a trip to a local high school to help with science projects, a Halloween haunted house, and Operation Christmas. Braman commented: "Everyone is always interested in community service. We always have good squadron support." Yes, Deuce may be the only thing close to a fraternity in the Cadet Wing, and they undoubtedly know how to strike a balance between working, playing, and partying.

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Douglas C. Dickson

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Jason R. Eaton
Christopher V. Hand
Jason M. Holcomb
Richard W. Hoss

Jamie A. Jaquez
Joseph T. Jimmerson
Micah A. Jones
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Michael B. Letschin

Jeremy M. Lukowski
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Anthony B. Paulson
Matthew G. Peterson
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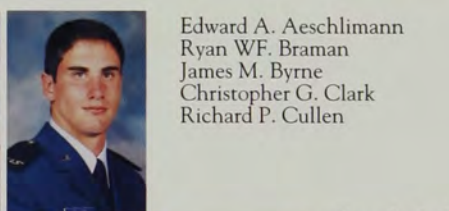
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Jennifer A. S. Holland
Christopher D. Howard
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CEREBERUS *Has fun & helps* **THE COMMUNITY**

By Joe Clancy III

The thought that community service is always serious never comes to mind when Third Squadron is involved. Participating in a plethora of projects each month, the Dogs strived to achieve the second core value of "Service before self." But, having fun was never far behind the goal of completing the mission of "Excellence in all we do."

A big sponsor of the Ronald McDonald House for the past four semesters, the Dogs of War have an Honorary Dog plaque displayed in the main lobby of the Ronald McDonald House.

Volunteering at the house once a semester wasn't enough for the Dogs, they visited at least

twice a semester.

On a recent trip, C4C Jesse Smith said, "I enjoyed it, and had fun. I felt good afterwards, because I was able to help other people, and make a difference." However, the event was not without its difficulties or fun-filled adventures. "We got lost on the way there," C3C Christopher Sheffield said. He added that bad directions could not deter them from their mission.

Another project that the Dogs took to heart was the Homeless Education program at the Colorado College soup kitchen. In an Element sponsored weekend second semester, C2C Gerry Gonzalez—B-3 Element NCO—said: "It is one of the most worthwhile projects I've been in-

involved in." These cadets went down to teach homeless people assorted skills and subjects, however the homeless weren't the only ones taught. "I learned how to react to homeless people, who sometimes surprise you," C4C Jacob Carr said.

Contributing over a thousand hours of community service with projects like the Freezoree, fixing the Visitor Center displays, going to nursing home dances, reading at the literacy center, working the sexual assault hotline, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Haunted Trail, the Dogs of War made a difference in the community...And had fun.

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Marc D. Johnson
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Jonathan E. Kegeler
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Takes the pulp OUT OF FICTION

By Jen Phelps

If the thought of a "Royal with cheese," sparks visions of Vincent Vega and Jules Winfield in the movie, "Pulp Fiction," you are not alone. Folks in Fightin' Fourth had the same thoughts when they got the idea to produce their own version of the movie.

Co-executive producer, C1C Shane Hamacher stated: "Our version is titled "Fourth Fiction" (with a little 'fightin' out in front of the 'fourth,' of course)."

Hamacher said the reason for doing this was that "school work wasn't fun anymore and there's a lot of parody about this place that you can draw from *Pulp Fiction*." The original script was

converted to fit the Academy motif. Carver added: "Seeing people's faces in A-Hall after "sticking up" the place with my M-16 made me realize that I would make a great crook."

Hamacher advised: "It should prove to be a really funny, low budget, 'not-for-everyone-to-see' movie. There is some parental discretion advised because there's only so much you can clean-up a movie like this and still make it recognizable." The actual movie had 28 scenes, fourth's plan was to do 26 of those.

Some of the stars of this flick included: Shane Hamacher as Vincent Vega, Trini Meza as Jules Winfield, Christel Chavez as Mia Wallace and Adam (Big Daddy)

Burks as Marsellus Wallace. As many Fighter's as possible were used in their production. C1C Rich Carver said: "the smacks can't act very well but they make great (cheap) stand-ins."

Dolby sound aside, they used an 8mm camera and whatever props they could find. They bought clothes from Goodwill and toy guns from Walmart to produce this low-budget, high-quality motion picture. Carver summed it up: "Overall, this low-budget, rock-bottom flick will entertain any cadet and will probably be used against us in a court martial."

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WOLFPACK *Finds a happy* **BALANCE**

By C Renee Garcia

The members of Wolfpack Five do things a bit unconventionally by the standards of the rest of the Wing.

They work hard to have fun and from this mentality, they stay motivated militarily.

"The seniors care a lot more than the previous class, and everyone wants to see everyone succeed," C3C Lauren Schuman said.

To show how much they cared about squad unity, the class of '97 put together an activity to kick off the year. C4C Benton Shrewsbury stated: "We had a barbecue the first day we were in the squad, right after the acceptance parade; it was good."

Many other members of the squadron also approved of the idea. "It was a lot better than having a training session, and everybody got to know each other," Schuman said. Shrewsbury added: "We could hear the other squadrons getting trained (while we were at the barbecue)."

Concerning the barbecue and the training in general, C2C Matthew Edwards said: "I'm from Mach One, so it is very different. It's definitely more laid back here. We have a wide-range of personalities, especially crazy, laid back people, but the squad still runs efficiently. We rank high in the Wing militarily."

Yes, the fun activities were aplenty and increased morale. C4C David Still explained: "Several mem-

bers from different classes went hiking and camping together. We also had a disco night and tailgates before each football game."

Some members of the Wing may argue that such "fun" activities detract from getting many jobs done, but according to those in CS-05, it did just the opposite.

"We are real tight as a squadron with some strict people," Still said "The squad emphasizes military and academic performance."

Shrewsbury added: "People care more about getting things done than in some other squadrons. We work better because the squadron's an enjoyable place to live and work in."

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Justin M. Mahoney



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Wendy J. Volkland
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Mary C. Wyatt



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Brian J. Budde
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BULL SIX'S *Makeup & soap* IS CLEAN FUN

By Tom Preston

Situated across from Mitch's, a stone's throw from Fairchild, and right next to the newly tiled hallway by the barber shop and Cadet Store, Bull Six has the best location. Its MWR Officer decided to take advantage of it and scheduled a night of carrier landings right after the hallway reopened.

"Two cadets were selected from each class," C3C Joel Nelson explained. "We then poured several bottles of shampoo and liquid soap all over the floor."

C2C Joseph Markusfeld added: "Participants dressed in swimsuits and soaped their bodies down. The object was to slide as far as possible."

And who was the winner? C4C Jeff Scott answered: "Jeff Matre!" C2C Roosevelt Hanna described Matre's winning slide: "Matre ran and belly flopped onto the floor. The doors blocking the construction area stopped him." Nelson added: "He continued sliding even after running out of soap."

The rumor was that even after running out of soap Matre was overheard saying: "Oop, oop, didn't hurt...didn't hurt."

After the distance contest, twists such as formation landings with two people going at the same time and night carrier landings where "planes" were "vectored" in with flashlights were added to close out the evening. Bull Six's craziness

did not end that night.

Bull Six also sponsored a night of lip syncing where participants dressed in costumes. To the delight of the crowd, C3C's Brian Earp and Tony Langford dressed as Aladdin and Jasmine and sang *A Whole New World* to each other.

In keeping with the theme, C1C Tommy Taylor dressed as a woman, make-up and all. For Halloween, three freshmen dressed as cheerleaders and Matre dressed as an old lady. Markusfeld said: "Our squadron is full of cross dressers and confused men."

So with all this fun and confusion, what's next for Bull Six? Hanna suggested: "I think we should try belly dancing."

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Travis D. Walters
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Winston C. Wolczak





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CELLBLOCK SEVEN

Goes up in smoke FOR A NIGHT

By Tom Preston

Cellblock Seven took MWR events to a new level. While they did the typical chubby-bunny marshmallow stuffing, the grease-board butt-wiping, and disco dancing, they also went into the realm of new and different.

CS-07 went where no squadron had gone before: they had a 'Bad Habits' MWR night. The bad habits consisted of tobacco chewing and smoking. Despite the fact that the Air Force and USAFA has encouraged people to stop dipping and smoking, the habits are still out there.

Seven finally gave people with these 'bad' habits a chance

to show their stuff. For the spitters, the MWR night gave two opportunities to excel. The first was a contest in distance spitting. People could do whatever they needed to get that extra foot. The shocking winner of this contest was C4C Lauren Sakal.

"There's controversy surrounding her win," C3C Jim Greenfield said. "She rolled her tongue instead of using lip force, but it was cool."

The other chance for the contestants to excel was in the spitting for accuracy. Here, the Air Force was overcome by grunt, C2C Ryan Seagraves. Seagraves proved better at getting the spit on the plate target than his Cellblock counterparts.

After the spitters had their turns, the night moved into the smoking arena. Here, each entrant was timed on how fast he or she could smoke two cigarettes. After some hacking and coughing, C1C Bryan "Boomer" Bobeck came out the winner.

Bad Habits night was an all-around success. The SOD even showed up to the party, because they were making too much noise.

Thanks to opportunities like these to blow off some steam (and smoke), the cadets of CS-07 found life a little more bearable in the Cellblock.

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Dallas P. Hills
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EAGLE EIGHT *Takes training to* A NEW LEVEL

By Joe Clancy III

When one thinks about training, the squadrons that often come to mind are Mach One and Tiger Ten, but this past year saw other squadrons increasing their military side of the house as well.

With the addition of two new classes to the squadron, "Easy Eight" saw a change from past years. C3C Sang Kim said, "We like our SMACKS hard!"

The first semester began by showing the freshmen that Eight would be rigorous and demanding.

The second semester was even harder as Recognition neared. The goals of training were mental toughness, physical fitness and practical applications of knowledge material. C4C Andy

Nutz noted: "Training focused so much on mutual respect and there was almost always a positive aspect to everything." They were given chances to excel in training events, such as war scenarios that allowed the fourthclass to act as commanders and decide what to do to achieve given missions.

"These were generally great fun and a lot of learning took place, too," C3C Sam Chanoski, one of the second semester training clerks, said.

Training wasn't limited to the fourthclass. There was also a trip to Saylor Park in the spring for land navigation, cookout and camping weekend.

Even the firsties got into the spirit. "As far as the firsties in Eagle

8 are concerned, we got our train on, then we got our eat on, then we got our sleep on, then we got our train on again," said C1C Mark Horton.

However, although the upperclass worked toward the common goal of training the fourthclass, they also had the typical problems involved in having many ideas combine into one. C3C Andy Miller stated, "The upperclassmen agree on everything concerning every aspect of training. Nobody ever steps on anybody's toes."

Through all the impediments, Chanoski said: "When it came to training; we managed to get it done."

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VIKING NINE *Parties down at* **TAILGATES**

By Rusty Evers

The Vikings of CS-09 like to spend time together before and during football games. They claim their tailgates were unbelievable. "The music was so loud," C3C Kelly Bolen said, "you knew where the party was. Just go out of the stadium, listen, and follow the sound. You had to yell to whoever you were talking to. It was a lot of fun."

C2C Nick Lynch thought the tailgates were a beneficial event. "We had more the first semester than all of last year's combined," Lynch said. "It helped bring the two degrees and four degrees into the squad better. It was fun throwing the football around with the boys."

Never having been to a tailgate before, C4C Kristen Thomas was impressed. She said: "I liked it. I never saw this side of the squadron before; it gave me a different impression. The upperclassmen were not jerks, they were pretty cool."

During the games, the Vikings also tried to sit together. Although it was not a mandatory thing, they did it every game. "At first, we just started walking up together, and then we sat around together," C3C Dave Wilson said.

Bolen agreed that the Vikings were a great bunch to sit with. "I would come up during the third quarter, and Vikings were the rowdiest," Bolen said. "People were screwing around, going all-around nuts."

C2C Mike Curry said that this behavior occasionally got them in trouble. "We started throwing people up in the air. We wanted to see how high we could get the four degrees," Curry said. "The Wing Nazis came and tried to get them down."

Thomas added that trying to sit up top in the bleachers with the squad for fourthclass cadets was a challenge.

"We would look for the Viking banner to find our squad after march-on. Some people came around busting four degrees for sitting up top, so we just hid our numbers," Thomas said. "I only did about 15 pushups all season long."

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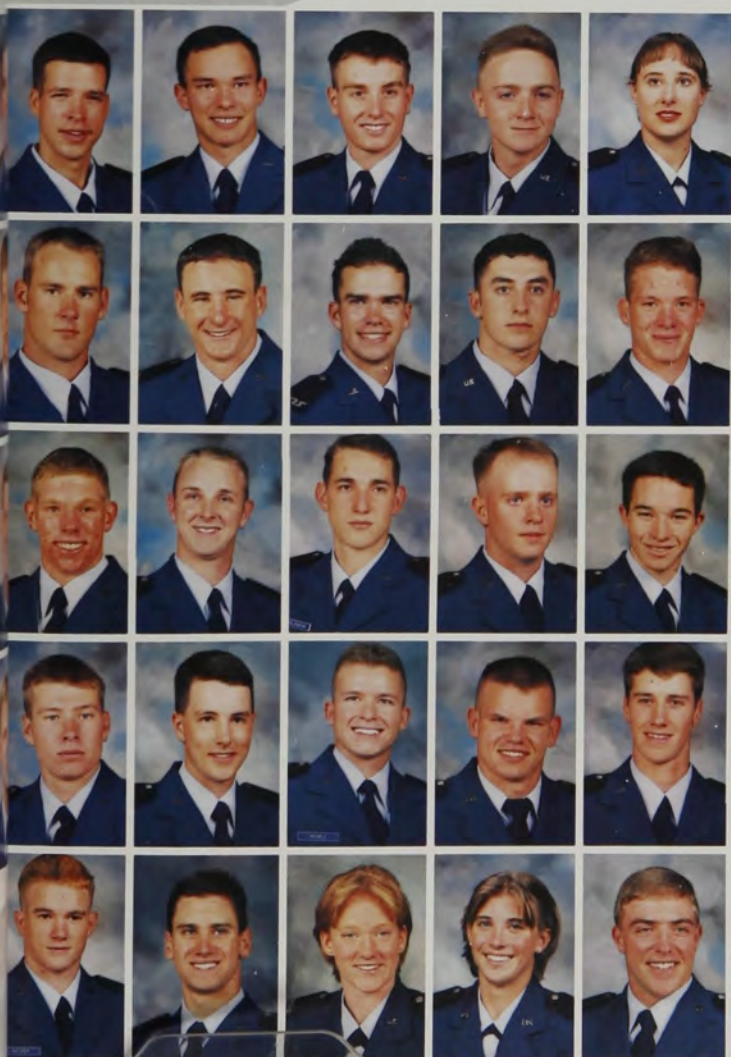
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TIGER TEN *Does well without* EVEN TRYING

By Tom Preston

Tiger Ten has a long tradition of being on top militarily. The interesting thing is, there isn't a conscious attempt at striving. "We just do well, and that's about it," C3C Scott Nichols said.

They consistently marched well, did well in SAMIs and Stan/Eval grading. "We don't even try to march well, a lot of it is the aura of Ten" C2C Derek Salmi said. "It's an image that's been cultivated for years."

Tiger Ten has been into the military side of USAFA for quite some time. But they're not military extremists, like some people think. They've just found a niche. Nichols emphasized: "It's a tradition thing. It was this way last

year, and the years before. We're just used to being up there."

The Tigers have been up there so long that they tend to get disappointed if they don't finish in the top four. "We were number one during the first big week first semester, and we hope to continue that," Salmi said. Unfortunately, the military performance doesn't come without its price. "We were 40th out of 40 in the Wing for intramurals first semester," Nichols stated. "That's definitely a point to work on."

What doesn't need work is the long-standing tradition of the HUZAHAH greeting. They can be heard across the far reaches of the terrazzo. This greeting is the source of some animosity from other squad-

rons. "People get annoyed with our greeting," Salmi said. "We probably have the most annoying greeting in the Wing by far."

In addition to being tested militarily, Tiger Ten's unity was tested. They had the honor of being moved second semester. They ended up being split up on two floors in the Vandy tower. Being split up certainly had an impact on the squadron. C2C Salmi remarked that "You won't see some people all week, just because they live on a different floor than you."

Tiger Ten has a rich military tradition, one that is likely to continue for quite some time. It's just the way things go in HUZZAH land.

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Chill in ELEVEN-WORTH

REBS

By Tom Preston

During the first semester squadron eleven got a change of scenery and a new name. "We unofficially renamed our squad to Eleven-worth," C3C Stan Fowler said. "This was due to the pass package and other things."

One of those things, was the move. The Rebels of CS-11 moved to the far reaches of Vandenberg, they dealt with it in different ways. Being out in BFE for a semester had its advantages.

"We were a lot closer to A-hall!" C3C Brian Walsh remarked. C2C Jason Aguilar added: "It was nice walking a half-mile to Mitch's to eat, too."

According to C2C Jennifer Askins, another useful advantage

was that "nobody bothered us out there. We did what we wanted."

While doing what they wanted, the Rebs included their AOC in several events. Capt Klodnicki spent a lot of time making sure cadets ran the squadron. Aguilar said: "Captain Klodnicki stayed until taps more than once."

On one of these late nights, they even went ahead and nuked him. "We got 11 merits for that one," Aguilar said. "It was a little out of the ordinary. You don't see cadets get merits very often, especially for stuff like that!"

"We do a lot of the typical stuff, but we have more squadron pride than most squads," Askins said.

Where does all this pride

come from? It may have come from their MWR guy, C2C John Fer. "He has time to come up with stuff, we do a lot," Fowler said.

One of Eleven's more popular events was a goldfish catch. They filled up the show-ers with water and put (live) goldfish in them, then people tried to catch them. "It was successful, sort of," Fowler said. "We had one person eat one, and our AOC squished one." Things were always jumping in "Eleven-worth."

However far they might have been from civilization, the Rebels of CS-11 still managed to keep their sanity, and made Eleven-worth a place worth living and chilling in.

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Stanley S. Fowler
James P. Gates

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Karl B. Heinrich
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Janice L. Hughes
Omar A. Kadri
Jacob C. Kunkle

Jessen A. Malathu
Scott M. Malloch
Bryan C. Morris
Matthew J. Patrick
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Brian P. Walsh
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Jennifer B. Askins
Matthew S. Bradford
Abid R. Bukhari



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Blake L. Chaney
Travis J. Clovis
Craig G. Enriques
John P. Fer
Joshua N. Frank



Jonathan B. Hall
Gina Jennings
Brian D. Kozola
Geoffrey C. Mann
Abby K. Newcomb
Travis L. Norton



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Sharon A. Rocha
Andrew R. Severson IV
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Shawn A. Tellers
James L. West III



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Justin E. Bright
David M. Brown
Elizabeth A. Cherney
Martin J. Daling



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Paul J. Gabriel
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Michael E. Herrera
Paula A. Kelly



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DIRTY DOZEN *Lives up to its* REPUTATION

By Celeste Rodriguez

From intramural brawls to late night *Macarena* contests, the members of CS-12 pride themselves in having the Wing's reputation as a squad which adequately fulfills the name "Dirty" Dozen. Don't be fooled though; the squad also had only five people on academic probation and a bible study which involved a majority of the squad. "Our squad has had a history of being the bad boy squad in the Wing," C3C Kristina Gilbert said.

This "bad-boy" image also followed Dirty Dozen down to the intramural fields.

While most soccer fans are content to witness the "thrill of victory and the agony of defeat"

from the stands, Dirty Dozen's fans heightened the bleacher experience to a new level at the Wing intramural soccer semi-finals. Even though it was just an intramural game, a majority of the squad filled the stands. "Everyone showed up and was excited like in a football game," C4C Matthew Phillips said. After redefining the image of the typical "annoying fan" during the first half of the game, the Dirty Dozen's entourage took their "encouragement" a step further.

"There was a point in the game where there was a fight and the stands cleared out to help out on the field," C2C Ronald Schochenmailer said.

As sure as the squad showed no fear in enhancing the action of in-

tramural soccer, the Dirty Dozen also had a general nature of being outgoing and willing to make a scene. About once a month, the squad held spirit contests where participants were judged by audience approval. One of the most popular games was the *Macarena*. The *Macarena*, a Latin American dance craze took the U.S. and the Academy by storm during the summer of 1996.

"The guy that won came out in a towel with heart boxers on underneath and a cowboy hat," C3C Adam Schultz said while laughing. "Everyone loved it." C2C Zachary Warakowski added: "Everyone gets along really well; we got lucky."

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Ryan E. Larson
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John B. Stanley
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Brian D. Vlaun
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BULLDAWGS Continue quest for a BEST FRIEND

By Tom Preston

The Bulldogs of CS-13 have a dream: they want a dog. Like many Americans, they yearn for that companionship offered by man's best friend. CS-13 has been trying for two years to acquire their pooch, but each time they try, it gets shot down.

The squadron wants it and their AOC even loves the idea. C4C Daniel Mortensen even offered to 'dorm-break' the dog. The AOG is even willing to pick up the tab for the pooch, which will run almost \$1800.

Yes, the Bulldogs have all the contingencies covered. Except one: they need approval from the higher-ups. According to C3C Michael Hartson, Gen-

eral Hopper shot it down. "He said that if we had one, everyone else would want one." Hartson added: "There would probably be some problems if Wolfpack and Cobras got a mascot." While the fight for the dog continues, CS-13 explored other avenues for entertainment: they had a scary haunted house.

C2C Stuart Alley had a unique experience. He said: "I was laying in a trunk with a mask on. This little kid came up, and he was already shaking and crying. To convince his son that I wasn't a real person, his dad smacked me in the head. I guess he thought I was a mannequin. I didn't move, and the dad apologized after he found out I was real."

Alley wasn't the only one

who had a memorable tale. C4C Michael Belardo explained a spirit mission, "We tried to steal 20's CQ desk, and put it out on the terrazzo. We ran into a few snags."

They couldn't fit the desk in the elevator, so they tried to take it apart, it didn't work, so they took the Trolls out of the display case. Belardo said: "We put them up where Wing Staff stands during formation. Problem was, it rained that night, and we thought we ruined the trolls." C4C Carl Grodnik said that wasn't so: "They turned out OK. Their hair was messed up, but their hair was always messed up. It might actually have been an improvement."

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Ronald E. Palmer
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Joel E. Pauls
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Joshua P. Droz
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Aaron W. Jacobs
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Maurice L. Lee
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Richard S. Clarke
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Carl J. Grodnik
John M. Hale
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COBRAS' *Spirit is covered with* **PAINT & SYRUP**

By C Renee Garcia

The Cobras of CS-14 have no problem covering the spirit side of the house, especially in the past two years. It all began with the class of 1999...

As with every year just prior to Recognition, one of the squadrons gets either too enthusiastic or too creative. Last year's Cobra's class of '99 painted a yellow brick road to Recognition with water based paint. Needless to say, they spent several days scrubbing the marble strips with the help of classmates from other squadrons. Their little show of spirit is still evident on many marble blocks.

This year Recognition spirit started when a mission to hang a banner on the Chapel went awry.

When that failed, the fourthclass cadets tried hanging it up in Mitch's. C4C Matthew Barido explained: "We couldn't find a place big enough, so we decided to try Fairchild. When I returned to Mitch's, the deed was already done." What deed?

Several classmates grew impatient while waiting, so they grabbed bottles of Hersey's syrup and creatively decorated the bottom of the plates of Second Group. C4C David Grimm clarified: "We didn't want to leave the job half done, so we did the rest of the plates." Approximately fourteen bottles were used in half an hour. The mission resulted in restriction for the entire squadron and seven tours for '00. How did the upperclass feel?

C2C Ryan Boyle stated: "I found out while reading an e-mail that said we all had to help clean up...it has become a tradition for me to clean up after Recognition count down. Next year, I will be part of the Recognition committee to make sure they don't do anything wrong. I'll hold their hands all the way through." C3C Bell Roschewski added: "I thought it was a good spirit mission, but Mitchell Hall got carried away with the punishments." Others were not quite as good natured, firsties who never trained came "out of the closet" and let 2000 know exactly how they felt. Let's just say it wasn't pretty!

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WAREAGLES *Pitch pies for* COLD CASH

By Rusty Evers

Having fun for the Wareagles was as easy as pie, literally. In an effort to raise money for the MWR fund, the members of CS-15 decided to raffle off "pies in the face." The participation was greater than almost anyone could have imagined.

"The raffle started in September and didn't end until December," C3C Becki Neel said. "It raised a lot of money."

The squadron raffled off four pies plus two bonus pies that would eventually land in the face of the victims. No one in the squadron was safe. Each day the votes were counted.

"It was hysterical," C3C David Kern said. "When people

found out that they were getting a pie, they would start campaigning for other people. There was a lot of double crossing going on."

The recipients, AOC Capt Meeker, MTA TSgt Malcom, C1C Jess Renton, C2C Scott Manwaring, C3C Mary Stewart and C4C Bernard O'Neil all took the abuse in stride. Capt Meeker said she didn't mind getting hit with the pie. She added: "I was kinda curious to see who I would get the pie from. C4C Roth won the right to throw it."

Another activity that benefited the squadron (although they didn't realize it initially) was the "Pop SAMI."

While the members of 15 were trying to move back into their rooms

after the remodeling, they were told that their rooms needed to be in SAMI order by the next morning. Two senators and Gen Stein wanted to tour the squad. With teamwork and very little sleep they met the deadline.

"We found out at 6 pm the night before that we needed to be in SAMI order," O'Neil said. "We were up until 2 am cleaning only to have it canceled."

The AOC sensing the squadron's frustration, rewarded them. "She authorized an extra weekend pass for the squad, for getting our rooms together in such a short period," Neel said. "She's super-awesome and really cares about us."

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Bernard J. O'Neill
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Aaron P. Ratfield
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CHICKENHAWKS *Look to rodents for* ENTERTAINMENT

By Rusty Evers

It's no doubt that the Chickenhawks of CS-16 have had more than their share of strange incidents. But through it all, they bonded in a way like no other squad. "I think it is the random craziness that makes us tight," C2C Nicki Holmes said.

At the beginning of the year, many cadets found mice in their rooms. In an effort to eliminate the problem, the AOC mobilized the squadron and declared all out war on the mice.

"The place was infested," C4C Brian Wood said. "I used to have mice racing next to me while I was ironing my clothes. They would sprint out, stop and take off again."

After many reports like this, Holmes talked with the AOC. "He handed me two mousetraps," Holmes said. "He was serious about getting them out! So the squad had a big race to see who could kill the most mice. People got sleep-throughs for getting the most, and their names posted on the greaseboard."

C3C Eulet Gore agreed that the mice hunt was unbelievable. "It was crazy," Gore said. "Some people would hang their kills on the doors. Others adopted mice. They would leave food outside at night, and it would be gone in the morning. You could hear the mice run around."

To keep with the rodent theme, the squad stuffed themselves to complete hysterics with the

"Chubby Bunny" Contest. Here, one representative from each class competed to see how many jet-puffed marshmallows they could put in their mouths and still say "Chubby Bunny."

"I bet C3C Travis Keenan has the biggest mouth in the Wing," C2C David Casson said. "After about 25 he wouldn't quit. He wanted the record."

All agreed that these times together were great. "Here, you are a person, not a cadet with a number," C3C Heath Armstrong said. Casson concurred: "These events are a great time to blow off steam. So much has happened to us this year, we have no other option."

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Jason M. Stremel
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STALAG *Make activities* NON-TYPICAL

By Rusty Evers

They had the usual training sessions, and the usual community service projects, however, for CS-17, they made these seemingly typical events a little more memorable with some creativity.

In a tension-filled SAR, the Stalag smacks beat CS-16 in a knowledge bowl. They did have some motivation to beat their opponents prior to the match. "CS-16 stole our Gatlin Gun the night before," C4C Scott Lanker said. "That got us fired up to win big." After the k-bowl, the four degrees were told to change to BDUs. They ran to the Chapel to find their cadre waiting. There, they did some physical training on the LZ.

Following that, the fourthclass was told to get back in service dress for a rematch with 16.

"When we got in the SAR, we were blindfolded and the upperclassmen left," C4C Aileen Okazaki said. "[Then they led us] downstairs and outside. When we took the blinds off, we were at Giovanni's pizza! Everybody was happy, the upperclass congratulated us, and we had a great time."

In addition to innovative training, CS-17 prided itself on sponsoring unique community service projects. "I was the UPAR first semester, and we always had a lot of ideas," C2C Becky Leivers said. "It was not like pulling teeth or anything. We never went to the soup

kitchen."

Among other projects, cadets went to Alamosa twice to help convert old apartments into a homeless shelter and the squad went to the Youth Center to supervise events on Friday nights. During the Christmas party, many chaperoned the roller skating.

"We played games like four corners, limbo, etc.," Lanker said. "Now, every Friday night, somebody goes down to assist in the events." This type of creativity was very helpful to the squad. Okazaki said: "It is great to have the creativity to take something that would be usually boring and turn it into something memorable and enjoyable."

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Beth A. Haynes
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Scott D. Lanker



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Are one big HAPPY FAMILY

NIGHTRIDERS

By Tom Preston

The cadets in CS-18 feel like they're part of one big happy family. This is due, at least in part, to the attitude fostered by their AOC, Major N.

"Our AOC is really cool, like a dad" C2C Neil Radulski said. "He makes us feel like we're the Ward Cleaver family."

Major N. certainly took care of his troops, he insured that there were a large number of MWR events. In addition to a large number of tailgates, Flight Olympics, dining outs, and root beer bonging, they also had a huge Halloween party at the AOG building.

Radulski said: "Even the former vice-commandant was

impressed (by the party)."

The vice com wasn't the only one who was impressed. Their MWR staff was so good, they got 3.0 MPAs, something that MWR people don't usually get. "Maj N. really pulled for 3.0s for those guys, and got them above our squadron quota," Radulski said.

Their AOC's mentality to take care of the squad has transcended into the ranks. "He takes good care of everybody in the squad, and gets personally concerned about people and helps them out," C3C Erik Hindmarsh stated.

This attitude really helped out the fourthclass cadets. First semester, 18 had the pleasure of hosting a squid, Midshipman Paul Shoning.

The fourthclass cadets weren't allowed to nuke the midshipman at the Academy, so Maj N. invited him to dinner at his house and a "surprise."

The surprise was the entire four-degree class, waiting to nuke him. "Maj N. hooks us up, and saves us a lot of hassle sometimes," C4C Eric Bernkopf said.

Bernkopf described N.'s motto, "I am the shark. This is my pond; you are my fishies. Nobody messes with my fishies."

Hindmarsh added: "His family attitude has transcended down to the cadet leadership and the classes." Maj N.'s cadets followed his lead, and made the Stallions a happy family.

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Pride keeps THEM TOGETHER

By Rusty Evers

They were not the number one squad in the Wing, or even the group. Sometimes, they didn't finish everything they said they would, however, the things that did get done were completed with Wolverine pride. This pride joined the squad together in friendly competition.

"We're a great squad," C4C Danna Alberts said, "But we don't do that much." Classmate C4C Matt Chisam agreed that it was difficult to get some things done. "We were going to build a playground in one weekend, but nobody showed up," Chisam said. "So it took us many weekends to get it done."

Not all events had trouble getting attendees. When the firstie MWR staff had a barbecue and football game prior to the nighttime CSU game at Falcon stadium, Recline 19 stood up and enjoyed themselves. At the football practice fields, about 75 Wolverines ate Mitchell Hall burgers and kicked back playing ball and listening to music.

"People pulled their cars up and played their radios," C3C Eric Swartzwelder said. "Events like this brought us together as a squad."

After eating, the cadets played a game of football before heading to Falcon stadium. Originally, it was touch football, but it evolved into tackle football. C3C Matt Van Hook

was one of the players who said it was a blast.

"The four degrees were in running suits and upperclass in PC gear or whatever. Even the AOC played with the freshmen," Van Hook said. "It kinda evolved into tackle ball." C2C Jason McCalpin added, "It wasn't touch ball. In 19, it is all tackle!"

All agreed that the barbecue was a success. "It was cool. We had lots of people there, and gave us a chance to blow off steam gathered during the week," McCalpin said. "It was a good thing to have especially for us two-degrees who didn't know many people."

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The TROLLS' Snack shop curbs THE MUNCHIES

By Rusty Evers

The Trolls in CS-20 have one thing that many other squadrons in the Wing cannot boast about. Not only do they have their own refrigerator and pantry, they have their own A & P in the computer room. "The old A & P tea company- a grocery store- went outta business," C3C Jim Menke said. "Now it is our name."

C2C Dave Lewis is the Trolls ROIC: Refrigerator Officer In Charge. "He also is the VP of Acquisitions for the Troll A & P," C2C Brad Klemesrud said. Menke added: "Lewis bought it off this old lady for all of us to use and, it only cost \$125."

C2C J.D. Thornburg described the full size refrigerator

and freezer, he said: "It is off- white, and the bottom door doesn't shut real well." Klemesrud added: "And since C4C Trinkle broke the light, we have to keep a flashlight handy."

Many cadets remember their first encounter with the refrigerator. "I recall the night it came in. An email was sent out, so I went there," C4C Miguel de Vargas said. "Five minutes later, everything was gone! So I settled for sunflower seeds."

C4C Omar Rashid added: "The Twix was all sold out. I was bummed out; so I went with a Baby Ruth instead."

C3C Jen Jespersen was so moved by the Trolls' A & P that she wrote a song. "It's about this girl who is abused by her husband. She seeks

comfort in the 'fridge'," Jespersen said. "It sustains her, it upholds her."

As Chief Financial Officer, Menke had to make money to buy the fridge. These profits came from cookouts, etc.

"You can store your own stuff, as long as it is a non-competing good," Thornburg said.

And what are the plans for the future? "I bet '99 will come back and visit next year," Thornburg said. "But the product prices will increase for non-squadron members," Klemesrud said. Menke concluded: "I am looking for a washer/dryer to match the microwave."

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BLACKJACKS *Set trends with* **GOOD IDEAS**

By Rusty Evers

For years "the long gray line" has defined West Point cadets, here at the Academy "the long green stripe" defines the members of Blackjack. Two feet wide and over 100 feet long, the green stripe surrounds the boundaries of CS-21 along with signs that read "Be a leader."

"People know that they are in Blackjack thanks to the line," C3C Mary Long said. "We got dorm management approval before we painted it, which is pretty amazing!"

Members of the Wing can spot Blackjacks not only by their green stripe, but also by their flag that was seen at the football

games and other sporting events.

The AOC made a deal with the freshmen that they would get special privileges every time they ran their squadron flag around the field and got it on television.

This squadron flag was the first of its kind in the Wing. "The flag is a great idea," C2C Kevin "Ozzie" Osborne said. "Since our squadron started it, there are now four or five other squads that have them."

Setting the example with innovative squadron projects and improving morale is the Blackjack way. Blackjack is currently the only squadron with a portable mural. They made it mobile so that it could travel back with them when they move

back to Vandenberg. The mural boldly asks "Wanna play?"

"He (Maj Burke) is willing to help us get the materials for just about any good idea we have," Ozzie said. "We have dining outs almost every Tuesday night that incorporates the whole squad, not just select classes."

Yes, even the fourthclass cadets found entertainment in 21. "We had a quad brawl, snowball fights and a whip cream and water fight," C4C Brian McKay said. "They were all fun but we got in trouble for all of them."

Long added: "This is a great squad. Everyone gets along well and that makes a big difference."

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Work through squad DISPLACEMENT

By Jen Phelps

Among all the luxuries that we are afforded as cadets and as residents of our fine dormitories, few can argue one of the benefits is having a squadron identity. This identity comes from the people, dorm location, and the overall attitude. Cadet Squadron 22's identity comes from the trials associated with a new life in the upper atmosphere of Sijan Hall. As former residents of Vandenberg, old memories were still fresh, because this year they had so few... luxuries.

Their new home in Sijan was not equipped with all the finer amenities of cadet life. They didn't have a TV room, a study room, a SAR, or a phone room.

This posed a problem when it came to simple things like having squadron meetings and MWR events. C2C Matt Hayden said: "We have to have most M-5's in Fairchild Hall because we do not have a place of our own."

In addition to not having a place of their own, they didn't have storage. The majority of the storage for their squadron was in Vandy. Through some fancy footwork, they did manage to acquire high and low value "janitor closets" closer to their residence for some items.

On top of the displacement troubles, the squadron had multiple personality syndrome. This was probably due to the fact that they were located on two separate floors.

"Those of us on the 5th floor

are relaxed. It is almost like a DMZ," C2C Regan Wilson said. C3C Stacey Hertlein added: "We have most of our MWR events on the 5th floor instead of in a SAR. Our AOC, MTA, and CQ desk are all on the 6th floor. That is probably why most of the training goes on there."

As different floors assumed different personalities, so did the Tarantulas when they escaped. On a sponsor trip to Luke Air Force Base, several of the upperclassmen got incentive F-16 rides. They also took part in some extracurricular activities.

Wilson commented, "We hijacked a government vehicle to go to Cracker Barrel."

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BARNSTORMERS Are a well-oiled MACHINE

By Tom Preston

The Barnstormers of CS-23 know how to make things happen and this year the focus was on military training.

C2C J.D. Cooley said, "The two-degrees really took the bull by the horns, and the firsties are more in control than last year."

This attitude paid off with the lower two classes, especially the fourthclass.

"The thirdclass has worked really hard with the fourthclass," Cooley said. "They have knowledge review sessions almost every morning."

C4C Kirk Olson said, "The training was mostly knowledge-oriented, but the physical stuff

was thrown in once in awhile too."

He added that the training was not just regurgitating stuff then forgetting it. The Barnstormers actually tried to apply training to the operational Air Force.

C2C Aaron Melin said: "We use more of a teaching/training style rather than a yelling/screaming technique." Apparently it's worked, the fourthclass went to the Wing Knowledge Bowl Finals, among other significant events.

Olson stated: "We work hard, but when the time comes to letting our hair down, we play hard too."

The Barnstormers not only had the typical weekly dining outs, they also had breakfast dining outs. One

of the most interesting MWR events was 'Cop Night.' Among the many contests was a donut eating contest where contestants were given six donuts and five cups of coffee. The goal was to see which contestant could consume it all in the shortest period of time. They also played 'Cop Trivia.' Those who dared to try their skills were bombarded with trivia questions from cop shows like 'Magnum P.I.' and 'Miami Vice'.

From training to relaxing, 23 knew the meaning of hard work; it paid off in large dividends. They epitomized the phrase "a well oiled military machine."

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PHANTOMS *Creatively handle* **CHALLENGES**

For the members of CS-24, the first semester brought with it a shaky start. From the reduced pass package for secondclass cadets to interclass tension among the thirdclass cadets, the Phantoms knew that some changes needed to be made and fast.

The secondclass got a little creative and found ways to help their own, and everyone in the squadron for that matter, earn a few extra passes. They regularly scheduled Friday night dining outs off base at popular hangouts.

"We went to all kinds of places," C2C Jonathan Thompson said. C2C Jon Dietrich added: "Yeah we went Meadow Muffins, Dos Hombres and even

O'Malley's... did you know they serve food there?"

While the second class overcame its obstacle, the thirdclass worked to become more cohesive. This was done through some team building exercises and most importantly a retreat to Lawrence Paul Pavilion. "The start of the year had a negative tint," C3C Ryan Dahlin said. "To ease the tension and to get to know each other better, our class had an evening retreat. It was motivational, and it definitely eased some of the tension."

The fourthclass were also offered an opportunity to ease tension. They were invited on the Sponsor Base trip to Ellsworth, SD. "I am so glad that they opened that up to all

classes," C4C Eric Schmidt said. "In just two days I learned more about the operational Air Force then I had since BCT."

They not only learned about working in the Air Force, they also experienced the active duty's idea of fun.

"We played crud, for me it was the first time," C4C Matt Graham said. "It's a cool game and it was almost like being at a party with my buddies."

Thompson added: "The crud tourney was more like a party. It didn't matter who won or lost, but instead they wanted us to fill up on good food and drink."

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REDEYE'S *Stunt has 'em* FEELING HEAT

By Tom Preston

To all the spectators at the Parent's Weekend Parade, everything seemed normal. But as the cadets started the "Pass and Review," suddenly, one group switched their service caps for Blue and White baseball caps!

So began the legacy of the cadets of CS-25. The members of Rockhard Redeye had pulled the most public spirit mission of the year. The response to their spirit was simple: shock.

C3C James Quigley recalled the comments of one of the NCOs on the field guiding turns. "He just looked at us and said 'Oh my lord!' as we moved from service caps to baseball caps."

The initial reaction to the

stunt was to fire the AOC, Maj Diedrick, and the Squadron Commander, C1C A.J. Pelkington. Fortunately, both were spared and went onto do well during the year. The more far reaching effects were felt by the squadron.

The firsties and two degrees were restricted for a month, and everyone had to serve at least five tours. But instead of becoming bitter, the squadron really came together. "We have all forgotten the tours and punishments, but we will always remember the fun we had during our restriction," C3C Byron Bone said.

During the restriction, the squadron did numerous MWR events, such as watch the Star Wars Trilogy on a big screen TV, and had

barbecues in the quad. With the new two and four degrees in the squadron, this helped bring everyone together. Bone said: "After we had served our time, everyone knew everyone else. If I didn't know better, I would think that A.J. had planned the whole thing."

Yes, CS-25 may all be intimately familiar with the tour pad, and had a few less free weekends than everyone else, but most think it was worth the trouble. Bone summed it up, "We got in trouble and made our squad unique. More importantly, we became a closer, more tightly knit squadron, and that's what we'll remember."

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Michael J. Battle IV
Byron R. Bone



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Rena Tatiana Brugman
Jeff D. Curtis
Carl D. Devemark
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Geoffrey S. Fukumoto
Charles E. Gilliam II
Jason R. Hurt



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Stella M. Kennedy
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Samuel F. Payne Jr
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Michael R. Stevens
Garrett C. Zindel



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Matthew C. Johnson
Jeffrey A. Katzman

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Eric Lemes
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Sheri R. Webb
Ryan M. Wierzbowski
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BARONS *Take a shot at* FLINGING FRUIT

By Tom Preston

The Barons of CS-26 had just as much stress as the rest of the Wing, but they dealt with it a little differently. They built a huge slingshot, and used it to forcefully propel items down the hallway onto a target.

"It was a dang strong sling-shot," C4C Casey Wood said. "If you got in the way, you were going to get hurt."

Fortunately no cadets were ever injured, but a number of inanimate objects met their demise. The initial projectiles were different type of fruit, however, the items changed from there. "By the end of the night we would be hurling alarm clocks and anything else you could think of,"

C3C Jaime Ciesielski remarked.

However, when hurling heavy objects, they were careful. The Barons had learned to be careful. The previous summer they had two cadets that had near-death experiences during CST.

C2C Amy Hennies was almost struck by lightning. "It struck 2-feet away, and she got a little burned," Ciesielski said. Ciesielski also had her own story about defying death. Someone made a mistake and fed her death-camus, a poisonous plant. Fortunately, both cadets came through, just fine.

Another part of the squad that was just fine was their AOC, Maj Stover, an Army officer. He brought a bit of cheerful animosity. C2C Josh

Bell remarked: "We've become a really close squad. We are united against the HUAH!"

This friendly rivalry took interesting turns at times, especially when the fourthclass cadets moved Maj Stover's office into the bathroom. Maj Stover, apparently un-perturbed, carried on business as usual in the latrine.

"He even had four-degrees standing guard outside the bathroom with rifles," C4C Justin Mackey said.

So with their rifles and slingshot posed, the Barons got through anything that Camp USAFA threw at them. If nothing else, they just put it in the slingshot and flung it back.

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Allegra C. Gregory

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Daniel M. Hasley
Ronnie D. Hawkins III
Morgan P. Hurt
Kenneth T. Kline
Kelly L. Landstrom

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Tammer H. Mahdy
Catherine A. Majauskas
Matthew W. Pearson
Mark A. Redfern
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Benjamin L. Torrez
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Arnold G. Werschky III
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Andrew M. Fogarty
James B. Gherdovich
Amy M. Hennies
Kimani O. Jefferson

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Travis C. Lauritsen
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Robert J. Sadler
Scott A. Souza
Mark W. Thurbush

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Marcelino Armendariz
Francis C. Bleyer
David S. Chadsey
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Rico C. Dy
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Brandon K. Nickel
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THUNDERBIRDS *Do well without* **EVEN TRYING**

By C Renee Garcia

From parades to intramurals, the Thunderbirds performed well without even trying. C3C Timothy Dodd said: "When we did really well, it was not intended to happen."

Take the parades for instance. The Thunderbirds consistently placed in the top when they weren't even trying.

Dodd described one of them: "One of our freshmen dropped a shoulder board and our squadron commander called eyes right on the wrong foot."

How did they fare in that parade? The Thunderbirds placed first in the Wing.

The excellence did not end there, it carried into fall

intramurals as well. Five of the squad's teams made it to the finals and two of them captured the Wing Championship title - team handball and cross country. It was a surprise when team handball captured the title considering its roller coaster history.

C3C Chris Vecchione said: "Some of the players didn't know the rules of the game. We had three people who really knew how to play, however, the team kept changing due to injuries, sicknesses, and intercollegiate additions."

Not quite as surprising was when the Thunderbirds took first place in cross country. C4C John Distelhorst modestly stated: "We got lucky. We were fortunate to have

Cadet [Jason] Clark." Clark had plenty of experience at the college level. He ran competitively for two years while attending a school in New York. Clark joined the intramural cross country team because he was no longer eligible according to NCAA rules. Distelhorst said: "Cadet Clark was always ahead of everyone else. He just blew everyone away."

Clark was not the only Thunderbird to blow the competition away. The squadron in general seemed to have that knack. They could call it luck or whatever they wanted. The fact remained, the Thunderbirds had first-rate showings "without even trying."

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Samuel B. Greenfield
Matthew E. Jones

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Todd J. Kreutzer
Felisa M. Marsh
Darrick Mosley
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Kevin M. Pritz
Margaret M. Stohlmann
Ryan C. Trueman
Christopher G. Vecchione
Joseph W. Whitehead
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Francis S. Cooper
Mary C. Devlin
Harold D. Glenn
Tyler N. Hague



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Vincent Kendrick Jr.
John Kuo
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Frank J. Roper
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Susan A. Storm
Aaron K. Tallman
Pace Weber
Ely A. Wolin
Colleen S. Zrebiec



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Christopher T. Allred
Dean E. Berck
Joel N. Brown
Parkin C. Bryson
Joshua R. Close



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John T. Distelhorst
Matthew H. Harting
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Jared M. Mandella
Matthew L. Manning
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BLACKBIRDS *Highlight one who makes* **A DIFFERENCE**

By Public Affairs

CIC Sean M. Gibson, of the CS-28, has earned a Congressional Gold Award. Gibson will receive the award from Congress during a June 24 ceremony at the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

The gold award is the highest of three Congressional awards presented on a non-competitive, individual basis to young people in the U.S. between the ages of 14 and 23. The other awards are silver and bronze. Gibson was a silver award recipient in 1992 and a bronze award recipient in 1990. The awards recognize individuals for achievements in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and ex-

pedition/exploration.

Gibson's community service was performed through a variety of Boy Scout activities. A minimum of 400 hours was required for public service. Gibson helped with scouting and community events, to earn 745 voluntary hours.

Learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation and taking a life guarding class was among the 1,960 hours he earned in personal development. A minimum of 200 hours was required. In physical fitness, he lifted weights and participated on his high school swim team, which contributed to 1,735 hours. A 200 hour minimum was required.

Gibson's expedition was a week-long camping venture in the

Liz Lake area of Canada in 1992, which contributed to 168 hours. The expedition required 40 hours of activity, four nights and a minimum of eight-hour days. Gibson, who has been involved in the Congressional award program since eighth grade, said his school counselor was the person who influenced his participation.

Gibson said he wanted to see the Congressional award program through to the end. "I have always tried to finish what I started," he said. He began the program in 1989 and said he feels a sense of completion and accomplishment now that he has earned the gold award.

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Donald L. Landgrebe Jr
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Nathan A. McClure
Mark D. Moore
Karian New
Kevin J. Ormsby
Justin H. Pantler

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James R. Stuber
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Shelby L. Arnold
Phillip M. Brown
Sean M. Gibson



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Janelle A. Grover
John N. Harris
Dax A. Hayes
Richmond A. Hornby III
Matthew W. Jones
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Max E. Pearson
Ryan L. Ransom
Thomas L. Salisbury
Mark A. Thomas



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Alister F. Dopp
Robert S. Dunegan
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Benjamin E. George
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Victor Hernandez
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Kristen L. Lyons
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BLACK PANTHERS *Turn Fridays into* HOOPS NIGHT

Squadrons are always trying to find some "tradition" that will stand the test of time. Well the Panthers of 29 found one, the infamous "Friday Hoops" night. In August, 29's MTA, TSgt Steve Foust, started the friendly competition. It became so popular that practically every Friday turned into a basketball tournament.

Each game brought at least 30 participants and spectators! "The AOC, MTA and all classes go down to play," C3C Aaron Hale said. "I'm a swimmer so I can't go down a lot, but I do go down whenever I get the chance."

Some say that Hoops Night popularity stemmed from the fact that it was fun and promoted

friendly competition, while others said it was a good time because even the AOC's five sons joined in to play. One 29er said: "Maj Bleakley's sons add spice to the game. His 15-year-old is really good."

C2C Tom Cooper added: "Squadron interaction improved once these games started. It's just great to get together."

Even the fourthclass cadets agreed that the Hoops Nights were a great idea and they had many reasons as to why they enjoyed them. "The tradition's become so important that sometimes squadron training gets rescheduled for a different night," C4C Brad Loeding said. "We're lucky to have them."

C4C Brian Lane added: "This

is the highlight of the week. I look forward to it because it's just a lot of fun."

As with most weekly events, there were people who were diehard participants and then there were those who were not quite as well seasoned. No matter what category a member of the Panthers fit into, everyone was always welcome.

"I don't go down much," C3C Ed Guevara said. "My first time down I was the last guy picked but that was O.K., I had a good time. I'll do it again."

C3C Joan Proctor added: "This is like something that would be done in a squadron in the real Air Force and it's just good fun."

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Hans J. Hilterman
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Tate A. Jennings

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Aaron M. Price

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Jason E. Young



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Yvonne C. Carrico
Thomas L. Cooper



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Brent A. Drown
Michael A. Gismondi
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Matthew B. Johnston
Shannon M. Kavanaugh
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Scott A. Schmunk
Michael J. Schultz Jr
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Juan A. Torres
Ryan E. VanderVeen
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Samuel S. Wilson
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William E. Woodward



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Abigail G. Albert
Abram G. Baker
Douglas K. Chilson II
Robert S. Conklin II



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Stewart A. Eyer
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Summer A. Koons
Kerrick D. Krill
Brian D. Lane
Bradley M. Loeding



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Mark McGill
David A. Merritt
Christian J. Ogrosky
Laura L. Powell
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The KNIGHTS OF THIRT's *Healthy hobby is* **A GREAT HABIT**

By Tom Preston

The cadets of CS-30 are an athletic bunch. As cadets, they are required to be in shape, but the Knights take it a step beyond and make a habit of what some would consider just a hobby.

"About half the squad is intercollegiate," C4C Erik Axt said. "Of those that aren't, most used to be." In addition to intercollegiate athletics, the Knights athletes excelled at intramurals.

Although they did not win any Wing championships first semester, they did finish number two overall. The cadets of CS-30 not only made good athletes, but also made good athletic supporters. They tried to attend the

events that their squadronmates competed in.

"We are pretty good at supporting athletics," C2C Chris Ridlon said. C3C W. Dickson Donehue added: "Not only do we support our teams, but I think we have done a really good job integrating intercollegiates and non-intercollegiates into the squad."

In addition to watching and participating in intercollegiate sports, the Knights are workout-fanatics. The Knights have a squadron weight room so that cadets don't have to make the long trek down to the gym.

It has had a positive effect on the shape of the squadron. "I think

we are in the best overall physical shape in the Wing," Ridlon said. C4C Logan Sisson added: "We probably have the highest PFT average in the Wing."

Working out isn't the only thing the Knights did well. Most of the squad got involved in extra-curricular clubs around USAFA. In particular, they are very active in flying activities.

"Most cadets from our squad are Soaring Instructor Pilots, Navigation Instructors, or on the Wings of Blue," Ridlon said. "In fact, I can't think of many individuals who don't at least fly with the Aero Club."

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Dan S. Catlin
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Stanley R. Seegars
David C. Walker



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Maria C. Gallei
Jeremy S. Gordon
Ryan A. Hodges
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Bryan C. Beulin
Jimmie D. Bowyer II
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GRIM REAPERS *Live life outside* THE DUNGEON

By Tom Preston

The Grim Reapers of CS-31 live out in the far reaches of Sijan Hall. C4C Tracy Tinianow said: "We live in the dungeon of the tower." They're far away from pretty much everything, although that is not always bad.

"We're far away, so no one visits. If the Generals wanted to visit, it would take a long time to get here" C4C Dan Wright stated. "We are close to the visitor center, for what that's worth."

Living in the dungeon is not without its dangers, however. "We had a little problem with exploding radiators," Wright said. "Someone went to turn it up, and it blew."

Since they could make even a bad situation good, the Reapers had a nice sauna/steam room in the hallway that Sunday morning that the radiator blew.

"Steam was billowing and water was gushing," Wright said. "It was a pretty big mess, but it was fun."

Another area that was big but not a mess for the Reapers was that they had a good deal of athletes and athletic supporters. A large number of fourthclass cadets were on an intercollegiate or club team.

Those that didn't participate in either of these capacities could often be found playing quadball against upperclass cadets. The Reapers were also home to the 'Puckheads,' the

infamous hockey fans who sat behind the opposing team and harassed the other players.

The little Reapers, the four degrees, also managed to wreak a little havoc and harassment of their own through some spirit missions. Among them they took a pool table and a foos ball table.

"We took the pool table from 37. Some upperclassman walked out of his room, and we thought we were caught," Wright recalled. "He turned out to be a squid, who let us take it anyway." Tinianow added: "We blamed another squad, it was great."

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Melissa A. Rozman
David R. Solomon
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Thomas T. Wiggins
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Matthew R. Hummel
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Anthony J. Madland
Lance A. Merkley
Brandon J. Osufsen
John J. Rodriguez
Rory M. Stein
Meghan M. Szwarc

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The ROADRUNNERS' *People matter* **THE MOST**

By Tom Preston

To the cadets of CS-32, people are what matter. If you don't have motivated people, you can't accomplish the mission; this philosophy was what the Roadrunners adopted.

The morale of cadets was a high-priority among the staff, and it showed.

The MWR program in 32 was one with few equals. They had Flight Olympics every Thursday night. The Olympics included stall stuffing, midget tossing, buck-buck, and other exciting events. The winner of the Flight Olympics got more than the usual pat on the back; often, they got a pizza party.

When not competing, the

Roadrunners often gathered during the week for movie nights. They did it to get their minds off of day-to-day USAFA life. In addition, the football tailgates were the talk of the squadron. At these gatherings they didn't have the standard Mitchell Hall burgers and brownie bricks. The menu for the Roadrunners included such delicacies as beef kabobs, ribs, chicken, and turkey. "The food was pretty good, but when you eat off paper plates some of the flavor is taken away," C3C Andy Boston said. How did they pay for their activities? Most of the money came from the squadron auction. Everything was sold. The merchandise included backrubs, a massage, a week at rest for the four degrees, firstie rooms for

four degrees, and the chance for the freshman to make upperclass cadets "SMACKS for a day."

"Two freshmen bought our room for a weekend for \$26," C1C Neal Kistler said. "We let them use it for even longer than that; \$26 is a lot of money."

The Roadrunners not only took care of themselves, they participated in community service too. They were regulars down at the animal shelter. They made it there once or twice a month.

"We walked and played with the dogs," Boston said. "The dogs spend a lot of time being pent up; they're hyper but great dogs! It was fun."

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James Burgener
Kathleen M. Burke
Connie M. Cann



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Ryan M. Dekok
Michelle M. Edberg
Joshua D. Fagan
Amy E. Fitch
Matthew J. French
Christopher J. Garnett



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Justin P. Hendricks
Charles L. Jones
Daniel J. Kaercher
Ronald Killins Jr
Jason R. Kirkland
Devlin A. Kostal



Kevin C. Marsden Jr
Todd A. Moenster
Justin P. Mokrovich
Jason C. Oatley
Omar S. Pradhan
Daniel T. Schmitt
Matthew A. Taraborelli





Matthew J. Barry
Eric N. Berg
Lindsay C. Brown
Adam W. Burch
Charles K. Butterfield



Rick A. Chadwick
Allison M. Del Grande
Andrew D. Dries
Matthew J. Dunker
Brian D. Ebbert
Jung H. Ha
Jason M. Hughes



Adam W. Kerkman
Barry A. King
John S. Kleven
Justin D. Lewis
Brian D. Liebenow
Jeffrey L. Oblon
Steven K. Piel



Uditha C. Piyasena
Jeremy C. Saunders
Ryan T. Savageau
Meghan B. Scott
Christopher J. Ulish
Nikki R. Vigil
Ray W. Weathersby



Hans E. Anker
Jeffrey R. Beckham
Jeffrey G. Belisle
Marcus J. Booker
Jon-Michael D. Brown
Aaron J. Burke



Brant A. Dixon
Ronald P. Glenn II
Philip K. Gulck
Joshua R. Hargrove
Kathleen M. Hasson
Scott M. Holm
David J. Klein Jr



Eric J. Lewantowicz
Jason E. Liska
Clark C. Mabry
Parker L. Marshall
Tony L. Marshall
Andrew C. Meudt
Susan F. Murphy



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David R. Rogers
Grant T. Schroeder
Heather E. Smith
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Take eating to A NEW LEVEL

By Tom Preston

The Ratz take their MWR events seriously, more seriously than most. With a little free time and some different ideas, the Ratz gave power-eating Olympic sport status to keep competition lively!

The Ratz, like most cadets, like to eat, and with this in mind they combined eating with some of their MWR events. One involved a dining out to Giovanni's, a cadet hangout. This was no ordinary dining out, the Ratz put a spin on it. They had a pizza eating contest where the four classes chowed down.

"This one guy, Dan Patak, ate 30 or 40 pieces of pizza," C4C Phil Gagnon said. He won,

which many found surprising because, as C4C Gagnon remarked, "He's a little skinny, skinny guy, but he has quite a stomach."

