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-G.C. Lichtenberg

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The Academy experience is unique for each and every cadet. For some, the Academy is a dream of a lifetime filled with lasting friendships, excellence in academics, reaching heights of top physical condition, becoming captain of an athletic team, helping the community, or leading the Cadet Wing. To others, the Academy is an institution rooted in a sense of belonging and finding out who you really are. It is a place where, in twenty years, they will look back and remember what it was the Academy gave them in return: discipline, integrity, honor, and pride.

The Academy experience can also be one of uncertainty from start to end. The drastic change from



C1C Robert Wolfe puts C4C Rob Stimpson's shoulderboards on after the Acceptance Parade. Now C4C Stimpson is accepted into the Cadet Wing. Photo by B. Brandow

civilian life to that of a structured military institution would open the eyes of any person. When at one time they were at the top of their class, they are now struggling to be average. There is the concern of facing consequences for doing

something wrong, for missing a formation, or sleeping in class. . .always remaining skeptical of whether or not they will make it out of here.

No matter what kind of experience one gets from the Academy, some cadets learn how to survive and reach that final goal of graduation and commissioning. They have become well educated, have developed good moral characters and are physically fit to meet the demands and challenges of any job they will have to face in the Air Force. By the end of this Academy experience, cadets have realized that within them, the qualities and values needed to be an officer in the military have been deeply ingrained as they move forward to serve their country with integrity and honor.



C1C Matt French accepts the Wing Commander's saber at the Change-of-Command ceremony. As the spring semester starts the entire Cadet Wing undergoes a change in leadership. Photo by B. Bradow

By Gayle Apolonio

1999 Polaris, Assistant Editor-in-Chief

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During the short four years at the Academy, a cadet will experience a lifetime of events. Entering the Academy as a civilian, their eyes will widen in shock and disbelief when they take their first step off the bus at the "Bring Me Men" Ramp. Their lives will be forever changed. There are different rules, different people and a new way of doing things.

Throughout those four years, cadets face a multitude of changes. Changing classes, changing jobs, changing ranks, changing responsibilities and changing privileges. For the class of 1999 change has been one of their most constant companions while at the Academy. They have seen two Superintendents, two



The Cadet Wing lays on their back doing flutter kicks while an MTL offers a little support. The Wing wide PC session was something that has not been done in recent memory. Photo by B. Brandow

Commandants, two Deans, two Athletic Directors and two Head Chaplains. Not only have they seen different people in charge, they have seen their different styles of leadership.

The Class of 1999 has

been on the front line of change. From the structural differences in Vandenberg Hall and Fairchild Hall to the changes in the regulations, the cadets in the Class of 1999 have had to adapt for four years to a constantly new Academy.



C3C Jonathan Somogyi receives the first "G" wings as the newest cadet Instructor Pilot. The IPs changed to an old tradition of wearing the WWII glider wings. Photo by B. Brandow

In the opinion of many firsties some of these changes have been good and bad, but none can deny that not a day went by when old regulations gave way to a new way of running the cadet wing. Some would say that the wing they came into in the summer of 1995 is completely different than the one they are leaving in the spring of 1999.

Cadets and the Class of 1999 can look back on the good and bad but their vision is always to the future, a future of continuous change.

By Brian Brandow

1999 Polaris, Editor-in-Chief

More than 50 years ago, the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Carl Spaatz discussed the critical role of “an airman’s faith” in the importance of controlling the air to achieve wartime victory. Today we continue to nurture that faith, but we now speak of aerospace power because we no longer view space as a remote frontier beyond our reach. Capabilities in space are inextricably linked to all our military activities, in the air and on the ground, in ways only imagined during the days of General Spaatz.

The unpredictable security demands of the 21st century require us to improve our effectiveness as an aerospace power. Hence, we are returning to our roots



This cadet from Cadet Squadron four straps into a T-37 Tweet for an incentive ride. For many graduates this will be their first plane to fly. Photo by B. Bradow

as an expeditionary aerospace force. We must be aggressive to meet the needs of our rapidly changing world with forces that can respond quickly and decisively. We must be light, lean, lethal forces tailored to

specific mission demand and formed in a way to sustain known deployments while posturing for the unknown. The Air Force we envision integrates our total force, active duty, Guard and Reserve, providing stability and predictability for our people and a potent capability for our nation led by our finest.



C1C Pat McDonough discusses his future plans with Capt Larry Walker at Jack Quinn's on 100s Night. Cadets sought out advice for their futures from those who have already graduated. Photo by B. Brandow

Each of you represents the future of our United States Air Force and the future of our great nation. I sincerely believe General Spaatz would have shared my pride as the graduating Class of 1999 prepares to lead us into the new millennium. Congratulations and best wishes to all the future officers of the United States Air Force.

*By General Michael E. Ryan
Chief of Staff, United States Air Force*

MILITARY

From the first day a cadet enters the United States Air Force Academy till the moment they leave, the military pillar is the most dominate aspect of their lives. From the time cadets wake up to the sound of reveille and put on their uniform, to the sound of taps at 2300 hours, cadets eat, breathe and sleep a military life. It is their job.

The fourthclass system is an aspect of life that a normal college student would never face even at the most grueling fraternity or sorority. Cadets are broken down then built back up physically and mentally in preparation of becoming future leaders in the Air Force.

As the years pass, the responsibilities of a cadet change and grow. No longer is a cadet just responsible for shining their shoes and learning 'knowledge.' Now they must lead others in their squadron as well as make sure they are doing their jobs.

Cadets are held to a higher standard because one day they will find the world has changed and their services are needed. The training starts here with the principles of our core values, 'Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do' as the foundations of our duty to the country.



Fourthclass cadets from CS-38 do "Iron Mikes" on their way to the next station during the opening hours of recognition. Cadets think that recognition weekend is one of the most physically and mentally demanding time of their life. Photo by J. Param

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Col Dan Jordan and Fall Wing Commander, C1C Matt Jones discuss the business of the Cadet Wing. Officers worked closely with the cadet leadership. Photo by J. Param

Commander in Chief



President Clinton shakes hands with number one cadet in the class of 1999, Ryan Space. President Clinton shook hands with each of the new graduates. Photo by C Seaman



President William J. Clinton

Secretary of Defense



Secretary Cohen talks with a U.S. soldier at guard post in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Photo provided by the DoD Sgt. James Thompson.



Honorable William S. Cohen

Air Force Chief of Staff



General Ryan salutes during the national anthem at graduation. Photo by Polaris Staff.