Another MWR eating event centered around food was the marshmallow stuffing. Again a fourthclass cadet was victorious. C4C Kristen Discala said: "[The winner] ate 33 marshmallows for squadron pride, and won the contest." The Ratz also had a "Slurpee Sucking." Contestants sucked down a huge slurpee as fast as they could while fighting back the common head-freeze.

These contests were not just for fun. There was a goal in mind. These eating ordeals were a part of a lengthy yearlong Olympic contest

between the classes.

"This contest is a big, huge thing," C3C Teresa Sobolewski said. "There are at least 10 events on the schedule."

The squadron also had other MWR events that did not directly involve eating or Olympics, such as the squadron ski trip, Wednesday movie night, and "Christmas cheer."

"We had a lot of decorations during the holidays. The hallways were full of lights," Sobolewski said. "We also had a Christmas tree that kept growing with candy canes, it was great."

Food, frolic and fun, for the Ratz it was a way of life.

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Shawn J. Barry
Daniel S. Bradford
Rena T. Brugman
David J. Christensen
Frank R. Cowan IV
Essen L. Davis

Lee D. Hages
Jay D. Holland
Erik J. Jacobson
Eugene P. Jones
Dusty W. Juhl
Jesung Kim
Robert C. Lance

Christopher P. Lombardo
James D. Mitchell
Emma T. Osborne
Christopher T. Rust
Ryan D. Sawyer
Kareem O. Shaw
Teresa A. Sobolewski

Michael R. Stolley
Jason E. Strickler
Joseph P. Thomas
Clifford A. Torrijos
Rebekah E. Vodila
Eric K. Woodring
Keenan B. Zerkel



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Fawn S. Adams
Carlos X. Alvarado Jr
Brian P. Ballew



Bradley M. Brewington
Pablo C. Bueno
Joshua D. DeMotts
Jonathan E. Eldridge
Jeremy R. Fowler
Timothy M. Gonyea
Kevin D. Hornburg



Michael W. Jacobson
Jeremy T. Jones
Ronald L. Lobato
Michael K. Maciejewski
Frederick W. Manuel
Kelly M. Quain
Kathleen A. Rock



Donald C. Siegmund III
Philip D. Smith
Ryan P. Stugart
Jason D. Vinson
Reginald D. Wesley
Matthew J. Wieder
Jennifer D. Young



David L. Anderson
Joshua A. Cinq-Mars
Nicholas M. Dipoma
Kristen E. DiScala
Joseph P. Drevenak
Javier Esparza



John D. Fry
Philip H. Gagnon
Matthew L. Hannon
William B. Hartman
Allison M. Hartmann
Nathan C. Koran
Andy N. Lemmon



Nadine C. Lynn
Meghann E. McNiff
Alexander J. Miller
Carissa M. Niemi
Adam L. Oliver
Daniel J. Patak
Jason J. Pfaffly



Jeffrey T. Phillips
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Albert W. Rieben
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LOOSEHAWGS *Help restore hope* **IN ALABAMA**

By J. Queen & C. Reeder

Early Saturday morning, before the crack of dawn, 30 members of the "Loose Hawk" family arose to a brisk winter day in Greensboro, AL. They commenced a task that was the epitome of "service before self."

The cadets were welcomed with open arms by the citizens of the community. After a short lesson in "Roofing 101," the cadets began to shingle the eight faces of the cross-shaped Rising Star Baptist Church. The cadets volunteered their time, effort and spirit to help rebuild the church that mysteriously burned last June 3 during a series of arsons that ravaged many southern churches.

On January 17, the cadets

and the AOC were airlifted to Maxwell AFB on a C-130. The Loose Hawks then traveled westward to Greensboro, where they stayed with the National Guard Armory of the 1166th Military Police Company.

At the time of the cadets' arrival the framework of the church was up and the their task was to nail shingles onto the steep roof faces of the church. They promptly immersed themselves by building scaffolding and adhering hundreds of shingles. This cold and rigorous activity continued until the sun set on the rural Alabama town.

That night, the cadets, citizens and mayor of Greensboro enjoyed a fellowship dinner that included 130 pounds of authentic fried catfish. It

was fitting since Greensboro is officially known as the "Catfish Capital of Alabama."

The following morning, before the Loose Hawks departed, they attended the Rising Star Baptist Church service held at their alternate location. The church service and the entire project had a great impact upon the lives of the 30 cadets.

The cadets left Greensboro with smiles on their faces as they waved good-bye to the thankful members of the church. They had a tremendous sense of accomplishment knowing that they willingly practiced the key core value, "service before self."

Paul J. Adams II
Michael L. Anderson
Nathan P. Aysta
Jacob K. Bice



Anna C. Blackwood
Michael A. Brooks
Michael L. Cardona
Keith Carson
Patrick R. Eldridge
Brian A. Fischer
Pedro A. Gongora



Bryan D. Habas
Kari A. Hamilton
Michael A. Klein
Jerrad A. Krapp
Joanne McCarthy
Scott C. Morgan
Dylan K. Newman



Jason R. Nolting
Eric C. Schmidt
Chad T. Searle
Nicholas J. Thielmann
Jason M. Trew
Danielle M. Tutt
Jeremy F. Wehrich





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Robert P. Bailey
Felicia M. Bell
Chet K. Bryant
Frederick V. Cartwright
Leland K. Cowie II

Jennifer L. Drum
Jason T. Forte
John B. Gilliam
Daniel W. Harlow
Jason A. Hurst
Zoltan V. Kaszas

Patrick J. McCoy
Morgan D. Moon
Thomas D. Motes
Jamie L. Peterson
Michael K. Reavey
Jarmica D. Reese

Kim C. Seow
Patrick A. Sims
Candice L. Streff
Brian A. Surdyk
Phillip C. Winterton
Robert C. Zeese

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Matthew R. Compton
Cory A. Cooper
Sarah C. Courtney
Anthony J. DeGregoria
Bobby A. Esposo
Sarah J. Freas

Samuel C. Goodwin
Nels H. Grafstrom
Dana Hansen
Ryan T. Hayes
Jason A. Holbrook
David J. Karlene
John C. Kirkwood

Brent C. Kruel
Brett M. Lent
Ernest G. Mayfield III
Elaine Melendez
Charles B. Miller
Joshua K. Miller
Matthew S. Puckett

Kevin M. Runyon
Patrick J. Seipel
Brendan M. Shannon
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WILD WEASELS *Go all out or* **NOT AT ALL**

By Rusty Evers

CS-35 unofficially likes the motto "Go all out or don't go at all." Many things the Huge Wild Weasels did reflected this attitude.

On the 35th day until Recognition, the Class of 2000 made it a memorable one. "C3C Haack asked us what our spirit missions would be, and we gave him a brief overview," C4C Matt Sanders said. "We talked, and decided to paint a huge squadron patch at the south open area in Fairchild hall."

C4C Bud Fujii-Takamoto was one who helped. "We left around 0200. It was so huge, we were afraid of running out of paint! It was done free-hand, and took us about two or three hours, Sanders added: "I bet all the paint

cost about \$150."

Following the example set by '99 the year before, the library was also targeted. "Last year, we put up a nine-sheet banner there," C3C Josh Jensen said. "But I did a double-take when I saw what these kids did. We all were very impressed."

C4C Micaela Bentson and classmates cut out large cardboard letters to spell out Huge Wild Weasels. They climbed up and then secured the letters with duct tape and 20 pound fishing line to the building. "It was like 'Wow!' These kids always put a lot into what they do," C3C Steve Webber said.

At the beginning of the year, Fujii-Takamoto got an early start on the announcement boards in his

squad. He said: "I tried to make the goals board eye catching. It is nice to walk down the hall and see all the colors; you gotta stop by and see it."

During first semester, the Weasels got together and had a squad auction.

"We were selling junk in the store room, and people would volunteer stuff or services," C2C J. Greg Martin said. "I offered guitar lessons. We raised a lot of money, so we bought some lounge area stuff. We cleaned up the old storage room, painted it, and put in a foosball table, TV, and a squad store. It is used 24 hours a day."

True their motto, Weasels made their activities memorable.

Zachary B. Arnt
James J. Chapa
Adam S. Coffman
Daniel P. Crump



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Gilbert G. Garcia Jr
Michael A. Haack
Aaron M. Hatch
Joshua J. Jensen
Kyle J. Larson



Perry R. Marshall
Jonathan S. Miller
Ryan T. Moon
William J. Riordan
Mark A. Rodemoyer
Robert M. Santistevan



Emily C. Tarpoff
Matthew B. Thrift
Prachya Tipayarat
Shawna L. Wartner
Stephen L. Webber
Loren M. Werner





John F. Borowski
Trena M. Emerson
Jeffrey L. Green
Joseph J. Grindrod



Troy L. Hacker
Andrew K. Hosler
Trenton H. Jacobs
Dana L. Johnson
Jonathan M. Joshua
Daniel C. Leung
John G. Martin



James A. Maxwell III
Christopher G. Miller
Bradley R. Moore
Timothy S. Mukasa-Magoye
Mark A. Orek
Andrew N. Pike
Branden L. Ray



Ray A. Reynosa
Douglas A. Riggs
Kevin R. Roy
Jerret L. Turner
Holly M. Vandehei
Marc T. Weikman
Jannell C. Zicarelli



Kristopher A. Abel
Mary K. Albin
Jason M. Amidon
Jason R. Anderson
Ryan F. Barrett



Micaela R. Bentson
Christopher M. Brunson
James L. Burgess
Douglas A. Charters
Michael A. Contardo
Melinda Dumas



Michael A. Edmonston
James B. Fleming
Bud M. Fujii-Takamoto
Jude I. Gamel
Jason L. Gardner
Allen J. Hasbargen



James T. Horne III
Charlie D. Jackson Jr.
Benjamin M. Johnston
Matthew R. Kucia
Carin L. Marcussen
Martin A. Mentch



Brian D. Peterson
Matthew W. Sanders
Justen B. Sharp
Jesse W. Sorrells
Amity L. Tipton
Laura J. Williams

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Judge their peers IN A CONTEST

PINK PANTHERS

By Rusty Evers

The Pink Panthers of 36 prided themselves in having great MWR events. Their particular favorite was a cross-dressing contest called the Miss Pink Panther Night. Here, cadets dressed up as the opposite sex for competition to be judged before their peers.

This year, C4C Jeremiah Laster won by barely batting an eyelash. He beat out the Squad Commander and the Training NCO. "He looked the most feminine," C2C Kevin Divers said. "He even cried when he was announced the winner."

Coming in a close second was C2C Ron Crabtree, but according to C3C Stephen

Leggiero, Laster won thanks to his excellent use of make-up. Divers added: "Crabtree would have won except for his shaved head, it didn't compliment the look."

C4C Karrie Bracken, an audience member and Laster's fashion consultant, said that Laster's tight, purple shirt with black mini-skirt, fishnet stockings and issue black high heel shoes put him over the top.

"I was his make-up artist," Bracken said. "We even put a fake 'Cindy Crawford' mole on his chin." She added: "I am never going up there, though; I was very happy to be in the audience."

Although he wasn't at this contest, C4C Cameroon Nordin said

he likes these types of events. "Our MWR staff put this on, and it was one of many. It scares me though that he [Laster] was so feminine. On top of that, he is a football player, and he earned the Bolt award one week."

Unfortunately, Laster only got an honorary title; there were no gifts. "He did get lots of applause," Divers said. "And we all did a 'Wong Foo' dance afterwards. That was a little scary."

Bracken added: "I am looking forward to this next year. We are gonna have flowers and everything for the winner."

Sergio E. Anaya Jr
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Jeffrey G. Ernest
Robert A. French

Benjamin W. Heslin
Wade R. Holen
Kendra C. Jackson
Robert T. Jertberg
James M. Jordan
James R. Lacey

Hans J. Larsen
Stephen D. Leggiero
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Kristina L. Marty
Richard L. Millard
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Joel R. Persico
Shane D. Rogers
Jeffrey C. Schlueter
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Ian J. Toogood
Guillermo Torres
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 Ronald S. Crabtree
 Damon Delarosa
 Carl J. Dieckmann
 Kevin S. Divers
 James P. Drake
 Mark D. Falsani

Jason P. Foster
 Camilla A. Gage
 Misti R. Hancock
 Sean A. Hosey
 Samuel R. Johnson
 Scott J. Kissler
 Melvin R. Korsmo

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 Javier M. Prats
 Jonathan P. Santangelo
 Frank E. Staine-Pyne
 Jennie M. Steldt
 Jeremy P. Stringer
 Ryan Surroz

Robert T. Taylor
 Jenna L. Tukey
 Bradley E. Turner
 Jared N. Whatcott
 Jason Whipple
 James A. Wilson
 James R. Woosley

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 Matthew J. Berube
 Thomas R. Bowman
 Karrie M. Bracken
 Aaron E. Dripps
 Jeffrey T. Felton

Mark P. Graziano
 Herbert T. Green
 Hazel A. Hatley
 Nicholas T. Henderson
 Matthew K. Johnson
 William J. Jones Jr.
 Dara L. Kjarum

Jeremiah B. Laster
 Benjamin J. Laubscher
 Russell S. Magaziner
 Carmelyn H. Mamaril
 Andrew A. Martin
 Anthony P. Massett
 Cameron P. Nordin

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 Adrienne M. Ondrusek
 Miguel F. Rivera
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 Zachary R. Turcotte
 Ethan M. Waitte
 Aaron D. Walenga

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SKYRAIDERS *Kick back in* THE PENTHOUSE

By Tom Preston

The Animalistic Skyraiders of CS-37 are the kings and queens of the Sijan penthouse. "We are the rulers of the Penthouse," C4C Marcus Harlin said. They know the meaning of hard work, but they also know how to kick back when the time comes.

The Skyraiders are in a location far from the rest of the Cadet Wing. As such, they find interesting ways of getting their jobs done. For instance, whenever the words "training weekend" were mentioned, the words "animal hill" were sure to follow close behind.

C4C Michael Campbell recalled: "The automatic default for a training weekend was a trip up

Animal Hill." William McClelland explained, "We call it Animal Hill, but the rest of the wing calls it the LZ." On one long low-crawl up the hill, C4C Marcus Harlin moved a rock for a classmate. "I threw it to the side, and it hit another one of my classmates in the head."

The fourthclass also had a thing for windows. Three cadets obtained a water balloon launcher and launched water balloons out their window. Unfortunately, their aim was a little off and they struck another AOC's window, breaking it. The window came out of their magic money, and they marched some tours for it. Another fourthclass cadet threw a shoe out the window.

"He was mad that it wasn't

shining very easily, and threw it at the wall," Harlin said. "He missed the wall, and it sailed through the window."

From the MWR side of the house, the most memorable event was stall stuffing. The Skyraiders managed to stuff 19 people into a stall, including three Columbian exchange cadets. C4C Nathan Jones remarked: "One Columbian was yelling something, but it was in Columbian, and I couldn't understand what he was saying." The stalls were not made to hold 19 cadets, and it broke under the strain. Campbell added: "We didn't have small people either. These were big guys stuffed in there."

Angela-Maria Y. Arredondo
Jarod P. Blecher
Erin A. Brennan
Kevin R. Brunson



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Matthew G. Eckles
Bryce A. Fisher
Matthew T. Galvagni
Benjamin P. Glon
Casey E. Guerrero
Michael M. Harmon



Christopher W. Hensley
Sonny J. Hignite
Ryan L. Hill
Adam T. Huitt
Aaron N. Lamb
Henry A. Lasher III
Cyril A. LeDoux



William A. McClelland
Lisa L. Meier
Richard C. Pantusa
Abraham S. Perras
Onnie A. Retkofsky
Sharon E. Rohde
David W. Shevchik Jr



Chad A. Simpson
Borislav T. Sirakov
Steven W. Speares
Thomas H. Tieu
Peter M. Volpe
Rye M. Whitehead
Jeremy P. Wieder





Lynn M. Alexander
Richard C. Altobello
Ian S. Bautista
Roy M. Blanco
Michael C. Bruton
Justin L. Cummings

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Matthew J. Darling
Gregory N. Dash
Francis J. Farrelly
Jason M. Ford
David L. Halasi-Kun
William C. Hepler III



Sean P. Holahan
Shane C. Jensen
Tia A. Jordan
George R. Lavine III
Brian S. MacFarlane
Phillip L. Mallory III
Douglas T. Morsches



Cilla Peterek
Jacob D. Porter
Christopher R. Raines
Clinton R. Saffo
Marc H. Segal
Philip J. Vallie
Lisa D. Waldrep



Michael L. Anderson
Nathan J. Ashmead
Wysman A. Barganier



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Kristin M. Bozarth
Philip C. Buchy IV
Michael B. Campbell
Anthony C. Driessen
Robyn C. Duncan

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Andrew J. Ellis
Jonathan J. Elza
Christopher T. Finan
Gregory A. Fulk



Jacob L. Hammons
Marcus W. Harlin
Travis J. Hazeltine
Gregory S. Hoffman
Justin D. Johnson
Nathan D. Jones



Lincoln S. McLeod
Brian M. Nicosia
Jeffrey J. Schrum
Erika L. Siegenthaler
Mark F. Van Weezendonk
Dustin K. Whitehead



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ALL STARS *Make training* **INTERESTING**

Ask the All Stars of 38 to describe themselves and they'll tell you that they are just a bunch of "college kids." These regular college kids however, not only managed to have fun but they made training a positive experience for all of the classes.

"After Basic we were all really hard core and ready to be yelled at," C4C Ben Schill said. "The upperclassmen here rarely yell, instead most talk to us in a very low quite voice. It makes you feel ten times worse when you've done something incorrectly."

The squadron philosophy toward training was that they wanted to teach the fourthclass cadets in a manner that really pre-

pared them for the following years.

"We tried to make our training useful, we didn't want it to be meaningless nonsense," C3C Pryor Tiffany said.

One of the sessions that 2000 found most meaningful was the POW training. C4C Casey Crowley said: "This wasn't just rote memorization; it had real life applications."

C2C Kevin Souza attributed the squadron's professional success to the opportunities afforded to all upperclass cadets. "There are more chances for 'the little people' to contribute," Souza said. "The leadership spread the wealth. Every job was based on current performance, not what was done in the past."

Speaking of performance,

training was not the only squadron avenue. They had a MWR program that kept the masses satisfied. "We had a paintball trip, played a lot of quad ball and had flight and class Olympics," Crowley said. "During these times rank came off and it was competition among equals ... well almost."

C3C Matt Williams added: "Our squad ski trip was also great, despite the fact that we had a car accident. We waited with the car for people from our squad to come pick us up. We weren't worried that they wouldn't show, we knew our squad would not let us down" Williams added: "We are just an easy going, happy family!"

Tyson J. Baker
Bonnie L. Brings
Jason P. Brown
Benjamin J. Buller



Rusty T. Byrd
Kenneth P. Cates
Miguel A. Cruz Jr
Catherine M. Everett
Ross P. Franquemont
Bryan K. Garcia



Taris S. Hawkins
Benjamin C. Holland
Daniel A. Jordan
Douglas W. Leonard
William D. Middleswart
Amy M. Nesbitt



Dustin L. Pittman
Bradley J. Pristelski
Cody C. Rasmussen
Benjamin C. Recker
Ahmad A. Rideaux
Michael B. Roy



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Richard H. Shertzer
Kristian S. Thiele
Pryor S. Tiffany
Andrew J. Wiker
Matthew K. Williams





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Chad N. Burdick
Nole J. Curry



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Jacob B. Fite
Shawn K. Gilliland
Jason G. Gouldon
William F. Julian
Kristine R. Kramer
Sean E. Lee



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Uvalde E. Mendez
William W. Nelson
Brent M. Nestor
Shelby E. Ortiz
Joseph M. Parham
David A. Pokrifchak



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Joshua A. Shown
Scott M. Sieting
Robert E. Skuya
Kevin K. K. Souza
Jarin R. Thayn
Charles C. Zitzmann



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Jason R. Case
Bruce T. Clark
Ryan A. Clark
Casey R. Crowley



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Edwin Germosen
Gunnar J. Hankins
David A. Heinitz
Travis J. Higgs
Laura E. Hill



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Peter E. Kasarskis
Michael P. Keough
Alex E. Krause
Lauren A. Maher
Erik N. Martin



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Aaron C. Pifer
Razvan N. Radoescu
Jamie M. Rand
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CAMPUS RADICALS *Get the Wing to* **STAR WARS**

By Jose Sarduy

If you've ever been to the opening night of any good movie, or if Hollywood nostalgia has any affect on you, then you know it can be an awesome experience, especially when the movie is the 20-year-old *Star Wars*.

On January 31, 1997, *Star Wars* was re-released in theaters. It made nearly \$37 million its first weekend back, soaring past Jurassic Park, and Forest Gump. Hordes of faithful *Star Wars* zealots, avid fans, and the nostalgia ridden theater goers lined up that morning to buy tickets, just to say they were a part of the re-release of the granddaddy of all blockbusters. Being an avid *Star Wars* fan, and an MWR clerk for 39, I

thought it was good idea to buy tickets in advance for my squad to see the movie opening night.

Every theater I called said they would only sell tickets the day the movie opened. Foreseeing huge lines and the unlikelihood of getting the 60 tickets at one time, our squad searched for other options.

The only real option was to reserve a screen. This meant filling all the seats, and the smallest available screen room had 170 seats.

We did just that. We offered 90 seats to Fourth group on a first come first serve basis and since they were given a non-chargeable pass the response was overwhelming.

It was so overwhelming that I had to change the reservation to a

458 seat screen at the United Artists Academy Station theater.

Four days prior to the show, I took orders and went to Denver, to buy tickets at their corporate office. Since Third and Fourth group couldn't quite fill the theater, we invited First Group to join us. They did and in the end the theater was filled to capacity and then some.

The show was set for late 31 January, early February 1 at 12:45 AM. Every seat was filled, the movie was great, and everyone had a good time. Our squad got to see *Star Wars* on the big screen and I'm glad I got to work with so many people who also wanted to make this possible.

Cory L. Aldean
Courtney D. Anderson
Eric W. Bucheit Jr
Patric D. Coggin
James P. Colbert



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Bradley G. Epperly
Monique L. Farness
Aaron D. Gibson
Scott W. Hebbeler
Edward J. Irick III
Zachariah J. Jensen



David A. Jokinen
Franklin B. Layo
Jeremy E. Learned
Justin M. Loosvelt
Robert N. Mishev
Benjamin A. Moe
Kathleen M. Quigley



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Luke D. Savoie
Epan G. Taku
Silke A. Tietje
Robert W. Wolfe
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WARHAWKS *Find balance between* **SILLY & STRAIGHT**

By C Renee Garcia

The members of CS-40 were on a mission to improve upon their third place finish in the Wing last year. This year, the P40 Warhawks strived to consistently place top in its group and in the Wing. At one point, they missed first place in Fourth Group for Big Week grading by 3/10ths of a point. Don't let the stractness fool you, the Warhawks had unique antics that brightened everyone's day.

Reportedly, the three degrees enjoyed pulling crazy stunts. C4C Tony Disario said: "There are interesting three degrees; they do wild things. Once a three degree got in trouble for riding a bike naked down the halls."

Several members of the squadron reported seeing three degrees attempting to walk down the halls naked. C3C Chalene Ogilvie tried to defend her classmates: "It was study naked night!" Other third class antics that kept the squadron on its toes included: a male cadet dressed in a hula skirt and coconut bra and three degrees marching tours for shattering a four degree's window with an orange launcher.

The squad colorfulness continued with the fourthclass cadets. The four degrees initially started their bonding during Second BCT when they changed uniforms while the tent flaps were still rolled up. C4C Paul Wuster stated: "We must have been the only squadron to get HR train-

ing out in Jack's." The bonding continued into the school year. "We like to roam the halls at midnight," Disario said. "It's the only time we can really socialize with no upperclassmen yelling at us."

Wuster added: "Once, we sat in the SAR at two in the morning, watching movies and making popcorn with all the microwaves we swiped from the other squads."

Also adding to the character of the squadron were the AOC and MTA. Affectionately known as the "Enforcer" the MTA had his hand in every reg ... and the AOC ... well rumor has it he got engaged! The squad says "congratulations Sir."

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Fatih Yilmaz





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FIRSTIES

STAY UNIQUE UNTIL THE END

Section Editor: Phil Hagen '98

The Class of 1997, to some they were just another class to go through the Academy, but there were far more adjectives to describe them. Probably the most notable adjective was that '97 was a small class. It was the smallest class to walk at graduation since the late 70's.

Why was '97 such a small class? The reasons seem to revolve around the unique events that surrounded their four year growing experience. The Class of '97 blazed new trails as many "new ideas and programs" were tested out on them. Many good naturedly referred to the Class of '97 as '97z, this stemmed directly from all of the experimenting that was done with these members.

The first experiment that '97 saw was something called Ascension, instead of being recognized like all of the previous classes at one time, they earned their place in the Wing by a series of steps. Although the Ascension program worked, it was dismissed after only one year. Yes, '97 had a unique end to their fourthclass year.

The experiments didn't end there, the Class of '97 experienced all the growing pains of reaching out to the information super highway. They were a part the development of the USAFA Net. Some even go so far as to say that this may have been one factor in the dismissal of some classmates for poor grades.

Again, they were tested by being scrambled after their sophomore year. An old idea with a new twist, the Class of '97 was tossed into a new environment halfway through their growing process. Again they remained resilient and rolled with the tide.

Of course that tide also took them to a modified graduation program. This graduation saw them not marching out of the infamous north stadium portal but rather filing into the stands. They didn't seem to mind too much afterall they did graduate and left as they came in ... unique to every other class.

Leading the Wing into the final parade, CIC Matt Quatrara and staff members stay in step. Wing Staff worked hard to lead the 4,000 plus cadets to success throughout the year. Photo by B. Lingle.





Celebrating the end of four years of the Academy experience, new lieutenant Carol Palmer embraces a classmate. Graduates couldn't help but smile once the hats were tossed in the air and they were dismissed for the final time. Photo by B. Lingle.



CS-01

Mighty Mach One



Justin Kyle Collins
B.O.S.
Orlando, FL
Management

Without my faith in God, none of this would have been possible. To my family, I thank you for always being there. To my friends, you all are the best! I'll see you out there! To the baseball team, good luck and keep pullin.' To Heidi, without you, I would be truly lost. I Love You!



Mark Kristian Danger
St. James, MN
Military History

I would like to thank God and my family. Without your help, I never would have gotten through here. It may be my name on the diploma, but it belongs to all of you just as much.



Matthew Todd Cunningham
PTWOB #92
Tulsa, OK
Basic Academics

Thanks mostly to God for giving me the power to dream, and the perseverance to never lose sight of them. Mom, Dad and Fred, thanks for believing in me....your support has taught me to believe in myself. Although my road to graduation has been longer than most, I would have never reached the destination had it not been for the detour. WOBS thanks for teaching me to fly.....BLUE SKIES.



Christopher Jeremy Davis
CJ
Warrenton, VA
General Engineering

This has been the longest and shortest four years of my life. I owe a lot to my family and friends for getting me through this place, and I owe a lot to this place for everything it has given me. Courage, confidence, memories, and friendships that will last forever. Good luck '97, we wear the ring because we have earned it.





Justin Heath Duncan
Dunc
Americus, KS
Civil Engineering

This is it, the last year. Special thanks to Bobby, Gretch, Junior, BP, Coach, and the rest of the tracksters. Anderson, good luck. Thanks to all the CE guys and girls for all their help and upbeat and positive attitudes. Suey, Big No, and all the rest of the Mach and Ratz, see you down the road. Mom, Dad, Amanda, and the rest of the family, couldn't have done it without you, thanks.



Felix Skirving Johnfinn
Flex
Charleston, SC
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

Can you believe this!!! I am done! I would like to thank the Lord for giving me the strength and ability to make it through. Next, thanks to my family. Without their love, support and care packages, I would have left years ago. To my friends, thanks for all the good times we have shared (fifth group). To the fellas, see you fools in the real Air Force.



Matthew Forrest Durkin
Beaker
Cincinnati, OH
Engineering Mechanics

Thanks Mom and Dad for all your support and encouragement during the good, bad, and awful. Fellas, from Beirut to the pig roast and camping to Seattle, let the tradition continue. Thanks Caroline for giving me a place to stay, and Charlie for teaching me to ride and rope. Thank you Johnny for teaching me the most important lesson I ever learned. "I should've been a cowboy."



David Aaron Johnson
Super Dave
Bend, OR
Engineering Mechanics (Math)

To God be the glory and honor - I am nothing without Him. Mom, Dad, Bri and family thanks for all your love, support, and prayers! Fellas (Madmax, Brisle-Bri, Muscle Herman, Bissy, Bitte, Matty) I will love you always - thanks for the memories! JOHN 15:13 No regrets - I would do it all again in a second!



Todd Gilbert Eppich
Grandpa
Houston, TX
Mechanical Engineering (French)

Six years, gone already!!! Thank you Heavenly Father for strengthening me. Thanks Mom, Dad, Chris, Josh, all the Grandparents, the Cummings, and the Hansens for helping me to succeed here at Camp USAFA and in France. To my buds Timmy, Brian, and Garret - thanks for being there. Y'all have done more than you can imagine. Mighty Mach One - You're the best! Fifth Group Rocks! And above all, I'm glad I did it. Keep the pride revin'!



William Robert Martin II
Sweetness
Los Gatos, CA
Mechanical Engineering

After four challenging years, I thank Mom and Dad for always being close when I needed them. To my brother I wish the courage to strive at West Point, and the ability to survive in the Army. Looking back, I will cherish my time as a Wolf Smack, and savor the Mach One atmosphere. Finally, I thank Enrique Oti for steering me clear of danger, and being a true friend.



Leslie Paige Holland
Valrico, FL
English

Would I do it all again? Doesn't matter - I don't have to! Would I do it differently? Never. From Ascension to the "new and improved" Graduation, I'll never regret a minute of it. Thanks to the Roadrunners for helping me when we had no choices, and to Mach One for helping me when we did. Thanks to Mom and Dad, Amy, Brice, Jerod, the swimmer chicks, women's ZRFC, and the Class of 1997.



Seong Mee Monahan
Summie
Chappaqua, NY
Management (French)

"It won't mean a thing in a hundred years." Rose, Heather, Anna, Abby, Bobby, Rick, Dani - thank you for supporting me. Mom, Dad, Mama, Papa, Jae Mee, Ed, Tae Mee, Greg - I love you. Thank you for being the people you are. This school taught me that I need you. "Whether or not it is clear to us, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should."





Danielle Regina Opalka
Dani
 Elmwood Park, NJ
 English (French)

Thank you God for seeing me through; Mom and Dad, I never would've made it without you.
 Justin, your strength and courage constantly renewed my own;
 Laura, my dearest and best friend, through the laughter and tears we both have grown. My life has been built on friends and memories both old and new; and I thank the Lord I have been blessed to make them with all of you.



Enrique Oti
 Niceville, FL
 Latin American History (Spanish)

I would like to thank some of the people that helped me get through this place. My parents and sister for encouraging me. Also, Gregg Kraus and Billy Martin, my roommates, who occasionally forced me to study. I will always be proud of being a Wolf Smack, one of the few, as well as a Mach 1 grad. To everyone in the Rally Club witch hunt: they let us graduate?



Noah Mikhail Oviedo
Big No
 San Antonio, TX
 Behavioral Science

I would like to thank God, my family, and friends for making the last five years tolerable. A special thanks to all those who helped me get here, you know who you are. Without your help, I would not be where I am today. To all the fellas out there, it's been interesting. I will never forget any of you...we fought the good fight and finished the race.



Samuel Alexander Pupich
 Thousand Oaks, CA
 General Engineering

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Diana, Spanovich, and the Guthries for everything. To the Table: thank God there wasn't a microphone hidden somewhere...To the ballplayers: remind the Geekies that they never packed in 60 thousand people for a knowledge bowl...To the Geekies: I still have my hands in my pockets...To "The Hole": Long live the rail...To dirtbags everywhere: admit nothing, deny everything and always counter accuse.



Kim Nichole Reed
 San Jose, CA
 Space Operations (French)

I would like to thank God for giving me the strength to pursue my dreams. Mom, Dad and Alex, I couldn't have made it without your love and support throughout the years. Thanks to my friends for all the good memories and for helping me get through the good times and bad. It's hard to believe that it has all gone by so fast. This is only the beginning...



Jerod Gregory Rick
J-Rod
 Anchorage, AK
 Political Science

A quarter million dollar education has opened my eyes to a wide range of academic topics, but the most valuable lessons I've learned from the Academy have been about my character. Thanks to God, my parents (all of them) and family, all of my friends, the 94th FTS, and especially Leslie for helping me keep focused on the important things.



Douglas Samuel Russell
Salty
 Lynchburg, VA
 Computer Science

This marks the end of one dream and the beginning of another. I would not repeat the last five years but I would never give them up either. I want to thank my family and friends who have always been there for me. I would especially like to thank God who has given me the strength to accept those things I cannot change and to face the future with hope.



John Daniel Scott II
JD
 Bossier City, LA
 Social Sciences emphasis on
 Legal Studies

Illigitimus Non Carborundum... no matter how hard they try. Why you came never mattered, why you stayed always did. Pop, thanks for being my hero. Mom, thanks for picking me up when I fell. Pals, we never followed, we never led, we were just friends. Finally, I want to thank someone special in my life. Without her, I could never make it from here... At least I enjoyed the ride.





William Clifton Shipman
Billy
 San Angelo, TX
 Engineering Mechanics (Math)

Thank you to Mom and Dad for always supporting me. Thanks also to Grandpa and Grandma, Aunt Cindy and Laura, Aunt Dee, Aunt Patty, Kevin (so I says to the llama), Chris (for looking out for me!), Will, Stacy (for making the days interesting!), Sarah, Helen, squadmates, and D&B folks. Friends are forever and I'm so blessed to have all of y'all. See you on the flip side.



Matthew Warren Wynn
Sinister
 Wasilla, AK
 Mathematics

Not even the rock that fell on me in SERE could keep me down. Thank you Mom, Dad, "the gang", friends and God! I wouldn't have made it without you. In the words of Martin Luther King Jr, I'm "free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, I'm free at last!"



Stacy Edward Walser
Bird
 Salisbury, NC
 Engineering Mechanics

First, thanks to Momma, Daddy, Laura, and the rest of my family and friends for all of your love and support. Josh, Jason, Matt, Becky, and Leanne, Waller is going to miss y'all. To my old squadmates bahlsac says goodbye. Billy thanks for being a great roomie. Protestant choir, God Bless and keep singing. Remember the greatest things we do in thing go unnoticed. God Bless Matthew 28:20b



Picturing the past: These soon-to-be basic cadets from the Class of 1997 quickly learn the fundamentals of the position of attention. Inprocessing day started a trip that would not end until graduation.



CS-02

Delta Tau Deuce



Jonathon Noel Beavers
Beav
Burgettstown, PA
Military History

It's about time! I'd like to say my time here went fast, but it didn't. Special thanks to Mr. Copenhagen and the Maxwell House - sleep is overrated. Buds in Duece and the fellas from Eagle Eight, thanks for making life here more bearable. That's no Ducci. To the fam and the Nemecs, I love you all - we'll see what life brings tomorrow.



John Owens Garst
Baltimore, MD
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

Thanks Mom, Dad, Christine, and all the fellas that made this place bearable. What can I say, I was lucky!



Jeanne Marie Bedlek
Jeanne Mae
Elk Grove Village, IL
Human Factors Engineering/
Human Behavior (French)

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Jody, my friends, and the Carrs, without you all I couldn't have made it, you've kept me sane and helped me laugh, and of course God without whom nothing is possible. "The future is yours in all its mystery and promise, walk down life's winding pathways with courage and humor and hope...Your moment has come, the world awaits, the future is yours." Congratulations 97! (Ed Cunningham)



Sierra Heather Gould
Roseburg, OR
Environmental Engineering

To my family - you mean the world to me. Mom, Dad, Mckinley, and Whitney - I will always be there to return the love and support that you have given to me. To the friends I have made - the memories I will treasure, thank you! Grandpa - I love you. And, Joe - everyday will be sunshine. "The dream is the start of something greater..."



Shawn Michael Cline
Stuss
Newport News, VA
Military History

The secret to my success here was supplementing the core values with healthy doses of procrastination, laziness and apathy. Thanks fam: Mom, Dad, Rebecca, Sarah, Brett, Clara, Matt, and Stevie. Thanks Kret, Garst, Rich, Clair and anyone else here who didn't drive me crazy. Also, thanks to Seasoned Surfboards, Nitro Snowboards, and RCA for distracting me enough that I had no idea what was going on while I was here.



Devin Kirk Hammond
Reggie
Staunton, VA
General Engineering

Those who know me, remember the concert, the O-course (as a two degree), CATM, Farrish, and of course, my 21st. I want to thank the Lord for everything; my parents and friends for the support, and my roommate (Pitt) for keeping me thoroughly insane. I can't forget Gordy and Todd for the shooting, Bond nights, and the politically correct bedtime stories. That's all for now, peace! Matthew 19:26



Todd Joseph Eilers
Iris
Jefferson City, MO
Management

Thanks Mom and Dad. I appreciate everything you have done for me. The things I will miss the most are playing football and partying with my friends.



Kyle Bradley Head
Bradley C
Washington DC
Legal Studies

I would like to thank my God, my family, the Stamm family, the kids from Nine, all the friends I have made along the way, and especially Keeley for giving me the strength and guidance to survive these past four years. "Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." (Lincoln) How happy are you?





Michael Brian Jamoom
KaBOOM!!!
 Kissimmee, FL
 Astronautical Engineering (Math)

The sacrifices of today can make dreams of the future into future's reality. Do not accept plateaus. There are always higher levels to climb. Thanks Mom. It was Thomas Paine who once said, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." And boy, am I tried!



Aaron Daniel Pepkowitz
Pep
 Los Angeles, CA
 Political Science

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Deb, the Finns, and all of my friends for making these four years bearable. Especially to Adam, Pultzie, and Darcy who helped me get through this place and being the greatest of friends. This place hasn't been fun but it sure helped me learn a lot and grow up. Believe in yourself always and make the best of what you have. Now, I'm outta here!



Christopher D. Kretsinger
Kret
 Smithsburg, MD
 Mechanical Engineering

I just want to thank God, my family and friends for all the strength and support you have given me these past four years. Especially the Lyons, who have been my second family. I couldn't have done it without you. Fellas, may we always keep in touch. "To have lived as to look back with pleasure on life is to have lived twice."



David Lawrence Pittner
Pitt
 Flourissant, CO
 Electrical Engineering

To PTWOBS, past, present and future, the WOB's made it all worth being here. "Attitude check: We are..." To Mom and Dad, without your guidance, I wouldn't be who I am today, without your support, I wouldn't have made it in here, without your love, I wouldn't have made it through. Trey, Vinnie, Pep, Chris, and Hawk... never forget you guys. Rachel, it's over now, the rest is for you. God bless. Blue Skies! Outta here...



Colby Jess Kuhns
cj
 Albion, NY
 Humanities

Contrary to popular belief, you can make it through this place without a god. In fact, if there was a god, he probably would have saved you from this place long ago.



Robert Pryor III
Sharifu-Tegene
 Hampton, VA
 Human Behavior

First and foremost I would like to give thanks and praise to God for helping me complete my Academy education. To both my biological and Academy family (you know who you are), I love you and could not have made it without your love and support. Candice, you have helped me to become a man more than you'll ever know, thank you. For all those still comin' up, remember never strive to survive, always excel.



Todd Alan Nathaniel
Nat X
 Oklahoma City, OK
 Materials Science

Thanks to Mom and Dad for getting me here, thanks to the old Barons and the Delta House members for getting me out. My best memories of my sentence here will always be of weekend ski trips and Hooters soccer. Thanks to all my friends for making this place bearable. It has been a long four years, I've given a lot and now it's time to take some back!



Picturing the past: C4C Amanda Jennings does more push-ups on the terrazzo. Physical strength was stressed during Recognition ... or was it Ascension?



Jason Matthew Repak
Pak
Boonville, NY
Management (Spanish)

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Sarah for your support. I couldn't have done it without you. I thank my friends for the memorable experiences we had together...my roomdog Dave, Vern, Chad, Rob, Clete, Jeannie (Spanish class!), my sponsors, friends + relatives back home, and most importantly, the Lord. Finally, '97, the "few the faithful," keep it Revvin'... "Every man dies, not every man really lives." -Braveheart



David Christopher James Rhoades
Dave
Laramie, WY
General Engineering

The Academy definitely provided some of the most challenging times for me, but God taught me more lessons here than anywhere else, and also gave me the best friends I've ever had. Bob, Andy, Dan, the Fobes, Greg, Jason — thanks for the support and all the good times. Anna, Mom, and Dad, thanks for always supporting everything I did, and for always being there for me. Jeremiah 20:9



Dana Michelle Tate
Tater Tot
Fairfield, TX
General Engineering

Where did the time go? I thank God for blessing me with this opportunity and carrying me through it all. Mom & Dad, I can't explain how thankful I am for you both. Lisa, Michael, Paul & Bailey, life would certainly be dull without your sarcasm and laughs! And of course, I will never forget my friends who helped me stay sane these last four years. I love you all!



Craig Edward Thomas
Prettyboy, Adonis
Yorba Linda, CA
Environmental Engineering

Mom, Dad, Christy, Family...I love for all your faith & support. Team, friends, coach, Hoop Troop...I cherish for all the memories. Brian...I envy for always telling me how much more fun you're having in Cali. Steve...the toughest twenty bucks I've ever made. To the woman I love...I have not yet found you, but believe me when I say I have done this all for you!



Omar Augusto Velasco
OV
San Antonio, TX
Biology (Spanish)

Thank you Mom, Dad, and Chris for being there. Thanks to all my friends and family who have always encouraged me. Thanks to all the Freaks and members of the Delta House for a memorable four years. Thanks to the Woodheads and the Martinezes for providing asylum. Kevin, Jeremy, TJ, and Rob P, you guys are the greatest, next to me of course. This had better pay off. I'm out!



Gregory James Yoschak
Love Shack, Shaq
Sunnyvale, CA
Engineering Sciences - Propulsion

"If we burn our wings, Flying too close to the sun, If the moment of glory, Is over before it's begun, If the dream is won, Though everything is lost, We will pay the price, But we will not count the cost." —Neal Peart. Thanks to everyone who helped me through this place, especially my family and the Camp USAFA crew. Wake up, Rhoades! This is not UCLA. Definitely not!



Picturing the past: C4C Joe Alkire hops through the ropes of the obstacle. An event that is normally seen outside, for the Class of 1997 bad weather brought it indoors.



Picturing the past: Trying as he might, C4C Ernesto Carcamo cannot sound off louder than a megaphone. Instruments like these were very useful for getting and keeping the Class of '97's attention.



CS-03

Cerebrus



Jason Sean Ausdemore
Oz
Grand Ledge, MI
Military History

Mom, Dad, Jeff: Thank you for your inspiration, support, and love. You will always be my heroes and I love you more than simple words can say. Todd, Fred, Superfriends: Thank you for always being there. Wick, Pat, Adam, Fighters, Dawgs, Purkas, Trims: I never imagined I would meet such amazing people, thank you. "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit" - Aristotle



Kevin Delano Clark
San Jose, CA
Legal Studies

Thanks Mom and Dad for all the love and support you've given me through the years. There is no way I would be where I am if you hadn't been behind me every step of the way. To the lifelong friends I've made here: I'll never forget you. "Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds." - Albert Einstein



Jennifer Ann Brannan
Jen
Fort Collins, CO
Human Behavior

What a long strange trip it's been...Thanks Mom, Dad, and Doug for all your support. If I had it to do all over again, I wouldn't trade my friends for a million bucks. MDP and JET; Have I told you lately that I love you? No regrets, aim hi, go birds, and never lose the pooch...6, out.



Michael Paul Davis
Goose
Houma, LA
Math / Operations Research

I am proud to be an American where at least I know I am free. I am also proud to be where most would say I am not free. I wouldn't be any place else if I had the choice. I am proud to wear the uniform others have died wearing while keeping our nation free. I pray that I will make good decisions as an officer trying to preserve what is right. Lord knows our country needs all the help it can get. God bless the USA.



CS-03



Christopher Scott Dotur
VR-4, *Maverick*
Castle Rock, CO
Mathematical Sciences (Russian)

Things I've learned here: drive fast, laugh often, work hard, care for others, serve before you lead, true love IS possible (I love you, Jen!), Legos are cool, buddies are so valuable, the PFT stinks, take it like a man when you have to. Most of all, I will never stop learning how to trust in God. All praise and glory goes to Him. Matthew 14: 22-33, II Timothy 4:7



Octavio Felix Echevarria
Bud
Tampa, FL
Bachelor of Science

Academic probation wasn't ALL that bad 6 out of 8 semesters. I'll never forget all my friends who partied and drank with me. Special thanks go out to Drew, Chappy and Jeff; the four horsemen, we ride!! Ring Dance, 21st Birthday's, Let's get pissed, The Ritz, My Brothers and probably at least another dozen things I can't say here b/c of censorship, human relations and political correctness! Also, if you can see the light at the end of the tunnel, you're looking the wrong way stupid, turn around!



Joe John Farley
Buffalo Joe, Phat, Catfish
Memphis, TN
Biology

Dudeman! It's been real and it's been fun but it hasn't been REAL FUN ("Shhh- there's a briefing!"). Col U, Maj D, Col K, Hud-thanks for the group effort. To all my buds-the list is long and distinguished, you know who you are. Many thanks to my family-the old boy turned out all right, huh? In short: SMBM, FIDO, IYGTBAG-BAG!, B-52 pilots party like KISS in the 70's, and last but not least ALPHA MIKE FOXTROT!



Laura Gale Goodman
Goodies
Englewood, CO
Management

I can honestly say that I love this place and I've enjoyed my years here. Thank you to all my family and friends who have gotten me through the tough times and have shared the good times - I am forever grateful! I love you all so much! Until we meet again... Love and Luck!!



Chad Leslie Greiner
Chizm, Bhudda, Grinder
Keota, IA
Management

Thanks Mom, Dad, Brian, and Jason for all the support from home. Thanks to all my friends for helping me through the past 4 years. Too bad it wasn't fun while it lasted, but there was some fun, especially ring dance weekend, even if day 2 was a little painful...Oh, well, I'm gonna do a little dance and I'm outta here. "Every man dies, not every man really lives..." - Braveheart



Mark Ryan Hadley
Boo
West Richland, WA
Engineering Science (Acro)

"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles..." Is. 40:30-31 Constantly evaluate your priorities, and remember the big picture. Don't forget to trust in God. Many thanks to: My parents, Col. and Mrs. Femrite, the Longs, Megan, and Cynthia. 100%! NWP Squash "You got any Beemans?"



Christopher Baldridge Kloppling
Klop
Fremont, CA
History

This is a great place to be from, but a terrible place to be at! I can't believe I made it. 16 months confined to my room made this place really fun. Thanks Mom, Dad, Margaret, Kimi, Paul and Cort for all your loving support. To the Birds, we had a great 4 years together, Mackie and the bruthas, you guys are the best. Thanks everyone for the memories. Later



Jeffrey Robin Lewis
Dunwoody, GA
Computer Science

My only wish is that my "Academy Experience" could be made just a little bit longer. Maybe they can look into that for future classes. The only two life after USAFA questions I have are: How do you handle yourself when your TV doesn't get turned off at eight every night? and What do I know to put on every morning without "The Voice"?





James Donald Murray
Jimmy Don
Floyds Knobs, IN
Biology

It took 100 tours, 40 confinements, 34 months restriction, 3 HB's, an ARC and a MRC for me to realize God is in control and I am commissioned for His higher purpose. Thanks Mom, Dad, Tracy and Steve for the best family a guy can ask for. Toddo, Sutts, Stew-you kept me going. Capt C and family-turn my glass over, I made it! To the '97 Dogs-we made it, let's show 'em what we got. To those who follow-be yourself, don't quit, and make a difference. "Go find yourself..." James 1:12



David Christopher Page
Dave
Ojai, CA
General Engineering

"That which does not kill you only makes you stronger." Thanks first and foremost to God. Thank you to my family for everything. Sara, I will always be there. To CS36, thanks for the memories. To the Dogs of 97, we are the best. Bob, Brian, Clay, Stritt, and Jason, THEY finally let us go...Josh, thanks for watching my back. Guard, CHARLIE MIKE and keep the tradition alive. HG97



Kelly Anne Skalko
Smelly Cat
Colorado Springs, CO
Human Behavior

It hasn't been easy, and that's why I'm happy to say it's finally over. Thank you Mom, Dad, Courtney, Mark. I wouldn't have survived without your love and support. Chad, you'll never know what your love has meant to me. Thank you; I love you. Thanks Dawgs - you're the best!! "Do not fear the winds of adversity. Remember: A kite rises against the wind rather than with it." -Author unknown.



Barton Charles Staat
Barty-Boo
Albuquerque, NM
Biology

"Be careful what you wish for, you just might get it"-Dolly Parton. Jay, you gave me Wendy-boo, enough said. You, Cus, LeBrun, and Klop are the best, you stood behind me and my efforts to be a doc. Mom, what more could a son ask for? To the family, thanks for all the love and support. Above all, thank you God. Wendy, I'm looking forward to a lifetime of us!



Willie Edward Washington
SLIM
Paxton, FL
Behavioral Science

Chance favors the prepared mind...I want to thank my moms for everything they have done in my life. Next I would like to thank all of my friends for everything they have done and for being there for me in hard situations.



Valarie Ann Weber
Val
Cedar Falls, IA
Political Science (French)

Jeremiah 29:11. The first part of the journey is over. When I think of this place, it'll be my friends and the good times I'll remember. Thanks to the Lord, my parents, Bryce, Sarah (was our room ever in regs?), the Praise Team, the Bulls and the Dawgs, le Chat qui Fume and to everyone else I met along the way...God bless.



Brian Daniel Witkowsky
B-Dub
Littleton, CO
Civil Engineering

Mom, Dad, Scott - I would not be where I am today without you. Your love and support have guided me through many rough times. Grandma, Grandpa - thanks for the continuing love and hospitality. For all the special times I spent with my fellow Dogs of War (Queen included) and the guys back in Seagrams - I'll never forget you. Free, Mark, and Gools - see you on the other side.



Picturing the past: C4C Christine Callahan struggles to get up after the cadre blew the whistle. Up-downs could wear even the strongest down especially during training as gruelling as Recognition.



CS-04

Fightin' Fourth



Matthew Paul Anderson
Andy
Altus, OK
Biology

First and foremost I'd like to thank God and my parents for the love and guidance they've given me thus far. I'd do it all again for the following reasons: Ish-Ricardo, Steve, Bill, Strat, Chuck, Fish, Murph, Klein, Crack-boy, JD, Rob, Tripod, Nightclubbers, and the Sekavecs. To the Birds, keep our circle tight! Thanks for all the laughs. You boys are my brothers and are welcome in my home anytime.



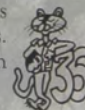
Adam Roberson Burks
Big Daddy
Crete, IL
General Engineering (Math)

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding- PROVERBS 3:5. Thanks go to my family and friends for seeing me through it all. Especially you MOM!



Jonathan Paul Boulet
Bullet
Wilmington, DE
Political Science (Philosophy)

To God for everything. Thanks Mom and Dad for getting me here. Andrea, thanks for getting me through. Here's a toast to the fellas who made it fun. Things to remember: nights on the LZ, dinners at 6, and hours in the phone room. To Joe and jump, Phil and his neon, Bob and his Jim B. I'll never forget you guys. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Richard Patrick Carver
Rich
Carmichael, CA
Political Science

It's been long and tough, but graduation is finally here. I thanks my friends and family for all their love and support. I wish everyone in '97 the best of luck with their future careers. GOOD LUCK!





Keith Robert Ensor

Fat, Powder
Biology
Centreville, MD

Big Thanks to my Heavenly Father for sticking with me. Mom, Dad, Kate, Luke and Dan, thanks a bunch for helping me out. Cherae, I still think you're crazy for sticking around. Thanks!! Kret, Kay, Big D, Mattie, J.D., Rosa, Dub, I might have made it through, but it wouldn't have been half as fun. Always remember to trust in God and keep a good attitude, everything else will fall into place. XOXOXOXO.



Michelle Lynn Gadus

Gadi
Maple Heights, OH
Civil Engineering

I worked so hard to get in then I worked for four years to get out. I'm proud to say that I made it through with the help of my family - Mom, Dad, Corrine, Eric, - my boyfriend Dave, and my friends. It's all about attitude ... Thanks for keeping me sane!



Shane Jeremy Hamacher

Hammy
Morgan City, LA
General Engineering (Math)

An eternal and instantaneous four years...Vince, fellow centurion (thanks), you said I'd have to live it to understand. I lived it; I understand...Mom and Dad, thanks for riding the tides with me. I couldn't ask for better parents...Bridget, you made this place bearable. Side by side...Mach One-27 enter, 15 graduate...I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. We may leave USAFA, but USAFA never leaves us...



John Alton Hardy

El Paso, TX
Mathematics

I want to thank my Dad for teaching me how to fly and my Mom for never letting me quit while I was trying to get into USAFA. Thanks to all the guys at High Flights Soaring for letting me soar with them and also Justin and Chris for being my good friends. Finally I want to thank God because none of this would be possible without Him.



Heath Mikal Holtz

HH, DUB
Nashport, OH
Operations Research (Math)

"It takes courage to push yourself to places that you have never been before...to test your limits...to break through barriers" - Vince Lombardi. Three things helped me through: Faith, Family and Friends. A special thanks to God, my parents, Shannon and Ryan for the support and guidance. Thanks to my friends of Fightin' Fourth and the Fellas: Brian, Dave, Phil, Tom, Coty, Keith, JD, Matty, Big. (John 15:13).



Mary Elizabeth Houston

Beth
Cedar Falls, IA
Legal Studies

I want to thank God and my family for getting me through this with their unconditional love and support. Mom, I can't thank you enough.... Andy, you know what I am thinking...Always. Beth, CP, Yira, Tanji, and Ann thanks for all the love, laughs, tears, and hugs! Someday we will have it all figured out! To all the trips, games, late night talks, and MEALS I will never forget!!



Richard Alan Kattau

Kat
Pensacola, FL
Economics

It's finally over and to say that I wish it would go on forever would make me a liar. There aren't many of us left and I'm proud to be one of "The Few, The Faithful." Dave, Picc, Enrique, and Jesse, thanks for your friendship. Mom, your support and prayers were vital. Rich and Linda, thank you for providing a refuge for a weary soul and giving him a home away from home.



Art Thomas Locklear

Tom, Buddy, Jack, Slash
Pembroke, NC
Social Sciences

What a six-year journey! "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength"- Phillipians 4:13. God, Family, Country- may these always be my priorities. Mom, Dad, family, and friends- I love you all. Hannah- I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you! Let's go to Kansas...





Trinidad Karl Meza
Trini
 Gallup, NM
 Legal Studies

It's hard to believe that four years have come and gone, all the good and bad times, the friendships, and the lessons learned. Time flies when you're having fun. I would like to thank God, my family, and my friends for giving me the strength, courage and wisdom to make it through this place. To the Honor Guard, always stay hard and thanks for all the good times.



Anthony Richard Mincer
Tony
 Boise, ID
 Civil Engineering

I thank God for loving me and guiding me (Higher Ways, Proverbs 3:5-6). "Live everyday as if it were your last, while at the same time, live as though you would live forever." - Napoleon. Thanks to my family and friends for supporting me and giving me the greatest memories. Mike R., Darrell, Bart, Jackie, Mike C., Aaron, Dan, Art, John, Trini, Josh, Seekers, the Behr's, and the Wings of Blue you make life an exciting journey.



Carol Ruth Clara Palmer
Chun-Li
 Coral Springs, FL
 Management (Spanish)

I thank God for loving me anyway and seeing me through. Thanks to my family - this is your graduation too. To my Gospel Choir and WLC Brothers and Sisters, may you never forget our family. Thanks for all the greasy jokes! Gen, Tanji, and Beth, we made it! Congrats to my brother Ali, USMA c/o '97. Phil 4:13, and He strengthened me, and I did it. Ummmm Hmmm (Smiles)



Joshua James Piccirillo
Pitch
 Hopedale, MA
 Economics

To a wonderful family and friends that God has blessed me with I want to say "Thank You for everything." From here I "Go confidently in the direction of my dreams" as Thoreau once said, keeping in mind my humble beginnings and the plan of my master. "Celebrate we will, Because life is short but sweet for certain" -Dave Matthews. "So Much to Say..."



Chad Alexander Silva
 Huntington Beach, CA
 Electrical Engineering

To Mom, Dad, Donna, my grandparents, coaches, friends and Ana: Thank you for believing in me and giving me a reason to smile every day.



Quan Truong
Nip
 Milpitas, CA
 General Engineering

It's been four long, dark years and I can't believe I made it. Here's to nightmares that will turn to fond memories as time wears on. To the Asian Connection who kept me sane, gracias. Thanks Mom and Dad for being there, Vu for the advice I never used, and Bella for getting into so much trouble that Mom and Dad never noticed the stuff I was getting myself into.



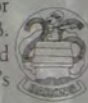
Mark Daniel Waskow
Fat Boy
 Fairfax, VA
 Bachelor of Science

I would first like to thank Dad, Mom, Sheila, Raj, and my Brother. Thanks for all of your advice and for having an ear to complain to. Next I would like to thank Rob, John, and Geoff. I couldn't have gotten through this place without you all and I'll never forget our great times together. To all my other close friends, thanks for the support. You're my #1's!



James Daniel Edward Went
J.D.
 Southbury, CT
 American History (French)

Thanks to Matty, James, Donnie, BigD, Heath, Keith, Ozzie, D.P., Bud, Quatto, Staz, Randy, Yvonne, Kaydog, Steph, and my family: Mom, Dad, Ally, Nathan, Doug, Grandma, Dzjia Dzjia, GaGa, Walter, everyone else. Go Yanks and UConn Huskies! Boys at home—Sbury, CT: Cliff, Tomchik, Downsy, etc. This is for Lt. James E. Towle and Billy B. (LIG). Do the right thing. God bless '97 and the Academy. That's all.





Aaron Neal Wilt
Aaron
 Salix, IA
 Civil Engineering

I want to first thank my parents, Maurice and Cathy, for their love and support for the last 4 years. I couldn't have made it through without you. My sister, Angie, for being herself and not even considering coming here. My girlfriend, Jill, for her laugh, her smile and her love. Thank you Rose, Pat and Gerry for being my family away from home. Thanks to my close friends.



Picturing the past: Snapping out a few flutter-kicks near Bull Six, C4C Shannon Doyle and C4C Neil Kistler gain strength from each other. Visiting other squads during training sessions helped build class unity in '97.



CS-05

Wolfpack



Gary Edwin Bernbeck
Bernie
 Saline, MI
 Aeronautical Engineering

Is this really happening? What a DREAM come true! Some of you understand this better than others. Either way I thank you for being there through thick and thin. Mom, Dad, Mike, Carolyn: Thanks for putting up with the phone calls (there was no order for who to call first). Your belief in me and my dream is the backbone of my motivation. Let the dream live on!



Thomas William Brown
Touchdown
 St. George, UT
 Basic Academics

The Best Measure Of Success Is How Christlike We Are.



CS-05



Anne-Marie Chaffee
Rie
Albuquerque, NM
Management

Only she who attempts the absurd can achieve the impossible. But then life is rather absurd isn't it? I guess you just have to like pina coladas and getting caught in the rain! Thanks for letting me dream. Tap & Mom, this hat's for you.



Shannon Dawn Faber
Spoons
Newnan, GA
Biology

Looking back with few regrets... perhaps only the opportunity I may have missed. Many hard times, but only to strengthen me and my faith in God. Memories deeply etched into my soul... good friends, good times, many laughs, new challenges... Each challenge only helping me to become the person I am today! Phil 4:13



Eric Scott Hassinger
Hass
Chantilly, VA
Biology

This whole experience wasn't so bad. I made the most of it, of course with the help of some really special people: my friends, who got me through the bitterness and found the fun in everything, and my family, who without their love and support, I'd never make it. "Life moves pretty fast - you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."



Sloan Lee Hollis
Chief
Richmond, VA
General Engineering

"There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love." Well without the love of God, Moma, Frank, Aaron, Matt and Amber I would have never made it. Thanks for everything. The most important lessons I learned were in the ring, thanks Coach. TOUGH TIMES DON'T LAST, TOUGH PEOPLE DO!!!



Aaron Phillip Lumpkin
Lumpy
North Richland Hills, TX
Geography

An eagle comes into this world with nothing but a little hair, limited vision and a desire to survive. Under a watchful eye the eagle slowly matures. Being confined to the nest, the eagle learns to depend on others and fight for itself. Someday the eagle knows it will leave. That time has come. I've outgrown this nest. I may not know how, where, or why, but this I do know: my eyes are open, my wings are spread, and it's time for me to fly.



Michael Sean Nolan
Mike
Athens, WV
Aeronautical Engineering

"We need the tonic of wildness. We can never have enough of nature." -Henry David Thoreau Special thanks to everyone who helped me through this place: Tara, Jim, George, Rie, CV, Kirbs, Rus, Boomer and the rest, you guys are the greatest. Just remember, without friends, you have nothing.



Dolores Marie Pasini
Dolly
Pittsburgh, PA
Civil Engineering - Environmental

Thanks and lots of love, Mom, Dad, Nina, Michael and Dave. I love the birds!



Michael James Radermacher
Radar
Bird Island, MN
Electrical Engineering

A chapter is now closing in our lives while a new and exciting one is about to begin. Thank you to my family, friends, and Kati for all the support and encouragement to help me through. To my classmates, I wish you good luck. Together, with determination and vigor, we can now lead the United States Air Force into the 21st Century...and beyond. The future is ours. Pauci Fideles!!!





Chad Earl Cousteau Ryther
St. Louis, MO
Aeronautical Engineering

Finally out of here! Thanks Mom, Dad, Sister Baby, Grandma and Elena. G. Todd, Smith '94 - You owe me a hundred bucks. "I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me." Sir Isaac Newton. To Dennis "Here's a toast..."



George Avery Sefzik
Sefz
Omaha, NE
Biology

Dev, Foo, Buck, Bailey, African Herb Man and the rest of the originals both past and present its been a trip. Here's to the Bloss's, Walden, camping, road trips, and shows. Four years that I didn't enjoy but you guys made it bearable. To all my friends stay true.



Christian Andrew Senn
Lexington, NE
Civil Engineering

In our four year journey, we have topped the windswept heights and plummeted to fathomless depths together. Through time and space, we have fought adversity, frustration, and treachery to become fine-polished vessels of immeasurable beauty and value. No doubt, God has blessed us. We dare not forget Him in our haste. We cannot escape the boundless gratitude we owe our parents, family, and friends. Tomorrow is ours. Let us seize the day—CARPE DIEM.



Carlos Eden Serna
Los
Port Arthur, TX
Bachelor of Science

First, let me thank my Parents and my Brothers because if it wasn't for their prayers and support, I would never have made it through this place. I love you all. It will have taken 5 1/2 years; I can't say that I will miss the school but I will always remember the friends. You guys are the greatest. To the guys from USAFA Prep '93, it has been a great five years. Phill. 4:13.



Philip Andrew Strouse
Bissy
Grand Junction, CO
Human Factors

What a ride. They say one matures at a place like this; I think I've just gotten older. Special thanks to God, Mom, Dad, Nate, Lissle Bri, Herman, Bitte, and Crazy Dave. If there's one thing that made this place worthwhile it was the friends I've made. I'll never forget you guys, John 15:13. Onto the wild blue yonder.



Dustin Gene Tyner
DT
Conyers, GA
Management

Mom and Dad you're my two best friends in the world. Without your love & support, I wouldn't have made it. To my brothers on the football team, you're the best. I've never been a part of a team where each guy was willing to do anything for another. Football was my life here and I will never forget the times we shared. This was 84's first step to WS.



Viresh Kanchana Wickramasinghe
WICK
Colombo, Sri-Lanka
Aeronautical Engineering
(Mathematics)

I sincerely believe that coming here was the best decision that I made. I have no regrets at all - especially when I think about the great opportunities I've had and great friends I've made. I want to thank Ammi, Thaththi, my brothers Decsy and Chutsy, all my friends here and at home, and Miltons for all the love and support...and being there when I needed you.



Darren Michael Willis
D. Will
Hobart, OK
Management

It's been real, and it's been fun. But, I can't say that it's been real fun. To my friends and the guys who survived Ten, we finally made it! Thanks for always being there and for keeping me sane. Thanks to my family for keeping me focused on my goals. Remember: It's when things seem worse, That you must not quit. And will we succeed? Yes! We will indeed!





CS-06

Bull Six



Randall E. Ackerman
Randy
Summerville, SC
Behavioral Science - Human Factors

It is a great place to be from, not a place to be at...I have reached that status! Beth-not first but certainly the best! Yira-have fun in Mars To the Triad-Get some hops Donovan-Two years...A record! Thad- Brothers!! There was this woman...!



Carl Dain Allred
Dain
Monticello, UT
Mechanical Engineering

The six year plan has come to an end... Thanks Mom, Dad and family for your support, I couldn't have made it without you. Jimbo, thanks for your friendship and for cleaning up after me. Capt. B. and Shyrlene, you're my home away from home. "Semper Cum Spiritu" Alma 48:11-13



James Thomas Binns
Jim
Salt Lake City, UT
History (Spanish)

I am glad the end is finally here. I really can't believe that I made it this far. I would like to thank my family and friends for helping me make it through these past six years. Without them I don't think I would have made it.



Benjamin Craig Busch
Ben
San Diego, CA
Aeronautical Engineering (Mathematics)

Thanks to God first. He is the only reason I've made it this far. Isaiah 40:31. Thanks to Mom and Dad, your love and support has been a great inspiration. James, bro, what would I do without you, and Rod, Ames, Dot, John(ny), Mike, Angie, PT folks, Elysian Skies, the grandparents, thanks for all the good times and the bad. Praise God, he rocks.





Severine Colborg
Sev
Pueblo, CO
Operations Research (French)

Many thanks to Dad and Mutti. You really helped me get through this all, especially Dad for helping me see how everything is affected in the end. Thanks a lot to Clay, who really helped to keep me straight and calmed me down quite a bit. See you out in the Air Force to all my friends, especially Ron, Rich, Rob, Kris, Gail, and Jeff. "Remember Pineapple, Porcupine, and Cactus."



Jeffrey Stewart DeVore
Jeff
Fontana, WI
Computer Science

Thanks Mom for love, support, letters and cookies. Dad, thanks for the example and reminding me to keep focused on the goal. Ben and Andy, thanks for making home so much fun. Freak, Ski, Jeremy, Shaggy, Dave, 22 and 6 - you made it bearable. Drew, if you ever read this, thanks for everything. Thanks and praise to Jesus Christ. Dedicated to those who survived the Bull. 1-4-41



David Matthew Elliott
Dave
Thomasville, PA
Computer Science

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Grandmas and Grandpas, my Bros, all my friends, both here and at home, Coach, and the Simpsons...without you I couldn't have made it! I don't know who said it first, but I got it from a 95 grad and it still seems appropriate: "I am so well rounded I no longer have a point." It's been fun, it's been real...



Heath Wesley Frye
Heath Bar Crunch
Knoxville, TN
Bachelor of Science (Physics)

I made it only by the grace of God. Never give in, never give up, never retreat, never surrender. Success equals determination plus perspiration.



Heather Honey Hall
Honey
Lompoc, CA
Human Factors Engineering (Spanish)

It's better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all...MaryAnne, Larry, Granny, Grandpa, and Grandma, I know you're with me in spirit. To my family and friends, I love you all. MLMHALOK from the homefront is what got me through, thanks Mom, Dad, and Jimmy. Me a PTWOB? (Who would've thought?) - "We can always Jump!" Blue Skies..... Love and thanks to all. It's been real! Heather Honey :)



Benjamin Daniel Hinton
Fat Hinton
Las Vegas, NV
General Engineering

Four years in my life I will never love/hate more. Thank you to God and family— you were my foundation, my rock. Frank, you are the brother I never had. To Todd Cook, my big brother. To Charlie and Sarah— take care of each other as you did me. And to Connie, who has lit up my life like a pardon on a condemned man. Thanks to all my friends.



Michael Patrick Julaton
Mikey J
Harmon, GU
Environmental Engineering

Tough Times Don't Last - Tough People Do! Thanks Jason, Richard, and Ian for keeping me sane and being brothers. All those nights I don't remember mean a lot to me, I think!! Thanks Mom for your support and having faith in me when everyone else didn't. For all those who doubted I'd ever make it this far - I'm outta here! I'm going back to Bed... or watching a Movie.



Thomas Donovan Kanak III
t-don
Victoria, TX
Electrical Engineering

If all else fails, don't forget to breathe.





Richard Roy Mader
Darth
Westernville, NY
Meteorology

My thanks to God, family, Gail, and friends for helping me make it. The best of luck to all my Blackjack brethren, keep it zipped up. The few, the six, the met majors, I had to get my sleep somewhere. My love always to Gail, July 19th baby. Remember, "The wind may blow both East and West, but only God can make a tree."



David Robert Simon
Madison, WI
Electrical Engineering/Mathematics

Mom always said, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."



Tylan Andrew Muncy
Ty
Kiowa, CO
Biology

To Paula, Hayley, Mom, Dad, Travis and Todd, I give you the love and thanks of a brother, son, and best friend. I know I did not do this on my own. Without you, a lot of help from God, and the friends I made here, I would have failed long ago. Now it's time for me to step out of the nursery.



Michael Alex Sovitsky
Big Mike
Apple Valley, CA
Engineering Mechanics

I made it! Thanks to my dad who helped me through this place. Thanks to all my friends for being there and putting up with me. A special thanks to Serfdawg for being my closest friend and brother. Serfdawg, I'll see you in UPT!



Yira Yissel Muse
Panama City, Panama
Human Factors Engineering

Thanks Mom and Dad for the love and support, and thank you Katherine for the laughs and rootbeer! Ian, I'd never made it without you, or the food I stole from you! To all my pals: I love you, good luck and remember: there's no elevator to success - you have to take the stairs, you can keep going longer than you think, and the teacher will always call on you the one time you don't know the answer.



Mitchell R. Spillers Jr
Spitch
Russellville, AL
Civil Engineering

I want to thank my family, especially my parents for all of their support. I would have never made it through this place without them.



Candace Lee Sharp
Candy
Colombo, Sri Lanka
Human Behavior and Leadership
(Spanish)

It's been the best six years for my life. I appreciate all those who have taught me so much. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for your love, patience, and support. I never would have made it without you. I thank my sponsors and friends, and my Heavenly Father. I take with me many lessons learned, memories, unique experiences, and lasting friendships



Thomas Wilson Taylor IV
Tommy!
Atlanta, GA
Legal Studies/Philosophy.

There were two works by Robert Frost that I would have liked to put here, Stopping by Woods and The Road; but both are too long for the seventy words I have. On four years here: thank God they slipped by quickly. If you get a chance, read some Frost. Close your eyes, count to five, rub your tummy, forget this message, read Frost again. There. I've had my seventy.





Derek Jay Winkler
Winks
Rifle, CO
Civil Engineering

Hey Mom and Dad, I'm done. Yahoo! Thanks for the encouragement, the continuous supply of peanut butter cookies, and the weekly reality checks. I couldn't have handled this place without you two. To all my buds, thanks for the occasional good times and good luck with what you do.



Picturing the past: Get those chins in, C4C Rusty Evers (back) and his classmate hang on the cadre's every word during a training session. Training sessions were popular throughout the freshman year.

ENCE IN ALL WE DO



CS-07

Cellblock



Joseph Dominic Arico
Joey Rico
Fairview, PA
Bachelor of Science Program
(Graduation)

I appreciate the support from Grandma, Dad, and Guard. You are the GREATEST. Thanks to everyone who was willing to lend a helping hand. It's been fun at Camp USAFA, but I have another calling...THE CORPS. Good luck to all those who are willing to make a difference. Always remember to keep focused on your goals and never, never quit. Take care and God bless. SEMPER FI



Bryan Bobeck
Boomer
Kenosha, WI
Legal Studies

The long road has finally ended, Thank God! I would also like to thank Mom and the rest of my clan. Also to all of the fellas, Jon, Rus, Brian, Lynn, Todd, Nakia, Wally and the rest of you, you made this life bearable. Don't ever change and remember BBH forever.



CS-07



Sean Perry Akasheh Bradley
the Bradley Fighting Vehicle
Williamstown, MA
Physics (Math)

Four years and now it's over. Mom and Pops you all got me here and kept me going. The Honor Guard is who I am. It has made me everything I am today. I will never forget the patch or Guard. Then there are the kids from 15th (Vinnie, Dave, Dave, Lefty). To all my other friends, I still remember. If it ain't hard it ain't Guard. Semper Fidelis



LaTrent Hexjerald Burdette
L.A.
Covington, GA
Mathematical Science (Philosophy)

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Natacha Carine Cillieres
Nat
Villeneuve-sur-Lot, FR

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Brian Richard Cusson
Cuss
Berlin, NH
Environmental Engineering

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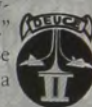
Joel Robert DeBoer
Fort Myers, FL
American History (Spanish)

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Reese Daniel Evers
Rusty
Military History
Lebanon, OH

Sometimes the light's all shining on me...If you are reading this, I want to say Thank You. In some way, you helped me get through here. Next time we meet, the first one is on me. "Dare to dream; but more importantly, dare to live out your dream." Mom & Dad, thanks for everything. Scott- watch your 6! Polaris Staff- you guys are the best! Tracy- thanks. "Rusty knows everybody..." From NWPS thru the Delta House and now the Cellblock...What a long, strange trip it's been.



Gary Wolfgang Gaulke
BBTS
La Vernia, TX
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Ryan Thomas Girrback
Girbz
Manchester, MI
Biology

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John Stephen Kruczynski
Kruz
 Los Altos, CA
 Political Science (Spanish)

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Daniel Lawrence LaMar
Dan
 Springfield, MO
 Materiel Science (Math)

Thanks for coming. Have a nice day.



Scott Edward Lanis
Snot, Sausage
 Hudson, WI
 Human Factors Engineering

"You love a lot of things if you live around them, but there isn't any woman and there isn't any horse... that is as lovely as a great airplane. And men who love them are faithful to them even though they leave them for others. Man has one virginity to lose in fighters, and if it is a lovely airplane he loses it to, there is where his heart will forever be." - Ernest Hemingway Thanks to all. PS 23:4 IHTFP



Heather Ann Laws
Bez
 Sandusky, OH
 Biology

Don't regret the decisions you make in life; instead, rejoice in the opportunities you seize and people you meet. The Academy is a place that fosters these great opportunities and great people. I just wanted to say thanks to everyone who helped keep me sane these past four years. Finally, thanks to Mom and Dad for their love, support, and understanding. I could never have made it without you.



Robert Anthony Lee
Rob
 Derry, NH
 Engineering Mechanics (Math)

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Melissa Dawn McCoy
Mel
 Bloomington, IN
 General Engineering (Math)

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Matthew Michael Orlowsky
MattO
 Ebensburg, PA
 Management

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David Eric Rayman
Rainman
 Alexandria, VA
 Biology

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Jeannie Ann Roellich
Tekoa, WA
Political Science (Spanish)

Mom, Dad, Nancy, Dawn, Joe, Grandma, Grandpa - you've strengthened me with your love and support. Thanks for everything! To my friends, you have touched my life in so many ways. I will never forget any of you! Finish strong and don't look back. Hide pain through a smile - life is what you make it. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race."



Robin George Stephens
Eastman, GA
Computer Science

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Lynn Edward Savage
You
Oakland, MD
Human Behavior

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Eben Max Zerba
Milton-Freewater, OR
Basic Academics

After four semesters on Academic Probation, six months of Conduct Aptitude Probation, numerous meetings with Group AOC's, and spending parents weekend in Major Curtis A. Perry's, USMC, office, I don't have anything left to say.



CS-08

Eagle Eight



Joseph Alex Owusu Agyemang
Teferi-Abrafo
 (Ferocious Warrior, feared by rivals)
 Rockville Centre, NY
 Behavioral Sciences, Human Behavior

"If you control a man's thinking, you do not have to worry about his action. If you make a man think that he is justly an outcast, you do not have to order him to the back door. He will go without being told; and if there is no back door, his very nature will demand one." Carter G. Woodson. Educate yourselves about YOU first. Not without God and Mom.



Michael Thomas Cancellare
Mikey T.
 Pensacola, FL
 Mathematical Sciences

Is it over already? I'd like to thank God for being there for me, my parents for getting me here, my sponsors for giving me a "normal" place to go, and my friends, especially my homies from 38, for making it fun. I've had a lot of wild adventures so far, and hopefully those are just the beginning. See ya on casual...



Matthew Urban Fetzer
Fetz
 State College, PA
 Civil Engineering

"I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." George Washington "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:30-31) Thank God, my family, OCF and my friends for everything. Finally, good luck Class of 1997Z.



Jimmy Daryl Fuller Jr
Cooter/Jimmy Dean
 Feds Creek, KY
 Bachelor of Science

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Patrick William Greenleaf
(Pot-)Leaf
 Wells, ME

History-Latin Area Studies (Spanish)

"I did it the best I could while I was stuck in this place; had as much fun as I could while I was stuck in this place..." (D&C) Thanx to God/Family/Friends for helping me survive. All randoms can go eat one off my diploma. JR: gotta do whachya gotta do ... stay true. Horty, Lindy, Clay, Lick: BE TURTLES. "If we weren't all crazy, we'd go insane" (Buffett)



Brendan Lillis Halloran
 Wilbraham, MA
 Civil Engineering



Mark Andrew Horton
Horty
 Waldorf, MD
 General Engineering

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Mark Lee Hudnall
HUD
 Dekalb, MS
 Biology

Joe, one day you will do something fast. There are two things that made this place worthwhile: Dixieland Delight and a Good 'Ol Boy. Thanks Lori Ellen, Bawa, Mama, Tommy and Amy. I couldn't have made it without you. To those who follow... "Don't Be Stupid." I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. - II Tim 4:7





Stephanie Ann Jardine
Gardon
Mount Lebanon, PA
Management

"I can't remember who met who first...all I can remember is all of us together." -St. Elmo Without you, my friends, I never could have made it to the end. So thanks for everything!! Alla Beam, dear Raptors, (present and past) here's to us and all our favorite soccer memories. Thanks to Mom, Dad and Jill for being supportive. Brave!!



Donald Merris McNutt III
Donnie
Brookville, PA
Aeronautical Engineering

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,... And you want to smile, but have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must-but don't you quit. To Mom, Dad, and Mike: I never could have made it without you. And to Becky: you're the best thing that I ever got from this place.



Randall Curtis Johnston
CHEESE
Danville, OH
Management

Well...here it is...finally the end. At times I didn't think I'd make it out, each year has had some problems (4 degree - code red????, 3 degree - massive ac pro, 2 degree - actually not so bad, Firstie - more headaches and frustrations than ever!!). But a lesson to all...if you're true inside, to yourself and everyone else, just roll with the punches and it'll all work out. This has been the longest fight of my life...but the final bell is gonna ring and my hand WILL be raised. SEMPER FI!



Thomas Dwight Price Jr
TommyBoy
Pendleton, OR
Civil Engineering

"Nothin' much to say I guess Just the same as all the rest Been tryin' to throw my arms around the world."-U2. Dad, Mom, Drew, Wes, Landry-I love you!! JLP, JPM, Fatty, ERN, ESH, D, RGL, POT, LENNY, Joe, Kate & Nate etc. —I had a blast!



Christian Daniel Lenahan
Lenny
Severna Park, MD
Social Science

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Clayton Eric Robinson
Medical Lake, WA.
Mechanical Engineering

...only in their dreams can men be truly free. T'was always thus, and always thus will be. -DPS My love goes out to God and family for always supporting me in everything I have done. Thanks to Amy for being there when I needed you. Finally, thanks to Leaf, Lindy, and Horthy...don't forget the turtle. Time to flip. Remember, the BOL is always open...later.



Aaron Todd Linderman
Lindy
Ankeny, IA
Physical Therapy

Thank you God and family for helping me through this Inferno. Without you, I wouldn't have made it. To all you randoms and flips, it's been fun. Hopefully none of you will meet with Predator or Beastmaster again, although sometimes I wonder. YOU'RE BOUNCING—HUAH!! Camping, Friday's, J-Hole, scavenger hunts, bowling, CSU, Bar of Sports. Childhood is short, maturity is forever—so party now. I need to go get my Flip-On. LATE!!



Timothy Francis Sehnem
Shemp
Simi Valley, CA
Management

"Everyone has two sides: one side trying to be normal and one side trying to break out of all this normalcy. I'm just trying to find a balance." -John Stuart Mill. Thanks to God, all of the parents, brothers and sisters and friends, especially Lizard Matty, Goat and Alfabetto. Stein and Vega it is all up to you! "I passed the test, just like all the rest, but I never understood why I tool it in the first place ..." Cake ...yomouth





Kristen Amy Soltis
Greenland, NH
Biology (French)

"If you think you can, you will, if you think you can't, you won't." Thanks all you Trolls for making this place so much better and to my family (Mom, Dad, Katie, and Karyn) for just about everything. I'll never forget you Frenchies - (Poca, G. Oiseau, Fags, Eddie, P. Ward, Stachy Warne and Garrett) that was by far my best time here and it was because of you. Chuck - Never give up, have faith in yourself. K



Ann Elizabeth Zionie
Annie
Castle Rock, CO
Biochemistry

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Kevin Bruce Templin
Crack
Crystal Lake, IL
Mathematical Sciences

My, how time flies. It seems like yesterday I was trying to get in here, and now I'm already writing this. Mom, Dad, and Jeff, thank you so much for helping me to get through this great place. Team, just remember, once a PTWOB, always a PTWOB. The sky is our playground. Whatever happens, we can always jump. You guys are the best. Here's to you... Blue Skies... PTWOB #088



Picturing the past: "Motivated, motivated, motivated." These fourthclass cadets endure the attention of an upperclassman all the while knowing that they were one step closer to the end of training torture.



CS-09

Vikings



Robert Brian Barnett
Big Job
 Crestwood, KY
 English

Trouble in transit - Got through the road block. We blend in with the crowd. Change my hairstyle so many times now, don't know what I look like. This ain't no party, This ain't no disco, This ain't no fooling around. No time for dancing or luvy-duvy, I ain't got time for that now burn all our notebooks, what good are notebooks? They won't help me survive. — The Heads —



DeAndre Jamaal DeVane
 Wilmington, NC
 Behavioral Science

"As we have seen, all man can know is his own experience. He experiences his consciousness, his feelings, his will, his ideas. He also experiences a self which he does not identify with his body, so he concludes his essence is not body but soul." I owe my accomplishments to the love, guidance, and support from my family and friends. I especially thank Ma, Daddy, Granddaddy (RIP) and the divine Being who brings everything together.



Jason Andrew Buck
 Ballston Lake, NY
 Electrical Engineering (Math)

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Gregory Peter Ellingson
 G.P.
 Baker City, OR
 Management

Mom, Dad, Kels, and Cam thanks for the support and encouragement, I couldn't have done it without you. Ryan and Colin, Heart & Balls, and thank you for teaching me to be strong and stand up for what I believe. "For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother" Shakespeare. You can always count on me. To my friends, follow your courage and believe, we go hand and hand into our futures.



Daniel Craig Burtz
 Dan
 Winner, SD
 Space Operations

I first must thank the good Lord above, Dad, Mom, Heather, and the Coates family. After my Academy education I am now so well rounded I am nearly pointless. "To educate a person in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society." T. Roosevelt. That definitely sounds like an education issue right Matt? I guess I'll see you out there. Live long and prosper.



James Robert Gump
 GaGumpa
 Carbondale, IL
 Military History

"It's lonely at the bottom, Man it's dizzy at the top." Boy, I didn't think it would happen this fast. I'm just glad I've made it this far. I thank the Lord and my family for getting me through. I thank my friends and soaring for helping me stay sane while I was here. Oh well... Strike the tents. Ecclesiastes 1:2



Danie Craig Clayton
 Chuck
 Anchorage, AK
 Economics (German)

Thanks be to God who provides everything. Mom-thanks for your guidance and support. Dad-always my hero. Colin/Ryan-fellas forever. Go Birds-Get It On. Strat-Christi is ready, Ande-thanks for the laughs, Fish-the powder is waiting, Murph-lets throw a few back, Klein-mountain climbing, Bayc-where's your pipe. Raiders-Work Hard, Play Hard. Vikes-Do a Little Dance...AMF. The real journey lies ahead...



Ryan E. Haden
 Ryan
 Henrico, NC
 Human Behavior

MOM your love has been ever present. DAD not only my Dad but mentor for life. BRENT I've always been your little brother. FRIENDS I have built my character values and purposes by you from you and with you USAFA has afforded merely US. The men who are actually in the arena, faces marred by dust, sweat, and blood. Heart and Balls guys don't look back cause I got yours





David Kenneth Hammer
Hammer
 Sacramento CA
 Economics

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John Paul Newbill
 Valrico, FL
 American History

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Dennis Chusam Kong
KONG, Big D
 Cerritos, CA
 Biology

To my buds, Good Luck and Just get me the hell out of here. This place was fun while it lasted.



Brian Lee Reece
Duck
 Alpharetta, GA
 Political Science

We all have aspirations for the future; we would like to make the world a better, safer place. But if we become so consumed by our goals and desires that we ultimately forget who we are and what we do, then God help us all.... Thanks to all who proven to me that memory never fades.



Andrew Joseph Marx
Karlos
 Lincoln, NE
 Humanities (Philosophy)

I guess I'm suppose to say something real reflective to make sense of everything that's happened here. Sorry, but nothing really works. I would however like to thank my parents for getting me thru this. I'll always owe you guys. As for my fellow flea trainers and friends, I guess we just keep on winging it. Miles of Trials, Trial of Miles.



Tara Lynn Shamhart
Turtle
 Huntley, IL
 Legal Studies (Philosophy)

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Julio Ari Negron
 Dudley, NC
 Legal Studies

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Tavis Mark Shaw
 Hermann Missouri, MO
 Chemistry (Mathematics)

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Yvonne Suzette Sorokin
Northport, NY
English

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Trent Worley Tripple
Trenty T
West Linn, OR
Management (Japanese)

My #1 will always be my #1. My parents, Family, and my Heavenly Father are to thank for getting me through this place. To anyone looking for answers I say Search, Ponder, and Pray. To Rob: a little Heads "We are being taken for a ride again. I've got a girlfriend that's better than that...one with bows in her hair, nothin is better than that, is it? Start makin sense!!" You can always have half the money Rob! thanks.



Kristin Lynn Stovall
Stivetop
Missoula, MT
Management

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Philip Owen Warlick II
Phil
Midland, TX
Mechanical Engineering

To all my friends: Good Luck, I love you, Thanks for making it fun (sort of), and See you again soon; We'll all meet again at the party of the millennium - HEAVEN! To my enemies: I hope we can be friends some day. To everyone: Read Isaiah 40:31, Praise the Lord every chance you get, Remember those who have gone before, Live life to the fullest, and Cowboy Up!



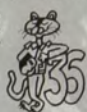
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Tiger Ten



Christopher Anastasio
Staz
 Staten Island, NY
 History (Russian)

Thanks to my family for all of the love and support you always gave me — what would I have done without you? To all my paizan — if it wasn't for friends like you, I could not have made it — I'll never forget you guys....FAMIGLIA E CORAGGIO



David Aaron Browder
David
 Amarillo, TX
 Biology

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Jeffrey Scott Cohen
BOS
 Air Force Town, USA
 Aeronautical Engineering

I look toward the future, but I will never forget all that has happened here. Thanks to all those who helped me through these last four years, I never would have made it without your support. And finally, to the Redeye Smacks of '97: We finally made it...Rock Hard!



James Shannon Doyle
Snick
 Houston, TX
 Latin American History (Spanish)

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Daniel Vaughn Johnston
Danno
 Roseburg, OR
 Civil Engineering

I can't wait for our 40 yr reunion...Lefty will be up to 16 garters, and Staz'll be sporting a 3G silk suit packing a 9mm underneath. And Staz, we've gotta start throwing around some muscle ASAP...cash is thin. Snicks, you'll find the meaning of life somewhere. Anthony, "C'MON LETS HEAR SOME SPIRIT!!...wooh, woowoooh". And Scranch, if I don't see 4 stars on that shoulder, you've failed utterly.



Adam Vaughan Lefringhouse
Lefty
 Kailua, HI
 Civil Engineering

"They couldn't hit an elephant at this dist..." -Last words of General Sedgwick. Battle Pigeons (Rainman, Vinnie, Seaner Guard, Cookie, T-dog), always remember your roots. Sabre Drill, it was the best of beatings. Huzzah! Thanks to those who cared enough to keep their boot up my ass, make smack year a living hell and not let me slime by. I owe it all to your dedication. Merci to: Cliff and Mom - my Polaris, Ru - my conscience, Chris - my motivation, Jason - nuff said. Semper Fi!



Erin Patrick Meinders
Mane-ders, Blondie
 Owasso, OK
 Management

"It's true that life is a grind, but whether it wears you down or polishes you is your decision." Unknown. Life at USAFA has been a grind, but it's made me a better person. Thanks to all my friends... I'll see you at the top! Mom, Dad, and J: I love you all... thanks for loving me! Zoey: Thanks for caring! Thanks be to God!



Wendy Joan Miller
 Spring, TX
 European Area Studies (German)

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Kevin Vincent Minor
Vinnie
Waterloo, IA
Military History

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Marqus DeWayne Randall
Ran
Clinton, MS
Human Behavior

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Brian Patrick Mulligan
Mully
Littleton, CO
Civil-Engineering-Environmental

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Christopher Eric Sedlacek
Sac
Middletown, MD / Clearwater, FL
Legal Studies

Just want to say thanks to Mom, Dad, and Emily for the love, support, and guidance of 2 years. To all my friends and family back home and here, thanks. To old Seagrams - Bottom's Up! To you Tigers, well, it's been fun. To my old roomies - JC, DM, MS, EM, and of course, WJ too, it was fun, and I'll leave a light on for ya. JC - Have fun & KIT Remember, "Never surrender!" Later.



Michael Brandon Parks
Chillicothe, OH
General Engineering

College is the best 5 years of a person's life. The Academy is the worst 4. I would have never made it if it were not for the support of my family and friends. Thank you Mom and Dad for your loving care. Grandma, Grandpa, Sis and Hinkles, your support kept my spirit alive through the darkest times. Shannon and Nick, I hope your dreams and aspirations come true.



Matthew Mark Simmons
Matty, 3 Cubes
Jackson, NJ
Political Science

Mom and Dad, you gave me everything I needed to succeed — thanks for being there. Steve, Bill, Ray, & Chris, thanks for caring about your little brother — can you BELIEVE this? I'll always love the Forty crowd — I'll see you guys at Old C's! As for Ten: Who would've thought?! You guys made my last two years great. I'll see you all out there, and remember: fight the good fight!



Victor Manuel Pereira
Vic
Easton, PA
Management

To my Savior, Lord, you kept your hand on me. To Coach/Mo, my second parents, thanks for always being there for me. To the fellahs, I will never forget all the great times. To my kids, you will only come here if I hate you. Finally to Dad, Mom, Karen, thanks for your support and always believing in me. As William H. Bonnie said, "I have finished the game." Remember ... Mark 9:23!



Craig Ellis Tanner
Roseburg, OR
Basic Science with a
Fine Arts Concentration

It is so hard to sum up five years of frustration. Life as a cadet, is no life at all. If it wasn't for my family and my loved ones, I probably wouldn't have made it. And for all the people who told me that I would never survive, here is a slap in the face. Mom, Dad, Christy, Lori, and Kim, I love you all so much. Gina, life for us has just begun. So get ready for eternity.





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Rebels

Laura Ellen Beck
Tazz
Sheridan, WY
Basic Academics

First, I would like to thank my best friend, POPS-you are one in a million; MOM-Thanks for everything-I love you; RICKY & RISSA-I couldn't have asked for better sisters; DANI & YVONNE-I will never forget all of the great times and hope for many more; Here is to long life and happiness. "WHY WALK WHEN YOU CAN FLY"



Michael Eric Bruhn
Bruhnie
Arvada, CO
Economics

It's been a long four years. Thanks Mom and Dad for your support, I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks also to the baseball team (wool pullers) for a great three years. Trav, I still can't believe it; the first night. Bobby S.-top of the food chain. Camie, it's almost time. To all the backstabbers-you're losers. The game is over, nice try, but I win.



Maximilian Kosciusko Bremer
Max
Monument, CO
History (Russian)

Victory is not merely in the finish, but rather encompasses the entire race. And I never would have finished had it not been for the many who started me on the way and encouraged me all along. First, the Lord Jesus, my strength and shield. Also Momlady and Daddude, always there. C.J., Ed, E.F., Herb and more who went before. And Little Bro, you will always be behind. John 15:13.



Francisco Casanova
El Paso, TX
Physics

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." And now this journey is finally over. Thanx to everyone who helped me persevere: MOM, DAD, Bobby, Bob & Debbie. Special thanx to Jody who brought me to Christ. The BEST of times and the WORST of times. But it's worth it because the friends (HVIC, CWG, MJM, CPM, JR ...) will last forever and the memories will never fade away.



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Lawrence Maurice Cox Jr
Maury
Chicago, IL
Psychology (Spanish)

Finally done! I can't say that I've enjoyed it. Thanks to my family and the boys — you guys helped make this place better than it was. Good luck to all the fellas that remain—remember, life goes on.—
The key to immortality is first living a life worth remembering.



Colin Patrick Donnelly
New Cumberland, PA
Economics (German)

The good and bad developed TRUE Friendships most have never and will never have. Great times have made sweet memories. Remember "Heart and Balls" and don't ever turn your back because I have it. —TEAM. Here's to soccer, the fellah's, REAL Leaders, and good times. If you're gonna be a bear, you might as well be a grizzly. Mom - my beacon, Dad - my inspiration, Vanessa - always my lil' sis.



Eric Brandon Fagerland
Springfield, MO
Political Science (French)

Have four years gone by already?! I guess time flies when you don't sleep. A million thanks to my family for all the love, support and occasional postcards that kept me going. Thanks also to those nutty Praise Team people who kept me accountable and have given me great Christian role models to follow. And finally, pour mes aime pseudo-frenchie, je vous amie!
Un pour tous et tous pour un! I
Tim 6:11-16



Adam Samuel Hardage
Adam
San Diego, CA
Humanities

Thanks to all who made the tough times easier (you know who you are), and to CW for giving me that \$250,000 education one nickel at a time right up the a—. Looking back, however, it was definitely worth it. To the 98 PTWOBs, you ARE the best. To the Praise Team, thanks for the direction. It has been one long and strange trip, but really, I guess it's just starting...



Keith Thomas Henderlong
Parsippany, NJ
Civil Engineering

Mom, Dad, and Mike—I could not have made it through this place without your love and support. Thanks to all my VF friends and Goodfellows. Everything I needed to know in life...I learned in Kindergarten. Remember—never forget where you came from. Through all of the islands, And all of the high-lands, If we couldn't laugh, We'd just all go insane!



Brian William Kabat
Kay-bat
La Crosse, WI
Meteorology (Spanish)

It's what you make of it. I have seen and done more than I ever dreamed possible. Thank you Joe, Danny, and Jeffery for making this possible. Thanks to Dad for your <FOCUS> and to the rest of the family for your undying support. Laurie, you're the greatest. Kim, hold on right! I love you all. I will never forget. "I've loved these days..." -Billy Joel



James Robert Mansard
Jim
Spring Valley, CA
Human Factors Engineering

My greatest accomplishments have come from my greatest sacrifices, and I owe THIS success to many people. To those who believed in me: Mom, Dad, Holly, the Heinz family, & GOD; thanks for the love and support you've given. I will remember you always! The Academy has taught me many things, but none greater than honor. "If you ever want to see a rainbow, you've got to stand a little rain."



Michael Todd McCoy
Todd
Cross Lanes, WV
Political Science

The "Eye of the Tiger," nights out on the town with the boys, and W.U.B.A.'s all helped to keep my sanity. Thanks for supporting me Mom, Dad, Stephanie, and everyone else: I love you all very much. To all the boys, keep your perspective on things and don't lose sight of the big picture like the STIFFIES that surround us. Remember, IT'S TOUGH...





Kristin Lee Ortman
Ramona Quimby
 Middletown, OH
 Human Behavior

To all you freaks I love so dearly:
 Brush twice daily with grape soda
 and hey...ROCK ON!!!



Lawrence Joseph Schutz
 Wichita, KS
 Political Science

Ah, done at last. Thanks to all my friends—
 wrestlers, preppies, partiers, and fellas in the
 squad—you know who you are. I guess the
 good times made us forget about this place,
 if only for a little while. By the way, what's
 our story? To my family, your support
 made it bearable—thanks
 for being proud—I love you.



Justin Terhune Scott
 JT
 Rockville, MD
 Human Factors Engineering

The time has flown by. I won't miss much
 except for the friendships and good times.
 I will take with me memories both happy
 and sad. Friends can help you through tough
 times, especially here! Hockey was great
 and I wish the best to the boys. Thanks to
 my friends, you know who you are,
 you made this place bearable.
 Lastly, thanks Mom and Dad, your
 love helped me survive.



Joseph Robert Scroggins
 Panama City, FL
 Civil Engineering

Graduating has been for me an incredible
 exercise in perseverance. One thing that
 I've learned here about myself is that I'm
 not the sharpest tack in the box - I'm an
 average man, but I work harder at being
 average than most average men. Jesus
 Christ is real, He uses average men, and I
 look forward to serving Him and spreading
 the Good News as I serve my
 country.—Hebrews 12:1-4



Gina Marie Taravella
 Wintersville, OH
 Geography

Thank you to Mom, Dad, Frank, and Toni—
 I couldn't have made it without your love,
 support, and encouragement over the years.
 Jaimee, my best friend forever,
 thank you for EVERYTHING—
 just one more year. And you'll
 graduate someday Frankie!



Justin Matthew Vincent
 Vinnie
 Rockledge, FL
 Civil Engineering

It's best said by Yoda, "Do or do not, there
 is no try." I've accomplished much here
 and some I haven't. But, I must have done
 something right because dammit I made it!
 Mom, Dad and Natalie, your inspiration
 and love got me through. Diana, your en-
 couragement and support made the rough
 times easier. The Boys, may the good times
 keep on keeping on. For those
 to follow, Stand Strong!



Michael Francis Wagner
 Wags
 Warrington, PA
 Biology

Well these past four years seem like one gray
 blur. Special thanks to my Mom and Dad
 who always had to bear the brunt of this
 place with me. It sure wasn't easy, but then
 again without the great friendships I've
 made - it would have been a living hell.
 Here's to dreams, legends, goals,
 good times, and lots of laughs.
 Remember, Nothing Great was
 ever Achieved without Enthu-
 siasm (RWE).



*Picturing the
 past: First BCT
 Superintendent
 Douglas L.
 Johns gives one
 fourthclassman
 his personal
 "Good evening
 '97." Greetings
 like this were
 not only
 unwelcome but
 unpleasant as
 well.*



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Dirty Dozen



Ryan James Aerni
Madrid, NE
Management

You don't have to be a farmer to be outstanding in your field.



Joseph Russell Alkire II
Turbo
Spring Valley, CA
Human Factors Engineering

Whoever would have thought? Thank you Grandma, Nona, Dad, Mom, Josh and Family for all your love and support. What goes up, must come down-I am the exception to the rule (I did get something out of Physics!). My friends who stressed through T-3 with me, I will see you up there "on laughter-silvered wings." ΦKS - Step up-diver in - hurry! Those who persevere will prevail-seize the day. High Speed Low Drag! KIR.



Jason Tracy Aguilera
Ags
Las Vegas, NV
Legal Studies

Thanks to all who made me laugh. Also thanks to the "12" from 37. "All for one and one for all—that's the Robinson family way" To the few that I called "friend": "Sorry folks, I can't come back. I don't know how it works. Goodbye!" Special thanks to my movie partner, Brendan a.k.a. Mr. Angry, who made Mystery Probation Theater 1997 possible. "Push the button Frank."



Elizabeth Ann Benson
Beth
Normal, IL
Engineering Sciences - Astro Track

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32 I would like to thank my parents and my family for the life lessons they taught me before I came here: Mom, Dad, John, Becky, and Cathy, and my other "families": Bill, Sara, Shaure, and Joseph Wills; John, Ardyce, Danny, Andrew Putnam, and all the supportive friends I made while I was here. "Faire Face"





Jeffrey David Brach
Braaaaaach
Clifton, VA
Astronautical Engineering

First, thanks to the family for never ending support. Thanks Serfdawg, Mike, Riddler, and the rest of the Dawgs for taking the beatings with me from Draper, PKG, and the Dean for two years. Finally, without Ags, Chris, Worthless, Tecky, Lewis, Mix, Scott, Screeching Woman, Dozen, and Bell Helmets I never would've made it through my accident prone upperclass years. Someone told me life's different after USAFA, I hope they're right.



Chad William Clementz
Cridersville, OH
Management

I'd like to say thanks to my dad, mom, and brothers... it would have never happened without your love and support. Thanks to all "the fellas" at the Academy who made it easier... you know who you are. Finally, thanks Jamie! You've put up with a lot, I hope you know you mean the world to me.



Kevin Wendel Fenno
stubby
Chesterfield, MO
Biology

If you're reading this I guess it means I squeaked by in the clutch... "I have found some of the best reasons I ever had for remaining at the bottom simply by looking at the men at the top." To the retards I call my friends, I never would have made it without you, nor would I have wanted to try. We kept our sense of humor throughout. To Mom and Dad, thanks for sticking by me, God knows I have made it difficult. I love you.



Thomas Anthony Flowers
Bitte
Lompoc, CA
Operations Research

Thanks Mom, Dad, & the rest of my family for your love and support— it would have been impossible without you. And of course, the fellas... Bitse, Bri, Heath, Cory, Dave, etc. JOHN 15:13. To all (Ry especially), have a "good" one, you know what they say.



Lewis Burns Harper Jr
Louie
Brooks, GA
Political Science

It's been a tough four years and there were times I thought I would never make it. I'd like to thank my parents for all their love and support. To EB, thanks for being there when I needed a friend. The former fighters, we had a great time, I'll never forget it. To the Dozen crew, who's buying tonight? Keep it revvin'. I'm outta here!



Joshua Lynn Jabs
East Grand Forks, MN
Electrical Engineering

Just like to say thanks to my family and friends. I can honestly say I have never looked forward to anything as much as I look forward to the next few years of my life....Never, Never, Never, again.



Christopher Sean Kay
K-Dog
Richmond, VA
Biology

Thanks to Mom, Dad, and the Hoop Squad: I could not have done it without ya!...The wind blows where it wishes, and you can hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit. - John 3:8 ...Fellas, Have a GOOD one! You know what they say about those cold AFA nights!



Olin Oon Leng Lau
O
Decatur, GA
Human Factors Engineering

Mom, Dad, Abel, and Zeb, thanks for your prayers throughout the years. I thank God for His blessings and His will to help me through here. To Funk and the Boyz, thanks for the great times and memories. "Brother to Brother, Yours In Life And Death!" "The Fewer Men, The Greater Share Of Honour" - RTL AF 20 ND 17 Dirty Thirty and Dirty Dozen, thanks for everything. Phil 4:13





Julie Ana Lecea
jl
Flushing, MI
Behavioral Sciences -
Human Behavior and Leadership

He is Alpha and Omega. Though i didn't know Him when i began this journey, i will know Him in the end. Thanks to my family, Jen, Laurel, Kimmie, and Pete letting me see Him in each of you. "Not that i have already obtained all this, or been made perfect, but i press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Phil 3:12



John Everett Litecky
St. Louis Park, MN
Geography

It's been a challenging four years. I will never forget the High Flying P-40 Warhawks and Warhawk Pride. I will always remember the Dirty Dozen. The squadron change was tough but benefited us all. Thanks to the Ski Team, we had some great times together. Thanks Derek, Scott, Jon, Lucus, Mike, Mom, Dad and Ky. You all made this place a little easier to get through. To everyone in Dozen: Take care of yourselves. Take care of each other. Keep giving 100%. Get the most out of everyday. K.I.R.



Robert Anthony Mixer
Mix, Piece of Beep
El Paso, TX
Computer Science

One phrase sums up my four years here: "It's God." God provided me with supportive parents, a great group of friends on the Praise Team, another great group of friends in Dozen, and a beautiful fiancée for whom I never had to search. When you need direction, hope, or strength to carry on, turn to God for help. He'll never fail you. "NO RESERVE...NO RETREAT...NO REGRETS."



Scott Wesley Rider
London, Ontario Canada
Bachelor of Science

This place has been the opportunity of a lifetime. God brought us all here for His purpose. He gave us the strength we needed. We had great times (Warhawks, Dozen, Pac, Praise Team), and the world is pretty small so see you out there. I thank M&D, Lew, Harry, PT, and most of all Heather for the earthly support to get through this place. Phil 4:8. God Rocks!



Brian Edward Russo
Fairfax, VA
Human Factors Engineering

"The race is not always to the swift...but to those who keep on running." Thank you to my parents - I am grateful to you always. To the rest of my family, friends and those who have come and gone along the way - I owe a debt of gratitude I could never hope to repay. Redstone. 1-2-3 Go Blue! "Maybe together WE can get somewhere...and finally see what it means to be living."



Michael Christopher Todd
Chris
Silver Lake, WA
Biology

It's finally here. From being ANIMALISTIC to being DIRTY, my four years here have been an experience I'll never forget. More importantly, my friends: Shannon, Linder, Durk, Colleen & Glen, BDR, Carrie, Lewis, Tecky, Andi, and the rest of the Skyriders and Dozen. KIR! My love and thanks to Mom & Dad for believing in me everytime I didn't. And Alex, wherever you are...this one's for you kid.



James Douglas White
JD
Crete, IL
Electrical Engineering

Life without pain isn't real.



Carrie Lynn Worth
Carrielynn, Worthless
Big Bend, WI
Space Operations

"To believe you can is everything." Thanks to all who knew I could make it especially Mom, Dad & Tucker. To the HONOR GUARD keep the tradition alive. To HG '97, "Yucky!" (I never want to hear that word again!). To DSR, Korey Beth, Yira, and TJ you are the greatest. Lew, Chris, Ry, Tecky & Jeff for letting me tag along; to old Deuce; & Matthew, for loving me.



Picturing the past: These fourthclassmen complete another event on the Obstacle Course. Whether outdoors or indoors, this course guaranteed to make the Class of '97 sweat.



Picturing the past: C4C Suzanna Moore does push-ups with her classmates in the front-leaning rest position. Push-ups were an integral part of the fourthclass year.



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Bulldawgs

Dennis Anthony Baniewicz
Billerica, MA
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

Lax was life! You guys know what matters, play harder. Buck my brother, bless the freaks, they are few. Jer, Andy, and anyone that cared. The Stones—my second family, and home away from home. Mom, Dad, Dawn, Spencer, your love was all I needed; thank you for believing. It's all in the mind. Keep the faith.



Devin Lee Bloss
Aurora, CO
Geography

Where do I even start? There are so many who have helped me get through this place during the times that I was ready to call it quits. First, I must thank my family and Kendra. You guys have given me the strength, love, and encouragement to keep going. All the fellas, you know who you are, I can only say thanks for the good times. See ya out there!!!



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Mitzi Lee Braswell
Mitzi
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
American History (Arabic)

"There is no turning now, nor halfway stopping place." Special love and thanks to my grandparents, family, sponsors and friends back home for your love and support. Mom, Dad, Terri—I love you. God only knows what you've seen me through. We did it. My friends here—especially the team—Thanks for the memories DSA. Thank you most of all, Father, you've been faithful. We passed through. "ICS" Ps. 73:23-26.



Karl Robert Gregor
Wayzata, MN
Economics

My Prescription for life:
Take a road trip with no place to go • Serve and volley when your down break point • Have a dog as your best friend • If it comes down to staying in or going out....Go out • Spend summers in Minnesota • Drive a 911 • Drink Grain Belt and watch Slap Shot • Call your grandparents • Always remember those who got you where you are today....Thanks everyone



Andrew Charles Caggiano
Cagg
Westwood, MA
Management

Like it's been said: a great place to be from but not at. Through all the tough times though I have learned more about myself and others than I ever could have imagined. Carpe Diem. "Seek opportunity, not security. A boat in the harbor is safe, but in time its bottom will rot out." Many thanks to my family, friends, and teammates that kept it fun and interesting.



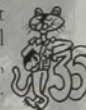
Bradford Keith Holtmeier
Holty
Milford, NJ
Management

Words cannot express my thanks to all those who supported me. Mom, Dad, Gregg, Dax—I am blessed to have such a wonderful and supportive family. Kyle, Julio, Ben, Hal, TLC, Giz, Mel, Dev—Our experiences and good times have made these last four years enjoyable. Now we can make our mark. Melissa - you are the best. Good luck to all!



Robert Mack Cromer
Bob
Chardon, OH
Biology

Thanks to God, Mom and the family, and Katie for always being there - I couldn't have done it without you guys. Also, thank you to all of the people that have made this experience a little better. To Cuss, Clayton, Dave, Stritt, and Jay: thanks much for being great friends and giving me plenty of good memories, a few bad ones, and a bunch of great stories that we might actually be able to tell someday. "Give me, dear Lord, give me strength for today." -E.C.



Herbert Lloyd Knierim
Herb
Altamont, IL
Economics

I can't say I'd do it again, but I can't say I regret it either. Thanks to my Mom and Dad for getting me here. Thanks to all the boys for keeping me here. God knows I couldn't have done it without y'all. Thanks to Bridie for making my life wonderful. And thanks to my Grandpa for the example...I hope you're watching. What a long strange trip it's been...



Keith Stewart Gempler
Grumpy
Colorado Springs, CO
Human Factors Engineering

Thanks: Mom and Dad for your commitment throughout my life. I could never have completed these four years without your love and support. God for His faithfulness, my achievement is his glory. Sean, Dan, Scott, Chris, Rog, Todd, Mutz, Max, for always being great friends. The Team: You're the best part of this place. On to some real flying. Manda, what I look forward to every day and will forever.



Gregory Michael Kraus
Colonel
Pittsburgh, PA
Basic Academics

To the fellas - thanks, you're the reason I stuck it out. Beaker and Andy - my best pals. You dirty little man. Roxy - thanks for putting up with my bitterness. Mitzi - you kept me in line and out of fights (sometimes) MDA - You kept me sane by driving me nuts. You are my best friend. I love you. Hoo-Yah Elmira. GO NAVY!!! ΦKS





Brett Lewis Lucas
Lou-k-eye
 Pickerington, OH
 Management

Thanks Mom, Dad, Ty, Brad and the rest of the family for all your support and prayers. Kristy Jo, it's been a long four years, but this too passed. I couldn't have done it without you. From the All Stars to the Dawgs, and everyone else, thanks for the memories. E, keep practicing. Brad, you're the best brother and friend one could ask for. Romans 8:31
 Philipians 4:13



Melvin Edward Maxwell Jr
Mel
 San Antonio, TX
 Management

Eternal gratitude to my folks for their support and love throughout the years. To all those people who helped me get through the good and so much of the bad, Thank you. To both the Reaps and the Dawgs, thanks and good luck in the future. Love to Cheese, DeAngelo, Holt, Dev, Leaf and KT—thank you so much. To those still here, it's always darkest before the dawn. Peace.



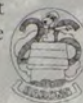
Craig Dwight Moe
Moementum
 Two Harbors, MN
 Legal Studies/Philosophy (French)

What a long strange trip it's been. Thanks Mom and Dad, without your love and support I could have never made it. To all the 'fellas, thanks for making the bad times bearable and the good times unforgettable. Yeah, we did it right. Don't believe anything anybody tells you; experience it for yourself.



Suzanna Jane Moore
Sue
 Fort Collins, CO
 Legal Studies

Thanks God, Mom, Daddy, Elaine, Rachel, I never would've made it without your love, strength, and support. To the Lax chicks "SCQ" Sit was fun! Bud, Rudy, E, Brett—ya'll have been my saving grace and the reason for my sanity. Carrie and Mandy - I love you bizzos! Oh well, there's light at the end of the tunnel - I hope it's not a train. I'm outta here!



Gregory Muller
Soaring Tool
 Olney, MD
 Aeronautical Engineering (Chinese)

Aero rocks, I'm so smooth I'm laminar. Sooner you get behind more time you have to catch up. To the Academy I owe my 42 month streak, but who needs girlfriends when you have a Corvette. The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who have not got it (George Shaw). I was only happy when I was unconscious, and remember, IT WAS!



Wendy Ann Palatinus
Platypus
 Los Alamos, NM
 American History/Humanities

"We are struck down but not destroyed..." Thank you God for helping me every step of the way. Thank you Mom, Dad, and Andrew, for believing I could make it. Kim, I got real lucky to have a best friend like you. To Kuz and Jessi, thanks for freshman year. Without my friends I would have been lost: you all are the only reason I struck around. Memories will be our souvenirs...



James Earl Smith
Jim
 Boise, ID
 Astronautical Engineering (Japanese)

I hear this is a great place to be from, not at—we'll see soon enough. After the 6 year plan, it better be. Thanks to Mom, Dad, family, Joe, '95 RM's, Keith, the cobras, knights and bulldogs. I'm not sure who I'm really a part of, but you all played a part. To Kristy—it's finally over. Let our life begin!!!



Andrew James Taylor
 Rogers, AR
 English

"I am a part of all that I have met." To my family, Mom, Dad, Robert, Grandma, I owe you everything; to my friends forever: Noah, Rudy, Jack, Dennis, Darren, Dom, and so many others who've endured this place with me; to the fellas back home; thank you all. I'd do it all again because "I had a dream, which was not all a dream..." "Never such innocence again..."





Robert Ruben Torres
Ruben
 Tampa, FL
 Latin American Area Studies

Thanks to God and my family, because without them I could have never made it. Thanks to all of my friends from my old squad and new. Stay true to yourselves. "I can be all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil 4:13 Man, its been one helluvah ride!!!!



Ian Andrew Young
E
 Casa Grande, AZ
 Operations Research

AhJeah We Out!! Thank you Lord, You made it possible! Thanks Mom and Dad. Much love to the hoopers..CK, Bo, Kil, Matt, John, Baby J, Freebird and the rest o the boyz. Good friends were made: Lil G, Tidge, HH, BP, Bas, Tom, JR, Suz, Luki, old duece, new dawgs, & the band. Warriors: EPH 6:12... Remember, you're never too old to rock'n'roll if you're too young to die.



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Cobras



Rebecca Lee Ainslie
Becky
 Cornelius, NC
 History

Mom, Dad, and Ian thanks for your love. Josh, Pokey, Jason, Stacy, Leanne, Netta, and Matt — You are the best of everything — friendship, insanity, and sanity. Speck says thanks for listening guys. Hey Leanne, "That's what HE said!" and where's your crayons? Miss Netta, You're Crazy! To the rest of my friends - Thanks! Finally, Matt, you've become my best friend. May you all stay forever young..... I Corinthians 13



Jon Gary Appelt
APPS
 Polson, MT
 Human Factors Engineering

If you're reading this then I either graduated or you're a Polaris editor laughing as he throws out the blurb of another '97 casualty. I would like to thank my family for supporting me and putting up with me for four years. Thanks to all the KILLER COBRAS (esp. the DMZ) for making me laugh and keeping me in line. Thanks to the team and all the other friends I've made here. Faith and courage. Fight to win.





James Albert Becker
Joker
Aurora, CO
Electrical Engineering (Math)

Wow, I finally made it!!! Thank you Mom, Dad, and Barry for all of your love and support. I'll never forget the memories of this place - the Snakes, the Rez, UNC, Boulder, clear....!, and most of all EE hell nights (every night). Also, thank you Carrie for all of your love and support and for helping me make it through this year. Time to get some sLEEp!



Jennifer Lynn Carter
Jen
Columbus, MS
English (Chinese)

"Thank you" to all those who believed in me! I love you Mom, Dad, Josh, Katie, family and friends! In memory of my Grammy and Gramps, "what the heart has once owned and had, it shall never lose." Finally, the quote that got me through this place—"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much."—Mother Theresa



Matthew Robert Domsalla
Matty
Houston, TX
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

"Do not go gently into that good night." We have the dreams and vision to change the world. Thanks to all my friends from Cobras and Dirty Thirty! Your support and friendship are immeasurable. Thanks Mom, Dad, Jon, and Deborah for all your love and support over the past four years!