General Michael E. Ryan

Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff



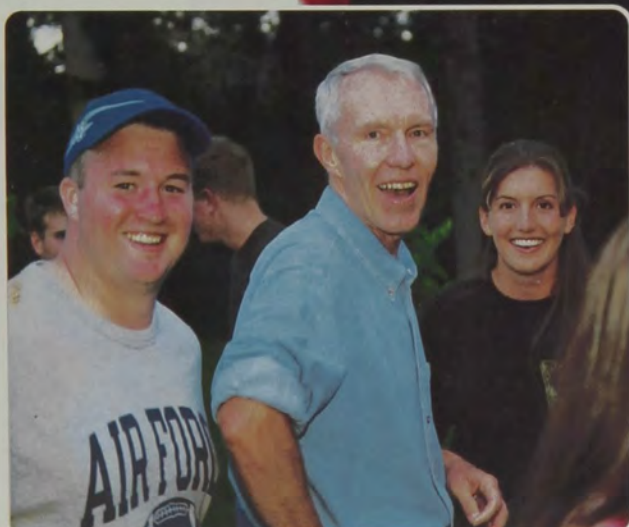
General Shelton briefs reporters on the bomb damage assessment of selected targets in Iraq at a Pentagon press briefing on Operation Desert Fox. Photo by Dod by Helene Stikkel.



General Henry H. Shelton

Superintendent

General Oelstrom relaxes with some firsts. First class cadets annually get together at the Superintendent's house at the beginning of the school year. Photo by M Brown



Gen Tad J. Oelstrom

Commandant of Cadets



G-Lo shows there's no harm done by joining cadets for a drink after a friendly toss into the pool. The Commandant participated in the festivities at General Oelstrom's house. Photo provided by B. Bone



BGen Stephen R. Lorenz

fall semester staff

I've learned-

that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

-unknown

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Spring Semester Staff

Greater is the power within us than
the pressure that is upon us.

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Sitting Row (L to R): A. Maupin, J. Knowles, C. Crane, T. Staley, T. Space, R. Pantusa, S. Myers, D. Konowicz, D. Apgar

This cadet aims his M-16 out of his bunker in Jack's Valley. Opposition Force defended their positions against security police from Ft. Carson. Photo provided by Global Engagement Staff



C3C Brad Darling runs from a gas tent to get hosed off with water. After being exposed for only a few seconds cadets describe the sensation of drowning or suffocating. Photo provided by Global Engagement Staff

The terrazzo is lit up by the runway lights. Cadets saw many different demonstrations on how to operate a battlefield runway. Photo provided by Global Engagement Staff



These cadets are practicing disarming techniques. Security Police taught cadets how to disarm an assailant in a security situation. Photo provided by Global Engagement Staff

by Daimon Geopfert

In the Mid-East there lie Iraqi aggression. In Bosnia, ethnic cleansing was rampant. Africa suffered from famine, strongmen, and civil war. Realizing the need for the ability to confront shifting military situations at a moments notice, the Air Force developed the concept of a fast, flexible, self contained unit known as the Air Expeditionary Force (AEF).

The instrument devised to teach the skills essential to the success of the AEF was a landmark program instituted at the Air Force Academy known as Global Engagement.

The first phase of the program took

political structure of North Korea had collapsed, refugees were pouring south, and the Korean leadership threatened a resumption of its nuclear testing program unless they were supplied with U.S. aid. Within an hour cadets began processing through a real world mobility line, boarding trucks, and the long march to the patch of dirt that they would quickly turn into a fully functional helicopter base.

While the students lived in a deployed environment, they went through a round robin training schedule that included 24-hour a day training operations in civil engineering, ser-

Global a new tradition Engagement

place across the cadet area. Cadets attended in-depth briefings designed to introduce the participants to the responsibilities of the various agencies involved in AEF, and the technical challenges faced by each. The terrazzo became a small battlefield. Program students were instructed in small unit tactics and weapons use by Security Forces officers. Civil Engineers from the elite Red Horse unit demonstrated to cadets the skills of rapid runway construction and repair, basic camouflage, generators, and the joys of the forklift.

The second phase of Global Engagement began with a rude wake-up as the students were presented their mobilization orders. The

vices, base security and command and control.

Cadets controlled every aspect of the base as it was faced with constant attack, sabotage, and other misfortunes. Explosions rocked the compound, small arms fire rattled along the perimeter, and the cadet leadership was almost overwhelmed with a cascade of emergencies and snap decisions.

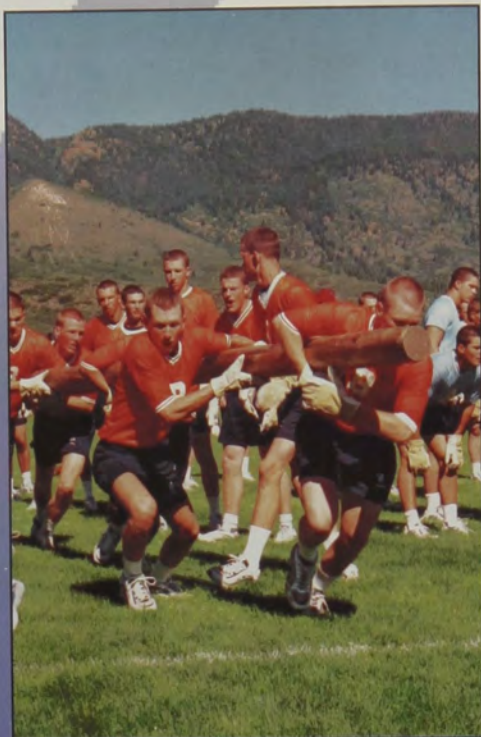
When the smoke cleared, though the base was still standing, the mission was accomplished. The Air Force was presented with a young core of officer candidates who had developed vital skills through hands on experience and a trial by fire.



These cadets are instructed on gas tent procedures. A group of 20 to 300 cadets spend about 8 minutes in the tent. Photo provided by Global Engagement Staff

Basic Cadet Training is all about being bald and working together. Teamwork exercises such as the "log-run" enhance unity. Photo by B. Scharton

These Basic Cadets eagerly await the arrival of their new sponsor families. Doolie Day Out was a chance for basics to leave campus for a few hours and relax. Photo by B. Brandow



Fitting in is an integral part of basic cadet training. Basic Cadet Margaret Kucia (Rapunzel) winces as her golden locks are made to fit regs. Photo by B. Scharton



by Mary Cunningham

I came here wanting to go through basic. The idea of crawling around in the dirt appealed to me. I'd seen all the propaganda tapes, talked to different cadets, even did a little PC out here. I knew it would be tough, but I thought I could handle anything this place could throw at me.