Silas Herbert Ficek
Bandit
Farmington, NM
Biology

I learned that rules are meant to be broken. I'd rather live a day as a lion than a hundred as a lamb. You know that feeling when you're being watched? Well, I've had that for four years. Thank you me, friends (Beth), family, and beer. Life's simple pleasures count: dorm drinking, parade field drinking, and woods drinking. USAFA-Phoenix, 12 hours. Maybe now the dreams and voices will stop.



Arnaud C. Gary
Lille, France
Math/Physics

I would like to thank people in my squad who have been very kind with me, and my roommate for all the things he did to help me in this huge Academy. I had a great time here!



Genevieve Amelia Rovira
Jackson
Genie
Columbia, MD
Bachelor Science

2my Bruthas & Sistahs of 97: It's been a long ride, but we R finally done. I thank God 4 all of U that have been there 4 me—the hardest 4 years of my life yet most memorable...Schoolgirl, Tangi, & Carol...true Sisters in Harmony..we're the only ones! Marc, Mike, Chuck, & the rest of OCV-my big bruthas, BPSG is outta here! SCP-that one bruva...U just don't know. 2 all my lil sistahs-Continue the Legacy.



Jimmy Ted Jacobson
Ted
Arvada, CO
History (Russian)

Wow! I can't believe it's already over! Thanks to God and family, without whom I'd be flipping burgers by now. To all the guys from 22, as well everybody in the "new" squad: I love you man! Everybody still at the zoo, hang in there, it really does end! Godspeed...



Picturing the past: Showing a bit of athletic prowess during BCT intramurals, this basic lets off a little steam. Intramurals offered a good outlet for the Class of '97 to get away from the cadre.





Jared Merrill Johnson
Big Ox
Big Stone Gap, VA
Aeronautical Engineering

Have the courage to do what's right. Don't play favorites. Don't talk bad about someone behind their back. Give effort to your smallest duty here, but don't take yourself seriously. In fact, laugh at yourself a lot, but not just yourself — laugh at other people, too. Even though this place is going to hell in a handbasket, the handbasket looks great. (Isn't that what counts?) Stay hard, Guard.



Jeremy Edgar Lloyd
J-Lo
Houston, TX
Political Science (Chinese)

"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." (Prov. 16:9) To Dad, Mom, Markus, Kristolyn, and all those who truly believed in me, I give my unending love. "And though I have not understood all this, made up of a laugh and a wail, I think the God of the world knows all, and someday will tell the tale."



Ryan Luecke
Onalaska, WI
Human Factors Engineering

Thanks to everyone who helped get me here and helped me succeed. Special thanks to my mom, dad, and sisters, without your help I would not have made it. Thanks to Jan, Art, Carrie, the Havens, coach Miranda, coach Doan, and to Erv and Eric for the example they set ahead of me. The Minnesota Vikings rule, and the Packers will always suck!



Jason Spencer Martin
Jay
San Diego, CA
Human Factors

Thanks to all that helped me through this prison term, you know who you are. Wool pullers will rule the world. Thanks Mom, Dad, Diane, Sis, Wendy, Brieanna, Georgia—you are all a source of inspiration. I'll never forget the great times, the crappy times, and all the laughs. Wats, Saws, Bos, Melon, Colby, Carlos, Wolfie, Kev, Scotty, Merk, Nick, Double, Steve—Luv ya. AFA Baseball, Nasty forever.



James Allen McGregor
Fresno, CA
History



Jacqueline Jane Percy
Pottsmouth
Albuquerque, NM
Biology

"As long as a person doesn't admit he is defeated, he is not defeated- he's just a little behind and isn't through fighting." Often, I felt like giving up, but I thank friends and family for helping me survive and keep my sanity. I love you, Mom, Dad, SS! "You never feel it till it's over- the relief at having survived and the new sun rising calmly as ever before your eyes."



Robert William Royall III
Trey
Highlands, TX
History

I have to say a huge "Thank you!" to Mom and Dad, and to my family who have been so supportive and loving. I never could have made it without you. To Becki, all I can say is "I love you!" You've been my rock, my pillar, and my motivation. Last but not least, to all the guys...it's been great. Here's to the memories!



Gregory Howard Taylor
Greg
Bedford, TX
Biochemistry

Four years of hard work has finally paid off. We're done with the Academy and we now begin again. To my friends I want to thank you, for you have blessed me more than you know. I thank God for you and look forward to the day when all of us have finished the race, kept the faith, and are once again united in fellowship with the Lord. (2 Tim 4:7)





Stephen Todd Taylor
Stevie T
Hollis, OK
Geography

To all my friends- Thanks for the memory-
less nights. I couldn't have made it with-
out you. Team beer and the ge-
ography majors- where its at. Just
remember, its all good.



Mark Wolfe
Wolfie
Toledo, OH
Human Factors Engineering

Thanks to everyone who helped me get out
of this place especially Mom, Dad, Jason,
Jeremy, The Clan, Champ, Ann, and the
rest of the USAFA Gymnastics
team. Remember to always swing
like you've got a pear. Later



CS-15

Wareagles



John Andrew Baycura
Johnny Bake
Atlanta, GA
Aeronautical Engineering

We made it! - time to cross back over the
river Styx. The Piper and all of his rela-
tives have been paid. I'm off to fulfill a
dream. I thank my family for always being
there, my friends (especially my roommates
Brian, Gigs, Chuck) for making it all bear-
able. Go Birds!, Tigers Eric, MOE. "Here
is a test to find whether your mis-
sion on earth is finished: If you're
alive, it isn't."



Jonathan Todd Berardinelli
Jon
Newbury Park, CA
Applied Physics (Math)

Thanks to Dad-my hero, Mom-my faith, JR-
my drive, and Katie-my hope. The best fam-
ily on earth gave me everything I needed to
succeed. RBJ BBH. Boomer and Rusty, you
guys can never be replaced. Lynn, we'll just
wait another ten minutes. "We
may lose and we may win, but we
will never be here again, so open
up I'm climbing in, so take it easy."



CS-15



Francisco Rodolfo Gonzalez Jr
Gonzo
Freer, TX
Political Science

I'm done (they must have lowered the standards, Ben)! I can only thank the good lord. Mom, Dad, Vanessa, Michael, Mark, Fred & Ted, Ben and all of my family... I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks to my great friends: Snotty, Lovesandle, Becki, Tea, Jack, Dog, Youngus, Denny, Helen, York, AJ, Irene, Mr. Dimas... Y'all made it worthwhile. Dreams are worth pursuing... this sure was.



Young Ho Kim
Young
Atlanta, GA
Biology

All I can say about this place is that it has been an experience. Thanks to all the people that helped me survive a long four years. To the all the T-birds, it was a fun time. To my fellow Wareagles, we're outta here. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Helen for believing in me. Thanks Doug, Ian, Laura, Andy - camping, climbing, and Cancun. Woj, Dog, Gonzo, Lovesandle - Bowl on, Rodeo, Ring Dance.



Charles A. Huber
Chuck
Tunkhannock, PA
History

I must thank God and my family for getting me through this five year journey. Mom and Dad, without your love and support, none of this would have happened. '97, '70. Bill-We made it! Thanks for getting me through this place. KRISTEN, Johnny B., Dan, the Trolls, and all of my friends-Thanks! I will cherish your friendship forever. "Nothing worthwhile is ever easy."



Mathieu Kril
Crevette(Shrimp)
Paris, France

Remember when spirit was high and adventure was everywhere. But don't psychot as long as the shrimp can't fly. Crevette is not in the air!



Jonathan Boyd Keen
Big Dog
Carrollton, TX
Basic Science (Math)

Some live an entire lifetime in just one moment. Suck it up and press on because the next moments here. CARPE DIEM In my four years TEAMWORK, FRIENDSHIP, HAPPINESS tempered with common sense and love got me through. With Thanks To: God, Mom, Dad, Jessica, Lite, Wojo, Lovesandle, Booth, Crotch, Three Cubes, Lucas, Twigg, Polky, Mike Barker, Warhawk Pride. Don't forget the man in the glass is always watching.

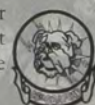


Picturing the past: Trying to hide behind a step, these basics know that there's no escaping the cadre. On occasions basics were given time to relax and blow off some steam, this was vital to the Class of '97.



Patrick David Kielb
Cottage Grove, MN
Human Factors Engineering

Mom & Dad thanks for all your support, I wouldn't have made it without you. Jay, it better be worth it.



Picturing the past: Assuming the Assault Course position (which is used in the pugil stick competition), these basics get an introduction to one of the more dreaded parts of Jack's Valley. When basics were waiting for their turn to fight with the pugil sticks, they waited in this position.



David Charles Lyons
Melon, Head
 Crystal Lake, IL
 Math

To my family - I couldn't have made it without all of your love and support. Pax - Your free spirit kept me sane. Saws - 4 years... we did it all together! I couldn't have had a better bud to keep me going. Fellas - Once a shepherd, always a shepherd! We had fun! Let's go Birds!!! Jody, your family is an inspiration. Big Bro, you guided the way, now off to the skies. I'll see you there! "Some food, some drink, some fun - Think I'll have another!" -Dizzy O'Malley



Jessica Noelle Renton
Jess
 Modesto, CA
 Engineering Sciences

Time flies when you're having fun...well, not really. After four long years it's finally my turn to say, "I'm outta here!" I definitely couldn't have made it without the loving support of my mother. Thank you, I owe it all to you. I also would have gone crazy and always lived a Wonderbread life without Da Girls!



Kyle Andrew Minarik
Cravin
 Webster, MA
 Civil Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, Todd, and family. Please someone wake me up and tell me it was all just a bad dream.



Gordon Derek Sawser
Sauce
 Salem, OR
 Mathematics

First and foremost, I thank God and my family. I am lucky enough to have the best parents ever, and I will never be able to repay them for all they have done for me. To my brother, my best friend, I will always be there for you. And lastly, to the only thing that kept me here, shepherds... keep pulling — Melon, BOS, Fish, Nasty, Strauss!



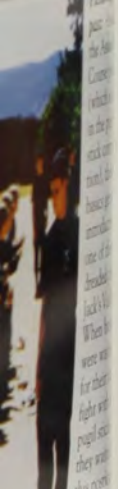
Sebastien Arnaud Palaprat
Seb
 Toulouse, France
 Student pilot (English)

I thank everyone who has made my stay here so cool. Thanks to all the friends I've made here, Zach, Chuck, Natasha, Pete and Sue. I'm sincerely glad and proud of having spent one semester with all of you guys. Good luck to everybody, have fun in your life. See you in the sky and for the future pilots, check your six, I will probably be there...



Chris Schweighardt
 Plantation, FL
 Human Factors Engineering

FFF—"He who waits—wastes and he who takes—tastes; but he who watches it all can truly enjoy the show"



Aaron Thomas Pultz
Pultz
 Bellevue, WA
 Behavioral Science

I put up with a lot but it was worth it, and it wasn't so bad because I can laugh about it now! Thanks Ray and Waltzy for putting up with my jungle of clothes! Mom, Dad and Scott for always supporting me; Pep, DJ, Fatty, Cadet Anson, and all the tools for making me laugh so hard! And Connie, thanks for being the best thing ever in my life, I love you so much! Later!



Julie Elizabeth Thode
Gahlie
 Plymouth, MN
 Legal Studies (Spanish)

The worst is over, yet sometimes I think the past 4 years were actually fun. Thanks to the 14'ers, the lady birds, and the many fellow pooch-owners who helped me through. "And here's so us...!" Mikie, thanks for paving the road; Mom, Dad, Lisa, thanks for making it smoother. Remember- everything happens for a reason. When all else fails, there's nothing left to do but smile, smile, smile. Sacoodah!





Douglas Trask
Philadelphia, PA
Political Science

When I reflect upon all this Academy experience has been, I realize two things. It's the people that make this place great. While I may not retain any Thermo, I will never forget the friends who helped create great memories in good times and bad. Mike, Louis, Charlie, Kyle, "Dad", and Mehdi, I thank you. Secondly, always keep your sense of humor. Mom, Dad and Kerry thanks for your support.



Eric Alan Warme
Ames, IA
Mathematics (French)

TTDL-TPD. Thank you to my friends and family. You're the best! "Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway." Faire face mon frère.



Bayram Özkan Uysal
Corum, Türkiye
Aeronautical Engineering (German)

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Özlem, Funda, Couillard family, and to all my friends, especially Ziya and Fatih for all of your love and support. Without you, I never would have been able to put up with all the B.S. Well, WE finally made it. The most important thing I learned here at USAFA is that life is what you make it, so don't ever lose hope and vision!



John Andrew Wojtowicz
Jack, Woj
Wilkes-Barre PA
Engineering Mechanics (Math)

To all those who've I've crossed paths with in four years— every course, every program, and every day—no moment has been too short to make an impact on my life. Paul, thanks for a look at how it used to be, how it will be, and more importantly how it should be. Thanks Mom and Dad for the strong foundation, and Mark for the visits. I guess there was a way out so that I was able to endure it. Still sweeping the streets



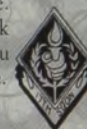
Keith David Waltz
Waltzy
Elk River, MN
Civil Engineering

Well, I wouldn't have made it without the people who truly believed it would pay some day. So, here's to Mom, Gloria, Kaprina, Buffie, Larry, Tom, Patty, and Dawn. Also, it wouldn't have been possible without Kodiak and cupcakes. Never cheat the one the mirror. I hate to leave but ...



Heather Wren Wyatt
Greeley, CO
Biology

From Plato's allegory of the cave and Ernest Becker's existential transcendence to "two for DI," I thank you, dear Academy, for showing me the trivial and allowing me to learn the true importance in life. .. "I got this great new knock knock joke—you start" I love you all .. and you know who you are.



Picturing the past: A flight of basics jog in place while waiting for the next event on the Obstacle Course. The Class of '97 quickly learned the importance of unity during Basic Training and throughout their four years.



Picturing the past: Working to crank out one more push-up C4C Jac Coil yells to gain more momentum. Physical endurance was especially stressed during the fourthclass year.



CS-16

Chickenhawks

Matthew Richard Berg
Iceberg
Miami, FL
United States History

Thanks Mom, Dom, Josh, Gram, Gramp, and Aimee...love of my life; for everything. Mom, my life would have no direction without your guidance. Thanks Jan and Mike for taking care of me (your daughter is now MINE!); Payne and Tackett (make that tree grow branches) for making me go country; and God for strength and courage. Hawks: see you out there. Dulce Et Decorum Est Pro Patria Mori...JEAH!



Barbara Karoline Cardozo
Barb
San Diego, CA
Legal Studies (Spanish)

Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Scott for endless love and encouragement. Friends, here and gone, you'll always remain in my heart. Hawkboys - may 400 monkeys perform on your porch forever and naked women fall at your feet. Thanks for the laughs. Brian, you'll always be my younger man. I'll be waiting... "With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world." I love you all. Jeaaaaaaah...!



Ernesto Jose Carcamo
Ern
Fairfax, VA
Engineering Science (Mathematics)

Thanks Mom, Dad, Pabby, Gatty, and Grandma for everything. It's been a long strange trip but I finally made it through. Thanks for all the help the old dogs gave me: JEAH to lunch table: I hope it was worth all the trouble and someday I will look back with a big smile. Sometimes it's easier to be myself. What!!!



Clayton Cole
Colten
Angleton, TX
Management

"We have done so much with so little for so long, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing in no time at all." Hey, DTR.



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Charles Thomas Creech
Chuck
 Houston, TX
 Military History (Chinese)

I can only praise God for the perseverance, faith, and love that he has shown me through his grace and through my friends for the past four years. To Mom, Tack, Dre, Jody, Tater, Dan, Berg, and everyone else: thanks for always being there. Becky, I love you and can't wait to spend the rest of our lives together. Live for Him because he died for you. Romans 12:1-2



Millicent Leigh-Ann Holder
Misty
 Chattanooga, TN
 Legal Studies

Thanks to all who have helped me make it through this place, especially Dax for reminding me to remain firm in my beliefs, my parents for always being supportive even when I was wrong, my friends (girls of three and my roomies) for picking me up when I was down, my team for being crazy like that, and God for everything. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart..." Proverbs 3:5,6.



Peter Yaw-Ming Hsieh
Pete
 Cerritos, CA
 Materials Science/Biology
 (Chinese/Math)

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Adam Joseph Kieda
 Enfield, CT
 Bachelor of Science

Thanks to my family for all their support and encouragement, especially Pop. I couldn't have done it (the 5 year prison term) without you. All the friends I've made were the best part. I'll never forget our times here- concerts, tailgates, ski weekends, The Mothership, hashing, getting the booze on, Dingo Boy, CST, etc. Our life only gets better. "Eat, drink and be merry; For tomorrow we die."



Christopher Thomas LeBrun
LeBrain
 Compton, CA
 Origami/Pottery

To all the NISH and bilingual terrazo workers - I couldn't have made it without you! You've taught me the benefits of avoiding cynicism and passive voice. Moreover, it is pretty hard to kill two birds with one stone unless, of course, they are siamese twin birds joined at the beak or something. I've been here many a moon, but it is time to bid farewell. I will wallow in the green froth and eat mold, but of course, none of this really matters if you live in the southern hemisphere where toilets flush counterclockwise.



Andre M. Lobo
Dre
 Plainfield, NJ
 Mechanical Engineering

Five of my hardest years were spent eating Orange Roughy, deriving Newton's third law of the inherently obvious while listening to my roommate's country music during an MWH inspection here at USAFA. Five years, boy I'm good! I give glory to God for my family (my parents and sisters), my friends (Chuck, Tack, Berg, Snot and Ben) and the opportunity to chuck a white cap at a few F-16s.



Rob Shea Luzader
 Wyomissing, PA
 Military History

Special thanks to the most influential people in my life- Mom and Dad your love and support made it all possible. Right on Todd. The crew from Nightclub- we drove the bus and definitely enjoyed the ride. The clique from Sixteen- somehow we managed to simultaneously manufacture the memories and survive the experiences. With that- JEAH!



Stacy Danielle McClain
 Coto de Caza, CA
 Biology

Live life for all it is worth in every moment. Value the people around you because there is nothing more important than friends. I want to thank everyone who has been there for me these past four years. I especially want to thank the best friend I will ever have...Mom. This place is often thought of as having taken something away from us when really it has so much to offer. Live, love and be happy.





Gregory William Nita
Neat
Lansing, IL
Management

I finally achieved my goal- traveling farther west than Missouri! Family first- thanks for all your support and monetary contributions: Mom, Dad, Dennis, Lori. To EVERYONE I know, thanks for the good times! Denny, Chad, JR, Lunch Table #75. Whether it was Denver or here, mountains or various condos within, we all will have great memories of this place. I will see you ALL again some day! Nita out...



Yann Gilles Poidevin
France



Steven William Rolenc
Rolneck
Toms River, NJ
Biology

Mom, Dad, Joey, Elise, Harry, Barbara, and to everyone else who believed in me, thanks for all the support and love. Jenny, I look forward to living our dreams together. Fellas, especially Pinchak, Norm, Borno, we had some good times, thanks for getting me out. Remember, Get Honor, Stay Honor. I'll always keep fighting the good fight, and when the going gets tough, "to your own self be true."



Louis Joseph Schiffli
Louie
Spring, TX
Civil Engineering

I want to thank God, my parents, and my friends for help getting through this place. For those who are waiting for a cynical commentary, sorry. I want to say best of luck to the fellas of 18, Doug, Mike, Barb, Pat and Ernie the dance-aholics, Sense and Adam the alcoholics, Rob who put up with me and rest of you I don't have room for. Frigging restrictions!



Christopher Theodore Senseney
Sense
Vernon, CT
Civil Engineering - Environmental

Jeah! Thanks to my parents and family for their support. Thanks to Lara for her good lovin' in Boulder. I'll never forget wild times at concerts with AJ, Luzer, Big Job (especially Raggaie, Phish, Buffet); freshman year with BH, BJ, Rangball, Jamie-Bob, Z, Action, Big Bri; and brush with death on Long's Peak. Pat and Ern learn how to play soccer and dance. Cheer up Lou. Free Willy. Sense out.



Patrick Charles Suermann
Superman Suey
Satellite Beach, FL
Civil Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, & Mike. Without you, nothing would have been possible. Through the good and the bad times, you were always there. But now, whether it was the first two years, where Heath and I learned a lot about living and a little about love, or later in the origami club, CE classes, or the daily lunch conversations, I can only sum it all up with a big "J E A H!"



Matthew Christopher Tackett
Tack!
Stamping Ground, KY
Aeronautical Engineering

Julie, you're my inspiration and everything I'll ever need. I love you sweetie. Mom, Dad, Andy, and Jordan, your love and support could get me through anything. I love you all. Fellas, God gave us the strength to endure-we made it! Berg, Terrible, Chuck, Dre and so many others who made this place cool sometimes in spite of everything, God be with you (and any innocent bystanders).



Justin Brian Wellen
Hercules of Hate
Cincinnati, OH
Humanities

Thanks to everyone who deserves it, you know who you are. Would I do it again? No. But we are done and there is no need to dwell on it. Greg, Ags, Pete, Wil, Matt, Brian you all suck! C-ya on Sneezy. Later.





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Stalag



Robert Benjamin Apple
Ben
Upper Arlington, OH
Engineering Science (Math)

Thank you to all of those who helped me through these past few years. Mom, Dad, Courtney and Bear, I could not have made it without your support. Also, thanks to the old T-Birds, the LAX team, and Stalag, I'll never forget you as my best friends.



William Byron Bright
Columbus, GA
Engineering Mechanics

I would like to thank Mom and Dad for all their love and support, Rish for being there through the good and the bad, and all my friends for the great memories. It's been a long four years, but life is in the journey not the destination...



Christian Lee Basballe
bas, boz
Stewartville, MN
Operations Research (Math)

Thanks to God and everyone else that helped along the way. I thought this place was supposed to be hard... "Compared to what we ought to be, we are only half awake. We are making use of only a small part of our physical and mental resources. ...the human individual thus lives far within his limits. He possesses powers of various sorts which he habitually fails to use."



Michael G. Broaden
Mikey G
Kenosha, WI
Operations Research (Math)

"To laugh often and love much...this is to have succeeded." - Emerson. Being here, I have learned to always find a little gold in every situation. Mom, Dad, Dave, and Jeff - This one's for you. Courtney, I see good things for you and I. Randy, Doug, and Brandon, Thank you. Derek, Chad, Dan, and Christian, I have no doubt you guys will dream out loud and make a difference.





Jason Corey Eisenreich
Gordon, NE
Space Operations (German, Math)

Thanks to my parents and sister who always supported me and most of all to Kody who was always by my side even 500 miles away. Thanks to all of my friends at this place. You know who you are. We made it finally!



Carlton Henry Hendrix
Carl
Victoria, TX
Environmental Engineering

Would I do it again... I don't have to! I thank God for the strength to make it here one day at a time. Endless thanks to my parents and family... I love y'all! God bless the greatest bunch of friends a person could have. Falcon Football is one of the greatest things I've ever been a part of. I couldn't have made it without you guys! OLU, Rage on!



John Christoph Hunziker
Hunzi
Brussels, Belgium
Basic Academics (German)

WHOA-I made it! Rouvi, Erich (Kraut)-Wir habens geschafft. Pete, Justin, Boss, Ski, York-Thanks. Alex, Bad Karma is outta here! Mom, Dad, Tobs-Thanks for being there. 2Tim4:7, Isaih 40:31, Eccl. 3. Praise GOD! To my braindead bootleggers-Mighty Fine, Mighty Fine! Christian-I got six words for ya. Get in the Front Leaning Rest! It ain't over till the Fat Lady sings...



John Robert Korsedal
Fenton, MI
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

Mom, Dad, Liz, and Brian; thanks for the support on the home front. I don't think that I'll ever know how I made it through here. All I can say is thank God for CFD, weekends, and good friends. Fellas, I can't say it's been a fun four years, but you helped make it bearable. Take care, see you out there, it's Natty time.



Brian Scott Laidlaw
Downingtown, PA
English

Stevo, Lusty, RT, Bayc, Gigs—I have a Fast Car. Adam, Mike, Johnny—blonde hair and blue eyes? Navy boys—WUBAs rock. Dr. Dragon—training wheels on the bike of life. If I want flowers in the future, the planting must be done now. The eternal optimist. If I've changed one person's life, I've made all the difference in the world. In the words of Rudyard Kipling, If...



James Patrick Magrath
Jamie
Daleville, Alabama
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

Thanks for all the support everybody. Mom, Grammie, Kathy, and Donnie, without y'all, I wouldn't have made it through. Thanks to the dirty dozen, you know who you are. Chip, Terry, Brian, wish you were here, Deacon says hello. Ben, it's 11, time to crank it up. To all those who doubted me, I heard Mitch's is having bananas for dinner. Before you ask, NO, I wouldn't do it again.



Christian Paul Morath
Bones
Wyckoff, NJ
Traditional Physics

Right... Sure... Whatever. Mom, Dad, thanks for your wisdom. Muff, Jeff JimC says chest deep powder. Go big! Oh my God Zerba, you win. Tavis, You're nice baby. SG, Lane loves you. Finding a ride to Boulder, money for Vail, physics on Friday nights, going to sleep, but all worth it. I guess I win now too, don't I? Dr.R.F. you always inspired me.



Jeffrey Andrew Payne
Boerne, TX
Civil Engineering

Well, it seems like I have been here forever, but it's almost over. I made it through. From the Comp Sci thing when I was frosh to skipping the Dean's brief—it's been a wild ride. Thanks to Cassie, Mom and Dad, and all of my friends who have put up with my constant complaining about this place. I love all of you guys. It's been fun.





Adam Daniel Perry
The Great One
 San Antonio, TX
 American History

Thank you, Mom and Dad. Your love, support, and enthusiasm inspired this dream. Greg and Josh, ya'll are the greatest brothers and even better friends. Jason, thanks for being the best friend. Mike, Queenie, Roman, Bri, Pep, all the girls, Stalag, and ya'll — thanks, it's been a helluva ride. And above all, thanks to God; through Him, all things are possible. Live the dream; the Best is yet to come.



Abel Ramos
The Lazy Mexican
 San Isidro, TX
 Management (Spanish)

Well, I finally made it out of Happyland. It was four long years and I don't know if I would have made it without the help of God, my family, and friends. To the gang, thanks for being there for me. We had fun. Norma, Nick, Ed, Mayra, Rosa, Tyane, and Ashley, thanks for your support. Mom y Dad, gracias por todo su apoyo. Sus sacrificios no fueron por nada.



Shira Anne Ravitz
 Schuylkill Haven, PA
 Biology

Here's to memories with Jaguars, Skyriders, Stalag, Ratz, Ski-Team, and Samantha. For all I learned and forgot, I'm only happy to be done. Was it worth the blood, sweat, and tears? I thank God for the strength to survive; to Mom, Dad, Tovah, Rachel, and Neil for listening, advising, visiting, and understanding - I love you all; to Jay who stayed with me through laughter and tears, I love you.



Picturing the past: This fourthclassman does some more push-ups in the stairwell with an upperclassman. Four-degrees always seemed to sweat more than the cadre in these training sessions.



Peter Sung
Sung Tzu
 Stockton, CA
 Mathematics

It's been a long road with many twists and turns, peaks and valleys. Mom, Dad, Carl, Jane, Glen, Dora, Barbara, Steve and the rest of the gang, it could not have been done without you! Thanks! I only hope that I can give to your lives, and to others, the way that you have given to, and enriched, my life. Oh, and to my roommate, "Goodnight...stupid."



Claudine Alexandra Tjhio
ChiaPet
 Park Ridge, IL
 Engineering (Math)

Dear God,
 Thank You for the wonderful family and friends You've given me and for helping them put up with me — Mom, Dad, David, Heather, Sir, GWK, Sis, Patrick, Flirt (Frat!), Grover, Shira, Krista (YOU'RE the best!), Michael, Gil, swim team (go sprinters!), Dozen, Stalag, cadet wing — I love them all! Please help me to stay focused on You and serve You always. LOVE, PEACE, & JOY TO ALL. Amen.



Michael David Williams
Mike
 Bartlesville, OK
 Aeronautical Engineering

Mom & Dad, thank you for your never ending love, support, and sacrifice -Thanks Mark, my brother and best friend - Adam, Phil, Bryan, and fellas, I wouldn't have made it without you - Most of all, thank You God for Your Hand that never misses me when I fall and Your Hand that helps me understand that we are indeed the clay while You God are the potter (Isaiah 64:8) - Love, Friends, & Dreams -



Picturing the past: Basic cadets Maureen Ahern and Rebecca Ainslie take charge of the soup serving end of the table. Basics learned to work efficiently during the short meals.





Night Riders CS-18

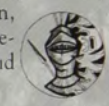
Chad William Annunziata
Dirty
Forest Lake, MN
History

Looking back over my years here at the Academy I find it all the more surprising that I'm still here. That's why I would like to thank my family and friends for believing in my dreams and giving me the support to realize them. I finally discovered that when nothing is going your way all you have to do is wait because everything changes.



Kyle Allen Benwitz
Chin
Virginia Beach, VA
Chemistry

It is impossible to graduate from the Academy without having the best of friends stand beside you every step of the way. Fellas, above all else, you taught me to relax and have fun. Thanks for it all! You will always be in my thoughts as part of my family. Mom, Steph, and Jen, thanks for always listening. Remember to laugh a good loud laugh every once in awhile.



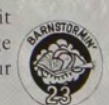
Phillip Glenn Born
BORNO
Tucson, AZ
Military History

The end has come. To everyone who has helped me, much thanks. God knows I couldn't have done it without you. I don't know why I did it but I'm done. Thanks to my parents, my roomie and the boys who have gone before. Remember this "Many of life's failures are men who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."



Joseph Trenton Causey
Trent
Tallassee, AL
Biology

I would like to thank all the boys: Dev, Jay, George, and Mike. It has been a long, hard, and memorable four years, but it is finally over. I would like to especially thank the Bloss family. It has truly been a second home. I would also like to thank God for being there with me through it all. "In all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."—Prov 3:6





James Ian Chambers
Downingtown, PA
Political Science

In four years there is one gift I have received and will take with me, my friends.



Byron Paul Formwalt
Lord Byron
Waverly, IA
Electrical Engineering (Math)

This place has its ups and downs, but it made me realize one thing. You never realize how easy you have it in life until it suddenly becomes harder. I will always appreciate the life skills and camaraderie I have gained here. Live life to it's fullest, and good luck, everyone!



Jason Mark Frazee
Z
Fabius, NY
Biology

"Oh Z, you're trying to live the life that's completely free. You're racing with the wind. You're flirting with death. So have a cup of coffee and catch your breath"-Trey Anatasio. God, Mom, Dad, Fellas, Zoomies, Thanks for keeping me here. Without you I wouldn't have made it. To ZRFC "For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother"-Shakespeare



Waynetta Rose Gentry
Netta
Horse Cave, KY
Human Behavior

On June 18th I didn't think it possible, on 28 May it became possible. Momma, Daddy, and Cheryl only with your support could I have made it. Jim, Whitney, Becky, Kyle, Justin, Ryan Jon, WarEagle 15, and 181 love you guys! Believe in yourself and believe in others because that is what makes this place great. Remember to say hi to everyone and smile.



James Hackett
Hollsopple, PA
American History



Jerry Daniel Hallman
Jer
Olympia, WA
European History (French)

It's not over, it's only just begun. What an experience, one I will never forget. Thanks to my friends, my family, and to God who encouraged me when I needed it and who gave me the strength to see beyond the day's troubles. USAF-USAFA-USA, what's next? What this place has taught me: Peace is better than War. GODSPEED.



Tannia Cristina Kustka
Taz
Queens, NY
English (Spanish)

My thanks and undying love to you Mom. Without your love, encouragement, and understanding I wouldn't be where I am today. Dad, I love you. Abuelito Pedrito you're in my heart always. Jennifer Lynn...we did it Lady! Jeanie, Ernie, and Debbie God bless. To everyone whose touched my life I'll never forget you. Most importantly thank you God for walking beside me through this long journey.



Nicholas J. Leonelli
Nick
Tooele, UT
Biology

The past four year have been a challenging and rewarding experience paid for in sweat and tears. The friendships and memories have made it worth the cost. Michael, Shannon, Leon, the original "Vikes", and the "Nightriders" thank you for the friendships and memories. God speed. Thank you Mom, Dad, Craig, Lisa, David, and Shanz for your love and support. I love you! "Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending."-Henry W. Longfellow





Travis Lewis
Lou
Burnet, TX
Management

Many can be good, but only one can be the best. Take every chance you can to be that one. You are the only one that can make it happen. Never turn down an opportunity. Make every moment count, and don't let others lower your standards. Excel in all you do! Thanks to everyone who has helped me through this place!



Garret Povar
Planet Earth
Economics (French)

"The first and greatest victory is to conquer yourself; to be conquered by yourself is of all things most shameful and vile." - Plato. Well, I guess the six year plan was worth it. I want to thank my family, the McKittricks, Brian, Todd and the rest of those dang Mormons. Et aussi, un grand bisou au groupe sauvage.



Dominick James Martin
Shorty
Post Falls, ID
American History

Four years of absolute hell. I can honestly say that I wouldn't trade the experience for anything in the world. Friendships that will last a lifetime—Noah, Cliff, Andy, Darren, Jack, Goody—thanks for everything. Teamwork, loyalty, and trust—without 'em, you're nothing. The Man in the Glass—he truly is the fellow to please. Thanks Mom and Dad for all the support and love over the years—I owe you everything that I am.



Justin Andrew Riddle
Riddler
Irwin, PA
Operations Research
(Mathematical Sciences)

A wise man I call Dad once told me, "Never let those bastards get you down." Endless support from God, family, and friends — the old guys from 3 and the Brethren of 18 — helped me through it all and gave me a lifetime of memories in 4 years. Special thanks to Mom, Dad, Matt, Little, Bubby, Dziadzia, Penny, and the Pughs. Romans 8:28



Ryan Thomas McCreight
McCreet
Clinton, PA
Political Science

"Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did." Mom & Dad, without you, this would've been an opportunity that passed me by. To the Guard, you taught me what being a leader is about. To my buds, you taught me about having fun and being myself. It's been strange, but it only gets better from here.



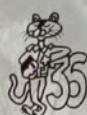
Steven Charles Sharpe
Steve
Buffalo, NY
History

Galations 6:9
"And let us not be weary of well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." The last four years were the hardest, most frustrating, and most rewarding days of my life. I thank Danielle, my family, the Three Musketeers, and all my friends at the Academy and BSU for their love and support. Above all, I thank Jesus Christ for all I am.



Beau Martin Morgan
Bobo
Carrollton, TX
Humanities

Soli Deo Gloria



Leon Hawk Travis
Redding, CA
Math/Physics

The only reason I made it into and through this place is from the support my family gave me. Dad and Kati, you have done what no son could ever expect his parents, and I count my blessings for that. Mom and Athena, I love you always. Tyler, you are my pride and hope for the future. Brethren of 18, Jon, Dave - best wishes for a great journey.





Dennis Wayne Uyechi
(You-etch-E)
-wedge-
Boerne (Burn-E), TX
Electrical Engineering

"Every man dies. Not every man really lives." Pursue your dream aggressively. Those who tell you it can't be done are too afraid to try themselves. Thanks Dad, Mom, Doug, and Danny for all of your love and support. Guard - Carry the standard. Doug, Iain, Jason, and Matt - Phillipians 1:21.



Picturing the past: No one can deny that push-ups became a popular past time during the fourthclass year. These cadets from CS-17 perfect their form yet again during a training session.



CS-19

Wolverines



Michael Christian Bailey
Mikey, Bailey
Tulsa, OK
Civil Engineering

The Five-Year plan is up! Thank God, Mom, Grandma, Grandpa for all the support and love. I couldn't have made this 'really' long haul without you. Grandma, thank you for hanging in there, you really have been wind beneath my wings. Dev, Jay, Trent, Sefz, and Herb, my boys! -you guys made this place bearable. But you were the ones that really took care of me, 'Friday's,' the ones that I could trust. I am so glad that I'm done with this. I feel like break dancin' or something. Wicked cool!



Aaron Richard Barnes
Ivan
Chicago, IL
Human Factors Engineering

I am very glad to say that I am graduating as one of the last surviving members of the Class of 1997. It was a long four years but I think was worth it and if I had to start it over again I would do so, grudgingly. I just hope the people that told us the Academy was just like the "real" Air Force were joking or delirious... Thanks to my parents and friends.





Denver Joseph Collins
Fort
Plains, MT
Russian Area History (Russian)

To live with no regrets. To Mom and Dad, my love and thanks for the support. To Dave, may you never turn to the dark side. Steve, thanks for 92S. G.K.M.D. Here's to all the long nights and stupid antics. Kimberly Anne, thanks for all your love and understanding. Prov 18:22. Praise be to God the four years are over. I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY...



Darren Lee Ellisor
Houston, TX
Military History

Thank you Mom and Dad for all the love and support you have given me. I couldn't have done it without you. To the guys in 9 - Thanks for the great memories. To the guys in 19 - "No more fun of any kind! No more Delta!" And to Jennifer - Thank you for always being there for me; every time in the past and every day of the future. I love you.



Ian Michael Fairchild
E
Los Angeles, CA
Management (Spanish)

I must first and foremost thank my best friend and love, Nicole. To my roommate and brother, Jesse: We kept the faith. Thanks to my family and the Novatski family, their unending support made each day easier. My only advice: Trust your friends and look at the mountains. They'll keep you going. Weasels, Wolverines, Barbarians '99, Devil Dogs, and all the friends I have made, I will never forget you.



Brian Dennis Gilpatrick
Gilly
Trenton, MI
Civil Engineering

I want to start by thanking my parents, family, Kathy, and especially Vicky! I couldn't have done it without all of you. I love you all! To all the fellas in cool-bean 19, You Party Like WHAM!! I'll always remember the great times at SB, BAMBINOS, M.M. and PANINOS. "Wait'll Otis Sees Us!!" C-RAD, Steedo, SEAGRAMS....Thanks for the memories! CE....it sucked, nuff said!! "THEY TOOK THE BAR, THE WHOLE.....BAR!!!!"



Ivan Mark Herwick
Ruskie
Seattle, WA
Computer Science

Thanks Mom, Dad, Joan, Tank, Far, Huge, the old Bulldogs, Wolverines, and the rest of my family and friends for all of the love, support, prayers, and memories. Thanks also to all of you with whom I've had the honor to serve, for it truly has been an honor and a privilege. "Do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will take care of itself." Easier said than done.



Robert Christopher Houston
Fort Sam
Lake Tahoe, NV
Graduation

Foremost, I wish to thank my parents and my brother - you were the blood, sweat, and tears behind my accomplishments. To my bros I leave fond, incoherent memories of Happy Hours and mischief - I'll see you chasing the clouds overhead... To the former "Redeyes," thanks for EVERYTHING. Flying, skiing, mountain biking, and microbeer IS life. "My advice to you: drink heavily." Finally, live life like a jet: All Mach, No Heading...



Leigh Gossick Johnson
Chelmsford, MA.
Engineering Sciences (Math)

Words could not possibly describe these last four years- I'm just glad to have them behind me! Thanks to my friends and family; I could never have made it without you. Lynelle- thanks for all the memories. Erik- if I could start again with you I wouldn't change a thing. Good luck Scott!



Trevor Kildare
Chappy
Colorado Springs, CO
Humanities

I made it! Thanks Mom, Dad and Glenn. You never stopped believing in me. To the fellas; keep the tradition alive. Win or lose, we still booze! Whenever it gets rough, just remember this: "The storm starts when the drops start dropping. When the drops stop dropping then the storm starts stopping." —Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss)





Jesse Richard Long
Grafton, WI
History/Political Science
(Chinese/Russian)

Thanks to Jesus Christ, first and foremost (Rev 22:13). To Mom, Dad, Aaron, Grampy: this is for you, always (Prov 22:6). To Wolfpack and my old roommates: we survived! To Wolverines: thanks for a new start and an awesome two years. To Ian: thanks for being the best roommate (and friend) ever (Eph 3:14-19). To the future: chase your dreams—I did. Just don't take so many classes. Never forget the big picture: I Cor 13:2.



Michael S. Maksimowicz
Mother
Lansing, MI
Political Science

Thank you Mom, Dad, and Melissa for all of your support and understanding. I would never be where I am today without your help. Thanks to all the Zoomies and fellas. Life's tough, but made possible with true pals. Above all, I thank God for giving me the strength to endure. So let's "make like a tree, and get out of here."



Kelley Marian McCauley
Bend, OR
BioChemistry

This has been a long four years that I am glad are over. I have learned a lot, not only in school, but I have learned a lot about myself. I have struggled through this place, but owe my completion to those who loved me and kept me going in the hardest times: thank you Mom, Dad, Annie, the rest of my family, friends, and Chris.



Matthew Eric Middleton
Mids
St. Louis, MO
Management

"All we see or seem is but a dream within a dream." (Edgar Allen Poe)
Thanks Mom. Thanks Dad.
Thanks Everybody. Hey Duck,
"WHERE'D HE GO?"



Ryan Garner Kazuo Mihata
Doc
Sacramento, CA
Biology

We're done!!! To all my friends, thanks for the memories; keep in touch and good luck. Thanks Mom, Dad and Ali, I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks God, for everything You've done for me! Fort D.J., thanks, need I say more? To all my friends from 19 and 25, keep the faith. Challenges are to be overcome...on to bigger and better things. Romans 12:1-2.



Hugh Michael O'Donnell
Chicago, IL
Computer Science (Japanese)

I'm a ramblar. I'm a gambler. I'm a long way from home, and if you don't like me than leave me alone. I eat when I'm hungry. I drink when I'm dry, and if the moonshine don't kill me than leave me alone.



Brian Christopher Payne
BP
Billings, MT
Operations Research (Spanish)

Mom, Dad, Ann, Alan, Karen—thanks for the inspiration—I love you. Bissy: Watch ages and your hands! HH: Seawolf has an "L"! \$50?? TnA: Little feet, open eyes, & blanket! "Macgyver" Dave: Nobody knows more...WAHOOOO! Cooter: To the WALL!! What lies behind us and what lies before us is nothing compared to what lies within us—Emerson; John 13:15; Live on the edge, just don't fall off...



Jeromie Kayle Sheldon
Jer
Jackson Hole, WY
Material Science (Math)

I want to thank my parents and Joe for all your support through the good and the bad. You knew I could make when I was in doubt. Brent for our long phone conversations about brotherhood. Amy for your love. Vernos for the times we shared, the rules we broke and your love. The ski team for keeping me sane and motivated. GOD for your love, strength and faith.





Montoya Lamar Smith
Waleed-Yera-Elimu
Honea Path, SC
Legal Studies

moms, pops, fam, and peeps much love, brothas and sistas it's a dirty game y'all, do not walk blindly into the night. wade through the smoke screen as The Newborn Warrior in our attempts Of stealing the Knowledge, open your third eye to the truth and only then will u be truly free. "We are diamonds in the rough and now is the time to shine" -myself
Big Up Carolina!



Thomas Brett Veselka
Beeville, Texas
Civil Engineering

It's about time. Dad this is the dream. I guess this means the good guys get to win one every now and then. Thank you to my family for their love and support for 5 long years. There's nothing more important than loyalty and my pals JP, SD. We survived old buddy, they never got us. Well it's been real..last call fellas, which way to the gate?



Todd Lynn Smith
Tank, Treats
Eden, NC
Astronautical Engineering

I came to the Academy because it would test my limits. In this respect, the Academy never disappointed me. It brought out the best and worst in me. Along the way I made a lot of great friends. My time here is best summed up by Robert Frost: "Two roads diverged in a woods, and I...I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."



Picturing the past: "Get your knees up," under the watchful eye of the squadron, fourthclassmen from Bull Six work toward exhaustion. Physical toughness was the way that the Class of '97 got through this type of training.



CS-20

Trolls



William Patrick Booth
Pipe
Keystone Heights, FL
Bachelor of Science

Mom, I would've never made it here without you. Roche, I would've never made it through here without you. A toast to my boys: Roch, Dog, Crowe, Polky, 3-Cubes, Luke, Twig, KD, Wojo, and the original 40 crew. Slut, remember "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, For I'm the baddest mother #!%@er in the valley! Carpe Diem!"



Kevin Alan Frasier
Twig
Moody, TX
Human Factors Engineering

"According to the laws of aerodynamics, the bumble-bee cannot fly. I guess no one bothered to tell the bee." I may not have flown, but I did hover occasionally. Thanks to the five — Cookie, Bill, Sutt, Jorge (it sucks man), Bone, and Josh — and to the bowling crew — Dogg, Bill, KD, Steedo, Stevie B, Woj, JT, Jeff, Norm, and Pops. You guys even made this place seem tolerable at times. Can't forget Ma, Pa, Marsha, or Crown Liquor. Here's to honor . . .



Christine Anne Callahan
Cali
Thousand Oaks, CA
Biology

"To be true to one's self is, the ultimate test in life. To have the courage and sensitivity to follow your hidden dreams and stand tall against the odds." Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa and the rest of my family, thanks for keeping faith. Your pride and support inspired and helped me overcome adversity. Jeff—I await our future. Friends, Mel—thanks, you'll always be loved.



John Patrick Hartigan III
Jake
Oak Harbor, OH
Mechanical Engineering \ Math

What a great four years! Despite all of those who have come into and passed out of my life during this time — those that I have known for forever and those only recently met, those I talked to and those I shed blood with — I am ready to leave. Make no mistake, I will not leave with a single tear or regret, only a strange four years of great memories.



Kevin Leslie Daugherty
KD
Griffith, IN
Management

To some I owe everything and to a few I owe nothing. Guess who? To my family—Thanks for your support these four years. I love you very much. KAOVILYVM "Ha-Ha" -Nelson "I do not like green eggs and ham. I do not like them, Sam-I-am." -Dr. Seuss



David Lyle Joyce
DJ
Plymouth, MN
Biology

"This is where the cowboy rides away..." - George Strait. These last four years have brought more joy, sorrow, and challenges than any other period in my life. Thanks to all my classmates who helped me through it, and thanks especially to my family. I love you all.



Daniel McEagan Fischer
Fish
SanRamon, CA
Political Science

I'm forever grateful to God for listening to my mother's prayers. To my family for endless encouragement, my father for inspiration, and my friends for being the best dirtbags I could ask for. This was no solo ride- it's a miracle we made it through. GO BIRDS! "My soul intention is learning to fly, Conditions grounded, but determined to try, Can't keep my eyes from the circling sky." -Pink Floyd



Conrad Steven Koehler
C-Rad, Doughboy
Marlow, OK
Civil Engineering

Oh yea, who said you gotta have wings to fly? "You just gotta keep on livin' man... L-I-V-I-N..." - Wooderson





Andrew Joseph Lipina
Andy, Lipper
 Berne, IN
 Operations Research

Thanks to my parents and friends who gave me prayer and encouragement throughout life at USAFA and to Ray and Chen who kept me in check through the toughest times and Kathy for showing me life outside USAFA. Finally, thanks to my Lord Jesus Christ who gave me strength in time of need.



Keith Lawrence Nelson
Nellie
 Kent, WA
 Social Sciences

Big thanks to my family for their support. Thanks to the McLanes, Schoenleins, Danny, Brian, Brad, Beth, Chris, 19, 20, my close friends (you know who you are), and everyone else that helped me through. I'll be thinking about you all, and hey, the show must go on... Keith, the kid with the hair.



John Jay Rimstad
Rimmer
 Inver Grove Heights, MN
 Management

I'd like to give a shout out to my family away from home, the hockey team. A special thanks to Petey and Selly for always being there. So many friends, so little room...thanks for the memories. I don't think I would do it again and the chapel is up the road, right at the stop sign, follow the road along and you will drive right to it.



Geoffrey Jay Romanowicz
Geoff
 Norton, MA
 Political Science

I want to say thank you and I love you to my mother, father, brother, extended family, sponsors, and all my friends. They have shaped my life over the past four years and have defined the person I am today. Looking back, I am happy to say that I am proud of what that person has become and if I had the chance to do it again—I probably would.



Nathan Christopher Scopac
Scopes
 Stamford, CT
 Economics (Japanese)

We didn't think we would, but we made it. To my Mach One buddies, I couldn't have done it without ya! Mom, thanks for being there to cheer me up, and John, thanks for kicking me in the ass when I needed it. Chris, Johnny, and Danno: Thanks for all those adventures. Remember, if you don't die doing it, you can do it. RJF & DPR I won't forget you.



Leanne Catherine Sienko
Linus, Kid
 Orland Park, IL
 Chemistry

First, Lynn and Mama, thanks for your never ending support and friendship; and the boys, well,...you're boys! Becky, Stacy, Josh and Jason, I'll always remember the good choir times. Debbie, thanks for helping me laugh at myself, I guess it was pretty funny! And Gary, many many thanks, you made the Academy a bearable place; continue to make music of the spheres. "In that enchanted place on the top of the Forest, a little boy and his Bear will always be playing."



Benjamin Todd Smith
Ben
 Sewickley, PA
 Behavioral Science-Human Behavior

I would like to thank my parents for all their love and support. The Meadows for taking me under their wing. All the fellas on the gymnastics team, especially Wolfie and Chad...remember "we were representing something bigger than all of us". The old 24 crue Holt, Sliv, K-migs, TL97, and GIZ. Stacy, I love you, all the girls from Charlie Sierra for putting up with us.



Derick Nelson Steed
Steedo
 Bowdon, GA
 Geography

Well. This is a nice place to be from. I would like to thank my sponsor, the Sports Bar, for making all this possible. Thanks to the Rally Club, the Team, The Sports Bar, Mike Barker, my sister, The Sports Bar, and all those from the Miller Brewing Co. for all those memory-less nights. But mostly to my friends always remember: It's gonna be all right.





Chen Yen Su
Sun Tzu
 Naples, FL
 Civil Engineering (Chinese)

Some people wonder why I am the way I am and the only thing I have to say is that there is a madness to my method er... I mean a method to my madness uhm but anyways Thanks and Luck to all my friends out there.



Tracy Lea Waller
 New Roads, LA
 English

Never get called out on strikes; always go down swinging. I thank God for one more day to live, laugh, and love, Dad for the lessons, Mom for the letters, Nicki for the laughs. Thanks, Trolls, for being my best friends, Joe, Liz, and kids for being my family. Rusty, I lost my heart the day we met, and I'll never ask for it back. Here's to the future! I love you! "I lift my eyes to the hills..."



Christopher Stacey Vance
Chris
 St. Albans, WV
 Aeronautical Engineering

I love the Academy so much I hate it; and I hate it so much I love it. It's the flying and falling. It's the PFT and prog. It's the friends we've made, and the friends we've lost. It's three commandants, two superintendents, and one unforgiving dean. We've lived what many dream, but few realize and now, we proudly go to preserve that which makes us all Americans.



Picturing the past: These new "Silver Bullets" read their *Wingtips* for the first time while waiting in an inprocessing line. The Class of '97 carried their *Wingtips* at all times until it was replaced with a *Contrails*.



CS-21

Blackjacks



Emmanuel Ogbaji Agrinya
Manny
Ogoja, Nigeria
Mechanical Engineering

USAF? Good school, horrible if you love partying. Would I do it again? I honestly dunno. I don't regret doing it though. Made some good friends here. I'm going out to take on the world now, I think I'm ready — CIAO.



Jeremy Sundermeyer Agte
Post Falls, ID
Aeronautical Engineering

Lots of good memories I'll be glad to leave behind: janitors in the bathroom, runny scrambled eggs, fire alarms at 3:30 in the morning. Thank-you Air Force Academy for making me go bald.



Michelle Chamberlain Carns
Chelle
Monterey, CA
English

Ma and Susan thanks for the talks, Popsy the guidance, Marc for support, Chuck and Charles for the laughs, and all of you for your love. I couldn't have made it this far without you. CS-40: the last shall be first. CS-21: thanks for the last two years. Jer, Estar, the GIRLS - it would never have been worth it all without you! Rage, rage against the dying of the light...



Steven Cole Combs
Las Cruces, NM
Political Science

A lifelong dream has finally come true. To the boys of Eagle Eight—Ahh...this is the life! Blackjacks—See you in Vegas...Doubledown!. Mom—bring your shot glass, we're renting out the DoubleTree. Dad—If I'm half the man you are, I'm forever content. Friends and flying made this place bearable...but isn't that what life is all about? Live fast, die young...The only way out is through.



Jennifer Renee Gernandt
Re
Muldrow, OK
Biology

What a time! Mom, Dad, Liv, W.C., thank you for your love, support, and encouragement. The GIRLS, thanks for all the great times—snow angels, facials, wonder bread, unit hair, late night sob sessions, M&M's, Beaver Creek. Was is SUN or FUN? It's been a wonderful experience. I would've never made it without you guys. You're the best. Brian, all I can say is always and forever. HUNNY



Eric Hiram Gonzalez
E.
South Gate, CA
Behavioral Science Human Factors
(Spanish)

This place truly can be the "best of times and the worst of times." Praise Team—You guys are awesome. Helcats B-flight (Knights)—You guys rock. Blackjacks—Party on. Mom and Dad—I love you. God—Thanks. In the end it's all good. "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28



Lester Gregory
Green Bank, NJ
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

"Would you tell me please, which way I ought to walk from here?" "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to" To Lanie and my family, thank you for all your help. I love you. To Brad and Alicia, thank you for the education.



Russell Edwin Hoss
Rusty
San Diego, CA
Human Factors Engineering

Mom and Dad if it wasn't for your enduring love and support I wouldn't have made it—Ricky-my best friend, all I can say is thanks-To all the Fellas-DB's, Get Low, Killer, Matty, Toddy, Schweiny, L-Dog, Dogger, Manitou, Lee, Debaccowitz, K-Mart-BBH-ZRFC, Be original, Be yourself-PEACE





Christopher John Leonard
Chris
DeForest, WI
Environmental Engineering

For everyone who has helped me through or made it a little more fun, I remember. I'll leave the light on and the door open. For Mom, Dad and whole family, I do not have strong enough words to express what you've done or what you mean. Beautiful, it is our turn. When nobody believed there was still you and me. If you only stand for yourself you'll always stand alone.



John Michael Schriever
Mike
Abilene, TX
Pottery

I've taken five things from my Academy career: great friends, a good education, ops, a pilot slot, and I don't believe a damn thing anyone says. As for everything else, you can wad it up in ball and flush it down the toilet.



William Michael Bates Metz
Upland, CA
History (Russian)

I thank all the people who have encouraged me for the last 5 years. However, a special thanks goes to my family, especially my mom who has been so strong and my dad who supported me in everything. To the guys: Darron, you're still a putz. Ben, don't forget the ride you promised me. Rudy, lets hit the bar. Lloyd and Jeremy, study less and party more! DOUBLE DOWN MAN!



Jesse Darron Smith
Mount Olive, NC
Meteorology/Geography

Special thanks to my ma, dad, and family. I LOVE YOU and dedicate my accomplishment to you. You're always in my heart. Blackjacks, 97 T-Birds, and friends; it's been great. I'll miss you! Bill "Cooter" Metz, you are still a moron, but it's been a great two years. Lloyd, you will always be a stract jarhead. Jeremy, you are a freaking genius. Be A Leader MAN...Rock On!



Katherine Frances Moore
Kate
Shorewood, MN
Astronautical Engineering

Thanks to my friends for being there & sharing in both bitter & happy times. Wolverine 19 gang—I love you guys. Running teammates—you and practice are invaluable. Mom, Dad, family—thanks for your love, support, advice. I'll leave here soon but the laughs will echo in my head and all experiences will stay with me. Now, MOVE ON and never lose sight of my goal. "If..."—Kipling



Joshua Ryan Snow
Snowman
Niantic, CT
Political Science

To Mom, Dad, Zeke: Thank you for all of your love and support. I would never have made it without the letters, packages, thousands of phone calls, and knowing that you stood behind me. To 97 Guard: Guess What? WHAT! Thanks for all of the incredible memories and friendships. It's all about rules! To the rest of Guard: Carry yourselves with pride and STAY HARD!



Jason Earl Puckett
Puck
Hillsborough, NJ
Mechanical Engineering

On these pages are three guys I would do absolutely anything for. To you guys, "Here's to you, here's to me..." VEGAS! Cathy, sah rang hay yo! I look forward to our years together, especially since the last four have been tough. When I look back, I realize that I would do it all over again, as long as it wasn't ME doing it. Love you Mom, Dad, Dave, Nick.



Lloyd Gordon Sunvold
Hollywood
Sacred Heart, MN
Economics

Thank you God for getting me through here (Phil 4:13) and the Marines for giving me the discipline to put up with all the crap. To the fella's, it's been great. Chris, you're a sweetheart. The old 29 crew, you'll all do great. Blackjacks, it's been a pleasure to get to know you. Thanks to my family for all the support. To all you flyers, I'm insanely jealous. '97, Semper Fidelis!





Michael A. Taraborelli Jr
 Tabs, Terrible, T, T-Bone, Alfredo
 Greenville, RI
 Civil Engineering

Mom, Dad, and Matt, thanks for all the support and encouragement! I am forever grateful to the Cadet H.G., The Blackjacks, and the Wrestling Team. Our extraordinary experiences will live within us forever! Always remember this: Two paths diverged in a wood, and we- we took the one less traveled by, And that WILL make all the difference! R.F.



Ian Stuart Tate
 Tater
 Vienna, VA
 Engineering Mechanics

I thank God for getting me through here and changing my life. I also thank all my friends Jefe (Stoner or Reefer), Chuck, Dan, Dave, Denver, Tom, and Steve, for making my stay at Hotel USAFA more enjoyable. Thank you Mom, Dad, Linda and Bill for providing a welcome home. JMS, keep your clothes clean! Ed Y. don't laugh so loud! Someone told me life's like a Pitts, you never know when you'll lose your prop! We'll miss you Dennis but you can still fly on my wing!



James Gerald Thomas II
 JT
 Conroe, TX
 Mechanical Engineering (Math)

Finally! Through all the good times and most of the bad, I always knew this day would come. I'll take a lot of good memories with me and a lot of good friends. To the fella's, "Here's to you...". To the folks, I never would've made it without you. After four years I've learned plenty but forgot even more. But there is one thing I know for sure, I'm done!



Sabeeh H. Zaidi
 Z
 D.I.Khan, Pakistan
 Electrical Engineering

Amma and Papa, want to take the time to thank you guys. You were always there for me when I needed you. Its time to move on to bigger and better things in life. I'm taking fond memories of this place with me that I called home for 4 years. I'll miss it, as well as the friends I made here over the years. Jake, JR, Heath, Hamill, GP, Ian, and Rusty, you guys will always be with me. I guess we really did make it through... didn't we?



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Catch-22



Michael David Arnold Jr
Dave
 Durant, OK
 History

This is for anyone who told me I couldn't do it and to everyone who knew I could. To my parents and my brother, Jeff, who never stopped believing in me or loving me, Dwain and the BSU who helped me make sense out of a senseless situation. To the Wilcoxes for giving me a home away from home and finally to God who gave me strength every day, thanks.



Jonathan Michael Dagley
Jon, Dags
 Memphis, TX
 Aeronautical Engineering

Although the road has been difficult, it has also been worthwhile. To my family and friends, thanks for all the love and support you have given me throughout the years. I couldn't have made it without you. I've accomplished so much more than others said I could, and it's not about to end!! I'm on my way to live my dream, and I now know firsthand that nothing is impossible.



William Thomas Bladen
Tommy
 Middleton, MD
 Electrical Engineering (Spanish)

A lifetime of memories squeezed into 4 yrs. Thank you to the guys who made it all worthwhile. I love you all...praying mantis, Langley, Barndoor, broken shotglasses, Snooks, Matt's land, Creede, Canadians, riptides, Adak, LPP, Elbert, vampires, "Doom...", Dream Weaver, babbling brooks, secret rendezvous, orizaba, and peps...Through my trials and endeavors here, I've learned only a precious few things matter - Friends, Family, God, and Country.



Jeremy Alvin Fields
 Castro Valley, CA
 Astronautical Engineering

Thanks to Mom and Don for keeping me focused on getting in here. Thanks to NWPS and all the friends I made there for getting me here. Thanks to TJ, OV, and KD, the best friends I could have for keeping me focused on staying here. I'm glad I came, but I'll be even happier when I graduate, and all I ever really needed to know I learned in T-3.



George Matthew Buch Jr
Bucky
 Pasadena, MD
 Aeronautical Engineering

I'm not sure how I got through this place but I owe most of it to my parents and family. They were always there for me. The Academy was definitely a love/hate relationship for me, but if it wasn't for the Academy I would have never met the person I want to spend the rest of my life with, and that is you Heidi. You'll always make me happy.



Janine Olivia John
CrazyGirl 97
 Fort Walton Beach, FL
 Space Physics (Math)

"Though I fear I've left no legacy of glory to fuel the dreams of future children, I have made my mark! From the ashes of rape and abuse has risen a woman strong in the Lord. I no longer fear the thorns of man, for my eyes are focused on the Rose of Love. -Manuella." Thanks Mom, Brian, Maria, Mickey, Ombo, Luis, Jason "The Underground" and especially Stevie (sparky too!).



Carrie Ann Carrow
 Blue Springs, MO
 Management

Thanks Mom for the rose bud in the beginning, Julie for all the laughs and Dad for the decision on USAFA and all the advice. I couldn't have done it without you all, and I love you very much. Thanks to the girls on the basketball team, sprints wouldn't have been much fun without you. And most importantly I think God for watching over me.



David Allen Koewler
Dave
 Hastings, MN
 Operations Research

Four years, or so I'm told. Sometimes it seemed shorter, and other times it seemed like a lifetime. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Rob, John, and the Josephs for putting up with my endless supply of moans and groans, and for getting me through this place. The people are what make this place great, and I hope it stays that way. "No Regrets" and "Enjoy Today." So long, once was enough!





Eric Michael Lindberg
Wilton, CT
Computer Science (Math)

"I'd rather die while I'm living than live while I'm dead!" - Buffett. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Kristy, Grandpa, the Harrelsons, Lew, Bone, Scotty, Mike, Lax, SCQS and all of the friends that made it happen! This isn't an end; it's a new beginning. It's time to figure out what I want to do when I grow up — on second thought, why grow up?



John Patrick Middlemore
JP
Prescott, AZ
Graduation

Life is change. If you change for the institution and the system, then you change for the wrong reasons, and consequently, you will fail. You only have a chance to be successful when a change is made because you truly want to change. Thank you Mom, Dad, family, Cameron, Tommy, Jeff, Ern, Eric, and the Basketball Team; without you, an impossibility. Faith will get you through, thank you Lord. NO REGRETS!



Robert Noles Odom
Rob
Centerville, MA
Military History

Thanks to the crew: JK, MW, MW, RR, BW, JS, CK, and Smacks. Never forget the super five. Who's my #1???? I want to thank all my friends that helped me get through this place—you know who you are. Finally, whatever you do, never forget the two most important rules in life.



Jatuchai Pangjun
Jay
Mahasarakham, Thailand
Electrical Engineering
(Chinese, Mathematics)

Let me go home. I want to be a farmer.



Robert Nelson Rowe
Montgomery, AL
Management



Well...Bye.



Mario Andres Bryan Serna
Caracas, Venezuela
Physics/Math

risk, gamble, venture, chance, dare, dream visions, passions, excitement, fire, inspire, experience, animate, energize, cherish, savor, relish, love, and share LIFE;

for which I must thank God, my mom and dad, my family, and the worlds greatest friends all of whom taught me to live and love LIFE



James Wilson Stahl
Pearland, TX
Mechanical Engineering

Mom, Dad, John, Jeremy, and the rest of the family—I could not have made it without all your love and support. To the Lyons, the fellas from 34, and my boys at Baylor; thanks for keeping me sane. Kret, Jim, Ben, My #1, Puck, Keith—we shared some crazy times; thanks for the memories. Finally, Rob Rowe...mad-cat...you're no daisy, but at least you were a great roommate.



Scott George Waters
Cool Waters
Snow Hill, MD
Human Factors Engineering

Thank GOD for giving me the strength I needed. To my family, thank you for being there, especially you DAD. You are a part of this accomplishment. To all of those that left (Derek, Mickey...), much love. To Big Mike and D-Ray (my true brothers), don't let it end here. To OCV, I'll always be there for you. To Mr. Thweatt, and everyone else that matters...I'll never forget you.





Christopher Scott Welch
Chris
Williamsburg, VA
Political Science/History

Well, it's been the best and the worst of times. Thank God the good outweighed the bad. My thanks to everyone who made it that way. I'll miss you, but it's certainly time to be moving on. We'll meet again.



Michael Zeman
Z
Aurora, CO.
Human Factors Engineering

Thank you Mom, Dad, and Tessa for all of your support, I wouldn't have made it without you. To all of my brothers, thanks for the great times. The OLU will live forever—take no s&*t off nobody.



Benjamin Alan Wysack
Sack
Houghton Lake, MI
Civil Engineering

Special thanks to Mom, Dad, relatives, and all my friends for putting up with me for the last four years. I really want to thank CE for all the sleepless nights, M5 for making me a better officer candidate, and all the dorks for teaching me to watch my back. I'm glad I never became cynical about the Academy.



Picturing the past: While remaining undaunted, C4C Jimmy Fuller reviews some knowledge with a Rebeleven upperclassman. Knowledge was stressed constantly during the Class of '97's fourthclass year.



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Barnstormers



Harmon Howard Barlow IV
Harm, Bunkie
Cave City, KY
American/Military History

Above all, I thank the Lord, for the dream of coming to the Academy and the grace to achieve that dream. I thank Mom and Dad, whose never-ending prayers, encouragement, and counsel have made me who I am; I love you both more than you can know. Life is about finding your destiny, and having the vision and courage to stay along the path towards it. And sometimes that means long road trips in the middle of the night. Isaiah 40:31, Jeremiah 29: 11-13



Joshua Edward Bohnart
New London, WI
Management

Thanks to all my friends who helped me make it through here, especially you old Bull Sixers. I would like to thank my family and Jennifer for all of the support you all have given me. Thanks to all of you fellow Stormers who knew how to have a good time. It has been a real learning experience and I'm sure I'll cherish it forever. On Wisconsin, Go Packers!



Benjamin David Conde
Ben
Denver, CO
Mathematics

First of all, thanks to my Reina, Mom, Dad, and everybody back home. It was the slowest four years of my life and I'm glad I'm leaving. I've seen a lot of changes to the Academy, both good and bad (mostly bad), but there's one thing that's always been constant...my friends. I'll never forget them. As for the rest of you guys who have to stay here at least another year... too bad so sad. The Few...The Faithful, '97.



Adam Justet Curtis
Rainman
Lehi, UT
American History

You know, a dream is like a river—ever changing as it flows. And the dreamer's just a vessel that must follow where it goes. Trying to learn from what's behind you and never knowing what's in store makes each day a constant battle—just to stay between the shores. Special thanks to God, family (Mom, Dad, Sis) and good friends (Mari, Katie, Fred, and the Drumline (Huah!)) for helping navigate.



Marc Joseph Garceau
Marceau
Evergreen, CO
Operations Research/Economics

It has been a dream to come since I was little, and I thank my mom, dad and brother for supporting me and helping me get here. Thanks to all my friends I met here that kept me going and made it through to our dream - graduation. I won't forget the parties, Ops, games and times we went out. Campbell, Bucky, Dave, Alberto and everyone else, may our friendships never die. Thanks again to my friends, teachers, family that helped me make my dream happen.



Shannon Lynn Goff
Richmond, VA
Human Factors Engineering

You'd think after four years of living in a place where you learn everything you wanted to know, didn't want to know and more, I'd have something very learned to say—I don't. Just graduate! To my 2 families- thanks for all your love and support; Dream Team '97 - I love you!; Laura & Becka - couldn't have made it without you; fellow X T-Birds - ROCK ON; & swimmers - PARTY ON!



Angela Lynn Gray
Mungie
Kingsley, MI
Economics (Spanish)

Thanks to my whole family. I couldn't have made it through here without you! Mom, Dad, and sisters thanks for listening and loving me. To the Knights of Thirt it was a good first 2 years, and to the Freaks, well what can I say, I have learned a lot from you all. I will never forget my friends here! 2 Timothy 4:7



Fred Marvin Hollingsworth
Marv
Panama City, FL
Basic Academics

I never would have made it through this place without help from several sources. Thanks are extended to God, my parents, the Jamesons, and the friends who have stood by me during this institution. Mother, Father, and Tim, I have said it many times, but now I must saying it again, thank you for raising me with the expectations to have the courage to seek my dreams and achieve them.





Joshua Sandifer Johnson
Birdman
Dubois, WY
Computer Science

"All I'm saying is that if i ever start referring to these as the best days of my life, remind me to kill myself" Dazed and Confused.
... late nights, coffee, formations, conflicting schedules, homework and projects that never end ... the greatest friends, family, birds, experiences and opportunities that others shall never have ... Camp Memories of Camp Happy shall be some of my best and worst ...



Stephen Joseph Pinchak
Chak
Shaker Heights, OH
Astronautical Engineering
(Mathematics)

He sought to conquer the physical limitations placed upon him, not only to be better than his fellows, but better than himself. For such rites demand, if they are to meaningful at all, a certain amount of time spent precisely on the Red Line, where you can lean of the edge of the precipice and see exactly nothing. Thanks to my family, all the boys especially Steve, SAC, ~P, and Spike. "To give and not to count the cost..." AMDG



Luke Anthony Johnson
Tucson, AZ
Civil Engineering

To everyone who helped me get through this place...thanks. There is no way I could have done it alone. If there is one thing I will take from this place, it is the value of a good family and a few close drinking buddies. Until we meet a g a i n . . . B l u e Skies...PTWOB#91 "A man's doubts and fears are his worst enemies."-William Wrigley Jr.



Christopher Powers
Christophe
Greensboro, AL
Biology (French)

Dominic, Geny, Susan, Topher, Rose, Holly, Catie, Matt, and my family, "These are days you'll remember. Never before and never since, I promise, will the whole world be warm as this. And as you feel it, you'll know it's true that you are blessed and lucky. It's true that you are touched by something that will grow and bloom in you. These are days..." I love you...always...



ElHoucine Madhi
Hadj
Casablanca, Morocco
Aeronautical Engineering

Well, I can finally see light at the end of the tunnel. It was fun but would I do it again? No. I wanna thank Mom, Dad, my whole family, the Fishburns, the Jans, and all my friends; I would never have made it without all their support. It certainly feels great to be able to say "I did it and I'm outta here for good!"



Rebecca Lynn Pratt
Becky
Los Alamos, NM
Behavioral Science

To my family, you have taught me many things. I love you. To my friends, trust few and never forget about each other. And to Michael, thanks for always being there for me. Many adventures await us. Let's do them our way. XOXO "When you do the things you have to do when you have to do them, the day will come when you can do the things you want to do when you want to do them."



Sean Robert Monteiro
Monty
East Lansing, MI
Political Science

Thanks Mom, Dad, Sis, all my boys, roomdog, and the Lord above. I did it the best I could when I was stuck in this place. I had as much fun as I could when I was stuck in this place. I played as hard as I could when I was stuck in this place. KIR, FAF, NSD, OTSS, WHPH, KTF. Peace. I made it!! Snootchie - Bootchies



David Richard Pryor
SuperDave
Albuquerque, NM
Engineering Mechanics

"Some of it's magic and some of it's tragic, but i've had a good life all the way" "I'd rather die while I'm living, than live while I'm dead" Thanks Jim. The red six club is gone, My friends are gone, 6 years, and our graduation. You didn't get me. You tried your best to knock me down every step of the way, but I win! Thanx for the help Mom, Dad and Michelle.





Matthew Jacob Quatrara
Matt
Newville, PA
English

To the folks back home who never lost faith, even in the rough spots- The love and gratitude I feel is enormous. To those who tried to steer me onto the right path- I apologize for not always listening. To my buddies, who both got me into and kept me out of trouble- I guess we've made it in spite of ourselves.



Gerardo Reyes
Jerry
El Paso, TX
Civil Engineering

We came from all around, we made great friends, we lost some... just glad to make it through. It has been a long 5 years beginning from Prep School. Thanks to God, Mom, Dad, Tricia, Beto, Manuel, Jaime, Monica, and my friends for keeping me straight. But ORALE VATO!!!...done with this place and moving on. Take it easy...



Michael Robert Settle
Mike
Miami, FL
Management

Special thanks to my family. Without you, I would never have made it to this point. Thank you for supporting me though the good times and the bad. To Rebecca, thank you for all the times you have been there for me. And the many more to come. To all my friends, thank you for your help, and don't forget those we left behind. Remember, you never know until you try.



Grant Thomas Vineyard
Mammoth Lakes, CA
Geography

I would just like to thank all the people who made my cadet career easier, J. Daniels, MGD, Y. Jack, and all my other favorites. Thanks to the sports bar for all those forgettable nights. Here's to cold lift rides with a chilled bottle of Permafrost. A cold one to all my friends out there. I do not regret the things I have done only those I did not do.



Christopher Michael Wachter
Wacky
Pasadena, CA
Legal Studies

First... Thanks to God, my parents, my brother, and my sister— they got me here. Thanks to my friends, you got me through. Aaron, Mike, Bill, Sully, Abel, Gary, Jeremy, Tommy, Shannon, and the kids in 23. To Nate, you dumb bastard, hope you do well. Oat Sodas, being broke, and great breaks, I will miss experiencing all of them with you. "I do not regret the things I've done, but those I did not do." TOONGA!



Matthew John Zamiska
Zami
Geneva, IL
Management

Thanks Mom and Dad for 5 years of support. Gene, Sue, Laurie, Joan, and especially Dave - couldn't have made it here without you beating me for snoring as a kid. Aaron and Sloaner, The Three Amigos. I have one thing to say to everyone else - "The world is a vampire." Pauloaf on!



Picturing the past: The basics of CS-34 gather up for a "hero shot." This was one activity that didn't intimidate anyone and moms and dads loved them!



Picturing the past: C4C Rob Mixer sounds off with a loud and thunderous "Keep in Revvin' '97" during the Obstacle Course. Keeping morale high was essential on the course and throughout the four year stay at USAFA.



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Phantoms



Benjamin Luke Boyd
Booboo, Screwbear
Jackson, MS
American History

Dreams are what you make of them. You can look back for guidance, but there is only one way to fulfill a dream: moving forward and never quitting. To Amara, P-staff, The Vikes, Buzz, Timmy, Johnnie, Lano, and the Phantoms: thanks for the fun, all the names, and the support that got me through four LONG years. But, home is where the heart is, always. Mom, Sarah, Daniel: I couldn't have made it without you. Matt. 6:33-34



Matthew Joseph Bradley
Columbia, SC
Aeronautical Engineering

Looking back on the last four years, I have no regrets. God has certainly blessed my time here. Thank you Dad and Mom, family, and friends for your prayers and support. Stephanie, I'm glad God brought you into my life. Thank you for being there for me. Four years ago I was excited to come here, but now I'm just glad it's over!



Timothy Michael Boyle
Timmy
Westerville, OH
Engineering Mechanics

To my family and friends, thanks for helping me survive this place... you're the best. Well the 4 years are finally over and I can say that I did my best and tried to have as much fun as I could in the process. Now it's time to move on to bigger and better things. Let the games begin...



Brett Donovan Coons
Laughing Man
Nashville, TN
Biochemistry/Premed

Well it had it's good times and its bad times but I must remember the words of the immortal bard "Life Sucks so get a freakin helmet!" Thanks Mom, Dad, Alan, and Stacey for being there when I needed some helpful words of advise. By the time I read this I hopefully will be in Medical School...I still cannot believe that I competed and worked my butt off to go to school for another four years!!!





John Martin Crowe Jr
 Johnnie
 Bettendorf, IA
 Biology

If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. What is my dream? To live life fully, deeply, and with a purpose. But most of all, to love someone with all my heart. I do and always will. Also, thanks to my family and friends for their support!



Klaus Dieter Herbert Franze
 The Kid
 LaVerne, CA
 Legal Studies

Great athletes develop the habit of expecting to perform really well every time they get into a competition. Other athletes wait to see if it is their day. The same is true of top performers in all walks of life. Everyday can be your day if you expect it to be. Too all the fellas past and present; friends for life we'll always be. Love you Mom and Dad.



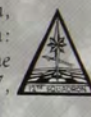
Philip Christian Dorsch
 Phil
 Panama City, FL
 Human Behavior

"I've learned the secret of being content in every situation. I can do everything through him who gives me strength (Phil 4:11-12)." All praise to the Lord! Thanks Mom and Dad for always listening and being there. Thanks Scott, Brenda, Carla, Julie, Townsend and my friends back home for all the help and support. To Jon, Bob, Dan, Chris and all my USAFA buddies, I'll never forget you nor the times we've had together. Charlie Mike.



Dawn Meredith Grover
 Omaha, NE
 Physics (German, Math)

"It is not so important what a man is but what he is becoming, for he shall be what he is now becoming." T. Roosevelt. In the continual refining process of my life, I thank God for the people He has allowed me to know. Mom, Dad, David, Mark, the Warricks, Lanie, Morgan, Justin, Maj Lavin, and Dr Patterson: thank you for helping me become what I am becoming. Gen 22:7, John 1:29



Christopher Howard Fell
 Chris, Creey-ahs
 Parkersburg, WV
 Biology

"Challenges - Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it." - Unknown. All credit goes to the Lord. To my four parents, thanks for your prayers and support...I love you! A very special thanks to all my family, Janss', Warrick's, Rhymer's, Mesa Hills Group, and all my buds from 3, 24 and all over (you know who you are) for making my time here unforgettable...I'll never forget ya! C-ya! Is. 40:31, Jer:29:11



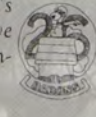
Matthew Coty Handley
 Wild Musk
 Corrigan, TX
 English

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...



James Anthony Finlayson
 LAY-Z
 El Paso, TX
 History (German)

It's easy to thank God and my family, but there are just too many friends to name. The close ones know who they are. Don't ever be content! And to all those who do and will wear the patch, never forget that the patch comes first. For the under three classes, especially 2000, the sky's the limit!! Words to live by...Discipline, Integrity, Teamwork, Faith! Peace, James



Matthew Martin Hayes
 Matt
 Wagoner, OK
 Electrical Engineering

Thanks everybody.





Clayton Frank Jackson
Action
Midland, TX
Human Factors Engineering

We finally made it! I'd like to thank God, my family, my friends back home, and The Fellas: Matt, Big Job, Matt O!, Varm, FatZ, Jamie, Sense, Marcus, Carlos, Bri, and of course Rangball. I would have gone crazy without you guys! And Emily, thanks for everything. Good luck in the future in all that you do, and remember, if you don't like something, LEARN TO LOVE IT!



Erin Maureen Markwith
Er
Atascadero, CA
Meteorology

I have finally made it, after many said that I couldn't. Mom, Dad, Dan, Candy and Ken, I love you all. Thank you for your support. "Da Girls" from times with the Humke's, to condo weekends, and late night talks. You are the best friends I could ever have! Good luck to my Equestrian Team. And Silk, although our last ride is long gone, best friends will never be forgotten.



Daniel H. Jenkins
Grandpa
Littleton, CO
Human Factors Engineering

Wow! Seven years, and now I have my undergrad! How long will UPT take? Thanks, Chuck, Bill, Mark and Bob and all Ragamuffins near and far. Underwater People, we'll find ya! "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."



Daniel Thomas Pempel
Sponge
Valley Stream, NY
Engineering Sciences (Spanish)

Well, it's been four long years, but we've finally made it. I want to thank everyone who supported me, especially my family. The rifle team and Catholic Choir, as well as most of the rest of you, made things a lot more interesting. See you in the 'real' Air Force. I'd be more profound, but, as usual, I waited till the last minute. "Live Long and Prosper." -Spock



Amanda Kathryn Jennings
Manders
Yazoon City, MS
History (Japanese)

Praying to God, confiding in my mom, laughing with my friends, falling for Clint, running the roads, dancing a little jig and breathing easy at my sponsors are all what have helped make this place pretty dang good, even when it wasn't. In the end, these things have also taught me that I should love life and be thankful for what I have no matter what.



Jeffrey Lee Phillips
Jeffie
Olathe, KS
Management

No great words of wisdom or insightful sayings come to mind. There are days when I wished I would have stayed at Kansas State and days I was glad I left. Time will tell if this place was worth it.



Jason Patrick Lamb
Lambda
Ottumwa, IA
Human Factors Engineering

Mom, Dad, and family - Thanks for Everything! Angie- "I just thought it was college." I couldn't have made it without you. Scoliomani and Smith, "What is tonight's selection?" To D.J., Klein, and all the fellas - "Life is short, Let's start living." Well, I've got a lot of time, but I'm short on words. It's time to look in the rearview mirror!



Lane Douglas Thompson
Laner
Huntsville, AL
Electrical Engineering

At some time in your life, you may find yourself at the top of the ladder. When this happens, never forget the people that helped you get there. Take the time to look down, extend a helping hand, and let others join you at the top. You will gain the respect of your subordinates by demonstrating one of the most important traits of any officer: leadership.





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Redeye



Noemi Antedomenico
Bo
Tequesta, FL
Human Behavior

Thank you God, Mom, Dad, Elena, Jackie and Marcy—I love you and all the other souls who have touched my life: you know who you are. 1 Corinthians 13, Mathew 6:25



Megan Kristine Bir
Fifi
North Fort Myers, FL
Astronautical Engineering

I made it! Despite USAFA's best efforts to stop me. Couldn't have done it without strength from God and the love and support of my parents, grandparents, Brian and Erin. Mom, Dad, thanks for taking late night phone calls and for paying the bill! Stu, thanks for introducing me to life. Don't forget Mountasia, the cabin, digging my car out, football (Go Gators!), wrestling and all the fun we had!



Darrin Thomas Blume
Wolfman
Petaluma, CA
English

They say God invented whiskey so the Irish couldn't conquer the planet, well he sure saw this Irishman coming. Thanks Dad, Mom, Bros, and all my friends for keeping me out of trouble. I love you all. Last of the OLD SCHOOL gentlemen-BT. Well crew, we're done, now let's take down some scores. Yes John, the six year plan! PHI AL-PHA! Bhi se go hiontach, slan go foill!



Andres Fernando Cifuentes
Bogota, Colombia
Physics (Math)

A few rules to live by:
Avoid the SP shack
Cuentas que quitan la jala
Don't clog sinks
Try not to jump off the terrazzo
Don't confuse cake with a shot a rum
Don't get shot at, wallet stolen etc...
Avoid fighting over the TAP
Follow these rules and you can last of the old school say:
I survived BT 96-97
Viva Colombia



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Dennis Herbert Howell
Thurston
 Monongahela, PA
 Political Science

I'll forget the long days and short weeks—never the PEOPLE. Dan, Chad, Greg; never had better friends; four years here sure messed you up! Helen, I couldn't have become who I am without you. Mom, Dad, without your understanding, I would have never done it. Kris, they're right: you get closer as you get older. I thank the Lord for the path chosen for me; may I never stray.



Ryan Patrick Keeney
RPK
 Orland Park, IL
 Biology/Environmental Engineering
 (French)

Special thanks Mom and Dad, I couldn't have made it without your love, support, and prayers. Also, to the people I couldn't have stayed sane without: Mikey T, Jackie, Gretch, Susan, and all the others. Here's to dreams, mountains, memories, love, leaders, long islands, the great times, and most of all, the great friends I'll never forget. "Great love and great achievement requires great sacrifice."



Justin Wright Lavadour
Omak, WA
 Management

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Matt 6:19-20 Thanks Dad, Mom, family and friends for your encouragement here. It was worth it.



Charles Thomas Love Jr
Lusty
 Shoreham, NY
 Bachelor Science/Military History

I just want to say thank you and I love you to Dad, Mom, and Christine, you mean the world to me. To Steve my best man to be: thanks for being there. To Brian: we wore pants, FAST CAR. To Todd: The girl in the little red shoes is getting nearer. You're my friends forever. The Final Toast, Thanksgiving trips and the women we love. Drink with me!



Franck C. Moly
Dax, France
 Electrical Engineering



Todd James Nerlin
Nerl
 Sacramento, CA
 Bachelor of Science

The best thing about this place are the friends I've made here, although most of them have left or gotten kicked out. The friends that I've still got here are the only reason I made it through this place. I just hope it's better on the other side, because it couldn't be any worse.



Devin Owen O'Dowd
Devin
 Albuquerque, NM
 Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

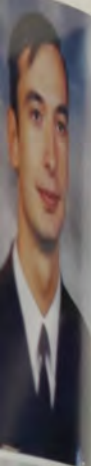
"He has told you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8. I thank my Heavenly Father for the Gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, and the gifts of Faith and Life. Thanks Mom, Dad, Brendon, Joan, Ryan, Amy, C-dawgg, Suave, family and friends. 2 Timothy 2:15



Anthony James Pelkington
AJ
 Monroe, NY
 Material Science

Hi Mom! You're INVALUABLE 2 me! Thx for being there! Phil-Thx 4 all-tix, post-cards, phonecalls, and support! PJ-FAST, NEAT, AVERAGE- You're a big reason I made it! ChiefD, NJD, SD, LD, & pets!-U shared your lives with me, kept me sane! Thx 4 fun and FB games! Finally- MajD & fam, JWL, BooBoo, NJL, HJW, DHH, ALW, DOO, MLT, FG, RKS, BH: "MAKE YOUR LIVES EXTRAORDINARY!"-DPS, KIR 97!





Adam Glenn Price
Chopper
Bossier City, LA
Physics (Math)

-Psalm 144:1- To the Lord I give all the credit for this accomplishment. I could not have made it through this test of faith and commitment without Him. I now truly realize how important He is and the limits He has placed upon my talents and abilities. More importantly, I now know He will never give me a situation for which He has not prepared me.



John Clifford Stratton
Strat
Broomfield, CO
Political Science

Mom and Dad, thank you for your unconditional love and support. I could not have done it without you. Christi, you are my everything. The time has finally come, lets get on with it. To all the Birds, and especially Squito, Chuck, Fish, Klein, and Murphdog, thanks for all the memories. I love you guys more than the game itself. Go Birds!



Christopher Michael Rice
Ricer
Midwest City, OK
Mechanical Engineering

I've graduated? Already? Its been hard as hell, but it was worth it. To all my friends, take care dude, I'll see you out there some day. I'm finally in the light.



MaRico LaShun Tippet
Tip
Memphis, TN
Basic Academics

To all my brothers and sisters I leave behind, remember this: To be somebody you must last. When the fight is over, the man still standing gets the prize. Academically you may not stand out but "just as a stopped clock is right twice a day" your hour to shine will come. Most of all, you can do all things through Christ who will give you the strength to last.



Jay Brent Smith
Port Huron, MI
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

I thank God that I was able to come here. How often we forget the opportunities we given. 1 Peter 4:8-10



Helen Jewell Walker
Kirksville, MO
Biology

"Take what you've learned and start from there;
Draw strength from your frustration;
And let this added sense of purpose
Be your new foundation."
Thanks to Sarah who reminded me to have fun; to Denny who helped me see the silver lining; Mom and Chip who told me I'd never know if I didn't try; the rest of the gang and the Red Eye clan- we made it together!



Chad Anthony Spellman
Chad
Oshkosh, WI
Environmental Engineering

Mom and Dad, you are the best parents a guy could have. Thanks family for all the support. And to the Air Force Academy, I had the best times of my life at the Academy, and the worst, thanks. I came here with the dream to drive fighters, and that is exactly what I intend to do. Colorado was nice, but my home will always be Oshkosh. Goodluck Fourteeners. Hard..Fast



Abigail Lane White
Abby
Bainbridge Island, WA
Geography (Arabic)

"My children, it is permitted of you in time of grave danger to walk with the devil until you have crossed the bridge"
FDR...swim..sleep..eat..drink..booze up, hook up, boot up..swim to win..San Diego..New Mexico..Cancun..Utah..keep it revvin..Thanks swimmers, Fightin 4, Redeyes, Mom, Dad, Calvin I Love you Guys! See ya out there.





James Christopher Wiley
CW
Dallas, TX
Civil Engineering (French)

Although now a Redeye-Troll(?), I remain proud of my perseverance in this pressure cooker. On the question of repeating such an endeavor - hell no! All thanks to God for shouldering many of my Academy burdens. Bob Wood best captures the sentiments of my family and friends, "Don't be half-ass!" Vill, Charlie, Tim, Adam, Doug, y'all have seen my true side and overcame your fears. "It hurts, but it's not broken."



Jason Douglas Yeatts
Soddy-Daisy, TN
Mechanical Engineering

What a weird four years. Good times and bad times. Don't jump and always remember the carpet cleaner. Quite an adventure, but I'm outta here. BYE! Summit or die, either way I win. Last of the old school BT96-97.



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Barons



Catherine Veronica Blake
Cathy
Dawson, GA
English

In the face of adversity lies a hidden path leading to the greatest treasure of all: friends and memories. Skyriders, D&B, the trips (what trips?), throwing trophies (can't we forget that one?), BCT 96 - Annie Flight, and everyone along the way. To my family and my sponsor's - thank you for your love and support. Bill- thanks for taking a chance back in January 95. I love you always.



Jason Scott Campbell
Baloo
Indian Harbor Beach, FL
Civil Engineering

It has sure been a long five years but it's finally over. Thanks Mom and Dad for all your love and support. To all the guys-it sure has been interesting, thanks for all the great memories. Thanks goes out to G-row, the 'roundthe corner crew, and Carrie for always being there for me. Well, that about does it and oh yeah, FALCON FOOTBALL is #1.





Ryan Alton Campbell
Woodland, CA
Military History (Chinese)

Thanks to all my family and friends for helping me to get through this place. I have seen and done a lot, some good, some bad, and I've learned a lot. Now it's time to get on with the rest of life.



Corinne Marie Cancel
Steve
Los Angeles, CA
Aeronautical Engineering

Socrates once said, "Remember no human condition is ever permanent, then you will not be overjoyed in good fortune nor too sorrowful in misfortune." It's been a long, terrible, fun, miserable and exciting four years but "the most lost day of all is the day on which we do not laugh" (Chamfort). So remember nothing's so bad that you can't smile. To all those I know and love. C :)



Richard Dan Carter Jr
Rich
Holbrook, AZ
Engineering Sciences

First to my family, especially: Mom, Dad, Susan, Craig, and Katie. Thanks for everything, you're the best. To my buds: Shawn, Clair, Ron, and Fieldsy. There will always be a campsite reserved for you. Well I guess the five year plan finally paid off, though one thought still remains: "I don't know what I want to do, but I know that I don't know. It's a start." Lloyd Dobbler



Rafael Carlos Clark
Loopy
Homestead, FL
CE-Environmental Engineering

We all finally made it, well at least some of us. I would not have made it without my friends and you all know who you are. I also want to thank my parents for helping me out along my five years here. But if it was not for you Amanda, life would not have been the same. Thanks for all the good times fellas!



Bradley Mercer Cook
Cookie
Edmond, OK
Aeronautical Engineering

You really can't say in 70 words what has happened to you in 23 years. I guess what life boils down to is a series of choices. I can only hope that I have made the right ones. And if I haven't, well, then I want to be able to live a life with no regrets. Only time will tell. On that note...I'M DONE!!!
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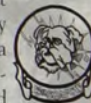
Scott-Alan Andrew Devenish
Scotty D.
Massapequa, NY
English (French)

I finally understand Homer, the journey's the thing. Tim: "For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother." My family: Thanks for staying up some late nights, listening to my complaints, the care-packages, and kicking me in the butt when I needed it. Casey, you're an inspiration to me. The Campbells: Thank you for looking out for me, and for limiting the amount of mushrooms served at dinner. To friends still here: Nolite te bastardes carborundum. We happy few...I love you.



Daniel Clifford Franklin
Dan
Sweetwater, TX
Basic Sciences

Thank You, Lord God, you have been my help and my strength and the only reason I have arrived here. Isaiah 40:26-31 Thanks Mom, Dad, 'dir, bro, Gary (hair down? let's make some music of the spheres), Fetz, Tater, Chuck, Ki, and Ryan (ya hoser). Couldn't have done it without you. Hey dawgs! Remember that pizza and the fun 'n games afterwards?! Carlos: 1 more! God Bless You ALL!



James Patrick Govin
Jim
Brookfield, WI
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks Dad, Mom, Tricia, and John. Without your love, support, and encouragement I never would have made it. Thanks Ernie: Spring Break, Panda Bears, countless aero-projects; Cookie: 4-wheelin', friendship, best roommate I ever had. Sliv: support, friendship, sharing, Amanda, Gump: Led Zeppelin, need I say more?, Tim: Metro, Indoor Soccer team, and everybody I partied with. "Good times, bad times, you know I've had my share..." - LZ





Ryan James Huckabay
Huck
 Dallas, TX
 History (German/Arabic)

There are two groups of people at the Academy who I will miss the most, who are my family, they are my teammates on the Honor Guard, and the class of '97 in CS-26. To the HG I say: Remain hard and strong, never compromise, I love you all. To '97/26, remember this: "There's a reason you're sitting at the Light Table! Get away from our onion rings!!"



Matthew Allen Schnoor
Schnooks
 Davenport, IA
 Applied Physics (Math)

"To myself I seem to have been only a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay undiscovered before me." Isaac Newton, 1727. Thanks to Mom for understanding the hardest weeks, to Meg for bowling, and to bro for letting me come home. Joel, Billy, Shu, Rich, Lynelle, Gerry, Mackie, Tavis, Stahl



Timothy Adam Huddleston
Tiny C
 Moseley, VA
 History (German)

"Tough Times Don't Last, Tough People Do." Thanks folks, family - I'm paroled! MEL - her smile and voice eased mistakes. BJ/Gage (always the sidekick). Jim, Casey, Reid, Sliv, Dirty Kids, Jaime, LPTSA!, JP (if you only knew), MaryB, TowersofPower, Barons/Roadrunners - memories last forever. "I know this life's got lots to give. My childhood's gone, I'm not afraid of dying. I'm gonna grab this world by the horns and learn to live."



Ryan Kent Silver
Sliv
 New Port Richey, FL
 Human Factors Engineering

JPG, RAC, Smeef, Holty, Kmart, Petey, I owe you one...and Dennis, we'll never forget you. Magann and Sack, we are truly A-boys forever. To the '96 Stalag crew—I'll always be "the cadet." To Mom, Dad, Blake, thanks for trusting me. PandM, you were always there. Finally, to Bryce, you showed me that anything could be done...I owe everything I have to you...gotcha at my six.



Bradley John Lucas
Luke-eye
 Pickerington, OH
 Management

God is wonderful and magnificent. He guides and leads us every step of the way. With out Him, none of this would have ever been possible. Thanks to all those family and friends, both near and far, who have supported me throughout this journey: Mom, Dad, Ty, Grandma, the Klostermanns, the Hubs, Tiger 10 Huzzahs, Mighty Barons. Brett, thanks for ALWAYS being there; I will miss you. God speed. -Psalm 46:1-3.



Erick John Wallman
E-dog
 Estes Park, CO
 History - Area Studies

Thank you God for the strength and perseverance to make it one day at a time. Thank you Mom, Dad, and family for your the constant prayers and letters. Finally, thank you to my friends for your encouragement and support. ☐Vaya con Dios!



William Eugene McCallister
Gene
 Virginia Beach, VA
 Engineering Sciences

I came here with one goal and I'm leaving here with the same damn goal. I've got a lot to be thankful for. Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Sis for always being there. Thanks to Bryce, Sandy, C-1, all you old Dogs, and anyone who kept me sane and alive over the last four years. Thanks to USAFA for the experience and thanks to the Boys for the education. Love Ya'll.



Joh Thomas Wolinski Jr
Wolly
 Salisbury, MD
 Aeronautical Engineering

I NEVER thought I was going to get out of here. The six year plan didn't help much either. Thanks to my family and friends who helped me make it through-Sabre Drill the first two years and then my squadmates the second two. You all, well most of you, were great. Try not to forget the few good times that we had. Hey Mo!





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Thunderbirds

Jeffrey Bennett Cain
JB
Flower Mound, TX
Bachelor of Science

Chris-Stop pukin' on the Comm's parking slot and put your pants on. Nothing like a little social regression at YOUR USAFA. Dad, thanks for kicking me in the butt when I needed it. Couldn't have made it without friends, family, flying, and Eleanor. Five down and none to go! If you're at the zoo and you are reading this...that's too bad. N597JC.



Jason Russell Ceminsky
Jay
Mankato, MN
Civil Engineering

Thanks to Jennifer for sticking with me through four never ending years. I couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to all my family and friends, especially all the guys from the Flying Team. Keep on SHACKing forever.



David Wayne Carlson
Wizzo
Brush, CO
Civil Engineering

Thanks to everyone who helped me along the way - family, friends, classmates. I will never forget these past four years. "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:30-31) "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)



Jason Thomas Clark
Jeffersonville, NY
Engineering Sciences (Russian)

I just hope that you and I both remember not to "run like a man running aimlessly." I did for far too long before I met any of you. Thank God for His forgiveness in Christ. "Now that all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (1Cor 9:26, 1Peter 3:18, Eccl 12:13)



CS-27



William Maurice Evans Jr
Bill
 Grand Coulee, WA
 Physics, (Math)

You have to love it because they can't pay you enough to do it otherwise.



Ronald Joseph King
Kinger
 Marlette, MI
 Engineering Mechanics (Math)

Thanks to my parents - you were always there for me in this long, hard journey. Thanks Tami for always making me laugh. Fellas I'll never forget you or the memories. Time to fly.



Nichole Marie Harris
Nikki, Coco, Kool
 Chicago, IL
 Human Behavior—Psychology

"Even if you're on the right track—You'll get run over if you just sit there" (A.G.)

Thanx God, Mom, Dad, and my family for your support. Much love to my friends, preppies, Mach-1, T-Birds, Rugby, DFBL, and my rat (Marcel). A big "Woo-hah!" and a little sumt'n, sumt'n for my fellow Chicagoians (Da'Bulls!) Thanx USAFA for 5 years of frustration BOHICA on DeeZ ... LTCOMA ... BITTER ... and still, she smiles.



Michael Caleb Leong
Mike
 Union, KY
 Political Science

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Christa, Sarah, and Dave. You have been the best parents, sisters, and brother I could have hoped for. I couldn't have made it through here without your encouragement and support. Nate, you're a great friend, but my car IS faster. "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7



Daniel Richard Hill
Dan
 Hudson, OH
 Mechanical Engineering (Math)

"The Road goes ever on and on
 Down from the door where it began
 Now far ahead the Road has gone..." - JRRT

Thanks Mom, Dad, Grandparents and the Rays for all the love and support. Without all of you this place might have won. To all the old Mach One and new Thunderbird friends, you could even make the Zoo fun. Thanks for the memories. Never before and never again.



Julie Christine Masters
 Wailua, HI
 Biology

People make this place, and I thank USAFA for giving me the best friends I've ever known. Amanda, Julie, Heather, Jason...I love you guys! In light of the great times...Cobra Site-Ha!, Mazatlan, Poor Richard's, I look back with a smile. We made it! Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without you.



Shariful Majid Khan
Shakir, Shak
 Ann Arbor, MI
 Political Science (Arabic)

Amma, I can't even begin to repay you for your prayers, but InshAllah this is a start...and Abba, thank you for your constant love and support. To the Pack I owe everything. To Tareen, friendship. And 27, Graduation. STAY TRUE! "Go forth, light armed and heavy armed, and strive with your wealth and your lives in the way of Allah! That is best for you if ye but knew" - Al-Quran IX:41



Picturing the past: Giving no signs of breaking, C4C Ben Boyd and C4C James Doyle patiently wait for the cadre's screaming bout to end. Members of '97 got through these "flame sessions" through mental toughness.



Espirito de la Amour Meller
Spirit
Santa Monica, CA
History—Latin American Area Studies
(Spanish)

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." PTWOB's: It's a tough crowd, especially if you suck. The love runs deep—Once...Always, #094. ΦKS: Can U Dig It? You guys party like rock stars! T-Birds & Old Packers: I love you guys! All Y'all: Anytime, Anyplace, Anything - just ask. "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." Blue Skies ...



Katherine Colleen Meyer
Kate NOT Katie
Geneva, NY
Biology (Russian)

"Sometimes I lay awake at night and I ask 'Why me?'" Then a voice answers, "Nothing personal...your name just happened to come up."—Charlie Brown. M,D,S,E,M - I love you! Family & friends - I love you too! Grandma, I wish you could have been here. Girls, just remember, we bow! Redeyes - What happened to Annie & her little red corvette? USAA - Bless you! Some people complain roses have thorns, I'm just glad thorns have roses.



Jason Thomas Mills
Millsie
Walker, IA
Engineering Mechanics (Mathematics)

Words can't describe the encouragement of family! Thanks Mom, Dad, Josh, and Jeff. The bonds of friendship can never be broken! Whether it was being stuck in the mountains, long bus/plane trips, Las Vegas, Hawaii, or a night on the town; My friends were always there making it better! Thanks to the team, here's to struggle and success! "MO3!" "Lord guard and guide the men who fly..." Phil 4:13



Morgan John Murphy
Murph
Terre Haute, IN
Human Factors Engineering

The man that came out is not the boy that went in. All the credit goes to God - I know I could have never done it alone. Thank you Mom, Dad, Pat, the family at home, Don, Anna, Dawn, Mulk, Keith, and the family here. The Lord blesses us all so much, we just need to recognize it and give credit where it belongs.



Isaac Sangyom Oh
Chicago, IL
Management

Gee, is it curtain call already? Hope the audience hasn't fallen asleep. The ride's definitely been the best of times, the worst of times. SD 'nature walks,' Fm 10's, BFE-fun stuff. Kudos to Mom, Dad, Amos, and God—he's the man! Love and rockets to the 28 boys, the SD gang, and the Fellas. "We're on a mission from God" Follow your dreams. No regrets. I'll see you on the outside (Smitty you're free!)



Jeffrey Donald Percy
Jeff, Growler
Locke, NY
Military History

"The strongest bonds of camaraderie and friendship are born and nurtured in adversity. Reaching down to help, then up to be helped, we pull each other through the pummeling and the pain. And perhaps not until it is over do we truly realize the extent of our need for one another." Thank you Dad, Mom, and Wes for your unconditional love, understanding, and support. Janelle, you've made me the happiest man in the world. To the NWPSers and my friends, thanks for the great times and memories.



Matthew Alex Smith
Smitty, Matty
Boca Raton, FL
History (Russian)

Hmmm...five years of military school and no commission. Things could've been worse, without those foolios I call friends: D Money, I Sac OH, Shak Attack, Rudy Pig, Cheeze, Stacey, and Dave Supernostar, life would've been boring. Thanx to God, Mom, Pops and Steve, the man upstairs, the good Doctor, the Rev and the Lt, without y'all it would've been impossible. Thanx USAFA EAD.



David Alan Vernusky
Erie, PA
General Engineering





Patrick Redmond Ward
PWard
River Forest, IL
English (French)

Between each recognized color of the rainbow lies a multitude of those colors which simply blend into the others — yet they are the arc's success. Fighters and T-Birds! Blue skies. "I do these things que les autres puissent vivre ..."



Picturing the past: Taking the turf for the drill competition, CS-27 works to get through Recognition. The drill competition was a major player in determining the outstanding flight.



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Blackbirds



Geoffrey Owen Billingsley
Goof
Lewistown, MT
Aeronautical Engineering (Spanish)

God gets the credit for whatever I did here. Dad, Mom, Wendy, Matt, Tom, and Megan, thanks for all your encouragement and support. Merilee, thanks for loving me. To the ex-Vikes, Brad, Death Truck, and all who loved Aero, we made it fellas and they can't take that away. Was it really all that bad, looking back? "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength..."



Erin Rebecca Brewer
Brewski
Bentonville, AR
Mathematical Science

Thanks Jesus...I'm sick of math...I love the mountains...I despise windy days...I miss you Mom...skiing is great...rules suck...so do tours...Rifle was fun...Deron, thanks for always listening...mmm mmm! chocolate!...I wanna go fly!...John 3:16...Psalm 23...Bye USAFA and good riddance!





Scott Joseph Burke
Scott
Colorado Springs, CO
Management

"If you don't invest very much, then defeat doesn't hurt very much and winning is not very exciting." Invest in your friends, family, your job, your faith, and your integrity. Be a team player and make a difference. "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Thanks Mom, Dad and Megan for the loving support. Take charge and take command. Freedom.



Michael William Dunn
Mike
St. Paul, MN
Engineering Sciences

"We do not remember days, we remember moments" Family & friends, you were there: Mom, Dad, Trish, Gram, Gramp, Gram, Brian, Polky, Dan, Jen, Katie, Tom, Stef "Time", Choir 'Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration' 'Yes there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run there's still time to change the road you're on' Gophers, Vikes, Twins, Wolves, Go Minnesota Illegitimi Non Carborundum



John Kenneth Caplinger
Cap
Battle Ground, WA
Economics

Is it over already? But college was so much fun. Graduation always seemed like the least possible ending! Better lucky than good. I didn't gain vast knowledge, but I did gain a lot of good friends. So I've got that going for me — which is nice! Thank you all. Thanks Mom, Pa, Jamie, Jeff, Karl, and humor for getting me through. The light at the end of the tunnel isn't actually a train!



Todd Giggy
Gigs
Longmont, CO
History

What a long strange trip. Lusty, Eric, and K-Mart thanks for true friendship, dirtyness, and guidance. We had some times (and great escapes) didn't we? I love you Mom, Dad and Pat, I wouldn't have made it without you. Thanks Dave Ferarri for some perspective. "Here's to the women we love." Two tears in a bucket. Let's get on with living. Yes it was.



Jaska Timothy Cason
Tiny E
Amory, MS
General Engineering (Spanish)

You call this a college?



Steven John Hospodar
Hos
Prince George, VA
Biochemistry (Spanish)

"Poor leadership relies on obedience through fear. We derive our strength from loyalty through mutual respect." — >SJH. "It's so easy to laugh; it's so easy to hate; it takes strength to be gentle and kind." — >Morrissey. Thanks Mom, Dad, Ed, Lori, Kyrie, and John for giving me the desire to stay and the will to look past the idiot ideas that permeate this joint. Vicnaja Pamjat and Hasta Luego.



Brian Michael DeWitt
Winslow, AZ
Engineering Mechanics

Thanks to Mom and Dad for the example that they are. Thanks to Jenn for the support she is. To my friends Todd, Garret, Mike, and the DeChants. "There is no such thing as can't." "How do you know until you try?"



Genevieve Iglesias
Gen
Queens, NY
Human Factors Engineering

"These days you might fill with laughter until you break," — 10,000 Maniacs. All of you that I send all my love and best wishes to, you know who you are! Tommy, you have been my support!





Shad Edward Magann
Shadrack
Lawrenceville, GA
Military History

Thanks to all my family, especially to Mama for having such a great sense of humor (for an old lady), and to Dad for always having the best advice. Thanks to the Smiths and the Thompsons for always giving me a home away from home, and thanks to my friends for putting up with all my rough edges. Finally, thanks to all the Academy leadership for always reminding me that I'm here to fly planes. What a silly place!



Lisa Nicole Rockwell
Rock
Sinking Spring, PA
Bachelor of Science

USAFA is a lot like Disneyland where everything is make-believe, except there are no rides and it isn't any fun. Well, two things were fun: breaking regs and getting away with it. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Stef for keeping my mailboxes full, and Heidi for showing me that happiness is what life's really about. "So often times it happens that we live our lives in chains, and we never even know we have the key." -Eagles IHTFP



Kyle Rodney Martin
K-Mart
LaVernia, TX
Management

First and foremost, thanks to my mom and dad, who were always there to listen to my complaints. Without ya'll I would have never made it. Holt, TLC, Coolio, Pulloy, Leadville, Ho, Rus, Killer, Strauss, Fish, Gigs, Giz, and Smitty you guys will always be remembered. Thanks to the Mungers and Colemans for everything. Although much of my time was wasted here, maybe it will be worthwhile someday! NBA JAMS! Yes it was!



Peter Andrew Lorne Sandness
Tiny
Eden Prairie, MN
Management

When I think of the good and bad experiences I had here, I remember most my great friends and the learning process. So many things helped me through ... BM, Long Islands, Home, 22, 28, Townsends, Rimmer, Selly, D, Cap, CompuAdd, Hockey, and the Lord (Isaiah 40: 28-31). If you lose the ability to dream, believe, fear, and imagine, then look in the mirror. My parting advice ... Always Be Tough!



Brian Robert Mulloy
Truckee, CA
Political Science

I beat the odds on this one. Thanks to my family for supporting me all the way through this place and to the Mungers for providing us with a home away from home. May the table live on and continue to judge. Fish, Ho, K-Mart, all my FB bros, and the rest of the dirt bags: Thanks for the crazy nights and wild stories.



Daniel Robert Schulteis
Schloke
Allenton, WI
Biology

Thanks go out to my entire family for all of their support and encouragement. I also want to thank the fellas for making this place at least bearable—certainly memories I will never forget. And just one question, when I finally get to read this, am I looking over State Street? The quote which says it all... "I keep telling her how tough it is here..." GO PACKERS!!! Hebrews 12:5-11.



Brett Wade Palmer
Sacramento, CA
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

I owe a great thanks to my parents. Mom and Dad, you gave me the strength and taught me everything that I needed to know to get through here. Thank you for everything. We have climbed a mountain, and just as we reach the top we find an even larger mountain to conquer. "Carpe Diem!!!"



Jiffy Chung Seto
J-Rock
Junction City, KS
Biochemistry (Chinese)

Thanks to everyone for inviting me to the party, but really, couldn't we agree that four years is a bit too long? Seriously, though, I would like to thank all my friends for the good times we have had. Together Mom & Dad, I could not have done it without your support. C-ya in the future!





Kevin Joseph Strauss
San Antonio, TX
Management

To those who didn't want me to make it: HA HA, I did it. Wool-pullers: you were the only good thing about this place. God, Mom, Dad, brother Dave - I love you and thanks for your support. To all the morons and idiots at USAFA: thanks for the perfect example of what not to do. Baseball, women, and humor are life (luckily humor gets me through the first two).



Robert John Strittmatter IV
Stritt
Allen, TX
Management

I can't believe we finally made it! Thanks to my family for always being there to help me. I couldn't have made it through without you. Thanks to my good friends for making this place somewhat bearable. We did our best to make it fun even with Juniper trees, balconies, and "what-not" getting in our way. Good luck in the future and always remember "We're not the same without our Fifth."



Picturing the past: All smiles here, these basics from CS-37 huddle up for a group shot.

Cohesion within any unit was vital to the success and readiness of the squadron.



Picturing the past: C4Cs Stacy Krueziger and Jason Repak serve the drinks during lunch.

Getting the proper drinks to the right upperclass cadet was essential to making a meal enjoyable.



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**Exclusive Je
of the**

CS-29

Black Panthers



Robert David Bodwell
Bob
 Irving, TX
 Aeronautical Engineering

I would like to thank my parents for the very positive influence they have been on my life. I would also like to thank my friends for the invaluable examples and encouragements they have been to me. Most importantly, I would like to thank God, who has given my life meaning through the opportunity to know Him and pursue His eternal purposes - thank you!



Robert Allan Gibbs Jr
 Columbus, MS
 Geography

Four years later, here we are! To all of my friends, congratulations! We are The few, The faithful! Thanks to everyone who helped me make it, especially the best people I know, HONOR GUARD! Hope to see all yall in the real Air Force! Thanks to Mom and Dad! To Dennis, "Here's a toast..."



Rodolfo Garcia Cancino
Rudy
 San Antonio, TX
 Political Science

To my parents, thank you for showing me the right roads to take in my life. To God and everyone else who was my friend during the rough times, thank you. Rema, tomorrow is finally today, thank you for staying by my side. The last four years were rough but the light at the end of the tunnel really wasn't a train after all. Remember, illegitimus non carborundum.



William Robert Hamill
Rob
 Mission Viejo, CA
 Biology

Let us leave this place where the smoke blows black
 And the dark street winds and bends.
 Past the pits where the asphalt jungle grows
 We shall walk with a walk that is measured and slow,
 And watch where the chalk-white arrows go
 To the place where the sidewalk ends.
 - "Where the Sidewalk Ends"



Aurelia Michelle Dillard
Sunflower
 DeRidder, LA
 Political Science (Spanish)

A wise person once told me that "The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved". I thank God first for his never-ending love and for always dancing with me through each day of my life. I thank my parents for their unconditional love and support, and I thank all of you for adding sunshine and laughter to my days here!



Daniel Austin Harris
Pete
 Woodbridge, VA
 Aeronautical Engineering

You can always retake a class, but you can never relive a party "Between nothing and grief I will choose grief" Who would have thought we could come so far through such adversity, and still manage to have some fun! Thanks to everyone for supporting me and seeing me through. We made it.



Jeffrey Bryan Ellis
Jellis
 Valencia, CA
 Civil Engineering

Many thanks to everyone who kept me going through the years: Mom, Dad, Steph, the Webbs. Without your love, I would have been gone a long time ago. To the fellas, thanks for making the "USafa Experience" a little more interesting. Good luck to those who leave with me, and to those left behind. "I have a good mind to go home. If you had a good mind, you wouldn't be here in the first place." Statler and Waldorf, The Muppet Show.



Mark Andrew Aaron Kilgore
Killer
 Phoenix, AZ
 Management

I would like to thank my family for their love and support over the last five years. For those of us who didn't make it, Billy, Richie, Willie, and Robert, I know you guys will do fine. Only God knows how the rest of us "made it." Toby, Murph, DJ, Matt, Russ and all the other dirtbags I guess there is such a thing as nine lives. Thanks fellas, you guys made my life here a little more bearable.





Michael P. Kowal
Blue Anchor, NJ
Basic Academics

It's been a long, winding road, but at last there is an end to this asylum! Thanks to my parents and friends who helped me through. 1) Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with aged, and to learn of the weak and wrong. For in life, you will have been all of these! 2) Sometimes we end up on our backs, but maybe it is so we can look upward! Shea, thanks for everything. Take it easy!



James Cason Lozier
Casey
Tyler, TX
Biology

Like always, in my attempt to achieve perfection, I've put things off until the last minute, and again I settle for slightly less. So rather than anything profound and witty, I'd just like to thank those of you who made a difference; you know who you are. I love y'all! Remember, DON'T THINK, its more fun risking it and then getting out of the trouble that ignorance gets you into.



Timothy Paul Kuehne
Tim
Woodbridge, VA
Computer Science (German)

I am indeed grateful to serve our great country and to have served the Lord for two years in Hamburg, Germany. The USAFA six-year program! Keep the Pride '95. Thank you '97. Thank you President Dahlquist, Joseph, Heather, Todd, Randy, and all of my friends- especially those at the Branch. Mom, Dad, Denise and Duane- I love you all, more than words can ever say. Families can be together forever!



John William Neptune
San Antonio, TX
Human Factors Engineering

I want to thank you, Melissa, for helping me get through the past four years. I love you with all my heart! Mom, Dad, and Sis, took you long enough to get here, but I appreciate the great times we had the past two years. Erin and Allison, you are some of the best friends I've ever had, so keep in touch. Good luck and stop by Ben and Shawn.



Heather Anne Ladd
Heather Annie
Pine Bluffs, WY
Human Factors Engineering

C Beyond All Reason. Mom and Dad I can never be thankful enough for all of your trips, letters, e-mails, and phone calls. You're the greatest parents a kid could ever have! KBT thanks for everything! Bri and Lynz, family is all you've got! Take the risk. If you never do, you'll always wonder what might have happened. "It is trial that proves one thing weak and another strong... A cob web is as good as the mightiest cable when there is no strain upon it." CYAMWAIWALY



Toby Shae Peek
Fatcat
Stephenville, TX
Economics

To Billy, Tuan, George, Shane, Andy...the system failed. Jill...you are the greatest. I am done, but the trade offs were big. Thanks to everyone. Todd & Murph, how about the "compound weekend?" Hey Mark, was your socks! Thanks for all the support Mom and Dad, you helped keep my perspective in line.