The bus ride to the base of the ramp gave me a wake up call, but the base of the ramp itself shattered any hope of survival. As they herded us through the halls of Fairchild, I wondered what I'd gotten myself into. However, the true rude awakening came the following morning as "Welcome to the Jungle"

pull together and try to be a team with thirty other people who were just as scared.

Going through basic was a new experience for many of us. I learned to take a shower in under two minutes. I even learned a different language.

"I didn't know what I was doing. He helped me a lot, but I had a hard time understanding what all terms meant like BDU and PC gear. It was such a culture shock," said C4C Ryan Vaughn.

Since they took away our watches, breakfast, lunch, and dinner became our clocks to help us figure out approximately what time

Basic Cadet Training

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blared down the hallway and all I heard was, "Your pants are on! Your doors are open!"

"It wasn't fear that I felt, but I was kind of intimidated and at the same time anxious to get into the swing of things," said C4C Mike Mariotti.

From that point on, I slowly learned that nothing any of my classmates or I did was right. I didn't know how to walk, eat, or even talk properly. It was a process of trial and error, with repercussions dealt to everybody for one person's mistake. You had no choice but to

of day it was. However, it was also a time to get yelled at again for chewing more than the allotted seven chews.

"Meals were frustrating because if one person was being yelled at, we all had to stop eating, and I didn't get to eat the way I use to eat at home," said C4C Mariotti.

As 1st BCT came to a close, we had Field Day to relax and have fun with our classmates.

"It was a good day. It wasn't that easy, but it got us away from the daily routines of basic," said C4C Vaughn.



Basic Cadet Jason Bennett goes all out in a tug-of-war battle with fellow Aggressors. Field Day is a motivational team-work booster. Photo by B. Scharton



Katherine Powell makes her last phone call as a civilian. Free phone calls are given courtesy of the AOG. Photo by B. Scharton

by Mary Cunningham

But

just as you thought you were catching on, everything changed: you had new cadre, new scenery, and new rules. Jack's was an incredible experience. Physically challenging, it forced you to learn about yourself and your classmates. You realized what teamwork is and why it's important. There's no such thing as an individual in Jack's Valley. You depend on each other, not just to carry each other's rifle or escort each other to the latrine at 3 am, but to catch you as you moved up and down the Tiltin' Hilton. Also, to reas-

So as we've moved on to the fourth class system, each of us will keep our own fond memories of a particular course, a cadre, a training session, a certain meal, a spirit mission, or just a late night looking at the stars.

Who could ever forget Captain Jump, the Executioners war chant, the cockpit's sweat sessions, or the laser beam?

2002-no limits...

This Basic Cadet learns how to "play in the mud" at the Assault Course. Low crawling and learning to enjoy the taste of dirt were some of the highlights of the A-Course. Photo by B. Brandow

Basic Cadet Sarah Buegel battles Basic Cadet Denise Nielson for the title of Big Bad Basic. Nothing but pure adrenaline is pumping through their veins as these two basics battle for the title. Photo by B. Scharton

Basic Cadet Training

the beast continues

sure you that no matter how scared you were you weren't going to die in the O-course tunnels. Forced into friendships initially based on fear, you soon realized you would jump on a real grenade for most of these people.

As you slowly made that transition, the rules of the game became apparent, and there was less screaming and more laughing.

"It kind of lifted my spirits coming out of 1st BCT. It was less mental and more physical," said C4C Mariotti.

Looking back on it now, basic was fun; but going through it, I cursed this place everyday. Although I long for that near carefree lifestyle of no homework and staff lists that were only ten people long, I don't miss the shower drills, not having my watch, or being afraid to go to the bathroom. Some people learned to go to the bathroom everywhere but the bathroom: their sink, out the window, out the back of their tent, random places in the woods, or even in empty water jugs.

"BCT wasn't too bad, but I don't know if I'd do it again," said C4C Vaughn.



These basics race down an obstacle on the Confidence Course. The Confidence Course tested Basic Cadets' skills and trust. Photo by Polaris Staff.



Basic Cadet Allison Tedesco gets feedback from C2C Greg Bailey. CATM allowed basics the opportunity to qualify in the M-9 and the M-16. Photo by B. Brandow



Basic Cadet William Arnold relaxes with other fourthclassmen after a special meal. The Chaplain's Picnic gave basics something to look forward to. Photo by B. Scharton

Basic Cadets Kennedy and Kidd will never make the mistake of leaving a dirty jockstrap out during an inspection again. Bearing is a must for basic cadets. Photo by B. Scharton

After

hours upon hours of endless briefings, all were completely confident that they could now survive any climate imaginable. On to the wilderness- their courage and skills were put to the test. It was time to take on Combat Survival Training (CST) - a required three week summer program.

For eight long days, cadets wandered the woods with little food and no toilet paper. Each learned how to evade the predators closing in on them with every step. They

behind him, fifteen hundred paces down, halfway there.

The scarcity of food was one of the worst aspects of CST. Cadets used every means available to "procure" something to eat. Some cadets would spend their free time making squirrel snares or hunting for wild biscuit root.

"Hey, are you going to eat that?" asked C3C Tanika Archer.

For the first few days, the hunger is terrible- almost unbearable. But eventually

Combat Survival Training

a walk in the woods

had to construct concealed shelters and find food for survival. Firecraft skills were taught and used for both warmth and cooking.

"Our fire was our TV," said C3C Steve Hatton.

In rain or shine, the cadets evaded by day, and navigated through the steep, mountainous terrain by night. They were tasked with reaching certain checkpoints along the mountain range within a given time limit. Nighttime evasion would take from dusk until dawn.

The night sky was clear. The moonlight cast a soft eerie glow across the moss-covered rocks. A single silhouette, an evading cadet, stood outlined on the jagged horizon while artillery thundered off in the distance. His partners came quietly up the hill

the cadet's bodies adapted, and by the time evasion came along it was no longer their largest impediment.

In addition to surviving in the woods and evasion, each cadet had to endure water survival. The cadets were trained in emergency procedures such as a plane crash over water. This could have been the best part of CST, a day at the beach, if the water had been warm. However, hypothermia was a serious concern jumping into nearly freezing water at the break of dawn.

"Shawdy, I'm cold!" exclaimed C3C Damion Holtzclaw.

It was often painful, but in the end CST was a rewarding experience. When it is all said and done, surviving CST gave the cadets a true sense of accomplishment.



After a long day of hiking... blisters are common. Competing for the title of "Nastiest Feet" became a favored pastime. Photo by B. Brandow

C1C Kurt Atrekson demonstrates skinning Mr. Fluffy. Rabbits were used to teach students how to prepare food in a survival situation. Photo by B. Brandow



C3C Eric Music learns the importance of safety while chopping wood. Firecraft skills were an integral part of the CST experience. Photo by B. Brandow



These students try to encourage each other to reach the checkpoints. Trail day was a test of physical endurance. Photo by B. Brandow



C3C Eric Music adds fuel to the fire to ward off the cold weather. Fires provided warmth and entertainment for the cadets. Photo by B. Brandow



The big yellow bird prepares to kiss the earth. Students often struggle in learning how to perform smooth landings. Photo by B. Brandow

CIC Lisa Helmberger is put to the test in her knowledge of Emergency procedures. Before flying, cadets were asked to stand and describe how to safely land when faced with an emergency. Photo by B. Brandow



This motor glider revs up its engine in preparation for takeoff. The hour-long motor glider rides accelerate students skills necessary to solo. Photo by B. Brandow



CIC Jason Sharpe is a CRITICAL member of IP CIC. He is expected to take on a leadership role with the second flight.

CIC Alex Price is a member of the team. He has been awarded a pilot's license and is prepared for takeoff.

by Erik Holzherr

"OFF
we go into the Wild Blue yonder..."—the yellow gliders in Airmanship 251 are for many cadets their first ride into the wild blue. Gliders give cadets a taste of flying, but more importantly flying can be a great confidence booster.

The program is mainly cadet run but there are a few officers who supervise and oversee the operation. The soaring program is a cheap way of teaching cadets the basics of flight.

"If you know how to fly a plane without an engine, it's a hell of a lot easier to fly a

Officers teach students two hour-long motor glider flights. The use of the motor glider revolutionized the time it took for students to solo. It used to be 20-25 flights, but now it only takes an average of 7-10 15-minute flights for students to gain the confidence and knowledge required to solo. After returning from their first solo flight, students are greeted by their IP's and a new set of wings.

Weather permitting the 94th Flying Training Squadron boasts an average of 80% solo rate of the students in a block. About 1000 cadets go through the program each year in-

Airmanship 251 Soaring

plane with an engine", according to Instructor Pilot C3C Peter Donnelly.

The program begins with one day of ground school at the hill. Following the first day, soaring begins with a mass briefing giving information on weather conditions and flying status. Emergency procedures are also discussed before flying. Students are asked to talk their way through an emergency and safely land a plane. These procedures provide a good training method to prepare students for Undergraduate Pilot Training.

During the first flight the Cadet Instructor demonstrates, but by the second flight the student is expected to take an active role in handling the plane.

C3C Jason Shane runs through the C.B.S.I.T.C.A.L. checklist under the guidance of IP C3C Geoffrey Brasse. Students are expected to take an active role in flying starting with the second flight. Photo by B. Brandow.

C3C Alex Price and his IP C2C Joshua Andrews prepare to be towed. After the rope has been secured, a quick wag of the rudder lets the tow plane pilot know that the glider is prepared for takeoff. Photo by B. Brandow.



cluding West Point, Naval, and ROTC, and foreign exchange cadets.

Students who desire to continue with the 94th FTS are given the chance to upgrade to instructor pilot during their three degree year.

"Upgrading gives us early motivation and experience for UPT...and we get out of SAMIs and stuff", commented C3C Andrew Oiland.

Instructor pilots who excel have the chance to join the cross-country team or acrobatic team and perform for football games and parades.

Instructor Pilots continue the tradition of wearing the famed "Hat in the Ring" patch. This tradition has been honored for some time. It is the same emblem that was worn by the "Ace of Aces", Eddie Rickenbaker. While some traditions will undoubtedly last forever, more things seem to change...

For the first time in over 50 years the Air Force glider pilot wings are now being worn again. There were over 3,000 glider pilots during WWII. This year the Soaring Society of America and the WWII Pilots Association have approved cadet instructor pilots to have the privilege of wearing these special wings. Now any student who completes 10 sorties receives slick wings and cadets who solo receive star wings.

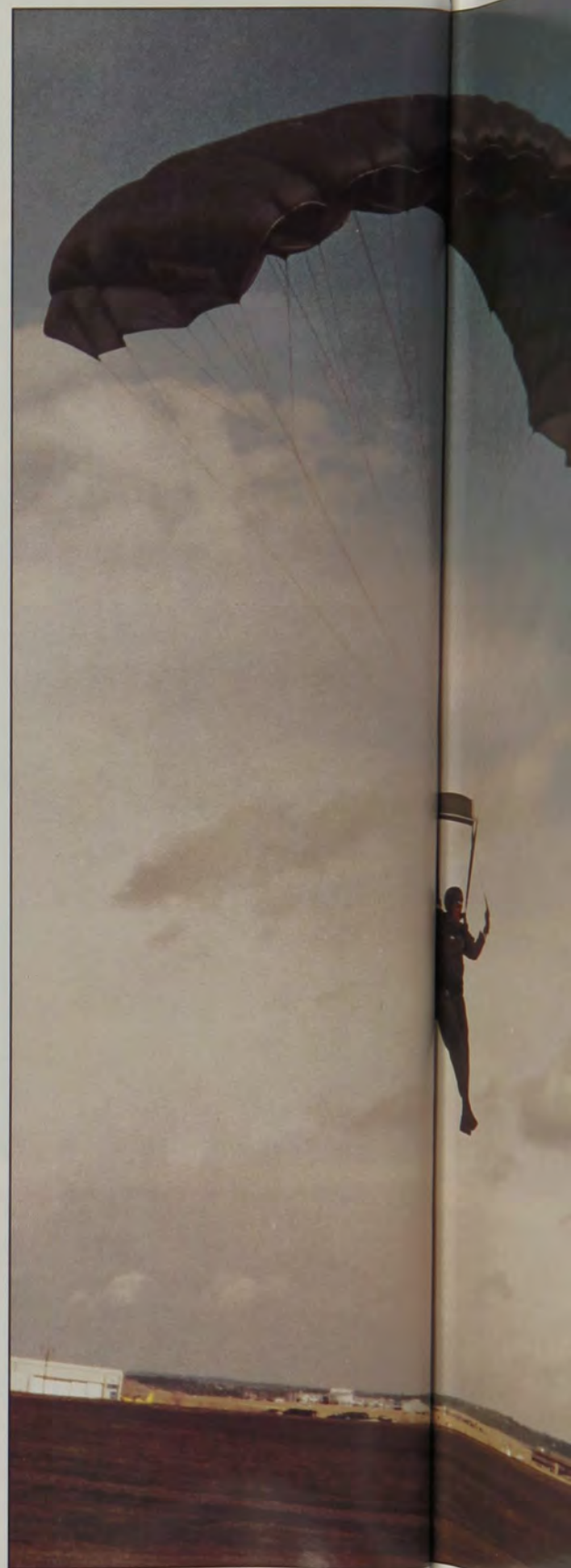


C2C Abdullah Brodie practices his arching and exiting procedures. After jumping out of the real Twin Otter, cadets were grateful for the rigorous training during jump school. Photo by E. Bixby