Kirsten Marie Larson
Ki
Jupiter, FL
Biochemistry

Mom and Dad, thank you for all the support and prayers (not to mention the calling card). Thanks to the rest of my family and friends. God gave me a wonderful gift when you were all placed in my life. Remember, a good mood is contagious (and if some sourpuss is immune at least you're still having fun)! Philippians 4:13



Brian D. Pendergast
Meat
Chicago, IL
Biology

Anywhere you go, you'll find that you dislike about 10-20% of the people around you. You can accept this. When the percentage hits over 50%, I recommended leaving. Why did over 400 people leave the academy from our class? You can thank all the winners who find their identity in shining shoes, brown-nosing, and yelling at others to make themselves feel good. Thanks family, friends, water polo, and coach. DEEZ.





Jeffrey Scott Risdon
Risdog
Howell, MI
Computer Science

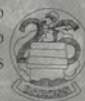
"Decent people shouldn't live here.
They'd be happier someplace else."
- The Joker

Thanks to everyone who helped me make it through this place, especially my family and friends. My advice to the world: No matter what you are doing, don't forget to live a little. It doesn't matter if you are the best if you can't have fun too.



William Scott Rogers
Buck
Weymouth, MA
Management

Thanks Mom, Dad, Bud, and Steve for supporting me in your own ways. AFA LAX, Keep playing with heart, you'll be surprised how far it will take you. Denny, and the rest of you dirtballs - Thanks. Underground, the Well, Beezoos, and the rest of the memories. "Does it make you sad to know that life is more than who we are?" - GooGoo Dolls 1..2..3..Go Blue!



Shawn Amail Serfass
Serfdawg
Redlands, CA
European History (German)

First, a thanks to the most important people without whose support I would have never made it: Mom and Dad. Through the Academy experience, I have learned much about myself and life. But nothing will ever mean more to me than the friends I've made. Big Mike, Risdog, Chreeas, Braaken, Reeceadle and all those who I can't mention due to space, see you on the outside.



Joseph Sheffield
Joe
Salt Lake City, UT
English

The time has finally come — it's been worth the wait. Thanks Mom, Dad, Sarah, and family. You're the greatest. To the fellas from "Keep the Pride '95" who've been in for the long (6yrs) haul, thanks for everything.



Judson Emanuel Stone
Bone
Wilton, ME
General Engineering

"The world is governed more by appearance than reality, so that it is fully as necessary to seem to know something as it is to know."
—Daniel Webster Thanks to Susan, Mom, and Dad. Without you I wouldn't have made it through.



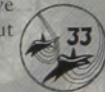
Christophe Robert
Clayton Vasquez
Fratty McVee
Corvallis, OR
Management

Praise God! There are no words that could adequately express the intense mixed emotions that have been cultivated by four years at this institution. I thank God for his love, mercy, and grace -without which I would not have completed this journey. My family was my strength; I love you all more than life. And I thank God for the greatest friends a man could ask for (team!), good jazz, a Starbuck's -the essentials in life.



Edward Yee
Yeehaw
Bay Shore, NY
Electrical Engineering

Feast thine eyes on the proverbial carrot. Thou art deluded by thine sacred parchment upon which thine inadequate education blessing is inscribed. Despite misgivings, look upon thine glass and see the full part. Look back on trial and tribulation but look forward to world domination and immortality. Give thanks for thine parental units and friends that thou dost not have to pay for. "The truth is out there."



Picturing the past: These proud silver members raise their right hands and take the Oath of Allegiance. After that day in BCT '94, there was no turning back for the next five and a half weeks.



John Maxwell Dyer
JD
Military History

Wow! It has been a long road here at USAFA. A road that has winded, twisted, gone uphill, and downhill; however, the road is forking off to a new place for me now. A place I have dreamed of since I got here. It has been a wild four years. I would like to thank the people that helped me most...my family and Katie. Also, thanks for all the good times "Dirties," I'm gonna miss ya'll. Bo...good luck, and I'll see ya down the road!



Robert Brian Francis
Bob
Sanford, MI
Management

I want to thank God for all of the blessings he has given me. Mom, Dad, and Kathy thanks for all the love and support you have given me over the years. Mark and Jenny, you have been my family away from home. Receive each day with a positive ATTITUDE and smile; make sure you can look at that man in the glass. Thanks to the friends I've made.



Brandon Burroughs Fisher
Nevada, MO
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

Thanks be to God! Thanks Mom, Dad, Pa. Without your support I couldn't have made it. Thanks to all the friends I've made along the way. It's all been worth it!



Jenny Larkin Goss
JennyLark
Hawkinsville, GA
Biology (French)

"The only ones for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time." - Jack Kerouac. "There's more to this life than living and dying, more than just trying to make it through the day, more than these eyes can see, and more than this life alone can be." - Steven C. Chapman



**Knights
of Thirt
CS-30**



Jeremy Haas
J-Dogg
St. Charles, MO
Mathematics

"Some people dream of worthy accomplishments while others stay awake and do them." This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I'm thankful I'll only have once. To all my friends, you made it worthwhile. You (and the memories) are the most valuable thing I'll take from here. I'm looking forward to browsing through this book in 30 years—seeing where we were and where we are/will be. "Accept the challenges so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory."



Ronald Everett Henderson
Ron-Ron
Louisville, KY
History

Mom, Dad, Reonna, and Rod - WE did it! Thanks to my second family, the LeMays, I couldn't done without you two. Rich, "Do you want to do some window shopping?" We been through it all together bud, I will never forget! Clair, Shawn, Tim, BEFF, Kim, Shak, and the Dirty people of thirty (especially BO, Johnny, Jason, and York) I love you all. Remember never give up on your dreams!



Chadd Robert Kobiush
Naperville, IL
Aeronautical Engineering

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Hawks and Knights, thanks for all the great times. We made it through together. To the Chorale and Choir fellas ... thanks for all the great times. To the band...it rocked while it lasted. Thank you to Dad, Mom, Heather, Brent, all my friends, and especially the Lord without whose love and guidance, life would be meaningless.



Anh Hoang Le
Torrance, CA
Social Sciences

Love and thanks to Mom, Dad, Anh-Thu, and Thuy; you are everything to me. To John and Chrissy Poltenovage, I will cherish your love. To Mark Williams, thanks for believing in me. To the Romans, I will never forget the good times. To the Santees Rits and Nowaks, thanks for leading me to God. To Jim and Beverly, thanks for your love and support. To the Dirties, I will miss you all. The Dream Is Alive.



Bonar Attlee Luzey
Bo
Lake Jackson, TX
Management

I have to thank the Lord, my family, and the few friends that stood by my side and helped me keep my sanity. (Johnny & the rest of the dirties, you know who you are) I've learned that it doesn't matter why you came here but why you stayed. Those reasons seem to change just like the seasons. To everyone...keep those heads up, never doubt, and handle your business.



Christina Marie Misegadis
Chris-Mis
Great Bend, KS
Engineering Mechanics

"Things do not happen. Things are made to happen." JFK Thank you Mom, Dad, and other family members for your love and support in helping me make things happen. To my friends (Kathy, Kori, Lloyd, Phantoms, Knights) who have always been there. To the Honor Crew — Good Luck and God Bless. And finally, to the good Lord who has blessed me with His love and guidance.



Brian Paul Nowinski
Ski
Knoxville, TN
Biology

"Real heroes are people who manage to have a positive mental attitude, a sense of humor and try to make a difference not only in their lives, but others. Being a hero is not just being a great leader or being famous but how one operates and adjusts to the day-to-day journey of life." I thank God, Mom and Dad, Eric, Brent and all my friends. No Regrets...



Luis Nuñez
Miami, FL
Bachelor of Science - History

"I just wanted to send my love and my thanks to my family and those friends who were always there for me and I hope I get to read this."





York William Pasanen
Barron, WI
Electrical Engineering

A clear fall evening in the northern woods on a small isolated lake. The cool breeze carries the songs of whippoorwills across the expanse of the flowage. Portaging your canoe between lakes you notice the distinctive sound of fish jumping near the shore. Slipping the canoe into the dark waters, you see the northern lights begin to dance across the midnight sky. Thanx M&D & I, Time to live the dream.



Patrick Scott Snyder
Sherman, WV
Military History



David Spencer Patterson
DP
Buda, TX
Political Science (Philosophy, Chinese)

Thank you Mom, Dad, Mark, Gary and Lisa. I wouldn't be here without all of you. This place wasn't always what I expected; I had to make it what I wanted. To those who do and will wear the patch, STAY HARD; may the spirit never die. To all the Dirties, stay dirty. Never underestimate where heart can get you. Peace, David



Kevin Kyle Sutterfield
Sutt
Tampa, FL
Political Science

Thank you Lord for the gifts that I don't deserve, for sustaining me these 4 years. Thanks Mom, Papa, and Keri for your undying love and support- from Jacks Valley phone calls to Graduation Day, I couldn't have done it without you! To the Team- thanks for the memories- we'll meet again, and the Boys- you were friends like none other. James 1:12. All is well...



Eric Jay Rockhold
Rock
Lakeside, CA
Geography

Thanks to everyone who's helped me through it all. I eagerly await my chance to relinquish my status as an earth bound misfit. It has been a privilege to be able to meet some of the best people in the world. It is an even greater privilege to graduate with them. Here's to the women we love...and here's to us.



Kori Marie Terrill
Turtle
Fond du Lac, WI
Materials Science (Math)

"It's good to have an end to journey toward; but it's the journey that matters in the end" UK LeGuin. Wolverines, thanks for giving the "clue bird" the clue that got her this far. To those at Hudson High, how many more days? Knights, thanks for letting the short one be in front for a while. To my family, friends, and Eric, THANK YOU! Here's to you: "The Wings of Blue". PTWOB #089



Jason Michael Rueschhoff
Roosh
Plano, TX
Management

To thine own self be true... It's been an impossibility overcome through special people: Mom—my Buuuddy—gave me a heart, Dad—the inferno under my butt—gave me the wisdom, Ry—"BIG" bro—keeps giving me a run for my money, Suz—my best friend—you showed me the beauty of true love, Josh—I can count on you always, bud, "Dirties" - I've really enjoyed it!



Casey James Tidgewell
Tidge
Napa, CA
Operations Research

Thanks Mom, Dad, Christy, and Chuck for all your support over the years. You all rock! Hey, also, to Rusty, Craig, and MJ; my faithful room-doggs who are still here. Now it's off to bigger and better things for everyone! Remember, it all works out in the end.





Manuel Joaquin Uribe
M.J.
Colorado Springs, CO
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to my family, friends and God for supporting me through the good and bad times. To the few remaining Proud Chickenhawks and those Dirty Knights, Congrats! Kevin, Drew and Tidge, waking me up...Chadddd, Ski, J-dogg, it's been great. Never forget D-O-G, polar bear runs, concerts, Blake Chaney, JP, Mother's Shame. "Live in today, because your past is not your potential." -Unknown



Picturing the past: Taking a breather from the indoor Obstacle Course, C4C Denny Howell and C4C Yira Muse do a little dance. Bad weather forced Recognition activities indoors for the Class of '97.



CS-31

Grim Reapers



Nakia Windell Addison
Nasty
North Charleston, SC
Environmental Engineering

It's about time!! It's been a long four years, but it's finally over. Thanks to MOM, DAD, my SISTERS, and everyone else who supported and believed in me; I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to my boys: Six, Crime, Mike, Marc, my Roomies (CL & Louie), D Ray, B-Funk, Rusty, Boomer, Walt, and to all those younger fellas out there. Y'all turned some hard times into good ones. Good Luck in LIFE. KEEP IT REAL!!



Lars Derek Anderson
Funky Dog, Sven
Lacey, WA
European Area Studies / Humanities
(French)

To Mom, Dad, Erik, friends and family. Thanks for all the support. I wouldn't have made it without your constant devotion. To the Eagles and Reapers, thanks for the memories. It is because of your friendship that I'm here. Thoreau stated "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them." Carpe Diem!



Yann Bourion
Yoda
Dijon (France)
No major (french cadet)



USAF c'est super mais il faudrait ce mettre au francais. "Tant qu'on a pas tout donne, on a rien donne."

Julien Fournier
Fourny
Salon de provence
No major (french cadet)



This semester at the Academy was great : I met a lot of great people , I was in a great squadron, I did a lot of great things and I had a real lot of fun. But I still wonder why you do not speak French, everything would then be so easy!!! Anyway, I will be back ...And don't forget always to FAIRE FACE!

Johnston Allan Coil
Jac
Bartow, FL
Astronautical Engineering
(Russian, Math)



"Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up!" 1Pet 5:6 Thanks to my family and friends for all their support and love over the past four years! Sumus ergo Vivimus! B.O.P. mmmm... To the OCF & St. Mike's crowds, thanks for the fun, worship, and (in)sanity. Take care, all you '97 Warhawks and Reapers! "FREEDOM!!" -W. Wallace "It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel fine!" -R.E.M.



Julie Allison Freedman
Jules
Atlanta, GA
Human Factors Engineering



Thanks to my awesome fam and incredible friends of the swim team, Vikes, Reapers, and of course the rest of you who I have met...but in THE END it doesn't really matter 'cause everyone I know will be a Bissel Gafutka!



Cameron Michael Curry
Cam
Auburn, WA
Bachelor of Science
(Basic Academics)



Football was why I came. Football was why I stayed.



Brian James Groat
San Diego, CA
Biology



All I can say is that I did the best I could. Two things: work hard and always be yourself. To all the geekies- You let this place get to you. Shining shoes and yelling at people is not a rewarding life. To all the athletes- Remember, you miss 100% of the shots you don't take. Thanks to God, my family, my roommates, the polo team, and all the dirtbags who kept me laughing.



Melissa Ann Feyereisen
Mel
Peachtree City, GA
Biology



Thank you Mom, Dad, Paul, and Drew for all your support and encouragement. To my friends, all I needed was great memories and fun times to make it through. YOU ARE THE BEST!! "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Lao Tse
- Me



Eugene William Harris IV
Wild Bill
Dallas, TX
Management



Psalm 30-Thank you, Lord, for seeing me through this. Ecclesiastes 4:10-Thank you Chuck, Johnnie B, Steven, Brian, Dan, and all my other dear friends too numerous to name. Proverbs 31:10-Kim, you are the brightest part of my life. Your love and strength support me. Eagles, thanks for the memories. Reapers, it's been wonderful - thank you all. Dad, you are my greatest role-model and mentor. Thank you both for everything.





Mark Donald Hille
Tookie
 Fort Wayne, IN
 Military History

I'm probably a lot happier now than when I wrote this, so that is good. I have nothing profound, touching or insightful to say. I'd just like to thank my friends for being around when I wanted to quit. God bless.



Rogelio Maldonado Jr
Rogie
 El Paso, TX
 Materials Science

We've all grown close,
 But we've had our time.
 Now we must move on, for you have your lives and I have mine.
 They always said brothers stick together,
 That's why you guys will be with me now and forever.
 Friendship, something some never see.
 Some take it for granted
 But we took it for life
 Brothers are what we are
 Til God takes us with his fire and knife. BROTHERS



Matthew John Jaroszewski
SKI
 Melrose, MA
 History

Refusing to give in after 4 years, I learned what's really important in life and saw the world come within reach. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Cat, and Adam. Torturous to adventurous: HUZAH-land, SERE, Jump, AA, and PRC [HUAH!]. From Rogie and Tom to my crew of Ninjas—Maury, Fish, Curdy, Ack, J, and Chris (even you Jana)—you guys are the best. There isn't anything we can't achieve—it's just mind over matter—but you'd better want it bad enough! NEVER GIVE UP THE PACE.



Matthew Gerard Malouin
Malz
 Northampton, MA
 Management

Too often we are scared. Scared of what we might not be able to do. Scared of what people might think if we tried. We let our fears stand in the way of our hopes. Why? After all, we do only go around once. There's no time to be afraid. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Dad, Mom, and Laura I couldn't have made it without you.



Kyle Warren Kloeckner
The Man
 Lodi, CA
 Electrical Engineering (Mathematics)

My education: I learned that it takes 2 E's to spell "Geek" (as in being one), "sleep" (as in none), and "beer" (as in always needing one), but only 1 E to spell "life" (as in not having one). Hope it was worth it. Family and friends - thanks. Brew Crew - Cheers. Geoff, Dan, Ace, John B. - at last. Mark, Jac - I'm sane - really! "They can take our lives, but they can't take our freedom!"



John David Roche
 Mewilt, NJ
 Military History



Newstell Chuck Laney Jr
CL
 El Paso, TX
 Management

My Goal: To be the great King of My People. If I have accomplished this, I realize that I did not do it by myself. The Lord, my brothas, and my sistas were the key. Embrace this because these are the people who will give you strength to be Benevolent Under Criticism. Advancement through education. Shaka Bilal



Mark Alan Sandor
Sandor the Barbarian
 Fairfield, OH
 Legal Studies/Philosophy

Thank you Lord for giving me the strength to see this through. Mom, Dad, Jeff, Cheyrl, and Austin, I couldn't have made it without your support. Kyle, thanks for making me realize there are always people worse off than me! USAFA - A great place to be from...



"A foolish thing done well."
 - Samuel Johnson



Nereyda Lucia Sevilla
Groupie
 Galveston, TX
 Aerospace Physiology

No doubt an experience, and 97z is finally over. It's been the best of times and the worst of times, but I made it through with the support of my family and friends. To the Knudtsons: You made me a part of your family and you will always be a part of mine. Thanks to the Huge Wild Weasels, Grim Reapers, and Polaris for the laughs and memories. Thanks to the Honor Committee who gave me a purpose and especially the "cool" kids of Fourth Group Honor who made it fun.



Robert Tyrone Shandy
Ty
 Liberal, KS
 Management

I would like to thank my family, Amy, and everyone who stood by my side and believed in me when I didn't believe in myself. I love you all. To my friends over the years, I'll never forget you and the good times we shared. All thanks to the Lord, through whom all things are possible. "Put me in coach, I'm ready to play."



Kimberlee Rae Stamets
Kim (Raul)
 Tigard, OR
 Biochemistry (Mathematics)

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." - Robert Frost. Mom, Dad, and Nate, thanks for all your love, prayers and support—I would never have made it without you. Heather, I don't know why you put up with me, but thanks for always being there. And Gary, what can I say? We made it to May! Philippians 4:12-13



Jeffrey Scott Van Dusen
Fatty
 Palm Harbor, FL
 Human Factors Engineering

Mom, Dad, Jay—thank you for being there for me—I would of never made it without your support. Bud, Chappy, Drew... "My Brothers"... My thanks cannot express my gratitude for keeping me out of trouble the last five years. The Divine One must have a funny bone somewhere and decided to let us keep Him laughing. Remember... There are NO limits—expect the limits you place upon yourself!



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Roadrunners



Shane Brandon Banks
Neosho, MO
Biology

True American people helped me to remain "tougher than the rest" along this rocky path called "USAFA." Thanks to: Abe, your military strength has helped me indefinitely...Dad and Mom for being home base...Troy, you busted your hands to get me the best set of wheels...Jeff DeVore the best roommate in the world...Brian, Jeremy, Nick, and Brent for pulling me along...Julie, graduation is a new beginning...



Robert Lee Grant Jr
Rob, RC
El Paso, TX
Human Factors Engineering

When integrity is solid and ingrained, and perseverance and steadfastness second nature, the toughest moral trials will not destroy a man; rather, they will reshape his mind with wisdom and maturity beyond the ability of time, history, or knowledge. I am thankful to my Lord Jesus, my mother and brothers, Jessica, my sponsors, and all those who believed in me and supported me in my times of tribulation. Hammerheads. Proverbs 3:5-6



Mark Brandon Clifford
Cliff
Blythe, CA
Basic Academics

Preppies!! We made it->the few of us that are left, and you know who you are! I want to thank God Almighty for allowing me to make it this far. Parents and family are second on that list. Next to come are all of my friends here at the Academy that let me forget about this place by letting me laugh with them. Also, thanks for laughing at my dumb-ass jokes! Peace, and hair grease, and all of that-> I'm OUT!



Jason Douglas Johnson
J-Cab
Canfield, OH
Behavioral Science—Human Behavior

Thanks to everyone who helped me get through this place. Hey Buck, it's hard to believe that so many movies equal graduation. Hey fellas always remember "The fewer men, the greater share of honour." Lastly, "Every man dies, but not every man really lives."



Douglas Orie Creviston
DOC
Lovington, IL
Aeronautical Engineering

Thank you, Mom and Dad, family, friends here and at home, and many patient teachers. Remember this: All that is good in me comes from Jesus Christ. I can do nothing in and of myself, but living by faith and the grace of God is a perpetual adventure into experiences I never dreamed of. Thank You, God, for giving me what I do not and can never deserve. Psalm 27:4



Tanji Shani Johnson
TJ
Irmo, SC
Humanities

Phil 4:13, The Lord has given me the strength to seek opportunities and challenges with a personal commitment to excel. Thanks to my parents for raising me sternly with challenges at home. Props to the ladies of 15, my girls on the cheerleading squad, Margee, the Roadrunners and Guard! And thanks to my best friend Christopher, my inspiration. God Bless and I love you all! I shall never forget...



Christopher Daniel Forman
Somerset, KY
History

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Steve for always being there. What would I do without you all? Matto, Action, Big Job, BJ, Baldy and the rest of the fellahs—well, we kept laughing at it all, huh? Four years is a long time. Now let me outta here.



Charles Neal Kistler
Neal
Pittsburgh, PA
Biology

Whoa ... what the ...? Alpha Mike Foxtrot





Erik John Knauff
Jack
 Perry Hall, MD
 Aeronautical Engineering

The end of the beginning. Thanks to Mom, Dad and Nan. You all helped get through this place in more ways than one. PTWOBS, what else can I say but - We are... Don't forget the Vitamin R, but look out for the fire. Spirto, Matt, Luke, Crack - Its been great. Whatever. Here's to you... No matter what, we can always jump. Blue Skies, PTWOB #095



Greg Wojtek Kozbinski
 Manchester, CT
 History (Russian)

I would like to thank everyone for being so nice to me. This is a big place where it is easy to get lost in the crowd. Everyone here has been so supportive of my dream of flight. I will not let you down. I will never forget what this place taught me and I will spread the good word. Hope this place never changes.



Todd Lafortune
Louie
 Gardner, MA
 Civil Engineering

I never thought I would end up here let alone make it, but I owe it all to you Mom and Dad-Thanks for everything! Tip, I couldn't ask for a better big sister. Hockey Team-the biggest bunch of dirtbags I have met, but without hockey I wouldn't have made it-you guys party! Cliff and Nick- I can't believe you lived with me. See ya and God Bless.



Shane Michael Molosky
 Huntingdon, PA
 General Engineering

After considerable thought, I came to a realization. What I realized is that you can't say anything that anybody shouldn't already know, and if they don't know, it's nobody's fault but your own. Therefore, to those of you who know, that's all that needs to be said; and for those of you who don't, well, that's all that needs to be said too. Cowboy Up.



Darrell Augustus Myers
Vicini
 Las Vegas, NV
 Russian Area Studies (Russian)

The mark we leave on the academy is not defined by our GPA, MPA, or a staff position we hold. It is defined by the effect we have on people.



Timothy Earl Owens
Big-O
 Louisville, KY
 Management

Love you Mom, Dad, Chris, Nan, Dottie and esp God Thanks for everything. Couldn't have made it without you. CW, Adam - Brothers for life, Don't be half-ass! Miss you, Bob. Trolls, Roadrunners - Oh what a FUN trip! Kathleen - thanks for the laughs, love, and inspiration - words can't say enough. The full experience!! "You can be greater than anything that can happen to you"- Norman Vincent Peale I don't forget.



Marie D. Peterson
Petie
 Baton Rouge, LA
 Civil Engineering

No Regrets...The road less traveled HAS made all the difference. Jen and Rhodes thanks for all the memories and the help with "physics." Wyatt, Steph, Sara, Gags, Muns and all the Birds, good luck and Suhcoodah. 'Nobody else' could have been better friends. "Here's to the men we love..." Mom, Dad, Buckley, Friend, thanks for your advice and support, I've learned a lot. Petie, out.



Gregory Bruce Pickette
Pik
 Weaver, AL
 Astronautical Engineering

Endgame - If you're reading this, I thank you with all my heart and soul. I love you all. The five year march is over, but the last steps are the most precious. "The pleasure was worth all the pain." The hard part is when you realize that you have everything to prove to yourself in the world, but nothing to prove to the world but yourself. This one's for me!!!





Miguel Eleazar Villarreal Vill
Los Fresnos, TX
Human Factors Engineering

Here's to Duggie T, Blue Lou, Big O, CW, Whitie, Cosmo, B House, Big Daddy, EZ Neal, Cliffy, Todd, Bart, Dawn, D, Goat, Gabe, Julie, Stevie Ray, Claudia Schiffer, Mom and Dad, Nightengale and all the other fellas in 20 and 32 who helped me make it. FIDO "My life is perfect because I accept it as it is."-Lenny Kravitz



Picturing the past: Cadre supervise as these basics erect one of the hundreds of tents in Jacks Valley. If not set up properly, these tents could be most uncomfortable at inopportune times.



Brent David Wenthur Cheez
Toronto, OH
Astronautical Engineering

"The climb was hard, but the view from the top is incredible!" Just remember you can achieve anything you dream if you want it bad enough. Thanks for everything Mom, Dad, Laura, Sandy, Jen, and Keith without you all I would not have made it. To the TEAM and all my friends- I will not say good-bye, just see you again later and thanks for everything.



Sarah Colleen Williams
Grand Marais, MN
Management



Mario Andretti said, "Desire is the key to motivation, but it's the determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal—a commitment to excellence—that will enable you to attain the success you seek." NEVER GIVE UP. Thanks to God, my family, Jerry and Barbara, and my friends— I love y'all and couldn't have done it alone—Joshua 1:9. Collin Raye—"My Kinda Girl," that's me, buying Cosmos and Hot Rod magazines.



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Ratz

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Kari Anne Agnew
Ags
Grand Prairie, TX
Astronautical Engineering

I want to thank the "Praise Team" for all their support. I especially thank God for getting me here and most importantly, getting me out of here. ...Little is much when God is in it!



Joel Peter Freyenhagen
Fahrvernugen
Roundup, MT
Electrical Engineering

Thanks to those who helped: family, friends, old Hawgs, new Ratz, Mattie, and of course, the Boo. So much potential, so little time. Wouldn't want it any other way. "But at my back I always hear Time's winged chariot hurrying near, And yonder all before us lie Deserts of vast eternity.— Andrew Marvell



Chad Glenmore Clark
Glenmore
Winchester, TN
Basic Academics

Jude 1:24,25. Thanks Mom, Dad, Heath, and Patrick for being there for me. To the guys from Deuce: couldn't have done it without you. Fellow RATZ, you're the greatest. If we'd mixed the squads ourselves, we couldn't have gotten a better group. Keep it Revvin'! "It is not the critic who counts..." TR



Benjamin Andrew Hollo
Hanna
Natick, MA
Military History (French)

I am what I am today solely by the grace of God. I thank him for such loving, godly parents and beautiful sisters. I thank him for true friends from 97 Ratz, Rads, and the Flying Team. Deron, Ecclesiastes 4:7-12, Proverbs 27:17; you are my brother. I love my God, family, and country; John 15:13. Hebrews 12:11. Isaiah 40:27-31. Dad, I think I've done it with excellence.



William E. Cobb
Will
Harrisoville, MO
Computer Science

"The lord gave you two ends, one for sitting and one for thinking. Your success depends on which one you use. Heads you win, tails you lose." Thanks to Mom, Dad, Andrew and Kimberly, and to all the friends I've made here. I couldn't have made it through the last four years without you. I really have had the best times and the worst times of my life here.



Brandt L. House
B-Funk
Louisville, KY
General Engineering (Mathematics)

For a few in '98, I leave: [Jamie Rhone] Watchcap (I isn't enough). [Ron Jenkins] Cocobutter (hey man, lighten up). [Steve Pipes] Unopened box of Kleenex (don't use it all in one place). [Sholanda Baker] ...never mind, I like short hair anyway. [Def Jeff] Wisdom of life . . . and the Ladies!!! [Tia Jordan] Trunk (you need 2 for all your junk). [S.P.] Fishing net (no more excuses for all those drops)... with all the hypocrisy, one has to wonder how I made it out unaffected. PEACE!



Bradley Scott Dyer
Bryan
Great Falls, MT
Management

To all those who have been there for me no matter what. Thanks to the fam, especially Bry for sticking tight and waiting on me. Jim, you always know how it is, and don't worry, you'll find her. Bill, I sure couldn't have done it without you there. Thanks! Looking back, I know now why I had to come and I know I have a lot to look forward to. I think you'll agree Shan. I love ya! Moroni 10:32-4



Sean Robert Keaveney
Keavs
Woodbridge, NJ
Meteorology

Mom, Dad, Chris, Kate, my family, the Hildreths, friends, and God - I could not have made it without you. Thanks! Eagles - We're done! Met buds - It was a blast! Ratz - "Party in my room. Be there!", Miscreants, Shuisms, late nights. Thanks for all the memories. I love you guys! Shaio - the drive! Mark - It was a great four years. Thanks. Good Luck everyone. I'll miss ya! "Excellence through Perseverance"





Megan Louise Kuzmich
Kuz
Sacramento, CA
Political Science

"And in this world there is a whole lot of golden
In this world there is a whole lot of plain
In this world you've a soul for a compass
And a heart for a pair of wings
There's a star on the far horizon
Rising bright in an azure sky
For the rest of the time that
you're given
Why walk when you can fly
high" —MCC



Deron Ray Myers
Deronious
Sevierville, TN
Electrical Engineering

I couldn't have made it this far without the love and support of my family. Thanks especially to Mom and Dad, you saw me struggle so much yet your love and encouragement never ceased. Thanks also to the Trinity, this wouldn't have been possible without your strength (2 Tim 4:18). Ben, you've become my brother (1 Pet 5:6-9, Heb 13:1). My Guard family, time passed all too quickly; I'll surely miss you.



Thad Robert Middleton
Thud
Port Huron, MI
Russian Areas Studies (Russian)

Thank you God for strength (Isaiah 40:31), Dad for keeping me focused, Mom for 3 letters a week offering support, John for being a best friend, My family's love, The Blob Randy the Triad Dougie Cheersquad Kim and all those who believed in me. You helped turn a dream into reality! Remember: Failure is giving up what you really want for what you want right now! Respite Finem!



Mark Alan Nolley
Bug
Lincoln, NE
Political Science (Philosophy)

Those who made the difference: Mom and Dad, who gave me a dream and the tools to get there. Holly, who showed me the meaning of true love. Grandma, whose encouragement and optimism will always live on in my heart. My sisters, all my family and those who stopped to make a difference. Boys of Eagle Eight and Ratz (We few, We happy few...). Let's take the world by storm!



Douglas Reed Miller
Dresher, PA
Bachelor of Science

Thanks Mom and Dad for your endless support. Weekly letters and calls helped more than you will ever know. I thank God and Woodmen Valley Chapel for helping me grow. Thank you Paul and Nicki for a four year home. I had an incredible start in Thunderbirds and love my friends in Ratz that I'll end with. I'll miss morning coffee chats and talking with Thad at night.



Robert Scott Parman
Skinny
Harfield, MO
Human Factors Engineering

Mark Twain once said: "Don't let school get in the way of your education." Don't worry, I didn't! Thanks to all my friends here for keeping my head above water and to Col T and Lauren for a second home. To Mom, Dad, Jason, Lynn; all my love and thanks for everything. I couldn't have done it without you guys.



Timothy Michael Murphy
Murph
Atlanta, GA
Human Factors Engineering

Thank God! I never have been so glad to be done with something in my whole life. Mom and Dad thanks for being there when I needed you and showing your confidence in me. I do not think I could have made it without your encouragement. Grandpa would be very proud, and I know he was with me the whole way keeping me out of trouble. So, thank you Grandpa



Picturing the past: This fourthclassman low crawls into a room of surprises. Successful training often depended on a fourthclass cadet's ability to adapt well to any and all new situations.



Jeremy Alan Raley
Brown Bear
Titusville, FL
Electrical Engineering (Mathematics)

Thanks to everyone who encouraged me to finish what I started. I never thought I'd make it. The best thing about this joint was the friends I made. The worst: I worked four years on a technical major just to throw it away and fly. Derick, I wish we were writing these together. That's USAFA in less than seventy words.



Eric Julian Springer
Colonel
Marietta, GA
Military History (German)

"...I will trust in my God and in the United States of America." Over the past four years I've come to realize the true meaning of these words. Thanks to Jesus Christ, Mom, Dad, Ollie, Kevin, and the Pensons. Your love and support pushed me through this place. To all the old Rebels, Ratz, OCFers, wrestlers, and friends I've made along the way- y'all rock! Nahum 1:7 John 8:12



Jon Logan Shumate
Shu
St. George, UT
Space Physics (Mathematics)

Although I hated most of my Academy experience, I will forever be grateful to the people who made this bearable. Thanks to Mom and Dad MaLaan, the Fergusons, Dirty kid, Phil, everyone in 12 and 33, and everyone who helped along the way. Good luck and God bless.



Shaio Hui Walker
xiaohui
Horsham, PA
Political Science (Chinese)

Mo— Flying class color baseball caps, and taped doors. OV— Shei ni de baba and fenpi wins. Jiff and Rob— 7th Guest, Thai parties, What? Ratz— After taps parties, Holly Nolley, little generosity, and midget tossing. Sean— Kansas. TJ— Junks, and putt putt. Jess— We are one day closer, SMILE. To my TK, let's go get bagels!! Thanks for the Laughs.



James Henry Spencer
Cadet X
Haysville, KS
Electrical Engineering

Four years of ups and downs, and downs. Believe it or not, I learned one or two things along the way. Right or wrong, stick to the important things in life: late nights, Natural Light, old friends, and an occasional campfire. I must give thanks where it's due. Thank God, Dad & Mom, Kirk, Chris, Mikey T, and all the Broz.... We had food on the table and shoes on our feet." - Alabama



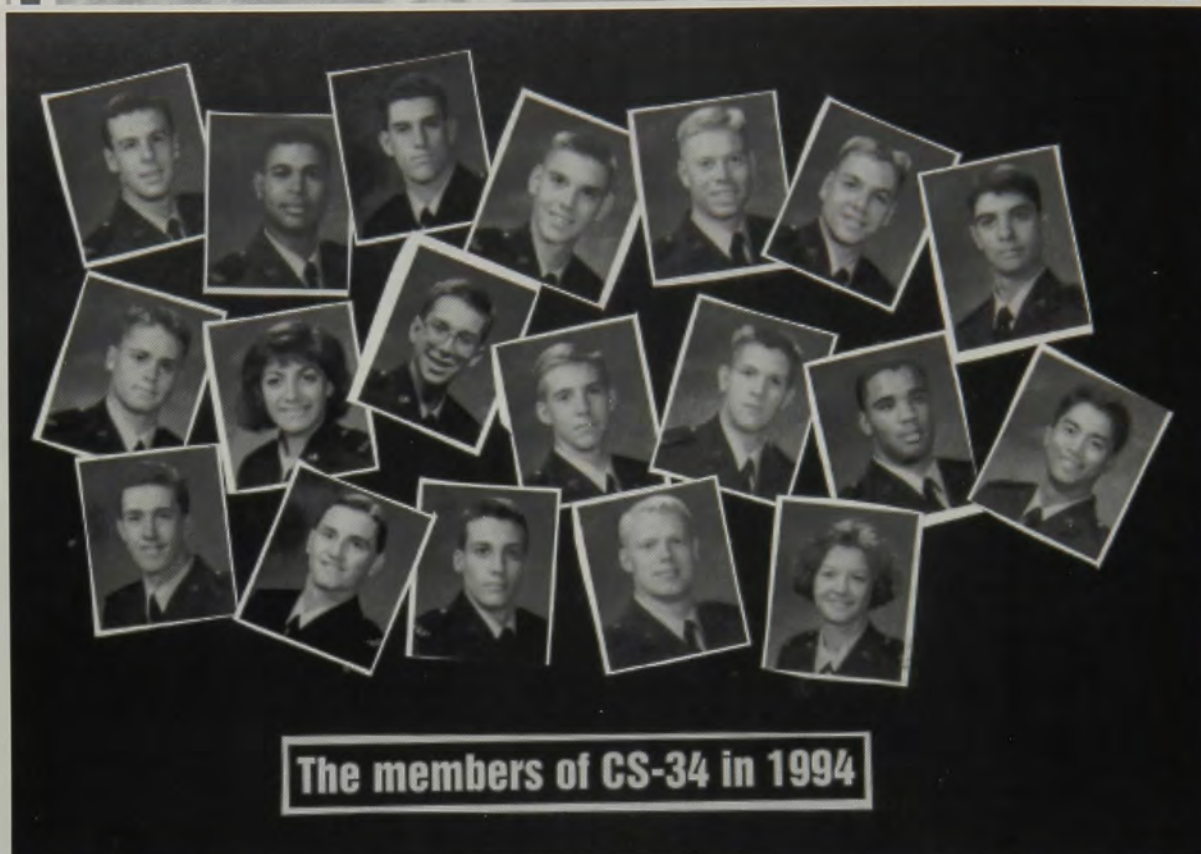
Picturing the past: C4C Willie Washington gets out of the high crawl in the Field House. This was one of the most tiring events on the course and consequently Recognition itself.

Picturing the past: Digging to get out of the tunnel, this basic is at full concentration. Luckily for basics there were always cadre available to help pull out those who couldn't manage to escape.



Picturing the past: Basic Cadet Jessica Lederman pulls herself out of a tunnel at the Obstacle Course. This particular tunnel was especially difficult for bigger basics.





The members of CS-34 in 1994

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Loose Hawgs



Jason Patrick Arnold
JP
Brighton, MI
Political Science/History

I came for my reasons, for my motivations and, above all, for myself. Somewhere along the way, the people became more important than the purpose. The focus became the journey, not the destination. For those who have gone before, for those who caught me when I stumbled, for those who fell along the way: I have fought the good fight; I have run the race; I have kept the faith.



Shannon Leigh Cary
Juneau, AK
Aerospace Physiology

"Sometimes, if you stand on the bottom rail of a bridge and lean over to watch the river slipping slowly away beneath you, you will suddenly know everything there is to be known."



Anthony Ray Caragan
Ray
Fairfield, CA
General Engineering (Math)

Wow, I'm finally done! What an experience: living for the good times, persevering through the bad, and growing from it all. James 1:2-4. Thank you family for always encouraging me. I love you always. Noemi - we had some great times together. Andy, Anh, and Darrell - thanks for sticking with me all four years. Nate, Iain, and Mike - where would I be without you. You've all made this place more bearable.



Rusty Cohron Cook
Ovilla, TX
Management

Thanks to my mom, dad, granny, paw paw, meemaw, peepaw, and Katie for the support and guidance. I never could have made it through here without you. Thanks to all the fellas. We had some rough times, but we finally made it. Good luck to all you foolios. BBH.





David Cary Epperson
Epp, Nappy
Fresno, CA
Civil Engineering

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Dorcas, and Steve my sounding boards for common sense in a place where none existed. The Honor Crew: We sure pulled the wool over somebody's eyes! The Eagles: Somebody still owes us cookies and I want Interest! The Polo Team: Beware of the Wombats they seem to strike unmercilessly! Most importantly The Kids of the Bench: This has been one HELL of a King Size Snickers!



Iain Donald Malcolm Ferguson
Redlands, CA
Engineering Mechanics

I want to thank God and my almighty savior Jesus Christ for always taking care of me. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for your unfailing love and support. Annie, I love you! Remember the triangle! To my sisters, thanks for all your love and support. To all my friends here at USAFA: John, Nate, Ray, Mark, Wedgie, Jason, Doc, Fetz, Kevin; Thanks for making this an awesome four years. 1 Timothy 2



Jack Franklin Harman
Perryburg, OH
Management

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Justen and family! Without them, I would not be where I am today, nor could I go farther. The past 4 years have taught me patience, selflessness, friendship and sacrifice and to all of us left from 10—there's more to come. Don't accept the world as it is, change it for the better. Someday. Someway. Somehow. Everything is attainable.



Nathan John Healy
Nate
Kadoka, SD
Civil Engineering

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. . . . Isaiah 40:31 Thank you God for giving me a dream and the strength to make it a reality. Thanks Mom and Dad, you have always been there for me. You're the greatest! Matt, what can I say, you're the best brother a guy could have. Mike, Ray, and Iain, best of luck. Thanks for making this place bearable.



Matthew E. Horin
Matt
Warsaw, IN
Bachelor of Science

- My Dad always told me, "Keep your bobber up!" Many things tried to pull me under water here, but there were always my friends (Matty, Filth, Fish, Killer, Hoss, K-mart, DJ, The Dirtbags), family, and sponsors bringing me back up to the surface. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Wally for always being by my side (I Love you). To the Mungers, thanks, you are the best sponsors at the Academy. - TGFSHU



Yorisha Carmen Miliani
Rish
Gillette, WY
English

I want to thank Mom for being my rock, Pop for pushing me beyond my limits, and Peru for making every moment worthwhile. To Carrie, thanks for having a beer with me and keeping me sane. And to my best friend Byron, I wouldn't be here without you. To the rest, all or nothing but never the half.



Nicholas Joseph Morris
Ghost
Minnetonka, MN
Chemistry

It's been a long four years, and it's been a strange four years. I don't quite know how to explain it, but I'm done, and I'm glad. I'm happy with my accomplishments, and basically have no regrets. I'd like to thank my parents, relatives, and big X for teaching me a little about life. Also I'd like to thank the boys here for a good time, you know who you are.



Picturing the past: This member of the Class of '97 gives his all during a pc session. Many firsties liked to remember how much harder training was in "their day."





Marcus Wade Nichols
Cus
Hugoton, KS
Management

To the fellas, we have finally made it out of this repository of cynicism. Thanks to God, my parents, Jason, and all of the support from my family, I love you all. I've learned more than imaginable, experienced the greatest friendships, and we survived it all. "life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And let it begin with me" -Charles Swindoll. ...BBH



Mark Thomas Peters II
Detroit, MI
English

"Nos Moritori Te Salutamus!" - Anonymous Roman Gladiator Thanx Mom and Dad, I finally made it. Am I out to real world yet? Wrestling was interesting.



Jeffrey Malcom Queen
JQ
Montgomery, AL
General Engineering

"I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."
Thanks Mom and Dad, I love ya'll. Rich,
thanks for being my best friend and brother.
"The LORD is my shepherd..." Psalm 23.
Sweet Home Alabama, where
the skies ARE soooo blue.
ROLL TIDE ROLL!!!



David Carey Ray
D. Ray
Orangeburg, SC
Management

I want to give praise to the GOOD LORD for helping me through these years here. Thanks to my momma and dad for your constant inspiration when it didn't seem like I was gonna make it. To my boys M.I.A. (Derek, Mickey) I luv ya! OCV, much love forever. Scott and Big Mike, thanks for all the advice and love that you've given me (it ain't over yet)! I'm Out!!!



Christopher James Reeder
Jefe
Fremont, CA
Aeronautical Engineering

Three years after high school, my worst nightmare became a reality—I came to the zoo, inspired by a man I met, Axl Rose. But, OJ is guilty and so is AXL, and here I am, ready to chase my dream to fly. Although flying is above all else, my ultimate boss is a Jewish carpenter! Finally, thanks to my family for their love. See you in the sky!



James Derek Sellnow
Selly
St. Louis Park, MN
Meteorology

I have played the game, and won! Mom, Dad, Gretch, "J", I couldn't have done it w/out you. To all the Fellas on the hockey team, thanks for 4 great years. Petey, Rimmer, Hatch, Obey, "Mau!" Nuff said. Mikey-G, words can't express all the great memories: I love you Putz!!! Another four year chapter in my life has just completed its last sentence. Never to be forgotten. -me (Selly)



Michael David Stapleton
Maak
Big Stone Gap, VA
Bachelor of Science

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Phillipians 4:13) Thank you, God. To Danette, I cannot wait to begin the rest of our lives. Our love hopes all things, believes all things and endures all things. Our love will never fail.



Linwood E. Wells
Wood
Pomona, CA
Political Science

I didn't do it pretty, and I didn't do it following all the rules, but I did it. In the end that's all that counts. Oh, and I'd never do it over. For all those still here, good luck. Don't miss the boat or aircraft carrier when it sets sail. Thank the Lord, my parents, and my family, this is for you.





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Wild Weasels



Maiya Devi Anderson
toad
Bremerton, WA
Environmental Engineering/Pre Med

Swim to Win. Good Luck and thank you for always being there. Want to play Frisbee, Mitzi? Mt Blanca for my birthday, Abby. Ramstein passenger terminal, Shan. Mountains are for climbing. GMK. Thanks Mom and Dad, I love you! Enjoy everyday! It is the only one we have for sure.



Dick Joseph Blakemore
D.J.
Noblesville, IN
Aeronautical Engineering

Well, thanks to everyone—the fam for helping me make it through here, Dad for giving me that little extra “push” to come, my friends back home for listening to my sob stories of this place (this one means you, Jake and Josh), and especially the lifelong friends I’ve made here (phatty, joel, ray ray, you know who you are...). It was the people that made this place worth it...



Ernest Earl Braxton Jr
Ernie
Rome, NY
Bio-Chemistry (Philosophy)

“The rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full.” —Ecclesiastes. I would like to thank my family for encouraging me all four years. Your perspective has cleared my vision and allowed me to focus on what is important. The human animal is adapted to a certain amount of struggle in life. It is effort that makes us happy. The man who lives without challenges removes the essential ingredient of happiness. I got an education here as well as an experience. I could never ask for more.



James Edward Burgess
Jim
Holliston, MA
Economics

This has been a challenge, but I always seem to make things tougher than they need to be. Thanks Mom for your constant support, Dad for always putting this place in perspective when I haven’t been able to, and Jake you’ve become the best friend I could have hoped for. Fellas, our friendship and experiences will be a base from which to work from for the rest of our lives.





Travis Lynn Coleman
T-Love
Howard, CO
Bachelor of Science

Thanks to my family, especially my parents, for helping me make it through this place. To all the boys from 24, "I demand my respect!" Kyle and Brad, thanks for everything. Clayton and Jason, it's late, we have a GR and have to fly tomorrow, how bout a movie? Thanks for all the good times fellas. To anyone else I forgot, sorry, my short term memory is gone.



Mathew Allen Contreras
Houston, TX
Management

To all those who have changed their lifestyles over the past four years to the point where their longtime friends no longer recognize their existence...well good for them. All those who have managed to maintain a sense of identity, congratulations and good luck. Thanks to the team and all my family; you've all been great. NUTS.



Samantha Allyn Glinski
Samie
Rome, NY
Aerospace Physiology

I thank God for the strength, my family for the love and support, and my friends for the memories. I have learned to live, and I am grateful for those who taught me what life is about. Chics and Dudes- thank you for the four wonderful years! "I lift my eyes to the mountains; from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord." Psalm 121



Nicholas Albritton Harris
Arbitron
Dallas, TX
Legal Studies

I am even writing this blurb at the last possible second.



Andre Johnson
Dre, 6
Colorado Springs, CO
Human Factors Engineering

The Lord said, "My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." Mom-Dad-Johnsons I luv y'all, you're my strength - That'll Teach 'em Bout Mess 'in Wit Those Johnsons!!! Nasty, Brother, Smitty, PYT, B-Funk, Waters, DC, BIG, CL, Mo, BeeVille, Fightin' Falcons, and A-Squad, I'M OUT—6 "38, Let's Roll!"



Albert Allen Kennedy
Tomba
Cashmere, WA
Engineering Sciences (Math)

The Family, The Friends, The Fiance, and "The Fellas." Thanx for everything. I couldn't and wouldn't have wanted to go through this place without all of you (not ya'll). Even at the end I don't know what to say, but thank you. I'll miss the great times and the great people, but look forward to new things. Don't Let Them Grind You Down. No Regrets...Despite All My Rage...Peace



Jason Ward Lind
Linder
Linden, MI
Management

It's been a long four years. NEVER would have made it w/o the love and support of my parents, sister, and grandparents, thanks to all. I even had some good times: isn't that right? Chris*2, Durk, "The fellas," and many more. Few things I could have done without: Ranger Dan, SP's at Luke, Capt. Cadet, & Ac Pro. To the team: Play hard and HAVE FUN! I'm outta here!!! "A dream is like a river ..." Garth Brooks



Michael James McKee
Mikey
Riverside, CA
Physics (Math)

Thanks to God, who got me here and got me through here. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Ryan, for being there and for all the support. I love you very much! Thanks to my buds who have kept me going all this time. Weasels, Skyraiders, and Physics survivors - you're the best! I don't regret a single day! Surf more..." It's not our aptitude, but our attitude that determines our altitude."





Ronald Jean Poulin Jr
Ron
Highland, NY



Kristopher Michael Sullivan
Sully
Chelmsford, MA
Chemistry

To sum up my experiences at this school in a single paragraph is impossible. I've never been so tired, angry, burned out, and happy in any one place. I owe my survival to Thad, Bas, and the "Fellas" and my sanity to Catie and Rebecca. Special thanks to Dad, Mom, my sisters, and a countless bunch of relatives who supported me through it all. No regrets, despite all my rage.



Clayton Sutherland Smith
Jackson, MS
Biology

Thanks to everyone who kept me sane for the last four years, my mom and dad, Allen, Andrew, and Hyde, not to mention the kids of good ol' 36, and Lammer and Trav. I've made some other close friends, namely Jose and Capt Morgan, and believe me it's taken every one to get me through this place.



Mark Yuki Takamiya
5 Years
Honolulu, HI
Management (Japanese)

Trust me, I know what I'm doing. This is the exploration that awaits you. Not mapping stars or nebulae. But charting the unknown possibilities of existence. Thank you Mom, Dad, Kellie, and Reid for all your support. Grandma, Grandpa Itokazu, and Aunt Lylen, stay healthy, I'm fine. Grandpa Takamiya, you will always be with me in spirit. Sun is warm, grass is green, everything work out. Sayonara.



Donald Leen Starling
Duck
Fort Walton Beach, FL
Space Operations

Four years and a pilot slot to go please. Applejacks snapped, Stalag escaped, and finally Weasels scrambled. Its been a great four years thanks to Mids, Dave, D, and the rest of the gang. From sweating in the SAR to driving our cars, getting our rings, and then our bars and everything in between and so we can fly on wings of silver, it's been the greatest. Mids, Where'd who go?



Timothy Michael Welter
Leary
Santa Rosa, CA
Aerospace Physiology

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Thank you family, especially Mom and Dad for helping me to keep the faith. To my friends...the memories, hopes, and dreams of the future are priceless. Your friendships have inspired me and I will cherish them for life. "If you don't enter the race, you can't win."



Joseph Matthew Suhajda
Joe
Detroit, MI
Management

"To my surprise the road less traveled is also that of the virtuous man, that is why I have chosen it, and it has made all the difference." - Frost and me. Jack, Mom, Dan: more than a family, truly friends - always growing, always loving - thanks for everything! To everyone: I owe my essence to you all; you have taught me well and for that I am forever grateful. Sierra, the fairest of them all...



Lynelle Nicole White
Freeport, NY
Engineering Sciences

Thanks to all my friends, especially my old HAWG pals - I've learned more from you guys than I could from any textbook. Special thanks to my parents for their emotional as well as financial support over the past four years. I love you. "It's important that people know what you stand for. It's equally important that they know what you won't stand for."





CS-36

Pink Panthers



Carl Roland Armour
Carlito/Speed Racer
 Fort Collins, CO
 Engineering Mechanics

"It's a shame that the only thing a man can do for eight hours a day is work. He can't eat for eight hours; he can't drink for eight hours; he can't make love for eight hours. The only thing a man can do for eight hours is work." —William Faulkner
 See you in the sky Hound!



Matthew Timothy Crill
 Sykesville, MD
 Operations Research

PTWOBs, Fighters & Panthers, thanks, and good luck. Thanks Mom, Dad, Jon and Pam, I know you will always be there for me. Blue Skies...PTWOB#097



Cory Donald Crain
C.Crain
 Santa Monica, CA
 Political Science (Spanish)

Thanks God, Mom, Dad, Grandad and friends.



David Dengler
Dingle/Dingo
 Midwest City, OK
 Military History

To my Mom, Dad, John, my pals from 31, 36, and the team, I'm finally outta here. It's been too long. Just when I thought it couldn't get worse it somehow found a way. I wish all my friends the best of luck cause there's one thing I learned: be loyal to your friends they're the only thing that'll get you through this place. Go Air Force Cycling!





Walter Dean Gibbins
Gibby
Kansas City, MO
Environmental Engineering

I never once said I liked this place. I owe everything to Mom, Dad, Myra and Jill for never giving up on me and believing in me even when I didn't; and to the fellas: Lickem, Horty, G-smoke, Loopy, Lindy, Leaf, Johnny, and all the fellas on the hockey team—thanks for boozin' with me. I survived CE! And to all the randoms...charlie mike.



Thomas Earl Johnson Jr
TJ
Fayetteville, NC
Bachelor of Science

First I would like to thank God for giving me the strength to make it through these past four years. I would also like to thank my family which has been there for me through the good and bad times. Finally I would like to say thanks to all the fellas in track who made it memorable. I'll see you all at the top.



Richard Alan Goodman
Goody
Oklahoma City, OK
Engineering Sciences

The days last forever, the years fly by. Mom, Dad, Doug, Ken, JK...you're like family to me. You're my best friends in the whole world. To the fellas who got me through...Matty, Steve, Jacko, Ricer, Gramps, T.O., Cory, Scotty, Davage, all the old friends from Ten, and the new friends in thirty-six, and to team shocker...I'll see you on the other side. I love you Kim.



Stacy Ann Kreuziger
Kruzer
Huntingdon, TN
Biology

Thanks to my friends and family for making it possible. Thanks to the Riddles and Schaads for believing. Thanks Rock, Roch, Capt P, and KJ for listening. Black-jack 97ers - finally there. Pink Panthers - thanks too. Falconers and Falcons kept me here. The price we paid was not with money. Life is a journey we choose. I chose this.



Bridget Vera Hall
Heather
Oxon Hill, MD
Bachelor of Science

It is the long and difficult road, not the straight and easy path, that leads to success. With a little persistence and determination, anything is possible! Mom, Dad, Shereen, and Shane - THANK YOU! I wouldn't have made it without your love and support. Thanks to my friends for the last four memorable years. Best of luck to all the Pink Panthers and the old Mach Oners - we finally made it!



Derek Paul Marvel
Marvelous
Kalispell, MT
Astronautical Engineering

Well, it shouldn't surprise anyone I've known the last four years that I'm writing this minutes before the deadline. Thanks to many people who helped out along the way—Mom, Dad, family, friends, and especially my roomies for putting up with me—EM, BW, CS and WP. One final thought, "Why even take the road less travelled by when you can start your own and determine where it leads?" -DPM



Jay Eugene Hutzell
HUT DOG
Martinsburg, WV
Human Behavior

GOD, Mom, Dad, Pop, the rest of my Family, I want to thank you all for being there during the hard times. I would especially like to thank my friends who never let me get down. The TRIAD never let me get into too much trouble except 22 shots! God Bless and always remember, "The Fewer Men, The Greater Share of Honour."



Heather Leigh Mitchell
Bridget
Redford, MI
Environmental Engineering

One thing I've learned is to "Cherish your yesterdays, Live your todays, Dream your tomorrows." It hasn't been easy and without the love and support of my mom, dad and Jason I wouldn't have made it. Andrew thanks for everything. To the remaining Chickenhawks and Pink Panthers we made it. Thanks and I wish you the best of luck. To all my friends, thanks for the memories.





Randy Stuart Naylor
"Nails"
 Copperas Cove, TX
 Political Science (Spanish)

"...but I just met her! Should I kiss her or...? Thanks PB and MT for the interesting times...YUT! and Blue Skies always. To Timmy the roomdog and all the RMs, You're the bestest! And for the Fam that I love...you're always loved here! To Al, my favorite squid; JT my favorite rotorhead; Rob of the awesome GPA; Jer my fav fish; and ANNA — the smartest and most beautiful."



Jason Richard Trudel
Strudel
 Taunton, MA
 Applied physics (Math)

The most important things I have learned here are things not to do as an officer. I never thought it was possible to see so many poor examples of leadership in such a short time. Hopefully I can remember what I have learned. My best experiences were on the Sabre Drill Team, and BCT, both in it and working it. My worst would be seeing how this place treats people.



John Carlos Perrys
Johnny
 Miami, FL
 Political Science (Spanish)

It's an honor to serve! To Fourth Group - thanks for your support, it's been great! I would like to thank God, my family, and all those that I have met on this journey for thier love, support, and encouragement. To the GUARD- Stay Hard! To the Devil Dogs: Semper Fi. Junior, "Ductus Exemplo" live by it. "By perseverance, study, and eternal desire, any man can become great." -Patton



Matthew Thomas Vann
Phatty
 Spring Hill, FL
 Engineering Mechanics

"Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight." Thank you Lord. My family: I love you. You mean more than words can express. DJ, RayRay, Joel, Lloyd: you're the best. Kids from 29 & 36: Have fun & Remember that everyone is a freak in their own way. Peace, Love, Forever Life. "Reach out to touch the sun's rays ... Live in the present tense"



James Allen Wakefield Pointer
Wil "the Thrill"
 Lugoff, SC
 Political Science (French)

If it weren't for Mom, Dad, Danny, Margie, and especially Melissa I wouldn't have made it to the end. My friends back home were there and the old boys of 37 stuck around. The new kids of 36 made life the best and kept me sane. Thanks to all those who believed in me and the good Lord's blessings. May our paths cross again my friends, it's been real!



Picturing the past: C4C Danielle Opalka and C4C Heather Ladd rotate through Bull Six during a training session. Rotation of fourthclassmen through different squads was popular.



Stephen Carlos Sztan
Sztano
 Nokesville, VA
 Biology-Pre Med

The past four years provided a multitude of experiences. Some good and some not so good... I think the one virtue I learned from these experiences is patience. Throughout the good times and bad I thank my parents and friends for always being there especially CTL, RT, LT, DHJ, MCT, REA, RAG, SJB, KL, JP, KNR the team, and the guys in the squad. Thanks to the Burke's for allowing me to become part of their family. Everyone has meant a lot to me.



Picturing the past: Congratulations, Class of '97 you are accepted into the Wing. These newly crowned fourthclass cadets stand at attention and await their upperclass cadets' instruction.