"Check canopy for shape, spin, and speed." Procedures are practiced over and over again until they are second nature for cadets. Photo by E. Bixby

C1C Gayle Apolonio gathers up her parachute after completing her 5th and final jump. After five jumps, cadets qualify to wear the jump badge. Photo by E. Bixby



This cadet prepares to flare to make his landing as smooth as possible. Jumping out of a perfectly good plane is what cadets do for fun. Photo by E. Bixby



For most people, the following scenario is a classic kind of nightmare: they gaze down from some dizzying, unbelievable height to the hard, killing ground far below. The air becomes hard to breathe and desperation quickly sets in. Suddenly, somebody pushes them from behind and they are in the air, falling. Falling, and praying that they awake before they hit the ground.

Except they're not dreaming. And the particular somebody about to nudge them gently into the wild blue yonder is a person that they have come to trust greatly in the last few

ing their ripcords. They exhaustively cover topics such as "Freefall Body," the "Arch-Count-Pull" sequence, and the "Parachute Landing Fall." In fact, when cornered, most former AM-490 students can still accomplish the "TALPAC" procedure for deploying their reserve parachute.

After a week of this, each student is fully prepared to exit a moving aircraft at altitude and survive the experience. But however thorough the training is, it cannot come close to the actual experience.

"The ride up is gut-wrenching. Ques-

Airmanship

490 Freefalling

days. He or she is a USAFA jumpmaster, and they are preparing to send their students on their first skydive of Airmanship 490.

This program is usually conducted during a two-week block in the summer. It involves two phases, ground training and aerial operation. Ground school teaches the students everything they will need to know to arrive safely on Earth after falling (in some cases tumbling) from 4500 feet above the ground. Then, during the aerial phase, these students will put their training into practice by accomplishing five jumps.

The two-week program is a test of fortitude for most cadets. They must overcome their fears and do something that seems extraordinarily ridiculous at first. But the program is designed to increase their confidence in themselves as they overcome apprehension through training.

The day starts early during ground training, but by the time the students have grumbled and stumbled through the morning PT session, they are ready to get to work. They learn about every phase of their upcoming skydives in fine detail, from exiting the airplane to pull-

tions of: 'What am I doing; why am I doing this?' go racing through your mind. Then you get the command. 'Stand in the door.' As the wind grabs your body, instinct takes over. Thought is gone. You leave the door, and as you are falling, you realize that you are flying," explains C3C Jeremy Ferguson.

Another important aspect of the course is the group of people who conduct the training. Every year, a select group of AM-490 graduates is chosen to complete upgrade to Jumpmaster. At the end of this program, they begin instructing new students.

C1C Rawley Mims, first period squadron commander, describes his feelings about the program.

"It is the most gratifying experience in the world to take a handful of students from the point of having no understanding of what it means to skydive, to just a few days later having them actually experience it. I will never forget the first skydive I made, and every time I jump with my students and see the thrill in their eyes, it is the most amazing flashback of joy and adrenaline that I could possibly imagine," said C1C Mims.

by Kris Smith

A new name for old Triple threat weekends. The Silver weekend comes just about every other weekend with any number of mandatory training activities such as SAMIs, IRI's, retreat, parades, and briefings. While it would seem inhumane to inflict any one of these activities on cadets, it is likely that multiple torture could be inflicted with multiple scheduled activities.

While no sane cadet likes to be subjected to cleaning and marching, some good can come from a Silver Weekend. For some cadets if it weren't for SAMI's every now and then it would be hard to wade through the dust and dirty clothes. For other cadets, IRI's

Time decreases up the ranks with firsties spending most of their time between various bars, bowling alleys, and movie theaters. It must be true what they say about RHIP.

To the dismay of cadets, recently SAMI length increased from an hour to an hour and half. With this extra time on their hands, cadets had to find new activities to occupy their minds. Some cadets stuck with the old routine of throwing pennies at freshman and last minute trash deposits in others rooms. Being able to sit down for part of the SAMI allowed cadets more opportunity to catch naps, do homework, and surf the net.

A new addition to the "list of horrible

Silver Rise and Shine Weekends

serve as prime opportunities to break out a new shirt and pair of pants to replace the month old uniforms they have been wearing. Briefings serve as a nice Saturday morning nap after a tiring SAMI or ORI.

Cadets seem to favor IRI's over the more numerous SAMI's. Some cadets feel that preparing for an IRI is easy because all that is required is to get out service dress and polish shoes. A SAMI can take hours of cleaning. An IRI is shorter than a SAMI, only lasting 30-45 min.

With SAMI's dominating the Silver Weekend schedule, preparation time seems to be an issue that varies between classes. The amount of time spent cleaning decreases as class increases. As usual, the freshman carry most of the cleaning duties for the squadron and then spend hours cleaning their rooms.

activities to do on a Saturday" was Wing Wide PC. Wing Wide PC was an hour devoted to making cadets better physical specimen. The idea of an early morning run and calisthenics on a cold winter morning did not appeal to most cadets. While some went along with the motions, other decided that a nap is always appropriate and turned the athletic fields into their own "field of dreams".

Just when cadets thought the parade or SAMI couldn't last another minute, they realized that COMM time stretched all the way until noon, leaving them stuck on the hill. At noon, the line to sign out stretched down the hall with each cadet ready to sprint to the parking lot and leave the academy in the rear view. One more Silver Weekend closer to graduation!