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Skyriders



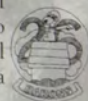
Andrew Lynn Allen
Drew
Owasso, OK
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

"I came, I saw, I left." Mom, thanks for the love. I'm becoming you, Dad, and I'm proud. Jessica, I'll always be "bubba." Meme, Aunt Mary, and the rest of the "family," thanks for the support. You're the reason I made it, Granddad...I know you'll be watching. 'Raiders and the Fellas, you'll have a warm bed and a cold beer waiting. My soul forever rests between the white lines...



Jesse Ryan Carlson
MEAT
Cokato, MN
Management

Let's see...No life, SERE, sore butts, hot tubs, Canadians, clowns, criminals, Boulder, Ol'boy, M'gay, Rivera-FMBA, mini-golf, Old C's Tour, Palmer Park, Rockies, Anyone seen Fobes? Thanks to Gen. Oedzes, Nat X, my family for support, Stoner for corruption, and Thank God for Management. Texas still sucks, Minnesota rocks, no BLUE for me and Pineau will never do a pull-up. What a trip...Have fun suckers.



Tyrone Dwain Barbery
Fat Babar
Economics
Waldorf, MD

There's a lot of things I would have liked to have done differently...I definitely chose the more difficult path...but I don't regret it...neither should anyone else...thanks to the "Otavalos" for getting me through...to my fads "It will always be hard @#\$% work kicking them ruts in the teeth"...fight the fight worth fighting for...to the firsties of 37...we've had fun so far...why stop now... "TRUE DAT."



Richard Ross Coalson Jr
J.R.
Ellicott, CO
Environmental Engineering

In all the world, nothing is more important to me than my family. Any greatness that I will ever achieve is a direct result of their support and love. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Jenny. To the rest of you, thanks for the memories: "I guarantee you...we haven't crossed Rampart Range Road." "M-gay. Dickfird. Papa Smurf. "But I like the back door." Duece—Get a tuck. You too, cutie.



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Mehdi Alexander Darakjy
Pasadena, CA
Geography Systems (Cartography)

It's over. Regards to the old Trolls: you forged the sword. Skyraiders, you taught me how to use it. Mom, Dad, family, and Jack East: thanks. To those of you that I considered friends, thanks for the good times. To all of you, good luck; may you die well. "Marines die - that's what we're here for: but the Marine Corps lives forever, and that means YOU live forever."  Semper Fidelis



Matthew Lawrence Davis
Halogen
Gastonia, NC
Legal Studies

"Again and again the person who fails fails because he is not willing to shoot for the moon, to give his dream all that he has." - Joe Batten in Tough-Minded Leadership. Thank you to those whose love and support help make dreams reality. "The tradition continues..."



Christopher Aaron Gizzi
Brunswick, OH
Human Behavior



Andrew Michael Jett
Papa Smurf
Morgan Hill, CA
Aerospace Physiology

Ma, Dad, Rob, family—thanks for love and support for 4 years. Rough ride, but certainly not without peaks! CS-37('97)—KIR! We came...we saw...we partied (and videotaped). Ol' Boy Club! Dudes—Traditions I and II. Be macho—make the withdrawl. Beaks—thanks. Gregg—remember Cuchulain and Killian's. "We are not obligated to pass the warrior sword to someone who chooses not to hold it as high as we did." 

Scott Gregory LaRoche
Scotty Rock
Darien, IL
Aeronautical Engineering

What can I say, it's been fun. Thanks to all my family and friends who helped me make it through the past four years. To all the aero weenies just remember aero majors are so smooth they're laminar. To the guys from the 94th: Life is short, Fly safe, Fly fast. As for me it's time to move on to some bigger and faster things. 



Andrew George Lawrence
The Law
Bergenfield, NJ
Electrical Engineering

Mom, Dad, Janine, Tommy, Wendy, Melissa and other friends and family, thanks for everything! It has been a great four years but once again we come to a time in our lives where we must move on. Keep reaching for the finer things in life. Good luck and best of wishes. Thanks a lot Heather and the great ones of 37 and 16. Go Yankees! 



Thomas Lee
Two Beer Tommy
Fishkill, NY
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Diane for all your love and support. Camp USAFA, what can I say; I laughed, I cried, it was better than CATS!! Thanks to all my friends (real and fake!) for being the best and making me laugh. I would do it again with you all but with a different major! I wish Godspeed for everyone, but "why are you so bitter?" 



Picturing the past: C4C Jenny Lark Goss comes out of the low-crawl in the indoor o-course. This obstacle was just one of many that was dreaded during the Recognition Weekend.



**Dave Alexander
Lopez Cucurullo**
Alex
Isla Verde, Puerto Rico
History-Latin America Area Studies
(Spanish)

Life is full of challenges. Sometimes they seem hard, but when you believe in God, yourself and in those you care about, somehow you overcome. To my family: my grandfather, uncle, mother, grandmother, aunt, and great-grandma, thank you for everything. To my friends, here and in Puerto Rico, thank you! A todos los latinos, tengan fe, que se puede. Que viva Puerto Rico siempre!



Philip William Lynch
Phil
Frederick, MD
Civil Engineering

It's been real, and it's been fun, but... Thanks, Mom, Dad, Katy, the Schlaghecks, all my friends and family. Skyriders '97: KISS with makeup. It's ironic—we all can't wait to leave here, but I probably already miss it. "Well, some say life will beat you down. Break your heart; steal your crown... I'm learning to fly, but I ain't got wings. Coming down is the hardest thing." -Tom Petty



David Edward Morgan
Broomfield, CO
Astronautical Engineering

Hard to believe it's finally over. Thanks God. And thanks to good friends —D, Duck, Mids — and everybody else. Can't say it's always been a whole lot of fun, but we've tried. Just remember, procrastination (and lotsa DEW) is the key. Keep the faith.



Catherine Marie O'Brien
Cathy
North Wales, PA
Astronautical Engineering
(Mathematics)

Mom, Dad, Andrew...hang in there! I love and need you all so much. Mark, you've found a spot in my heart, and taught me a lot. Thanks! The team? Well, somehow I put up with all you guys! (jk) Beth remember the top 10? I had fun. Thanks Wedge, Kari and the Astro crew. Weren't we a bunch of geeks? Well, time to close this chapter and open a new one...



John Francis Polkowski
Polki
Wallingford, PA
Applied Physics

BYE



Daniel Scot Rohlinger
Dan
Las Vegas, NV
Human Behavior

After 11 years of wondering if I could, I finally realize that I did. It wasn't easy, but it was mostly fun. To the old crew—long live Delta House! To the new crew—long live video! Johnnie-I owe you: "of all sad words..." Gramps-See ya in the skies, I miss you. And to the Fam—thanks for everything. I'm Batman. "And I will sail my vessel, til the river runs dry..."



Tracey Elizabeth Smith
Woodland Park, CO
Human Behavior

I want to thank God, my mom, dad, and Lindsey for putting up with me these four years. I couldn't have done it without you. Jeanne, you were my savior the first two years. Tara, we are the survivors. A special thanks to the crew in 37. You 'fellas' and roomies mean more to me than you know! I love you guys! Ok lady, luv you, buh bye!



Bryan Alden Stone
Stoner
High Point, NC
Environmental Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Jerm for the love and support you have given me over time. M.C. and L.J., thanks for the jumps, b.s. Meat, 2Beer, Phil, Ty, Yankee, and Achmed, stay clean. Papa Smurf, JR, and Roomie, "Have you done it lately?" Drink up. EVERYONE lighten up, laugh, and INHALE life. We all biodegrade. "Celebrate we will, because life is short but sweet for certain" - Dave Matthews





Michael D. Walker
Mongo-Ma-Loba
 Italy, TX
 Human Factors Engineering

First I want to give thanks to God, Mom, my family and friends, without the combined love of all these people I would have not made it. Thanks for your encouragement and support. Much love to the Horsemen. Stay True and be united in Christ and know he will always make a way.



Andrew Damron
McBride Watson
Fish
 Idaho Falls, ID
 Legal Studies (Philosophy)

I can't believe I made it. Thanks to God, Mom, Dad, and Matt for your unconditional love. Thanks to Mike, Paul, all the wool pullers, and all those people who made this place somewhat bearable. Beth, thanks for everything - I wouldn't have made it without you. For Pheonix, Alabama, Tennessee, great vacations away from here, team ski trips, and all the people who know what I'm talking about. Keep Pullin!



Korey Beth Watkins
 Alexandria, VA
 Astronautical Engineering

The past four years have brought about many grand experiences. There's Honor Guard, the struggling Equestrian Team, my dear F-friend, and the crew of '97 in 37 ("dork"-board and all). I refuse to leave here with a sour taste in my mouth...if I didn't love this place, I would'a left a long time ago. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Mike, and the real friends I've made... you're the GREAT-EST!!



Picturing the past:
 Responding to a question by an upperclassman, C4C Shannon Doyle spouts off knowledge. Getting physically trained and knowledge sessions went hand-in-hand for '97.



CS-38

All-Stars



Maureen Michelle Ahern
Mo
Hurricane, WV
Aerospace Physiology

Thanks Mom, Dad, Jen, and Pete for your love, support, and long phone calls. "Where's the motivation?!" Rach, Jenna, and Conner for introducing me to Jose in NM, he changed my life forever...DX rocks! Andy, what will I do in grad school? Swimmers, you kept me sane through too many miles of watching the black line on the bottom. "The best way out is through." - Robert Frost



Christopher James Barrett
Fat
Auburn, WA
Management

First and foremost, I want to thank Mom, Dad, and Kelly for helping to make me who I am and what I've become. A special thanks to all my great friends—especially my Fats. To those who have come before, I have truly learned to internalize loyalty, trust, and respect. To those who follow, stand strong and trust the King. I'll see you all on the other side!



Brett Alan Bush
Bushman
Boonville, NY
Mathematical Science (Spanish)

It's a miracle that I made it. I would just like to say thank you to my parents who have helped me a great deal in the last four years, and I really appreciate it. I would also like to say thanks to Pax, Meat, Matthew, Conrad, Joe, and Ellis, some of the best friends that I will ever meet. And yes, it really was that bad!!!!



Tamara Carol Davis
North Platte, NE
International Affairs (Spanish)

"we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope" - Romans 5:3-4. Wow, it's almost over! Thanks Mom, Dad, Mimi, Grandad, Bob, Ruth, Eppy and everyone else for your undying support. I couldn't have made it without the help of God and the Seeker bunch. I'll miss you guys more than anyone. Farewell, class of '97!



Raymond Roy Escorpizo
Echo, Ray-Ray
Belleville, NJ
Mechanical Engineering
(German/Math)

"The Long and Winding Road"-Beatles. Do it again...are you crazy?!?! "I get by with a little help from my friends"-Beatles...here & back home, you all made it worthwhile. To my family, thanks for your love & support that got me through. Lots of good times: who's driving?, concerts, skiing, camping, and "Ale, man, ale's the stuff to drink"-Housman. Best advice: "To thine own self be true"-Hamlet.



Clair Michael Geishauer
Altoona, PA
General Engineering

I remember writing one of these some time ago for one of my grandest graduation's: kindergarten graduation. Although 17 years have past, those timeless comments still apply. "Recess was too short, and school was too long." I would like to thank Mom and Dad, my brothers Kurt, Kelly, Ben, and Greg, my sister Eleni, my best of friends Scott, Shawn, Rich, Ron, Ray, and Jeffrey. Take Care DLTBDYD!



Jeffrey Thomas Geraghty
Spicoli
Englewood, CO
Biology

Thanks to my family for the incredible support. Thanks good friends (come hell or high water) for making it worthwhile, would anyone take the trip again? "In the short term, it would make me happy to go play outside...in the long term, it would make me happier to do well at school and become successful...but in the VERY long term, I know which will make better memories."-Calvin (& Hobbes)



Lee Campbell Guthrie
Littleton, CO
Civil Engineering

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Todd, Robert, Michael, Clarie, Kara, Baily, George, Diana for all the support. You made this possible. Thanks to the Serb, the other members of the table, all the other dirtbags, and the "hole" for providing excitement on the weekends. Special thanks to my coaches and brothers on the team, for memories and lessons to last a life time. Falcon Football Rules.





Johnny Keith Harris
Chickenbone
Chicago, IL
Psychology

I would like to thank my mom and Mrs. Battle for inspiring me to attend the Academy, without your help and confidence in me I wouldn't be the person I am today (thanks a million). It's been 5 long, hard years here at Camp USAFA, and I'm ecstatic it's finally over. I've learned a lot about the military & leadership. Furthermore, I've made friends I'll have for the remainder of my life (you know who you are!). As for the lower 3 classes: BOHICA!



Michael Dean Higgins Jr
Higgy
Management
Raton, NM

"Those who do not do battle for their country do not know with what ease they accept their citizenship in America." - Dean Brelis Mom, Dad, Kirstyn, Kathy, Grandpas, Grandmas, Renee, Cal, Ben, Ali-I couldn't have made it through the past five years without you. I thank God for allowing what is to be and Lara for loving me for who I am. This Bud's for you kids. Goodbye!



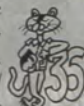
Jason Lee Jones
Cojones
Murfreesboro, TN
Geography

Thank you oh great one that this is over. I prayed daily for this to end. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Hugh for your support. Fats - take care. Smitty - save me a jelly. Tracy - my bestfriend and biggest supporter - saying thank you is not enough.



Alfred Ray Martinez
Alf
Houston TX
Political Science (Spanish)

The worst assumption you can make is that people will think and act logically and rationally. Thanks to: God, for delivering me from evil; my folks and family, for their love & support; the Hetskos, the team, 36 & 38, really good friends, & my buddies. I agree 100% with Sang Park (c/o '95). "I changed by not changing at all." later...deacon



Sean Christopher Mirus
Silverthorne, CO
Basic Sciences

"What a long strange trip it's been!" - Greatful Dead... "Summit or die, either way I win" - Rob Slater... "Ski fast, safety last!" - Rick, Mom, and Dad - I made it!... Trolls and Allstars, I shall never forget you, thanks Mehdi... Old School - BT96-97... "Be happy while you're living, for you're a long time dead." - Scottish Proverb



Aerick Gourlay Paxton
Cadet Paxton
Pre-Medicine
Richmond, VA

I would love to thank myself for getting through our college. Really thought it would be more challenging. To wake each morning, the recital of the five tenets of airpower kept me in check with the mission. This proved beneficial because it is so applicable to life. Cadet brothers, I love you all and will proudly serve with... If I could model an AOC, it would be Matt's dad.



James William Price
Jim
Mesquite, NV
Military History (Spanish)

Thanks Mom, Pop, Family, Bill, Brad, and most of all my Father in Heaven! The six year plan is finally over, and I wouldn't change a thing. One dream down and many more to be realized. "There is no such thing as a ladder of success. It's a greased pole." - Glasgow "Animaos, pues, y no tem is, porque yo, el Senor, estoy con vosotros y os ampara...". D&C 68:6 Thanks Lord.



Picturing the past: An element from CS-06 takes a moment to practice their salutes. Even professional military decorum was kept up in Jack's Valley.

Picturing the past: Heading for the next obstacle, this member of the Class of '97 tries his best to leave behind getting annoyed by the cadre. The cadre offered their extra instruction at every turn.



Nora Adelina Quintana
Q
Manassas, VA
Graduation

Mum and Dad your the best! Thanks for all your love and support -you got me through this place. Thanks and love to Jeffrey and the guys in the cool hallway for all the laughs and fun times. Bizarrrd-Remember: family-and a life! Rick, Michele, Rod, Randy, Ben, Chris, Marisa, and Zac-I love you all!



Michael Kenneth Rambo
John J.
Burlson, TX
Military Art and Science

I've learned a great many things here, like: there aren't enough hours in the day, and the days are too long. I don't think that makes sense, but why worry? Nothing else here does either.



Adrian Eugene Smith
A-Dogg
Oklahoma City, OK
Political Science (Arabic)

"Nonviolence is the first article of my faith, it is also the last article of my creed." (Ghandi). Thank you, God, it's over. Thanks to all my family and friends - can you believe it? Never met so many foolios in one place. At least it's all over (insh'allah). Never going back to Tunis again. Ma'salaama...



Andrew Michael Smith
Smitty
Westerly, RI
Environmental Engineering

Okay, that's enough...you can let me off here!! Special thanks go to: The Smith Crew, The Caprio's, Jeff, Jonesy, The Fat Bros, Torri, USAFA Civil Engineering, and the Big Guy upstairs for getting me through. We all have a path to travel, and I'm just thankful I didn't have to travel mine alone. It's nice to see a gamble pay off once in awhile, eh? What a rush!! Later.



William Matthew Stover
San Antonio, TX
General Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Liz for the support all these years. To all my buddies especially Pax, Bushman, Hambone, and Stritt, thanks for the good times, you guys were the best thing I got out of this place.



Joshua Michael Van Orman
Norm
Kelleys Island, OH
General Engineering

Just like to thank a few people, Mom, Molly, my family, my friends (you know who you are), and all the old Loose Haws and new All-Stars! Imagination is more important than knowledge. - Einstein. They stuck me in an institution Said it was the only solution. All I wanted was a Pepsi!!! Because our hopes instill courage always! Check out Matt Morrison's blurb. KIR 97Z! L8R DAZE! 42.



Picturing the past: Heading for the next obstacle, this member of the Class of '97 tries his best to leave before getting noticed by the cadre. The cadre offered their extra instruction at every turn.



Picturing the past: Who will break first? These fourthclass cadets entertain the cadre with their stare-down contest. The Class of '97 was often a source of entertainment for the Wing.



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Campus Rads



David Anthony Arriola
Lickem
Glendora, CA
Aeronautical Engineering

It's over. I couldn't have done it without the love and support my family has given me through the years. Dad, Mom, Vince, and Elaine thanks and I love you. To the fellas: Horty, Gibby, G-Smoke, Lindy, Leaf, Clay, Johnny B., and Loopy we've been through a lot together. Have another and may God be with you. To everyone else, all I have to say is: Late, Randoms...



Joe Alan Bernardi
Grandpa
Reno, NV
History

You know, after four years I really don't have anything to say but...thanks for the memories. Blue Skies! Hooyah!!



Gregg Cory Beeber
Beebs
Putnam Valley, NY
Astronautical Engineering/
Space Operations

I am very happy to graduate (hopefully, since this is still October). Thank you Mom and Dad for the most support and love any two people could have given me. I only hope that in my life I can give you back the warmth you gave me. Thanks to all of my friends here which are the best friends any one can wish to have in his life.



Robert Joseph Bonner
Knightmare
Tampa, FL

Electrical Engineering / Mathematics

You should try anything at least once, twice if you like it. You have to live life to the fullest. In my years here, I have found many friends and shared many experiences. God bless the BCT CutThroats of CS-11, the Radicals in CS-39, my family and friends. I will never forget your help, love and support. Thank you all.





Michael John Drost
Mike
College Station, TX
Management

2.0 and GO! I guess I was lucky. Mom, Dad, Jennifer, and Tracy, you helped me get through here more than you could possibly know. To the nineteen crew and the Rads, you made it a great four years. I can't put into words everything USAFA gave me. This was an experience of a lifetime. I couldn't imagine going anywhere else. Vita non est vivere sed valere vita est. K.I.R.



Maurice L. Dunn
Moe D.
Las Vegas, NV
Civil Engineering

God is the reason for all this. Without him, there would be no me. There would be no brothers who I identified with. There would be no sisters to cherish. There would be no younger brothers and sisters to teach. There would be nothing to hold onto. These are the things that I will hold onto forever and these are things that have made me. Happiness to all, especially Joycelyn.



Lucas Christopher Flanagan
Oklahoma City, OK
Aeronautical Engineering

1 Cor 13:13 . . . July 1, 1993, that is about all I could bring, but with FAITH in God, HOPE through Him, and most importantly LOVE from Him through many, I made it. Thanks beyond words to Mom, Dad, Ray, my grandmas, aunts, uncles, Sacred Heart, the Mount, and ASTEC. You made me who I am. To my other families of high school friends, Old Forty, Choir, and the Rads—godspeed.



Aaron Joseph Larose
AJ
Carlsbad, CA
Space Operations

A lifetime of experiences wrapped up into four very short years. No regrets, only fond memories of every moment that the Academy has provided. Thanks to my friends who have shared the experience — I'll never forget you. Thanks Jon and Katy for being friends and confidants, Mom for all your love and support, and thanks Dad, your personal example has taught me more about integrity than any institution ever could have. Finally, thank you Lord for making it all possible.



Dawn Renee Larson
Longmont, CO
Military History

Here's to four years of laughter and tears and friends that last forever. Remember the good times. Thank You, God. To my family—thanks for your love and for always believing. Shaun, here I come! Hey Marie, let's go "study physics." Charlie Mike, panthers. H.I.A.L. And to my friends—I couldn't have made it without you. Cheers. "...For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother."



Jessica Lynn Lederman
Jessi
Pueblo West, CO
Environmental Engineering

I spent four years... got my paper and I was FREE! Thanks to my family and friends I somehow managed to survive. I learned a lot, but most importantly I learned you must build bridges NOT walls! "I would not be here now if I never had the hunger...the Good ole days weren't always good, and tomorrow ain't as bad as it seems" Keepin the Faith - Billy Joel H.I.A.L.



Christopher Charles Ledford
Chris
Chesnee, SC
Biology

I give thanks and praise to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who led me here and then was faithful through all of the trials and triumphs of my Academy days. I thank my family and Christy for their support, prayers and friendship. Thanks to all of my friends, the Wareagles and Rads, especially Rainman - Got me a stick? Fair Enough; and Spock - SCAW on it all! Y'all take it easy.



Carrie Elizabeth Mangan
Bizzo
Torrance, CA
Civil Engineering

Thanks Mom and Dad for unconditional love and support, Reid for helping me find peace, John for always watching out, Kathleen for being my best friend and big sister. Rish and Jason, my two #1's, may no distance ever come between us. "Welcome Mandy!" my HoBoss, Stef-my sista, Sue- parking lots and stogies. To the "Real World" summer crew, especially Ben and Scrodes-Love and Success. Peace Out!





Matthew Brian Morrison
Pokey
Santa Barbara, CA
Mathematics

Helena- Thanks for making me come. I'll see you on July 5. Mom and Elmer- Thanks for everything. USAFA- Thanks for the car. Everyone who tried to stop me- I win. Drumline- You rock. "I am the voice inside your head..." Check out Josh VanOrman's blurb. 42



Jeremy Philip Potvin
Salem, MA
Management

I would just like to thank my parents, grandparents, family, friends, teammates, coaches, and especially Erin, because without them I never would have made it. thanks



Jeffrey Wayne Nelson
Jeff
Yucaipa, CA
Civil Engineering

I want to thank my family for encouraging me and trying to understand this place. Thank you to the Bs for giving me a home away from home. Thanks to the friends I have made. I will always remember the Weasels and the Rads and all the good times we had. Don't forget Vegas, the Suburban, College, and Beer. And to those proud DOUGHNUTS, thanks for teaching me a lot. KIR 97.



De Vere Marcus Ranger II
Hollywood
Dallas, TX
Management

James 2:26. Faith with works is alive for it is only by God's grace that I have arrived. It has truly been a rewarding journey, but I know that I did not make it alone. Dad and Mom thank you for not ever letting me believe that there wasn't anything that I couldn't do. To my family and friends, I love you and I thank you for your continuous prayer, love, and support. To those at this institution who have stood firmly by my side, you are my brothers. Don't ever lose faith. May God be with you.



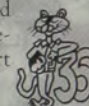
Steven Michael Newstead
Opie
Netcong, NJ
Biology

"I've spent four years prostrate to the higher mind got my paper now I'm free." Somehow I slipped through the cracks and made it through this place. For that I want to thank God, Mom and Dad, my family and my friends. Thanks Aline, Rollneck, Jessica and Kate, I'd probably be crazier than I am without you. To all you who thought I couldn't make it, I did! KIR 97



Robert Douglas Reimer
Reems
Pylesville, MD
Electrical Engineering

I attribute all of my accomplishments to my faith in God, the loving support of my family, and the lifelong friendships that I have made here at the Academy. Many hardships and challenges were overcome with your help, and I am eternally grateful for the strength and guidance that you all have provided to me. "Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending." Keep it Revvin!



Everett Eugene Peterson
Pete
Fort Washington, MD
History - Asian Area Studies
(Japanese)

"The power of excellence is overwhelming. It is always in demand and nobody cares about its color." -General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. Thank you Dad, Mom, Dawn, Marco and my friends for believing in me and keeping me focused.



Shane Michael Vetter
Eddie, Dirty V, Beast
Brooklyn Park, MN
Astronautical Engineering
(French/Mathematics)

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence; it and determination alone are omnipotent" -Calvin Coolidge. My success at the Academy was due to the work ethic I learned from my parents, coaches, and teachers. I thank the Rebels, Rads, ski team, Frenchies, and friends in choir for keeping me sane. But most of all, I thank God for giving me persistence.





Christopher Michael Wilcox
Mountain Man
Vashon Is, WA
Geography (Spanish)

This was a dream I've had forever and it has finally come true. There is no way I could have done it by myself. These are all the people I've shared my pride with; My perfect parents, Derick, Cheese, Wolly, Princess, Missy, The Team, and all my irreplaceable friends. And to all those people who looked the other way when I said Hi, stay miserable, please. "Never Compromise What's Right"



Picturing the past: C4C Greg Kraus and the other members of Wolfpack toe-the-line during an important inspection. Fourthclassmen were required to look professional at all times.



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Warhawks



Gilbert Anthony Acosta Jr
Orlando, FL
Mechanical Engineering
(Spanish, Math)

This place has given ... and it has taken. I have felt short changed at times, but without the support and love of my parents, my sister, my brother, and the blessings of God, I would not have made it. "Do the Right thing ... and take care of your own!" God Speed to the Few and the Faithful.



Marcus Antoin Alexander
Da Funky One
North Ridgeville, OH
Bio-Chemistry

Go the distance. For the Lord shall be thy confidence...Proverbs 3:26



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William Henry Ashford
Bill
Orange, CA
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

He left UCLA for USAFA where, by the grace of God and with the help of family and friends, he wrestled the dean and dreamed of changing the system. In the end, with his idealism hidden by cynicism, a theory for every occasion, and O'Leary a goal, he was a better man. If asked, yes, he would do it all over again.



Gregory John Krino
Long Beach, CA
Environmental Engineering

Take care of yourself and look out for your friend. This is who I am and I'm proud to say nothing has changed. The Academy managed to take these two convictions from many people. For those of you who may have lost your identity here, I only hope that you may find it someday. Who knows? You may like what you see. God, parents, family, friends, water polo...No Regrets.



Jennifer Sue Clifton
Jenn
Leesburg, GA
Management

Thank you, God, for patience and the ability to put up with this place. Mama and Daddy, your little girl made it! To all my friends, I love y'all dearly. You leave me with many fond memories. To the rest of the wing, I leave a piece of advice: lighten up!! You'll never make it at this school otherwise. As for USAFA...well...I'm just leaving!



Shawn Andrew Krolkowski
Kroli
Tecumseh, MI
Astronautical Engineering

The end and the beginning are finally here. To Mikey, Ludicrous Girbz, Fags, and all my other Roadrunner buds, it was a great time. I'll never forget those days. To all of my new Warhawk buds, it's been great too. I couldn't have asked for a better squad. To my dear Allison, thank you for being there for me and putting up with me. I will always love you.



Gavin William Depew
Tampa, FL
History

"Give thanks and praise to the Lord, and I will feel alright." Bob Marley "Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord his God, and he who keeps faith forever." Psalms 146:5 To God, to my family, and to my friends...THANKS! Good luck to my BUD/S. To HG, you're all that's left, stay hard.



Donald Charles Leary II
Leadville
Shullsburg, WI
Human Factors Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, Julie, and Jeremy — couldn't have done it without each one of you. Birds, WAC Champs, nuff said. To all the dirtbags, (Manitou, Dealin, Serb, Killer, Mattyho, Pulloy, Kmart, Lambda, Z, Schweinie, Eilers, Groatie, DR Dirty, Hoss and everyone else) remember the hole, bros before *%s, and being part of the dirt police. You know I'm a Parlayin' Player for life.



Peter Jerald Gryzen
Pete
Hudsonville, MI
Biochemistry

I dreamed a dream, and lived it. I praise my anchor and Savior, Jesus Christ. My eternal gratitude for the endless encouragement and understanding of my true love, Heidi, and the love and support of my Mom, Dad, and family. 24 was Hard Core, 40 was family...Do The Right Thing! "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for man(Col 3:23)."



Laurel Lynn Matula
Rogers, AR
Behavioral Science

"Happy is he who has learned to laugh at himself, for he shall never cease to be entertained." Here's to six entertaining years as a cadet, may all your lives be funny. Sometimes you just do what you gotta do -- Am I glad I did it, yes! Would I do it again, never. And so, as George Washington said in his farewell address to the troops, "Farewell Troops." Go Hogs!





Stephen Charles Maturo
Stevie
 Manchester, NH
 Biology

Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Mike. You were always there when the times were tough. To all the fellas past and present, I doubt that I would have made it without you. The biggest lesson that I learned from this experience is that you know who your true friends are. There aren't many out there so always appreciate the times you have together. SOF



James Edward Maunz
Jamie
 Cincinnati, OH
 Humanities

Since you are reading this I guess it means that I have graduated. It's hard to believe. Thank you Mom, Dad, Missy, Drew and all the rest of the family. I love you I love you all and I couldn't have done it without you. To all the fellas...Stay clean. SOT!



Dawn Lynn McCown
Dawnie
 Estes Park, CO
 Human Factors Engineering

Thank you Mom, Dad, Butch and Dave for all of your love and support throughout the last four years. I doubt any of us ever thought I would graduate after that first week. Good luck to the girls on the team. I love you guys! Stanley, you're the best! I couldn't have made it without diving. I can't say I will be sad to leave the Academy, but I will miss all of the wonderful people I met in my four long years here.



Courtney Doris Moore
Court
 Asheville, NC
 Legal Studies

"So don't you sit upon the shore line and say your satisfied. Choose to chance the rapids and dare to dance the tide...There's bound to be rough waters and I know I'll take some falls, But with the good Lord as my captain, I can make it through them all..." Lord, Mom, Dad, Scott, Nothing in this world means more to me than you, I love you. God Bless.



Justin Allen Mulkey
MULK
 Pahump, NV
 Economics

I would just like to thank everyone who has helped me through my four years here. The most notable would be our Lord, Jesus Christ who has given me the strength and perseverance to get over all those obstacles put in front of me here. Thanks to my parents who always gave me encouragement. Thanks to my sponsors and all the wonderful friends I have made. I love you all.



David Paul Pepper
Pep
 Albuquerque, NM
 Military History

Here's to movie nights at two in the morning. Here's to tank wars, to twenty-first birthdays, to late night cram sessions, to movie marathons during finals week. Here's to Pitt, Chris, Kev, Trey, Billy and the rest. Here's to the friendships that kept us going, to the memories. But most of all, here's to us, that we made it though. Til next time, later.



Thomas Christopher Rogers
BUCK
 Augusta, GA
 Political Science

If procrastination is an artform and not a science then I should change my name to Picasso. I thank USAFA for the bittersweet oppressive melancholy which forged friendships unlike I have ever known. Peace out!



Daniel Thomas Ronneberg
Checkpoints Man
 Norridge, IL
 Legal Studies (Philosophy)

Mom, Molly, Becky, Tim, friends (you know who), Tom, Monika, Aunt Dawn, Teresa, and family-- thanks for being there and believing in me. I wouldn't have made it without you (or your care packages). LTC Becker, Major Mom, Captain Brown, thank you for your patience and guidance. Dennis, I'll never forget. Despite everything, it's hard to believe my four years are nearly up... and yes I would do it again.





John Duy Tran
Johnny
Schaumburg, IL
Operations Research (Math)

For the first time in four years I'm speechless. Thanks Mom, Dad, Michelle, Kathy, Friends and Family for pulling me through... This place has not only been a dream come true (with some extras), but a birthplace for new ones as well. God bless Pauci Fideles as we pursue them...



Thomas Bradford Vance Jr
T-Gunn
Arvada, CO
Political Science

Thanks to Mom, Scott, Jenny, my grandparents, and Leanne for all of your support over these past four years. Ski and Rog, the best friends a guy could ever have, I can't believe that we made through this place! To my good friends: Mals, Jimbo, Steve, Mulk, Nolley, and everyone from 10, thanks and good luck! Everyone in P-40 warhawks, thanks for everything! Shikin haramitsu daikomyo.



James Patrick Tuite
Kearny, NJ
Mechanical Engineering

Four years later and not much has changed. This place does a great job trying to make you forget what is important. Nice try. If I wasn't willing to take risks I would have gone crazy a long time ago. I'm sure glad they didn't catch me. To all the fellas who weren't so fortunate, you've had more fun than me in college. Thanks Mom and Dad, you've been great.



Picturing the past: This basic gets his shoulder boards and Acceptance as a fourthclass cadet into the Wing. This was a very significant day in the young cadet's career, marking the end of BCT and the start of the academic year.

Good luck and Godspeed Class of 1997

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Artist Rick Broome designed this painting especially for the Class of 1997. It was unveiled at their Ring Dance dinner in May of 1996. Print provided by Rick Broome.

JUNE WEEK

BRINGS UNIQUE CHANGES

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A time of new beginnings and a time of closing the book on an era of life. June Week brought about mixed emotions of bittersweet joy and sorrowful celebration for the Class of 1997. After Keepin' it Revvin' for four long years, the Class of '97 joined the ranks of past graduates.

Unlike many areas of the Academy, the graduation events and ceremonies are laced with tradition. Normally, there's nothing unique to it except for the fact that another class enters the operational Air Force while the following class takes charge of the Wing. Following the theme of the year however the Class of '97 saw a unique twist added to the graduation ceremony itself. Unlike the graduations that had proceeded them in the last decade, the '97 firsties were denied the opportunity to pour out of the north portal to their seats at Falcon Stadium. Graduation did not go as originally planned because the field that had hosted many football games was undergoing

"construction." A field warming system was just installed and to keep the warranty valid, no one could walk on the field until late summer.

Despite this big change of plans, '97 rolled with the punches and made the best of it. Graduation brought tears of joy and smiles to the faces of graduates and their families. Secretary of Defense William Cohen inspired the Class of '97 when he challenged them to be not only officers in the Air Force but rather "ambassadors of the country."

Another group that was eager to become ambassadors of the Academy was the Class of '98. They embraced the hectic hoopla of June Week as it brought with it their class rings and the running of the Cadet Wing.

These feelings, though not new to past Academy grads, were unique to those whose lives changed with the toss of hats on May 28, 1997.

Showing off a large source of pride, members from Squadron Four are all grins after receiving the piece of jewelry that kept most of them on a tight budget through second semester. The infamous class ring needed to be paid-in-full prior to the Ring Dance Celebration. Photo by L. Lemelson.





Saluting during the Star Spangled Banner at the Graduation Parade, C1C John Middlemore and C1C George Buch solemnly stand at attention and reflect on their past four years of parades. The graduation parade is the only parade that cadets (firsties) love to attend. Photo by B. Brandow.

Lifting his wine glass to begin the toast, this secondclass cadet anxiously awaits the opportunity to fish his ring from the glass. After the cadets drank their rings out of the glass, their dates took the rings from their mouths and placed them on their fingers. Photo by L. Lemelson.

Snuggling in when the music slowed down, this couple enjoys celebrating after dinner at the Ring Dance. The dance brought about feelings of joy and happiness. Photo by M. Brown.



Starting with the traditional toasts, C2C Matt Johnson, C2C James Steiner and C2C Heidi Triggs reflect on the words of Mr. Vice. The toasts paid tribute to honored guests and POW's who have not returned. Photo by M. Brown.

Giving each other a look of affection, C2C Rich Blagg and his guest enjoy each other's company just prior to the ring ceremony. Finding a special someone to share the Ring Dance with, occupied much of a secondclass cadet's year. Photo by M. Brown.



Wearing their pride on their fingers, these members of Mach One led by C2C Michelle Tibbitts show off their rings for all to see. Immediately following the ring ceremony celebration and happiness filled Mitchell Hall.



A Time to Remember

By Greg Pleinis

The Class of 1998 welcomes in June Week with a ring dance celebration that puts them on top of the Wing

For the Class of 1998, May 23 marked the finish of three years at USAFA, and prepared them for their final year as cadets. The Ring Dance, dining out, and transition to firsties occurred the weekend prior to graduation. It was a time for cadets to share a special event with perhaps a significant someone, and definitely with the friends that were made over the last three years.

Many cadets chose to use the ring

dance weekend as an opportunity to explore the Rocky Mountains, or see a new part of Colorado. One of the more popular activities was white water rafting either along the Arkansas River, or through Brown's Canyon.

The Colorado weather was, as always, unpredictable. C2C Vincent Zapala stated about his rafting experience, "It was cold, but still awesome."

While many cadets headed to the water for their fun, some took to the air in a hot air balloon ride, while others stayed on land and went on a hike or scenic drive. Whatever the activity, many cadets agreed that the weekend was a fun opportunity to get away from the rigors of cadet life and celebrate.

As a kickoff to all of the weekend's activities, the cadets enjoyed a Mitchell Hall meal and a speech by Medal of Honor recipient, Colonel "Bud" Day. Although some details of the evening soon faded, highlights such as the class print and the ring christening are unforgettable. "Getting the rings was special because of what it meant to all of us," C2C Steven Piel said.

Regardless of how the individuals chose to spend their weekend, or whom they chose to share it with, it was a weekend that will be remembered for years to come.



Presenting a class print to the Ring Dance speaker Colonel Bud Day, Class Vice President C2C Jordan Grant thanks Day for his words of wisdom. Giving a gift to the speaker is a customary practice at the Academy. Photo by L. Lemelson.

Pausing for a masculine embrace, these friends share their excitement to finally reach the ranks of firstclass cadets. The ring symbolized the culmination of three years of hard work. Photo by L. Lemelson.

The cannon fires at the beginning of the Star Spangled Banner. C1C Korey Watkins oversees the operation for the last time. Photo by C. Willis.



C1C Timothy Welter leads Fourth Group onto Stillman Field. The Class of '97 would leave the Wing by flying wedge which was opposite of how they entered in '93. Photo by BJ Lingle.

Cadet Wing Commander C1C Matt Quatrava leads the Wing in the firstie's last cadet parade. This parade transitioned the control of the Wing from '97 to the Class of '98. Photo by C. Willis.





CIC Jessica Kenton receives an eagle and fledgling at the individual awards ceremony. This award represents four years of hard work and dedication. Photo by BJ Lingle.



The festivities Begin

Parades and the awards ceremony along with other pomp and circumstance kick off June Week



Life was great on May 28 That was the overwhelming consensus of the Class of 1997 when they tossed their hats into the air and prepared to join the working Air Force as the newest second lieutenants. Although the hat toss was the culmination of the celebration much more went into the June Week activities that were nearly as important and memorable.

Parents of the graduates started pouring into Colorado Springs and the Academy as early as the week prior to the graduation celebration, they came from many miles and many different countries to join in the festivities. To entertain the masses scheduled events started on Sunday, May

25. Parents and their graduates attended beautiful Baccalaureate ceremonies and then attended the parent's reception where they were greeted by the Academy's top leadership. Yes, the pomp and circumstance was truly kicking off and the enthusiasm ran high as the Class of '97 continued revvin' toward Wednesday.

After a very wet and miserable parade on Monday graduates and their loved ones remained undaunted by the blow that mother nature had dealt, instead they took it in stride as they poured to the Field House to watch several members of '97 earn special recognition for their outstanding accomplishments. During this ceremony outstanding academicians, military performers and athletes received the coveted eagle and fledgling.

Although there were many who earned recognition, the top performers were: James Smith, Outstanding Cadet in Order of Graduation, Matthew Quatrara, Spring Semester Wing Commander, Kim Reed, Fall Semester Wing Commander, Isaac Oh, Outstanding Flight Commander, Charles Huber, Outstanding Squadron Commander, Timothy Welter Outstanding Group Commander and Most Valuable Male and Female Athletes Beau Morgan and Maiya Anderson.

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The family of CIC Dennis Rando accepts his diploma at a special ceremony during graduation. Two members of the Class of '97 died in accidents during the year. Both Rando and CIC Dan Jenkins will remain members of the Class of '97 forever. Photo by B. Ferrill.

Grad events Continue

From the graduation dinner and ball to the swearing in ceremonies, the big day continues to get closer

Once the outstanding performers were given their proper dues, it was time again to celebrate with the entire Class of '97 at the graduation parade with better weather (sort of) and Wednesday one step closer the entire Wing was more than anxious to see the parade come and go.

"This was the best parade of my life," a member of '97 was overheard saying. "I am sure that because it is my last."

The Class of '97 continued on their journey of "lasts" as they and their family and friends attending the graduate dinner

Second Lieutenant Rusty Evers looks proud as his parents pin-on his new butter bars. The pin-on ceremony began the graduation day activities. Photo by B. Scharton.



With a stroke of the pen this cadet becomes a lieutenant. For many the swearing-in ceremony was the milestone that truly proved that graduation had come. Photo by J. Clancy.



in Mitchell Hall and graduation ball. Most graduates agreed that the food at Mitch's never tastes as good as it did on that night. In addition the dancing, socializing and opportunity to have family photos taken made the grad ball the place to be Tuesday evening. And as the graduates, friends and family celebrated... time moved on and brought Wednesday 28 May one step closer!

Wednesday 28 May ... It finally arrived, the day of all days, the mother of all celebration, GRADUATION!

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Second Lieutenant Ian Fairchild signs himself into the future. This signature made the commissioning official for each graduate. Photo by J. Clancy.

CIC Mike Wallace enjoys the graduation banquet in Mitchell Hall with his family. Many grads invited a large number of guests to this and other June Week events. Photo by J. Clancy.



A beautiful Sunday morning in the Protestant Cadet Chapel. Baccalaureate was a special time of reflection for graduates and their families. Photo by M. Brown.

The "Long Blue Line," the Class of 1997 files into Falcon Stadium. The 1997 graduation ceremony saw some adaptations that other classes did not such as the fact that the class marched into the stadium stands instead of the field. Photo M. Connor.

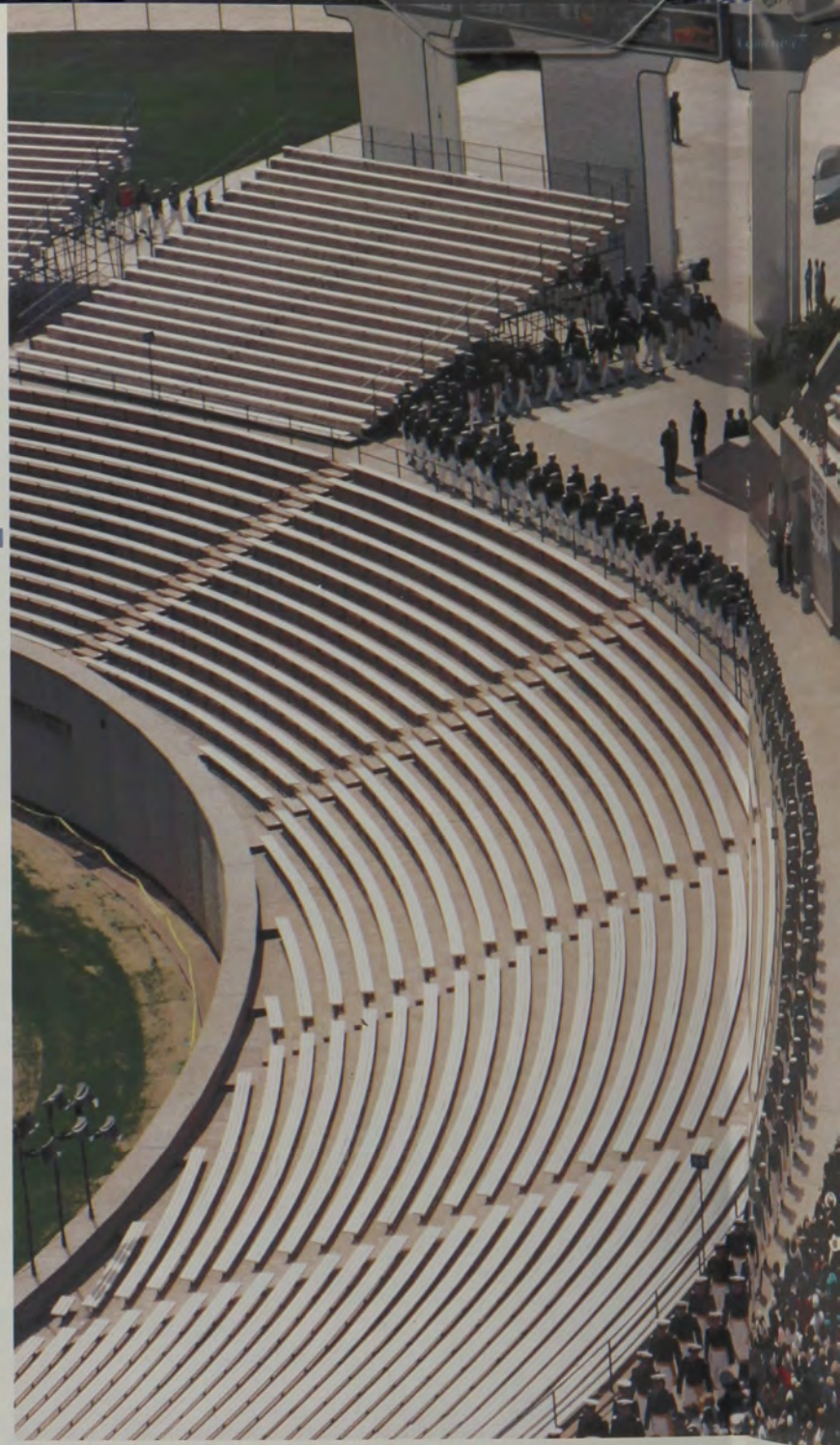


Secretary of Defense William Cohen waves to the graduation audience. Cohen provided the graduation address and shook the hands of many graduates. Photo by C. Willis.



Many thoughts run through the mind of CIC Waynetta Gentry and her classmates as they enter Falcon Stadium. After graduation the new lieutenants will scatter around the world to their first assignments. Photo by BJ Lingle.

Second lieutenants select stop to speak with Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Sheila Widnall. Widnall came out to oversee the graduation ceremony. Photo by B. Ferrill.





CIC Adam Hardage and fellow graduates present arms for the national anthem one last time in Falcon Stadium. Graduation brought to a close to a rewarding four-year stay at the Academy. Photo by B. Brandow.



Filling the Stands

Graduates take the ceremony changes in stride as they anticipate their diplomas during Cohen's speech

It was an early morning, the day of graduation. While graduates and their entourages wiped the sleep from their eyes the Class of '97 became full-fledged lieutenants. The commissioning ceremonies which took place throughout the Academy and the Springs, started early to ensure that everyone would make it to the stadium in enough time to participate in what was sure to be a memorable event.

As was the story of the Class of '97's entire Academy career, the graduation ceremony had a unique twist. They didn't pour out of the portal onto the stadium grass to take their seats, instead they joined the audience in the stadium stands themselves!

Due to the new field being installed for the Fightin' Football Falcons '97 rolled with the punches and graduated with the audience up close and personal! No one seemed to mind, afterall it was still graduation.

Defense Secretary William Cohen addressed the 787 graduates prior to their diploma acceptance.

He encouraged the smallest graduating class in 22 years to treat others with respect and uphold the highest standards in a world ruled by ever changing technology. "Your future is the universe," Cohen said. "You are more than warriors and skywalkers. You are ambassadors of this country."

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The culprit of the graduation modifications, Falcon Stadium received new turf for the 1997-98 football season just prior to June Week. Every graduation has its share of logistics problems and this year was definitely no exception. Photo by M. Brown.



Getting the Diploma

Tears of joy, cheers of happiness and sighs of relief fill the stadium as graduates receive their degrees

The "ambassadors of this country" appreciated his words of wisdom, but what they really had their eyes on was the prize of a diploma and a one-way ticket out.

As the squadron began to line up to walk across the stage, the audience greeted them with cheers of delight. Many families stood out with colorful hats or shirts or signs to let their graduate know how deeply their pride flowed.

When Andre Johnson walked across the stage his father said: "(I feel) joy, because I know what he's accomplished and

sadness, because he's going to have to leave home and become a man."

Joy and sadness permeated the stadium as the last names of the last few squadrons were read, as if to illustrate these feelings, the sun took a brief hiatus as clouds rolled in and rain began to pour.

Those in the audience who had the foresight to bring rain-gear stayed relatively dry while those who didn't (this included the graduates in the wonderful blue wool uniforms) got drenched.

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Lt. Ben Hinton congratulate Lt. Heath Frye with a hug. Receiving the diploma was an emotional time for many in the Class of '97. Photo by C. Willis.



This family-fan-club shows their support for their graduate. Many family and friends attended the ceremony. Photo by BJ Lingle.





With pride in her eyes, CIC Kelly Skalko lifts her diploma high in the air. Graduates all had their individual ways of celebrating with classmates, friends and family. Photo by C. Willis.



CIC Ben Boyd finally has a smile for the Dean of Faculty. Graduation allowed the Class of '97 to put its rigorous academics behind them. Photo by J. Clancy.

CIC Derek Steed proudly shows off his diploma. It took a lot of time to read the names of every graduate, but no one seemed to mind. Photo by B. Brandow.



CIC John Crowe shares a smile with Secretary of Defense William Cohen. Graduates had the opportunity to shake many hands while receiving their diplomas. Photo by C. Willis.

A little worse for the wear, Lt. Bill Booth hugs his mother after being dismissed. Booth suffered a cut on the head from a graduate's tossed hat ... the price was small for the freedom it brought. Photo by B. Brandow.



Standing and watching the Thunderbirds pass by for the farewell roll, this lieutenant pauses to reflect on the events of the day. For many the graduation was just the beginning of the day, out-processing from the Academy still laid ahead for them. Photo by B. Ferrill.

All smiles and a little wet, these lieutenants stand ready to take the Oath of Office. The rain did not dampen spirits during this momentous time. Photo by B. Brandow.



The year goes up in a puff of smoke, Lt. Andy Smith unwinds after the graduation ceremony with a stogie. Many grads brought Cuban cigars to smoke after the ceremony. Photo by BJ Lingle.



A toss of The hats

Rain and clouds couldn't dampen spirits or stop the Thunderbirds from honoring the Academy's newest graduates

After the last name of squadron 40 was read, the cheering could be heard far beyond the reaches of Falcon Stadium. General Lorenz, after a little coaxing managed to calm the enthusiastic masses long enough to administer the Oath of Office. Proud, soggy parents, family and friends looked on while it continued to rain lightly. It was almost like the clouds were holding back long enough to allow the Thunderbirds flyby.

After a minute of waiting, the Class of '97 was given the high sign that they could toss their hats in the air. The powers that be had already informed the new lieuten-

ants to toss the hats "only straight up" and if any of them hit the field... well someone would pay! With the toss, the Thunderbirds zoomed overhead and the celebration commenced.

The Thunderbirds only made two passes before the show was canceled due to the fact that it started raining hard again. The Class of '97 didn't seem to mind as they hugged each other, smoked cigars and gave their hats to the children that asked for them. New lieutenant Megan Bir commented on the weather and at the end of the event, she said: "It's a perfect ending, for a perfect class."



Giving a classmate a high-five, newly graduated Lt. Jeff Lewis enjoys the first minute of freedom. For many, getting the diploma and walking down the stage marked the true end of the Academy's control over them. Photo C. Willis.



Smoking a celebratory cigar, Lt. Jeff VanDusen contemplates his next 60 days of leave. Most grads needed a break after the culmination of all the graduation activities.



An image that exemplifies a dream that is all too common for those who want to fly, this T-38 is on static display outside of the airfield at the Academy. It serves to inspire and focus cadets and graduates on the light at the end of the tunnel ... the opportunity to soar above the eagles. Photo by G. Yoschak.

Opportunities to
excel aren't
run-of-the-mill,
cadets experience

unique **j o u r n e y s**

As displayed throughout these pages, the United States Air Force Academy presents a lifestyle for young adults which is very different than the majority of other post-secondary institutions. The opportunities to excel include every arena: academics, military training, athletics and even spiritual development.

But it was not just the environment that brought about uniqueness; the cadets also gave the Academy that certain appeal that can only be brought about through fresh minds and ideas. Cadets started contributing when they first chose to accept an Academy appointment. When they stepped into basic training and made the choice to stick out the Academy experience they entered a world that was inherently different.

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For the entertainment of the more than 50,000 fans below, a member of the Wings of Blue jumps into the football stadium with the flag. The Wing's commitment to patriotism was ever present at athletic events and other military gatherings. Photo by C. Willis.

Through their
unconventional
paths cadets
are led to **s u c c e s s**

The Academy remained different because it did something that very few other institutions do: it prepared cadets to serve in the defense of this nation and all her ideals while simultaneously providing a college education. There are few institutions that train their students do this, and in addition there are not many young men and women are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to be successful in this environment.

This unconventional environment, coupled with the spirit of the classes made the year unique. The cadets, by choosing to put forth their best efforts, brought recognition to themselves and the Academy in many different areas...the Academy and cadets re-

mained unique by choice. **By Rusty Evers**



An unexpected twist to a Spring day, these cadets take advantage of the cancelation of school due to the downpour of snow that started in the morning and continued well into the afternoon. Not only did the Academy give cadets an excellent opportunity to excel, it also brought about friendships that remained strong long after graduation. Photo by B. Ferrill.



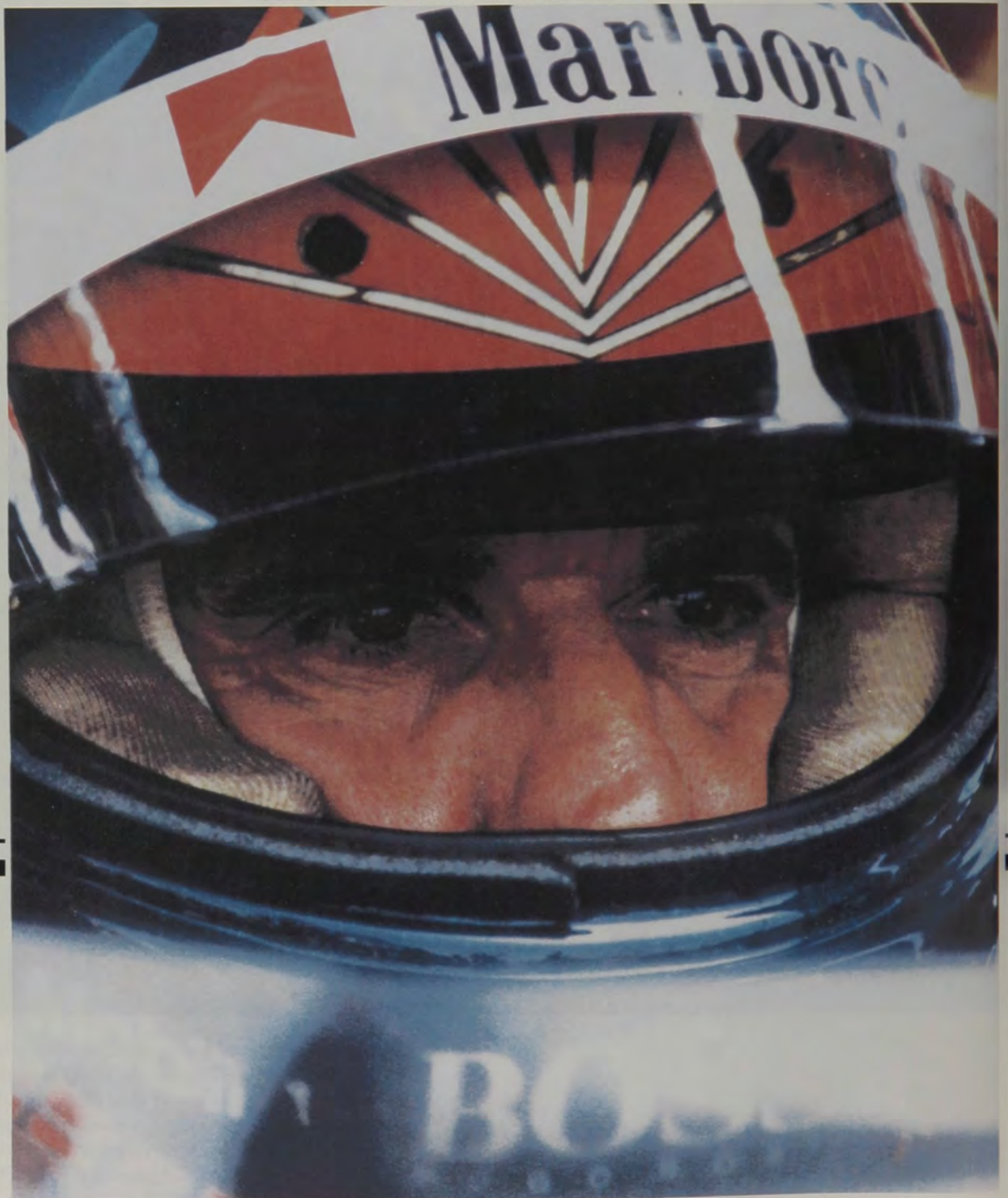


Justification for all of the education, with a toss of a hat and cheering to fill the air, the newly graduated Class of 1997 celebrates the end of their choice to stay at the Academy. From this point forward these graduates will look at the Academy and their experience with both joy and relief. Photo reprinted with permission from the Gazette's Stuart Wong.

'97 Gallery Winners

For the fourth year, the Polaris Staff held the Cadet Wing Photo Contest. Judges determined first, second, and third place winners for each category. All entries were exceptional and those who won were invited to display their work in the *Gallery* section of the *Polaris*. We thank each participant and congratulate those who earned recognition.