CIC Craig Lindstrom takes extra special care folding his socks. SAMI's are just one of the unique pastimes shared by the Wing. Photo by R. Grimes

C3C Evan Gardner is completing the final touches to his drawers. Although cadets spend hours the night before a SAMI preparing their rooms, everyone is scrambling at the final moments before showtime. Photo by R. Grimes



C4C Jeff Ray and his roommate C4C Garrett Wilson get reamed on their bed making abilities. Although none of the classes enjoy SAMI's, four degrees definitely have the most to complain about. Photo by R. Grimes.



CIC Ian Toogood inspects the creases on a two degree's BDU's. Cadets were prepared for a myriad of visitors during inspections. Photo by R. Grimes.



by Michelle Quitugua

The

Falcons were 7-0-2 this year despite the increased publicity and pressure to succeed. There were a number of "Triple Threat" weekends when many believed the Falcons would buckle their knees and pass out before the crowds. The ambulances, however, were able to claim only one or two victims. The Falcons were even able to proudly march over their adversaries at a televised, Thursday night home game. With their eyes wide and heels clicking, the Falcons successfully and continuously marched perfect squares around their "Wing Coaches" Matthew Jones and Matthew French on the terrazzo field of battle. Indeed, this season of presentation has

viewed by many as the "weekly lottery" according to First Group's Fall Deputy Group Commander, C1C Anthony Loicano.

"There is no consistency between groups; one week, you may be marching first, then you may be marching last the very next week," said C1C Loicano.

Indeed, this new focus upon marching had good intent, but many claimed that it was not properly implemented.

On the other hand, the Cadet Wing added a parade, which was dedicated to cadets' sponsors, to its already long schedule of public events.

First Group's Spring Superintendent

Parade & Persevering with Diligence Marchon

been a successful one, and the coaches are hoping for an even better season next year.

This year, the "new focus" of the Wing and its leadership was marching. This included marching in morning/noon meal formations, in march-on for each and every football game, and even in squares around the beloved terrazzo.

In CLPP, C1C Jeremy Weihrich, Fall Squadron Commander of CS-07, found that "parades were also a big emphasis as we wanted to march extremely well for Parent's Weekend, which WE DID!!!"

This "new emphasis" was not only for the Fall Semester. Parade practices and wing wide drill on Saturdays continued during the spring semester. The squadrons and groups even marched according to how well they had performed the week before. Cadet AETC instructors graded these performances. This drill competition, however, was

believes "there has definitely been a renewed effort to improve marching in the Cadet Wing as well as a big change in the way marching is viewed and approached from years past."

Key personnel became more important than ever, and the little things such as snapping the guidons were focused upon like never before.

"The difference in this year was we performed exactly the same in practice as we did in the parades. With this in mind, we did not quit practicing until we had it right!" said C1C Matthew Jones, fall semester wing commander.

And so, we have learned that marching everywhere and through anything has become yet another achievement of the Falcons. Thus, we practice how we are going to fight and fight how we practiced.

Now, the Falcons must spread their wings over parade fields everywhere.

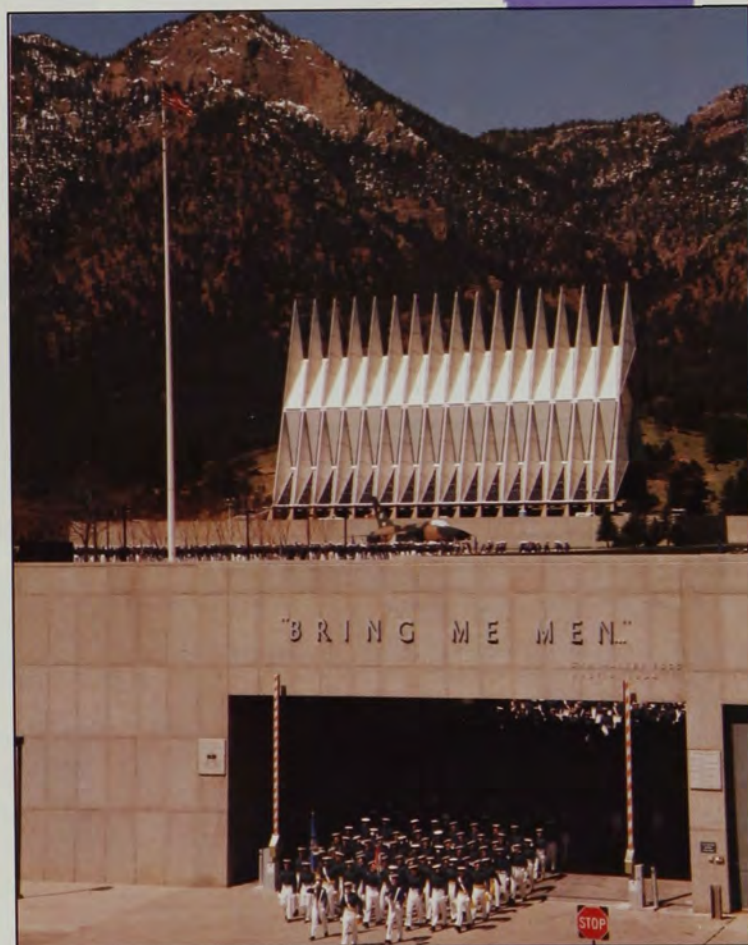




Members of the Cadet Wing Honor Guard shoot the cannon during the National Anthem. Firing of the cannon is one of their duties during parades. Photo by A. Martin



During the mock prisoner exchange, AFA cadets from the Naval Academy show home team spirit. Each inter-service game gave cadets the opportunity to sit with their own Academy. Photo by B. Brandow



Cadets march down the Bring Me Men ramp toward the parade field. For cadets, the parade began on the terrace, not on the actual field. Photo by C. Seaman

Members of Wing Staff face Color Guard and the Band of the Rockies as they prepare to call the Wing to attention. The Band of the Rockies provides the cadence for cadets to march for parades. Photo by B. Brandow

Cadets from CS-04 complete egress training in order to get a T-37 ride. After being strapped in and connected and hearing "Bailout, bailout, bailout," the cadets were ejected out of the seat. Photo by R. Marshall

CIC Christel Gilbert learns how to properly wear an Explosive Ordnance (EOD) suit. Each individual base specializes in certain areas and is proud to share with visitors. Photo by M. Pasquino



This humvee has a turret to load a 50 caliber gun used to shoot explosives that haven't detonated. Demonstrations helped cadets visualize different capabilities. Photo by M. Pasquino

T-38's on the Columbus Air Force Base flight line sit ready to go. Firsties and two degrees from CS-01 were lucky enough to get a wild ride in these "White Rockets." Photo by R. Marshall





While

attending one of the numerous parades held at the Academy, you may have noticed that each squadron in the Cadet Wing carries two flags when they march. The small flag is called the guidon, and assists the squadron in the various actions associated with marching. The larger flag represents that squadron's particular sponsor wing in the Operational Air Force.