C4C BJ Lingle
Honorable Mention,
People





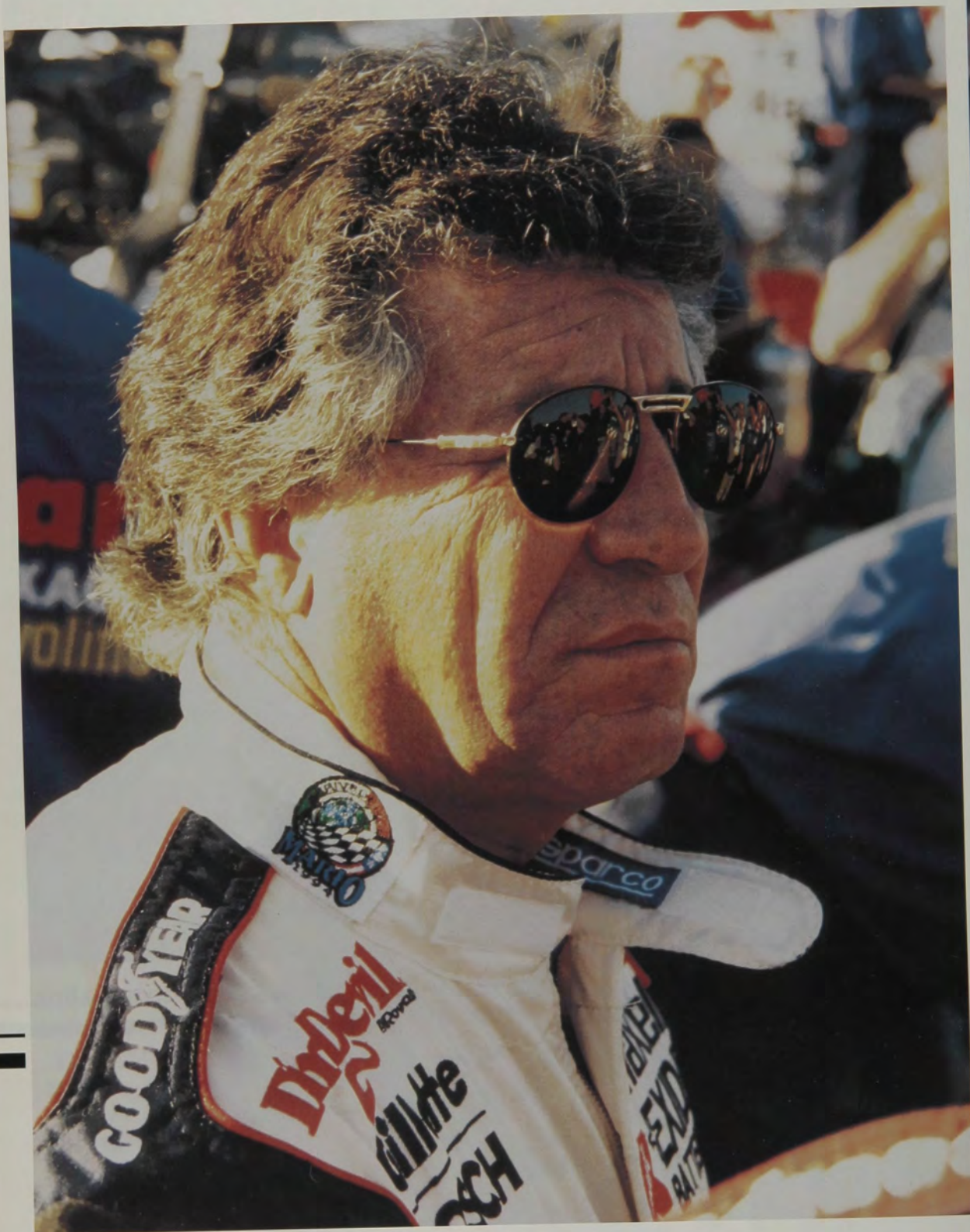
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C3C Erika LaBrie
Second Place, Military



C4C BJ Lingle
Second Place

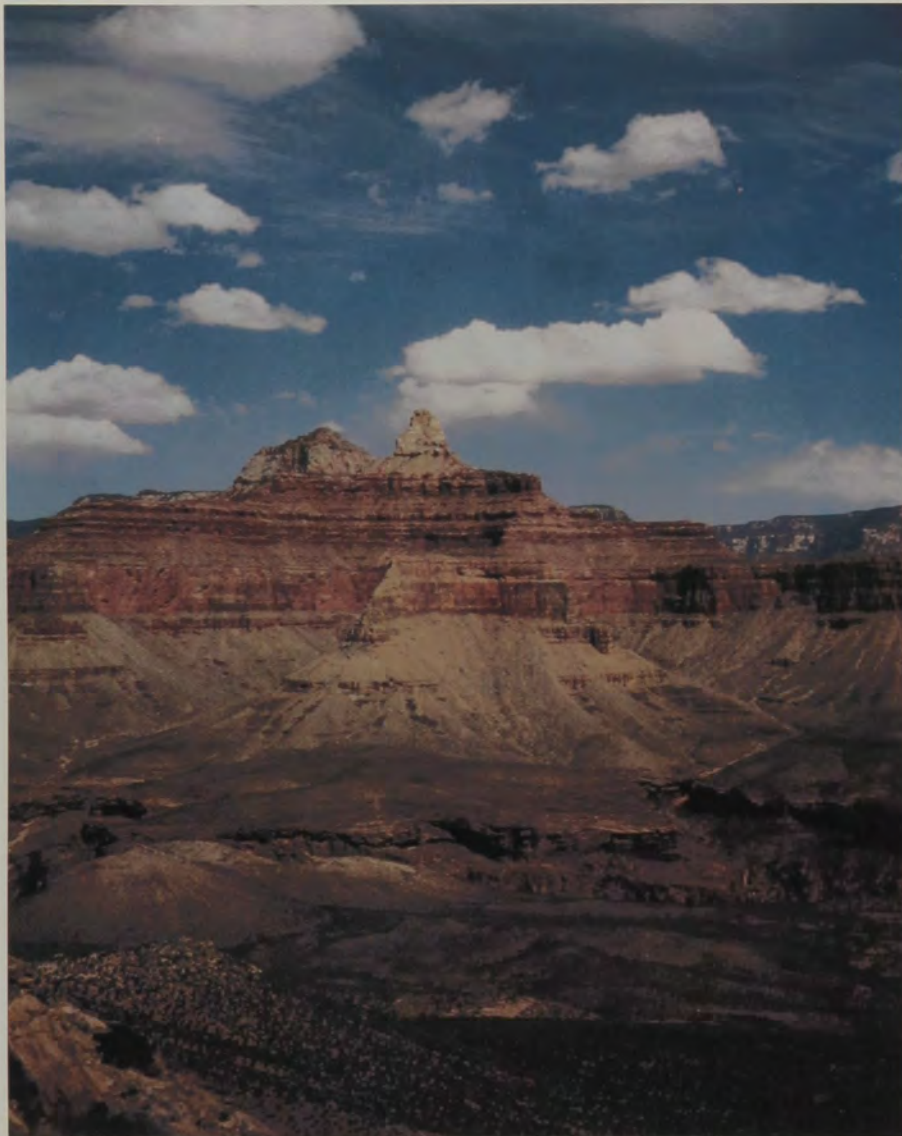


C1C Greg Yoschak
Third Place

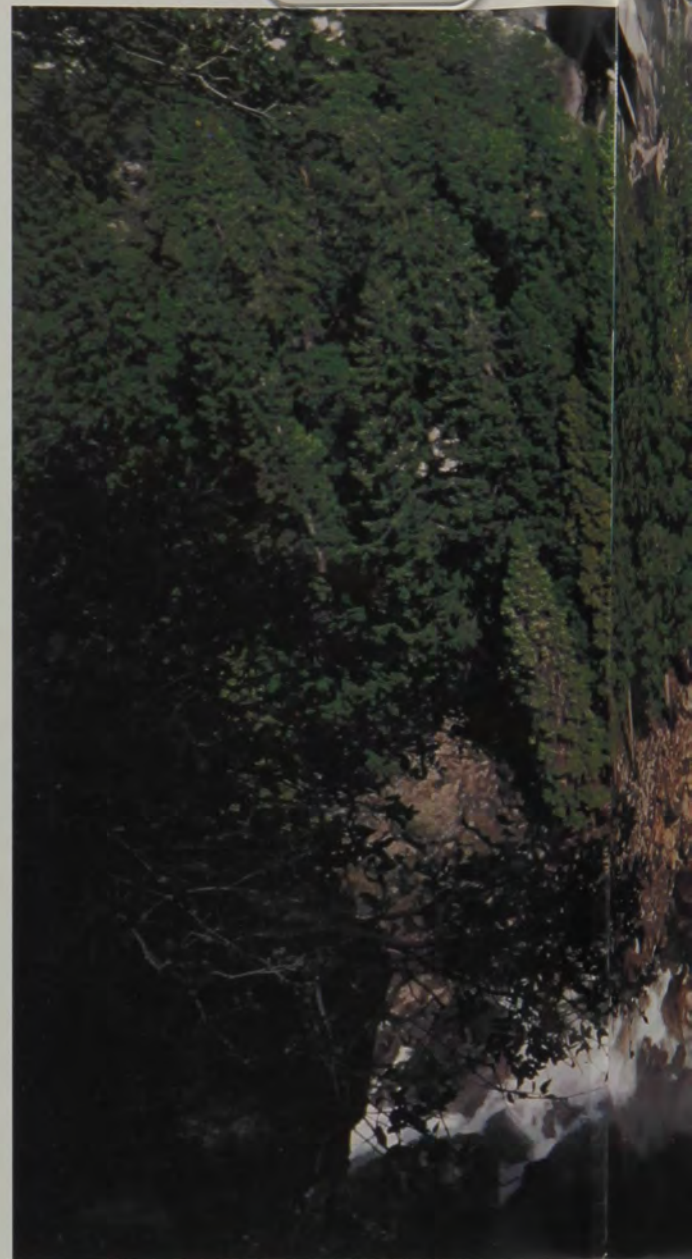


C3C Erika LaBrie
First Place

People



C3C Kris Marty
Third Place



C1C Greg Yoschak
Honorable Mention



C2C Mel Korsmo
First Place



C1C Greg Yoschak
Second Place

Nature

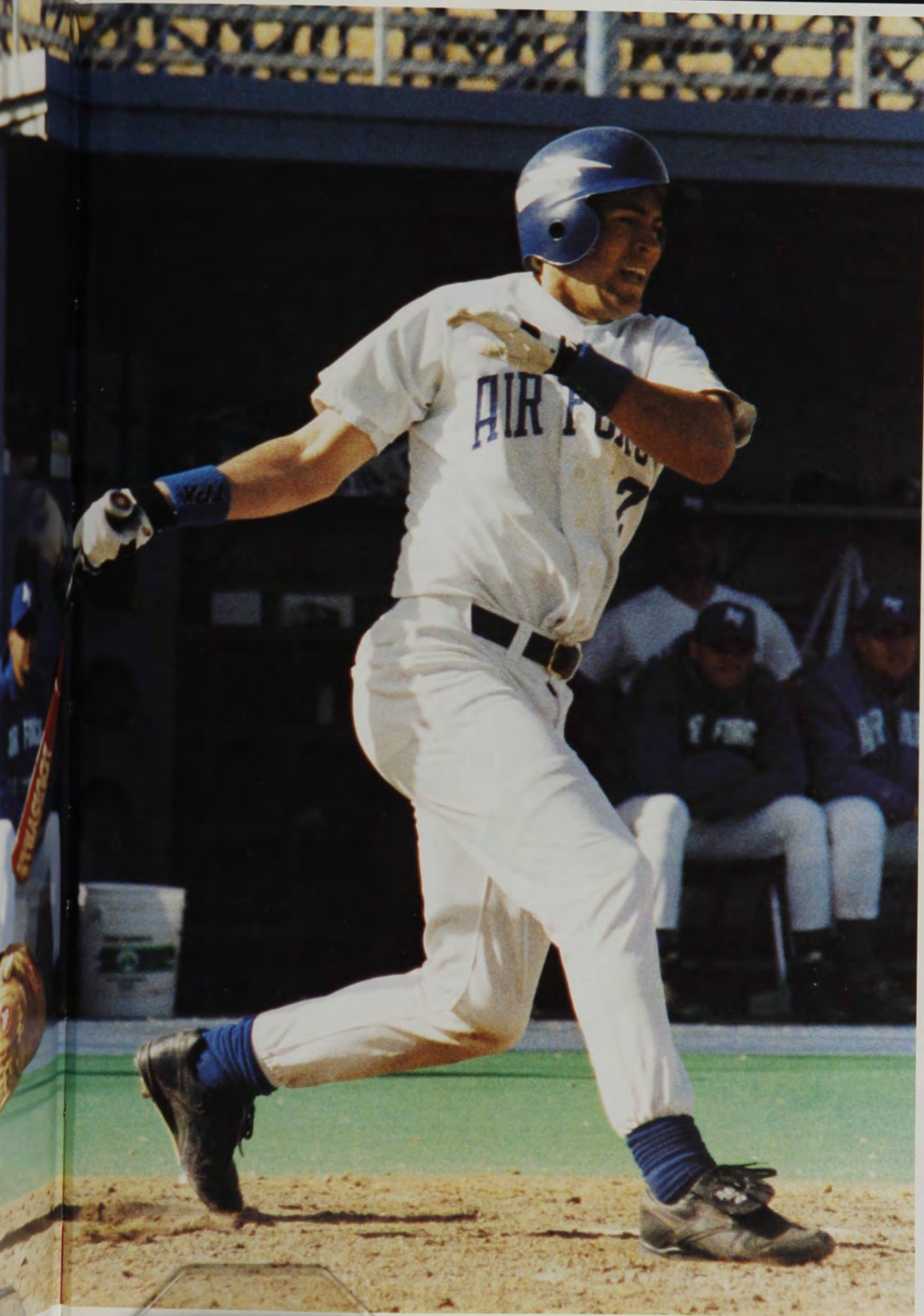
Sports

C4C BJ Lingle
Second Place



C4C BJ Lingle
Third Place





CIC Greg Yoschak
First Place

CIC Greg Yoschak
Honorable Mention





C1C Chris Reeder
First Place



Military

C2C Elizabeth Ferrill
Third Place

Falcon Prayer

Rampart cuts the azure sky,
Sunset low, stars cast high
Cadence calls and bugles blare
Yet so quiet in the cold night air.

Simple words merely thought
Are heard more loud than cannon shot.
Forget me not
Forget me not
Those for whom the country fought

So Falcons gone before us now
Hear us make this solemn vow.
In every breath of life we take
You're felt in heart, with wake.

Chapel wings spread high aloft.
Keep us close to those we've lost.
In never ending Flight of Spirit,
Grace before us, Godspeed: Hear it.

By David S. Droegemueller

IN MEMORY OF ...

Daniel Jenkins '97

Dan Jenkins was a lot of things to a lot of people. But the one thing that he was to everyone was a loving friend. Dan was by all definitions a true servant of God. Whether it was a warm smile in the hallways, a soft word of Christian encouragement in formation, or taking time during AcCall to talk and pray with others, Dan always had time to spread Christ's name. While he desired to be an Air Force officer and wanted even more to fly, Dan's number one priority in life was to do God's will.

Dan has left for us a dear memory and a standard we should measure ourselves by. Dan prayed weekly for God to reveal himself to the Academy in a powerful way and God used his death to do just that. While he was only with us for a short time, God used Dan to touch us all. But Dan got his heart's true desire when God called him home and Dan the "Ragamuffin" is dancing with Jesus right now. We miss you buddy. Save us a dance!

Vaya con Dios, Brother!
Romans 8:39-39

CIC Ben Boyd



Dennis Rando '97

As a Cadet, Dennis was the epitome of an officer-candidate. His love for his country and his professionalism and integrity will be missed. • As a Son and Brother, Dennis was respectful, caring, and considerate. The love and care that Dennis had for his family is unmatched. • As a Boyfriend, Dennis was romantic, passionate, and loving. He spoke of Christie constantly, he was in real love with a caring woman. • As a Christian, Dennis was loyal, faithful, and generous. • As an Athlete, Dennis was competitive, aggressive, and sharing. • As a Friend, Dennis was kind, open, and trustworthy. He was always willing to help people, whether they asked for it or not. His warm and gentle nature could do nothing but make you feel as if you had a best friend. • As a Roommate, Dennis was helpful, considerate, and patient. • Dennis started off as a stranger to me. He left this earth as my brother. Dennis would not want us to cry for him. He is doing what he loves: caring for the people in his life as he watches over all of us. As a matter of fact, as you read this, Dennis is probably spotting God on the bench press.

CIC Matthew
R. Berg



Abid Bukari '98

It's hard to describe someone like Abid in just a few words. He was a loving brother, affectionate son, outstanding student, patriot, and caring friend to anyone.

Although he spent only a few months in CS-11, he was respected by all due to his selfless service in academics as well as personal matters. • Abid did not come from a monetarily wealthy family but knew the virtues of life. Even at the young age of 21, he felt he was satisfied and had no worries. Even if he had troubles, he never wanted to burden others with complaints. His parents, brother and two sisters, despite not seeing him for almost a year, were strong and understanding throughout this difficult period of time. His death was a great loss to his family, friends, the United States Air Force Academy and especially to the Islamic Republic Of Pakistan.

He will be missed by all • Inna Lilla Hay Wa Inna Illaihay Rajaoon • "We all come from Him and to Him we shall return." • Arabic prayer for the deceased



Pace Weber '98

To do Pace Weber justice in so few words seems almost a crime. His academic and military accomplishments could fill this page. However, these accomplishments, in my eyes, are not really indicative of Pace's spirit. Friends with more people than I have acquaintances, Pace touched the lives of all he interacted with. One of the most selfless people I know, he would do anything to help others. On the lacrosse field, where he is not known for his finesse, his philosophy was simple. Get as close to the goal as possible, shoot the ball, and hope for the best. It always brought smiles to everyone's face to watch him scrap his way to a goal. On the hill, this same talent for

simplifying things enabled him to help many of his squad mates. As a result, everyone at one time or another came by his room with a problem and invariably left in a better mood usually with their problem solved. It is a tragedy to lose such a great human being. However, Pace, who always dreamed of flying, left us in the prime of his life doing exactly what he wanted to do. The best way to remember him is that he left us happy.

Hal Glenn,
Roommate and
Teammate



David Baas '99

While David was an accomplished pilot with a passion for flying, no love ran deeper than that which he held for his family and God. Though blessed with many gifts and talents which would have facilitated a successful career, David always placed those priorities secondary to his desire to raise a Christian family and to serve the Lord he loved more than life itself. Even amidst the struggles of cadet life, he continually took on the nature of a Christian servant in all of his professional and personal relationships. David was a generous steward, consistently offering his time, money, and skills to help others before attending to his own obligations. Through these actions he hoped to portray to others that the most important decision in one's life is the decision to follow Jesus Christ. While he recognized that few people make this choice, his favorite quote by Frost revealed that it was the only true path to success. • David took the road less travelled. His life reflected his solid faith in God's plan and the moral absolutes of the Bible, and his legacy lives on in the family he dearly loved and the friends who felt Christ's love through him.

Jason Caiafa, '99, Nathan Diller, '00, Jammie H. St. '00



Stephanie Pollard '00

From Beast through Combat Survival Training, Stephanie lived and pushed life to its extremes. Although a wonderful contribution to the Cadet Wing, Steph's biggest contribution was to those around her. Every situation and every moment was made brighter by her smile and more colorful by her personality. • A member of squadron eight, Stephanie undoubtedly stood out. An accomplished swimmer and member of the rifle team, Steph thrived on competition and was rarely ever shadowed. Family, friends, and classmates alike spoke of what an intelligent, attractive and mature woman she had become. Having put her faith in the Lord, Stephanie must have known in the end that she was going to a better place. We'll miss you Steph. With unyielding love and admiration. . . Class of 2000

"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

John 16:16



Shannon Biela '00

In the passing of Cadet Shannon Paul Biela, we lost a brother, a teammate, a comrade, and most of all, a friend. No one who knew Shannon could remain unchanged by his sense of humor and love of life. We will always remember who he was, who he became, and who he could have been. In omnibus te passe en honorum. I cannot help but think of all the things we hoped to be • I cannot help but question now my immortality • For in a moment, the perfection of life that we have built • Is dashed to pieces, dashed to ashes, burning hot with rage and guilt. • I cannot understand how this has come so soon to pass • I feel as if I'm watching you through cracks within the glass • How could you leave so soon when you had just begun to sing? • You were suppose to alter history, you were suppose to be a king. • In my lack of understanding, now I crumple to the floor • For all the things that were suppose to be are lost forevermore. • But you're immortal still, my friend, within a thousand memories • And you will always stand with honor, always be a king to me.

- Eric W. Schmidt, Class of 2000
1 John 5:11, 12



Recognition from family and friends

For the fifth year, the Polaris staff offered Parent Clubs, families and friends the opportunity to express their congratulations, words of encouragement and best wishes to their cadets and graduates. The response to this offer continues to grow and we are pleased that so many people are using this as yet another avenue to let their cadets and graduates know how proud they are of those at the Air Force Academy. The following pages are a combination of Parents' Club, family and friends' messages. The family, friends and supporter messages are in alphabetical order. The Parents' Club Congratulations and Recognition messages are in alphabetical order by size. Happy Reading!!

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Wesley, congratulations!
You are over half done.
Love Mom & Dad.

Totally awesome you are,
Mona '98.

Doug II we are so proud of
you! Dad, Mom, G-ma,
Shane & Toni.

We're proud of your
accomplishment Drew!
Mom, Dad & Jessica.

Russ, Fly high, and may
the angels keep you safe to
2000 and beyond...

We are proud of you Chris!
Love, Mom and
Dad Allred.

Jason - way to go DBL 0 -
love the family.

Awesome job, Matt! We're
so proud to be your
Mom and Pop!

Harmony - Great job! Two
years down two to go!

Jas, so great a victory
won - so bright a future
begun. Aunt June.

CONGRATULATIONS
LT. JASON ARNOLD '97!
PROUD PARENTS
XXOOX

Great job Jason! Love from
Aunt Sherree, Uncle
Mark, Krysta, & Kindra.

Jason, congratulations
excellent job, Gram B.



Mehdi Darakjy '97
is a Polaris Photographer
who **DEFINITELY** left
his mark on the Wing!



Mehdi, we are very
fortunate to
have been given
the gift of
a son like you.

*Love,
Mom
and Dad*

*Semper
Fidelis*

Colorado Parents Club



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Congratulations to Our 2nd Lieutenants

Carl R. Armour
William T. Bladen
Devin L. Bloss
Jennifer A. Brannan
Michael E. Bruhn
Scott J. Burke
David W. Carlson
Richard R. Coalson Jr.
Jeffery S. Cohen
Travis L. Coleman
Benjamin D. Conde
Christopher S. Dotur
Keith S. Gempler
Jeffrey T. Geraghty
Todd C. Giggy
Laura G. Goodman
Lee C. Guthrie

William R. Hamill
Marc J. Garceau
J. Ted Jacobson
Daniel H. Jenkins
Andre T. Johnson
Trevor M. Kildare
Chadd R. Kobielush
Dawn R. Larson



Jessica L. Lederman
Dawn L. McCown
Sean C. Mirus
Suzanna J. Moore
Brian P. Mulligan
Tyler A. Muncy
Jessica N. Renton
David L. Pittner
Samuel A. Pupich
Tracey E. Smith
John C. Stratton
Philip A. Strouse
Erick J. Wallman
Derek J. Winkler
Brian D. Witkowsky
Heather W. Wyatt
Ann E. Zionick

Love you Jason! Donna
and Nick.

Congratulations Jason on
your success! Love
Chet & Cathy.

Congratulations Jason and
God bless you! Aunt Rose.

Jason, a gentle reminder of
rules 1 and 6, S. A. M.
'97 - Dean.

Good job Jason! I'm very
proud of you! Love
Grandma Motz.

b Three down one to go!
WKYHTFP We are proud
of you, Brian '98.

Congrats Brad JER29; 11-
13; PHIL3; 12-14, 1:6.
Love, Mom & Dad.

Halfway there only two to
go! Keep up the good
work Myke '99.

Great job Jeanne! Love,
Mom & Dad Bedlek.

Mike, you're the best!
Love, Mom & Dad.

Dusty, you're the best!
Love ya guy, Mom, Dad,
Donna, & Dennis.

Way to go Todd! '99 Love,
Mom & Tami.

Gary E. Bernbeck '97
proud parents & family
salute you!

Proud parents of John
Raymond Beurer '98.

Geoff '99! Two down, two
to go! Love,
Mom & Dad Bixby.

Dev - We are so proud of
you! Love, Mom,
Dad & Kelley.

Boomer '99, two down two
to go! We love you! Mom,
Dad & Kath.

Billy, your family, friends
and town are
so proud of you!

Proud parents of
Jon Boulet '97.

Lindsay your determina-
tion is commendable!
Love, Mom.

Good job JD! Love,
Mom and Dad.

Good job Ben! Mom,
Sarah, and Daniel.

Praise God! We love you
Matthew '97.
The Bradley Bunch.

Good job Cory B! Love
Mom & Dad.

Travis Burton Reach for
those stars! Your
proud family.

We salute Iowa cadets and congratulate all our 1997 graduates!



John M. Crowe • Byron P. Formwalt • Chad L.
Greiner • Mary E. Houston • Jason P. Lamb
• Aaron T. Linderman • Jason T. Mills
• Kevin V. Minor
• Matthew A. Schnoor
• Eric A. Warne
• Valerie A. Weber
• Aaron N. Wilt

USAFA Falcon Parents Club of Iowa

C

Congratulations Lt. Andrew Caggiano! Love, Mom, Dad, & Greg.

Hard work + perseverance = success. Congratulations Christine.

Gary, we couldn't be prouder! '00.

Michael, '99 is just around the corner, I am so proud of you!

Over the hump Jayme, Grandpa & Grandma.

Dickie '97 thanks for allowing us to share your USAFA experience. You are special. We are proud. Love, Mom & Dad.

Congrat's Richard Carver '97 - Dreams do come true! Mom & Dad.

We are proud of you Shannon Cary! You did it!

Matt '99 Great job; "D", Mom, Ty, & April.

We are proud of you Chad! You did great! Love your family.

Chad, you make us smile. Fly high! Love, Dad and Mom.

Doing great! Proud parents of Brian Collins. Love, Mom & Dad.

Congratulations Brett, we knew you could do it. Love, Mom, Dad, Alan, & Stacey.

Congratulations Aaron - '99 We are proud of you, Mom and Dad.

Keep soaring Tom Cooper. Love, Granny Clark.

Proud of you Dustin '99! Mom & Dad, Jim & Nancy, Candace & Bill!

Great job, Uncle Dustin! We love you, Reed and Hannah!

Love to and pride in our #1 son Seth.

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Aaron, I am very proud of you! Love, Mom.

Seth, Bless you as you've blessed us. Vija con dios. LuL

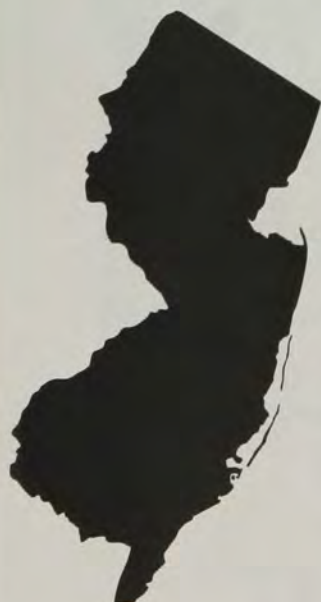
God bless you! You did it Justin!

BTD '99 The laws of physics should be simple. A. Einstein.

Michael, you have your wings hurrah! C3C med Love, Dad and Debbie.

With great pride, The New Jersey Parents Association extends congratulations to our

New Second Lieutenants The Class of 1997



*Raymond R. Escorpizo
Lester M. Gregory
Keith T. Henderlong
Bradford K. Holtmeier
Sean R. Keaveney
Michael P. Kowal
Andrew G. Lawrence
Andre M. Lobo
Christian P. Morath*

*Steven M. Newstead
Danielle R. Opalka
Jason Earl Puckett
John David Roche
Steven William Rolenc
Nathan C. Scopac
Matthew Simmons
James P. Tuite*



We are proud of you G
(Guillermo)! Love,
Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Matt D!
Love always, Mom,
Dad and Jon.

Brian '00 Pain - success -
surprises! Love your
proud parents..

Mission complete! Fly high
Scotty! Mom and
Dad Devenish.

Nicholas, we are so proud
of you! Love, Mom & Dad.

Great work Kevin, four
down, one to go! Love,
Mom & Pops.

Malia '00, go for greatness!
We are so proud,
Mom and Dad.

Colin D '97, you paid the
price, great job, love,
Mom & Dad.

Proud of you, Chris! Dad,
Mom, Beth, Jen 2
Timothy 4:7.

Huzzah! J. Shannon Doyle
'97 Love, Mom,
Heather & Sean.

Dennis - we are so proud of
you & love you lots!
Mom & Dad.

Blaine, your determination
+ desire = success! I be-
lieve in you, Mom.

e

Greg, hardest year is over!
You did grreat!
Love, your family.

Matthew, two down two to
go! Love Mom,
Warren & Sadie.

Greg '97 - Kelsey '00, heart
& faith sustain.
Altius, Citius, Fortius.

We are proud of you
Mark! Love, Dad, Mom,
Jason and Becky.

Escorpizo congrats so proud
of you! Love,
Mom, Dad & Felicia.

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Jared, you are #1 to us!!
Love, Mom, Dad and Ben.

So proud of you,
Chris Fell '97.

J.D. may the force of four
paws be with you!
T, C, G, & R.

Joe, Always be on
eagle's wings. Love, the
Ferfolia family.

Silas, you achieved what
you set out to do. We're
proud of you!

Proud parents of Jeremy
A. Fields '97.

CONGRATULATIONSTO OUR NEW SECOND LIEUTENANTS

Jason Arnold
Gary Bernbeck
Robert Francis
Brian Gilpatrick
Ronald King
John Korsedal IV
Julie Lecea
Jason Lind
Thad Middleton
Heather Mitchell
Sean Monteiro
Mark Peters II
Jeffrey Risdon
Jay Smith
Joseph Suhajda
Benjamin Wysack

Brighton
Saline
Sanford
Tenton
Snover
Fenton
Flushing
Linden
Port Huron
Redford
East Lansing
Beverly Hills
Howell
Maryville
Detroit
Houghton

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g —————
 Jeremy F. 06-'98. Go for it!

Cliff, the toughest
 year is over. Good job!
 RFTS! M & D.

Proud family of Jason
 Ford '98.

Byron, we're proud of you!
 Mom & Dad.

Chris Fox '00. A great job,
 A great man!
 Love, Mom & Dad.

Joshua, God & hard work
 did it we love you. Con-
 gratulations! Mom, Dad &
 Cesika Reid

g —————
 Jacob, no bird soars too
 high if he soars with his
 own wings. DM.

You did it! We are proud of
 you Netta! Love Mom,
 Dad, Cheryl and Mark.

Gherdo we love you,
 Mom & Dad.

A proud family of John
 Gilliam '98. DYBKTR
 We love you!

We are so proud, Ben '99,
 to Mars! M & D.

So very proud of you Rick!
 We love you!
 Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Congratulations Jim '97.
 Aim High. Mom, Dad,
 Tricia, & John.

Ryan - The gold shines in
 '99. Mom & Dad.

Johnnie we love you -
 Mom, Dad, & Jennie.

Proud Greenleaf parents of
 Patrick '97 and Jason '99.

We are proud of you, Carl!
 GNSTDLTBBBR? Mom,
 Dad, & Ann.

Edward, DSOD say we are
 proud of you , hey M & D.

Jim Gump made it. Thank
 you Lord!

h —————
 Colleen, continue to aim
 high and the
 goal will be yours.

Heather Honey Hall equals
 pride & joy!

Courtney, we are so
 proud of you! Love,
 Mom & John.

Proud of you Bill! Love,
 Mom and Papa.

Andrew, living the chal-
 lenge keeps your dream
 alive. We love you.

Your family is very proud
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"THE FEW, THE FAITHFUL"

To Jake: The dream is now
reality, may it
exceed the dream.

Jake - I hope this puts a
smile on your face for all
you've put on mine.
Congrats! Love, Rach.

Alli, you met the challenge
of the first year. Congrats!

Great job Nate - Goal in
sight! Jer 29:11 Love,
Mom, Dad & Matt.

Buck, we love you, Mom &
Dad & Charisse.

We love you Brad and are
very proud! Love, Mom,
Dad & Gregg.

Kevin Hornburg, you are a
shining star! Love,
Mom and Dad.

Bobby, you aimed high!
We are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad & Erik.

j Tate, soar with eagles!
We're proud. Love you,
Mom & Dad.

Andy Jett '97, you did it!
We're so proud!
Love Mom and Dad.

Leighla '97 so proud of
you!! Love, Mom, Dad,
Scott, & Cats.

André dreams do come
true! Love Mom,
Dad & Family.

Sweet DJ persistence pays!
Love, M & D.

Evan, Keep up the great
job! We love you, Mom,
Dad, & Marg.

k On your way to graduation,
Dan Joe K. We are so
proud of you!

Congratulations Jon-
Michael '00. Love, Mom
and Dad Kerestes.

Dave '99, let your light
shine! We love you, Tiger!

Job well done. We are
proud of you Shakir! Love,
Mom & Dad.

Rob, way to go, Pal! We
love you! Mom,
Dad, and Michael.

l You did it Todd! Love,
Mom & Dad Lafortune.

Laura '99 WAC swimming,
Dean's list, you are #1.
Love, Mom & Dad.

David L, leader & a fol-
lower of God!

We're so proud Scott!
Love, Dad & Mom,

We are so proud of you
Scott '97! All our love,
Grandma and Grandpa.

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IT
REVVIN'"**



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You did it; keep going for
the dream Scott. Love,
Mom, Dad, & Melissa.

Preston, hot fire- fine gold.
You're the finest! Love,
D, M, & C.

Daniel, God & human
spirit overcome all! We
love you, Mom & Dad.

Felicitaciones Julie Lecea
you DID it!
Love, your family.

Hang in there, we
love you, Joe!

Way to go, Jason! We
love you super!

Jason Lind '97 your
family is proud!

We're proud of you Eric
Lindberg '97!

God bless you Aaron!
Love, Mom & Dad.

One step closer to your
goal Kevin! Love Mom
and Dad Lord.

Al-00-make your own
destiny! Love, Mom.

Kara M. Lueken '98. Now
you're a firstie! With
pride & much love
Grandma & Grandpa.

Proud parents of Aaron
Lumpkin '97.

Fly high with eagles
congrats Phil '97. Love,
Mom, Dad & Katy.

m

Adam M. M. two-years
closer to masters degree in
EE! Mom & Dad.

Jimbo - You stood the rain;
now enjoy the rainbows.
We're so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad & Holly.

Joey M. 06-Looking great
'98! Love, the fam & Sam.

JB, hip hip hoorah -
no more doolie days! We
love you! Us.

Erik, the worst is behind
you. We're proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad.

Dom, we're so proud, as
should be the man in the
glass! Love, Mom & Dad.

Greg, one more year -
hold the dream!

The Sweet Pea is halfway!
Love, Matt, Marley,
Mom, Dad, & Stan.

Dominick, with much love
& pride we congratulate
you- the Sims, Chapmans
& the Lopezes.

Do I get my sports car and
big house now Tracie?!

Love! Mom.

Teresa, the path of least
resistance isn't always the
best choice we are so proud
of you! Dad & Kim.

Espirito, remember who
you are and what you stand
for! We love you!

Trini, together we can
conquer anything! Love,
Dad, Mom & Stef.

Charlie, nobody does it
better! Love, Mom.

Alex, your determination!
Your spirit! I
love you, Mom.

Proud family of Kyle
Minarik '97.

Heather, you ran the
course! Great, we
love you!

Sean be all you can be!
Mom, Dad & Donna.

Damani '99 Group Staff,
CIC, viper great job! Mom,
Dad & Kim.

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- Megan K. Bir
- Kirsten M. Larson
- Luis Nunez
- John Perrys
- Michael Settle
- Chen Yen Su

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!

Kacy- Gymsox. Keep up
the excellent work!
We love you.

Dan '99 congratulations
you're almost there!
Mom and Dad.

Sean, you strive, you
endure, your success
is infinite!

Ryan Moon - Lo, I am with
you always. Matt. 28:20 -
Mom & Dad.

Courtney, you are a de-
light! Love you. Mom
and Dad Moore.

Julie '00 soar with your
own wings!

Dear Sue-q, Love you, miss
you, proud of you! Always,
M, D, & J.

Pat '99 one to go! Mom,
Dad, C & S, & JB too!

mc

Congratulations Gene
McCallister '97! Love,
Mom, Dad and Leigh.

Daniel, one year gone
proud of you! Mom & Dad.

You're halfway home, Joey!
Mom & Dad.

Ryan we are very proud of
you! Love, Mom and Dad.

Keith Mc. Class of 2000!
Love ya- ahjaw. Mom, Mol,
Min, Gma & Gpa.

Sarah '00 congratulations -
Great year! Love, Mom,
Dad & Richard.

Believe in yourself! Go for
it! Tobin McKearin '99.

Mike, keep aiming high!
God Bless you! Mom,
Dad & Ryan.

n

You made it happen!
Proud family of Julio Ari
Negron '97.

Caleb, be an eagle. We
love you!
Mom and Dad! '99.

Mark, congratulations you
are #1 with us! Love,
Mom, Dad & Grandma.

Mark-Man CS-33 venisti,
vidisti, vicisti. Love a
proud Mom & Dad.

i

We love you Catherine
O'Brien and your
fighting spirit.

David Och the best
is yet to come!

From beautiful northern
Ohio to Joe O. '00-
way to go!! XO.

Ade, no more smack
packs! Yay for you! Love,
Mom & Allan.

We're so proud of you
Danielle! Love, Mom,
Dad & Justin.

We are proud of you, Ryan.
Love, Hugs & Kisses,
Mom, Dad & Mike.

Kedric J. Osborne '00 God
bless, all our love,
Mom & Dad.

Kevin J. Osborne '98 God
bless, all our love,
Mom & Dad.

p

Brooke Page adored child
and sister you are
pure gold '00!

Brett '97 you made it and
we are very proud of you!
Mom & Dad.

Luis Nunez 1997 graduate

We
are very
proud.



Felicidades

Mami, Papi, Tommy & Leslie
& your entire family



ERIC S. HASSINGER -WOLFPACK-

Congratulations to a perfect son and
brother in every way a comedian,
gentleman, athlete, scholar, officer, and soon
to be a pilot! We are so very proud of all
your accomplishments! Your perse-
verance and commitment to excellence has
always given us a source of extreme pride.
Another adventure is about to begin - soar
high, the sky is the limit, and always
always fly safe!
All our love always,
Mom, Dad and Carly

Andy '98, almost there,
lower landing gear!
Parke Family.

Aurthur, one down. Three
to go! Love, Mom, Dad,
Mar, Brig and Matt.

Congrats Ween! Two down
and two to go!
Love Mom & Dad.

Way to go Justin! Mom,
Dad, Jeff & Dan.

AJ, no more spirit missions
can't land here vaya con
dios. XO Mom.

Jimmy '00 you did it! Love,
Dad and Mom.

We're proud of you!
God bless you! Love,
Mom and Dad.

We are proud of you Vic-
tor! Love, Mom &
Hugh & Karen.

Congratulations Victor.
Your dream's come
true! Love, Dad.

We love you Don '99!
Keep up the work!

Proud family of Brian
Peterson! We love you!
Mom, Dad & Dean.

M.G.P. - Another great
year - life is good! Love
always from WBL.

We salute you Josh! Love,
Mom and Dad.

Way to go Tim, Halfway to
your dream! Love, Mom,
Dad & Chris.

Dave Pittner '97 - We are
proud of you, reach
for the top!

Laura, you're already
flying! FRTAJ

Becca, I'm so very proud
for you, love, Dad Pratt.

Adam, congratulations on
your achievement! Love
your family.

q Jerry Quinn, love you
LOTS! Mom, Dad, Kelly
and Grandma.

r

Way to go Radar! We are
so proud of you! Love,
Mom & Dad.

RJ '00 "Freedom" the
force - the future!
Rasmussen Family.

Lt. Sunny Bunny - You did
it! You make us so proud.

Will, Halfway there &
WOB! WOW! M & D.

Ryan, you did it! Love,
Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Jeannie
'97! You did it! Love
Mom and Dad.

Shane, awesome NCAA
Track Nationals! Watch
out England!

Christopher, we are proud
of you! Great Job
MN cadet CWR. Love,
Mom & Dad.

Lance R-M '98, now you're
a firstie!! Love & Pride.
Mom & Dad.

s

Proud parents of Mark
Sandor '97!

Jose '99, Go! We know
that you can do it. Your
proud family Loves you!

Best of luck, Louie! We
love you, Mom,
Dad & Jessica.

Congratulations



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We are proud of you Mike!
Love, Mom, Dad
and Doug.

Dan Schulte's Wisconsin
proud, we love you!
Your family.

Congratulations Chris
Senseney '97!

Jen - what was hard to
endure is sweet to recall.
Love MDDHD.

Congratulations Matt
Simmons! We are so proud
of you! Our love
will be with you always.
Mom & Dad.

Trev '00, you did it! We're
proud love Mom,
Dad & 3T's.

Brandon, it's all downhill
from here! We love you,
Mom & JR.

Stu '99 We're so very
proud of you!

Eric you have made us
proud! Mom, Dad,
Oliver, & Kevin.

We are proud of you Miah
class of '99!

Great job Brent 500 on
PFT! Love, Mom and
Dad Stark.

Tiff you spread your wing
& expanded your mind!
Love, Ma & Pa.

Buckwheat '99, way to go!
Mom & Dad.

Jason, you're halfway
there! We're so proud of
you! Love, Mom & Dad.

Way to go Andy! We love
you Mom & DRJ.

Tracy '99 "Two down and
Two to go!" Love &
prayers! MDAC.

Kelly, two grand, we stand
behind you! Mom, Dad,
Paul & Jordan.

Philip, you are the wind
beneath our wings! Dad,
Mom and Nate.

Patrick Suermann '97 CE
2nd Lt. Congratulations!
Mom & Dad.

We are proud of you Peter
Jr.! Love, Mom and
Dad Sung.

You're a star Dan! Love M,
D, K, Shuggie.

Congratulations Nick. We
love you, Mom, Deb,
Mark & Tristan.

Congratulations Bud, super
job, proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad.

Craig, we are proud of your
accomplishments!
Love, Mom and Dad.

Michael '97, soar like an
eagle! Love, Mom and
Dad Taraborelli.

Congrats Ian Tate '97!
Love, Mom & Dad.

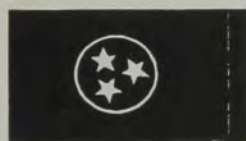
Ben, halfway to your goal!
So proud of you! Love,
Mom & Pete.

Kari, God richly blessed
us with you!

Kaylynn we are with you!
Love Mom & Dad.
2000 is class.

Proud parents & sisters of
John T '97.

Ry, you're half way there!
We are so proud. Love, you
Mom and Dad.



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Good job, Dennis! We are very proud of you!
DWU97 WLYVM
Mom & Dad.

V

Jeff '97, congratulations!
We love you, Mom and Dad Van Dusen.

Half way there Kirsten!
Great Job!

Congratulations Brett!
Love, Dad, Mom,
Krissy & Travis.

Great job Wendy. I am very proud! Mom.

W

Proud family of Mike Wagner '97.

Erwin Waibel '98 We love you and are very proud of all you have achieved!
Love, Mom,
Dad, Annemaria & Grandma.

Annemaria Waibel '99 We love you and are very proud of all you have achieved! Love, Mom, Dad, Erwin & Grandma.

We love you, David '99!
Mom, Dad & Brady.

Always knew you were an ace Helen! Love Mom and Chip!

Proud parents of Stacy Walser '97. Infinity and beyond!

Good job David Ware!
Love your family.

Congratulations 2nd Lt. Eric Warne '97! Love, Mom Dad & Bryan.

Kris R. W. give glory to God ps 115!

Blair '00 we're so proud of you! MDNN.

Mike, made it. Two to go! Love, Mom, Dad and Jeff.

Rye academic all - American runner!

Brian, "It takes a little more" we're proud! Love Mom & Nicole.

Chris, all righty then!
We love you!

You're half way there Kev! Congratulations! Mom, Dad & Jen.

Congratulations Jason '00!
Mom & Dad.

Laura, you are the greatest daughter ever!
Congratulations!

Partrick, we are incredibly proud of you! Bless you!!!

Great Job David! Love Dad, Mom, Jen, and Jeff.

y

Proud parents of Edward Yee '97!

z

Wiz,—keep smiling!!!!

Awesome! Awesome!
Awesome! Keep on keepin on, Matt! Love.

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Bob Dole retired after 35 years in Congress to devote himself full time to running for president. At the age of 73, the former senator from Kansas would have been the oldest person elected to a first term as president. However, Dole and running mate, Kemp, were unable to capture the presidency.



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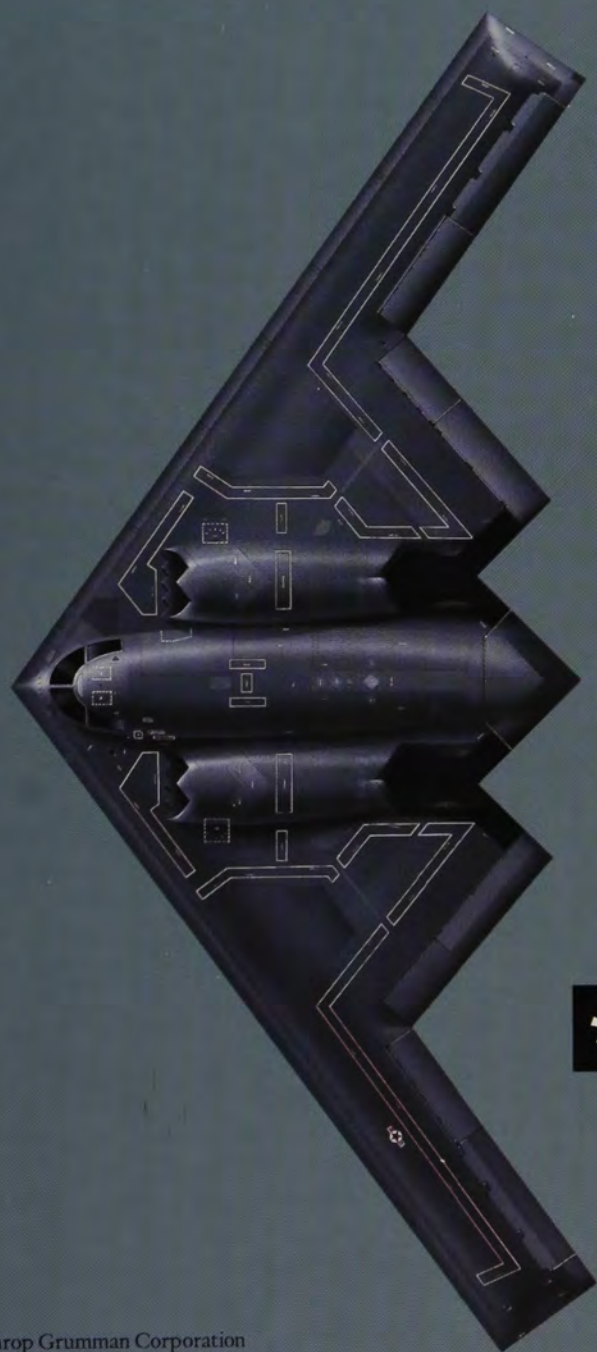
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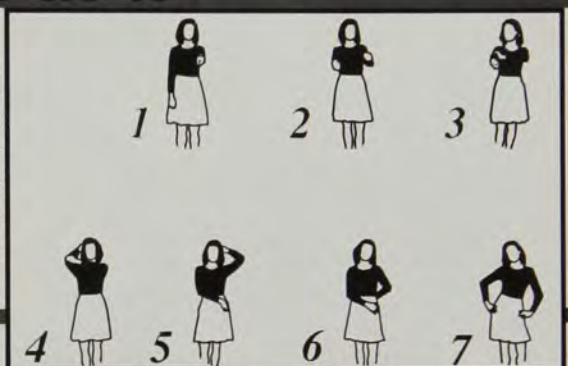
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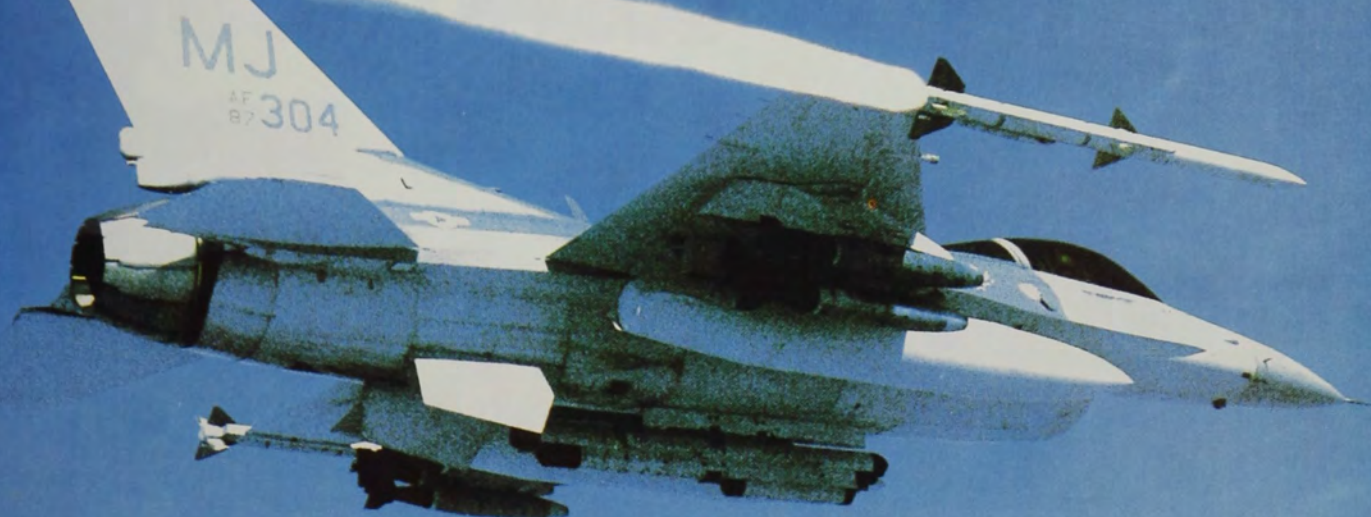
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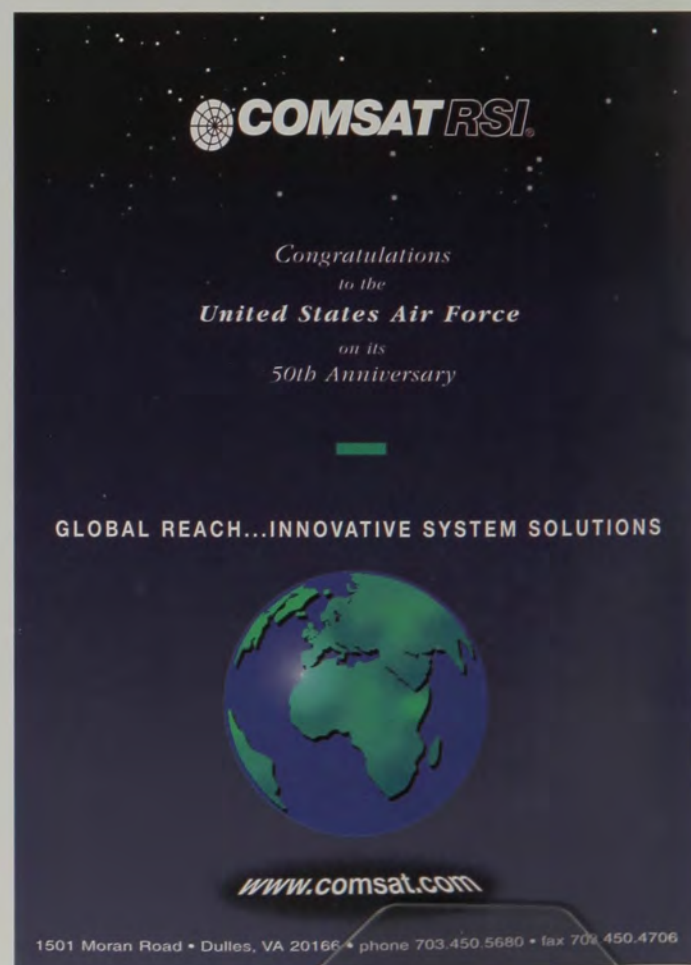
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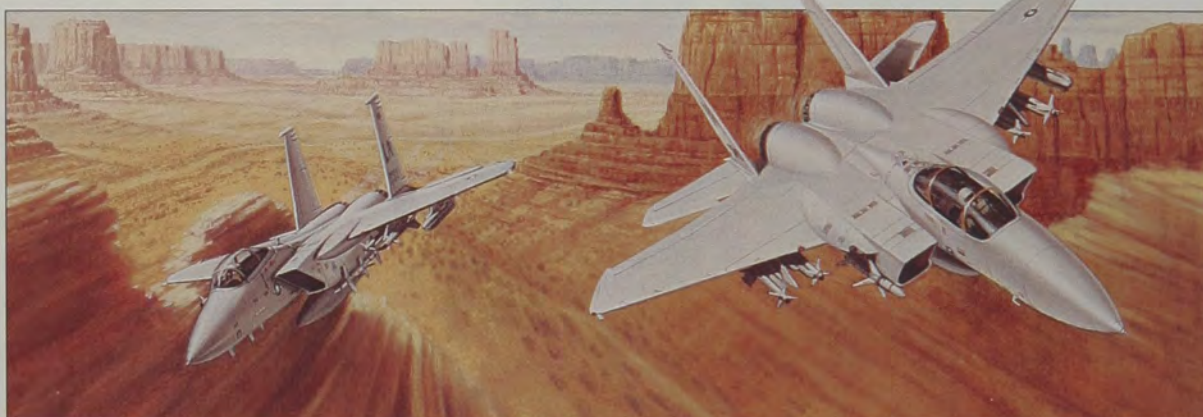
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Stock reaches record highs

The stock market surged to record highs as the school year began. It was a continuation of one of the greatest bull markets in history. The Dow Jones industrial average hit record highs in late September, and closed at over 6,000 in October. The spark that kept the markets moving upward was news that suggested that the economy was slowing down, thus keeping interest rates low.



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Terrorism hits Olympic Games

A deadly explosion disrupted the Olympic Games in Atlanta which was responsible for the death of two people and injuring nearly a hundred more. The FBI initially linked Olympic security guard Richard Jewel with bombing, but later all charges were dropped.



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Yankees win World Series

The New York Yankees definitely had luck on their side when they edged out the defending World Champion Atlanta Braves 3-2 in Game 6 of the World Series. This was the first championship for the Yankees since 1978, and their 23rd overall.



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The Editor's Final words ...really

At the beginning of every good book there is a dedication page that thanks those who need to be recognized. At the end of every great yearbook, you will find those people who deserve to be recognized and applauded for their work. So I hope there is enough room on this page to get everyone in!

First and foremost, Amara - you are an unbelievably gifted woman who brings out the best in young men and women - anytime - without fail. Without your advice, guidance and love none of us could have made it through the year. Not only can you fix a bad page you can fix a bad day with your warm smile. You have made a tremendous impact on the staff and Wing with your expertise, and the next adviser has big shoes to fill. I will miss you dearly and can't wait to see you (and Capt. Dan!) again.

Bill and Rocio, thanks for making our job easy. It has been a pleasure working with you for the past four years. Bill, thank you for putting me on your list - it's an honor.

And the firsties on the staff: We made it! No more PRODUCTION DAYS!! Mehdi, Boo-Boo and Nereyda, thanks for sticking with it for the long haul. Your work will never be forgotten, and I am grateful to have worked with you all. Best of luck.

You youngins who still have one year (or more) to go -- Thanks for all of the work you've done on this one. Now it is your turn to shine, I know you will do it well. Take what you have learned and teach it to others and continue to build what has been laid before you. The Polaris will continue its excellence directly through your brains and fingers. The foundation is set, it's moving to the top, so keep on the track of greatness.

And those of you who just happened upon this Editor's page; thank a yearbook member. Thank him or her for putting together the memories of a year in the life. It could be now, or at a class reunion many years from now. What's in these pages will last forever, for better or worse. It is who we are, what we do, and these pages stand as a testament to our young lives and our time on the Hill, lest we forget. No other club or organization can make such a claim, so appreciate those who documented our lives and times.

And with that, this is where the Editor makes his last entry. It was a great time, and I thank the staff for everything. It is a great honor to be Editor-In-Chief for two years. See ya on the flip side!

Rusty

Colophon

Yes, here is the publication information that most people seem to pass over. Well, for those of you who have ventured this far and want to know more about how the 1997 Polaris was created please read on. The theme of the book, Unique by Choice, was chosen by the staff. This outstanding bunch of people designed the book, wrote copy, and took photographs; without their talent and endless hours of volunteering, this book would not be here.

The cover was created on Pagemaker, it is embossed with Bright Gold Hot Foil 807. The cover material is Pearlescent Neptune Blue Tie Dye sturdite.

The pages of the book are all 80 pound signature gloss. The book is made up of 34 signatures, all of them are printed with colored ink except for those that make up the Family, Friends, and Supporters section and the index. They are black and white only.

Continuing with the sections, all of them were designed with either Pagemaker 6.0, Corel Draw 3.0 or a combination of the two. In addition the staff experimented with Photoshop and there's no doubt that more of it will be used in future books. As stated earlier, all sections are four-color and the backgrounds are a combination of specialty papers and Pantone colors.

The staff used a combination of types to personalize each section, the only constants are the body copy and captions. The body copy is Goudy 10 point and caption style is Goudy 8 point italic. The following is a list of the sections and the types each incorporated: Military: Timpani, Elephant, Fritz. Cadet Life: Dawn Castle, Bangkok, Arial. Academics: Impact, Arial. Clubs: Amphion, Algerian, Aardvark, Algiers. Squadrons: Arial, Haettenschweiler, Technical, Lucida Calligraphy. June Week: Adelaide, Helvetica. Opening/Closing Arial, Bodnoff.

More important than all of the items it took to create this book, are the people. We had so many who dedicated their time to this publication it was truly a labor of love. We found that the best way to attract them and keep them coming back was to fuel them with edible offerings. This year the staff favorites included: Arnies pizza (sorta), oatmeal chocolate chip cookies, rice crispie treats, brownies, tortilla chips and dip, cream soda (yes there are some who really drink that stuff) and Dr. Pepper! It's a wonder that the staff still felt good after eating all of this stuff to work but work they did and this is the end result!

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