The sponsor wing program is designed to give cadets an opportunity to view a side of the Air Force not available at the Academy. It also gives the firstclass cadets one more chance to view a few of the various AFSC's.

"Our sponsor wing trip was really a great

nity to get out and see the civilian scenery. There are wings located throughout the Air Force which are not within a practical distance of any "interesting" area, however most bases are located close to a major city. The Knights of Cadet Squadron 30 were able to travel to San Francisco for a day after visiting their sponsor wing, the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, Calif.

Unfortunately, Cadet Airlift is not a high prerogative on the Air Force priority agenda, and thus many squadrons are not able to get out and visit their sponsor wing. However, some squadrons had their sponsor wing visit them. The Chickenhawks of Cadet Squadron

Sponsor Glimpsing the Real Air Force Base Trips

opportunity for me to see what each AFSC was really all about," said C1C Jesse Bogart.

The Air Force possesses very diverse career fields, and subsequently has numerous bases to accomplish their missions. For example, the 16th Special Operations Wing located at Hurlburt Field, Fla. is an Air Force Special Operations base, whereas the 437th Airlift Wing located at Charleston AFB, SC is an Air Mobility Command base.

"I really enjoyed the trip to our sponsor base. The visit not only provided the opportunity to learn more about all of the various bases in the Air Force, but also furnished us with a much needed break from the Academy," said C3C Nate Harris.

Another added bonus of visiting your sponsor wing during the year is the opportu-

16 were twice hosts to their sponsor wing, the 11th Wing from Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. The visit allowed the cadets to meet and get to know the members of their sponsor wing.

"Even though I'm disappointed that we weren't able to visit them, I'm really glad they had the chance to come visit us. It was really nice to meet all of the folks of the 11th Wing," said C3C Erik Holzherr.

One of the more widely advertised advantages of being a member in the United States Air Force is the opportunity to see the world. The Academy continues this ideal in the form of the sponsor wing program, and with any luck the Chickenhawks will get to see Washington yet.

The colors are folded by Honor Guard members at the end of the day. Photo by P. Rose.



Members of the Cadet Wing Honor Guard stand for noon meal formation. Honor Guard was present at every formation bearing the colors. Photo by B. Brandow

Cadets prepare for a 21-gun salute. The Honor Guard rendered the special salute for memorial services and funerals. Photo by B. Brandow

Cadet Lyons folds the colors with the help of fellow cadets. Honor Guard is responsible for retreat and reveille everyday. Photo by P. Rose.



by Michelle Baugus

They have their own language. They march in a way many will never master. Their footsteps can be heard a mile away. Yet they embody the very ideals and standards of a military Academy. They are the U.S. Air Force Academy honor guard.

Often the subject of ridicule, particularly as fourthclassmen, many cadets don't understand the discipline and training it takes to become a member of one of the most difficult clubs at the Academy. Beyond simply raising the flag every morning, members of the team participate in numerous exhibitions and com-

"I take comfort in having thirty five people I can rely on and count on" said C2C Ray Daniel. "It's about taking pride in what I do."

Training and practice are a constant way of life for members. The first year is perhaps the most challenging since the candidates undergo intense training designed to test not only their physical limits, but their mental limits as well. Candidates are taught to push themselves to continue going even when the end is nowhere in sight. As upperclassmen, members of guard continue to practice daily the

Honor Guard

Keeping It Real

petitions each year, as well as twenty-one gun salutes, pall bearers at funeral ceremonies, color guard activities at various parades, and flag postings across town and the country.

Each year approximately 50 fourthclass cadets try out for honor guard; by the end of the year, only a handful makes it. Reasons for joining are as diverse as the people on the team. Some join for the experience, others like C2C Rich Bush join "for the challenge".

Staying on honor guard is a whole different issue. The pressures of academics and other military obligations can often draw cadets away from the vast responsibilities associated with honor guard. Like many other club activities at USAFA, time with the team often means time not spent on other activities. But for those who do stay, the rewards are immeasurable.

routine flag detail, and for upcoming competitions and events. Those lucky enough to be chosen for team travel usually practice new routines and moves. At these times, attention to detail is reinforced, and commitment to excellence is strengthened.

"Each afternoon requires all of us to practice each detail until it is perfect and perform that detail even better," summarized C2C Daniel.

Former member Jesse John, class of 1998, once said, "no matter what honors lie ahead for me, none will ever compare to the honor of being (on) guard."

Such ideals are still embodied today in the current members. Although much about them may remain a mystery to the Wing, a sense of pride for their hard work and dedication to a job that often goes unnoticed and unrecognized should be felt.



As

a "force multiplier", spirit missions are an integral part of the fourth class system. Many times we've seen the products of a night's labor, yet do we all really know what goes into a quality spirit mission?

For C4C Contreras, spirit missions aren't just a duty to be performed; they are a profound form of artistic expression. Not only do C4C Contreras and his cohort (C4C Phil Mahill) do spirit missions for their own squad, they have been hired by other fourthclass cadets with less intestinal fortitude.

"Basically, if the four degrees are hav-

"Lately, we wear the 'Scream' mask on the job. Do you know how scary it is to be waken up with one of those?" C4C Contreras asked.

Does being recognized by 'assassinated' upperclassmen faze these two? Absolutely not. With every triumphant mission, they become braver and bolder than before.

"They see us in the hallways, and they leave us alone because they're scared. We don't slither; we walk with an authority that makes us unquestionable. You have to be confident," said C4C Contreras.

Spirit Creative Vandalism Missions

ing problems, and they're afraid of being pinpointed or are unsure of how to conduct a proper spirit mission, they get in contact with us. Sometimes we charge, sometimes we do it for free in the interest of class unity," said C4C Contreras.

The excitement can be seen in his eyes while describing one of his latest jobs. It included visiting a certain fourth group squadron commander in retaliation for restricting fourthclass cadets.

"We use a process called 'mack trucking', C4C Contreras said. "Some of them actually cried. Some of them just tell us to get out. No protection is adequate."

Recently, however, the Assassins have taken to using new techniques in their nighttime escapades. But, as always, they carry a supply of powder and shaving cream bombs with them.

This is just one of the many spirit missions that the fourthclassmen partake in each year. Just how do they go about these pranks? The trick is planned and then a night is chosen. At the designated time, usually in the wee hours of the morning, the cadets meet and begin their mission. They paint, decorate, inscribe, or anything else they can think to do.

The next day all is unveiled as the Cadet Wing comes outside to go to the morning meal. Some spirit missions are more daring than others but all make interesting conversation throughout the day.

With the daring pranks pulled this year, many restrictions were placed on certain places and types of spirit missions. C4C Contreras leaves all of us with a piece of advice, "Do all the spirit missions you can this year. Next year you'll be charged with assault."



Rebels from squadron eleven show class pride by painting the terazzo's F-16 red. Although the planes were supposed to be off limits, this turned out to be the best spirit mission for 1999. Photo by E Holzherr.



Bulldogs from squadron thirteen color their squadron mascot on the class wall. The class wall was often "vandalized" for various missions. Photo by B. Brandow

Shadow Seven's mission left people scratching their heads. Some spirit missions did not seem to relate to a squadron at all. Photo by S. Gatto



Some cadets from the Knights of Thirt dress the bust of Wilbur Wright in armor. The statues of the Wright brothers were popular targets for spirit missions. Photo by B. Brandow

Keeping with the tradition of being the only "fraternity" at USAFA, Delta Tau Deuce parades around the terazzo in togas during noon meal formation. Photo by B. Brandow



by Celeste Rodriguez

If you deprive a cadet of food, water, sleep, and shelter and they'll manage to get by, but taking away one's coveted free time can bring a tear to any cadet's eye. Tours and confinements have been traditional icons of the cadet disciplinary system designed to seize weekend hours in slow and painstaking methods. However, this year alternate punishments have offered new and more useful ways of "doing time" to cadets who would normally be confined to their rooms or the tour pad.

The greatest complaint about the Academy's typical means of punishment is that

ment. Although two hours of alternative punishment normally replaced only one hour on the tour pad, both cadets serving and overseeing punishments agreed that the exchange was a good deal.

"People are still being punished, but their time is being used to do something useful to help out other people," said C2C Kay Hasson, the fall semester wing operations NCO.

Besides serving the prescribed punishments for standard hits, many cadets are expected to undergo additional measures such as keeping a personal journal, attending leader-

Tours & Confinements

A new approach to "doing time"

cadet time is far too precious to simply throw away.

"A cadet can learn what he messed up on and fix it without wasting time on the tour pad," said C1C Tony Franks, the spring semester wing director of operations.

Sitting CQ shifts, participating in community service projects and even attending intercollegiate games ran the scope of alternative punishments that cadets served instead of the classic punishments.

"Going to watch intercollegiate competitions is a good alternate punishment, because sometimes, it's actually more painful to watch some of our teams play than to march tours," said C1C Pete Braxton.

While approval ultimately fell into the hands of squadron and group AOCs, numerous exceptions were made to exchange tours and confinements with other means of punish-

ment. Although two hours of alternative punishment normally replaced only one hour on the tour pad, both cadets serving and overseeing punishments agreed that the exchange was a good deal.

"What if everyone doing tours spent that tour time doing community service? Imagine that, something good comes from something bad," said C1C Lessner.

There are more drastic suggestions for handling punishments.

"If you want to punish people, hit them where it hurts- in the pocketbook. Waste my money, not my time," said C1C Braxton.

As alternative punishments continue to replace the traditional dinosaurs of the cadet disciplinary system, cadets will see a different face to "serving time". Being termed as a centurion (one who has spent 100 or more hours on the tour pad) might even hold a different meaning. According to those who have already tested the waters of alternative punishments, most cadets don't seem to mind.



C1C Ryan Trueman ensures that C3C Michael Grados receives credit for time well served. Operation Officers acted as wardens on the tour pad. Photo by E. Bixby

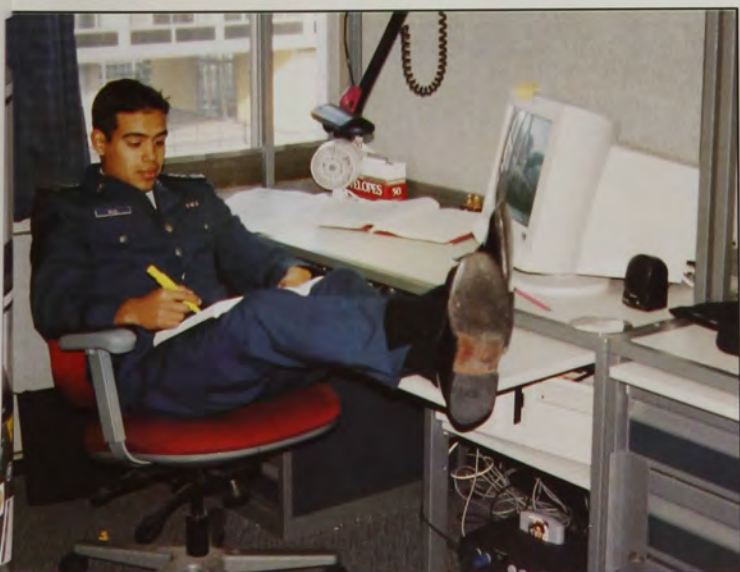
This cadet gets as comfortable as possible in service dress. Confinements allowed cadets to get more constructive things done instead of marching. Photo by E. Bixby



Even West Point cadets can be mischievous. Exchange cadets were not exempt from tours and confinements. Photo by E. Bixby



C3C Joel Susnow proudly shows off his familiarity with the tour pad. Cadets often etched marks to keep a record of their rehabilitation. Photo by E. Bixby



In the Academy's version of the Miss America pageant, cadets show off their perfect uniforms. The Wing Doolie competition demonstrated how cadets worked together to help a classmate represent them. Photo by R. Marshall



During a group round robin, this four degree fights against his breaking point while engaged in "the mother." Round robins challenged four degrees to show squadron pride when faced by upperclassmen. Photo by T. Tyler



These fourthclass cadets study their Contrails. The little red book had to be carried on their person at all times. Photo by T. Tyler





C3C Pierre Alvarado challenges this four degree to a test of wills. Much of the training was more mental than it was physical. Photo by T. Tyler

"Sir, the answer is..." The Wing Knowledge Bowl determined which squadron was superior at military knowledge. Photo by R. Marshall

Four
Degree Training: That most revered of all traditions here at Camp USAFA. Not spirit missions, not 'terrazzo sailing'—no, it is that one activity that separates the boys from the men.

As we all know, there is a vital purpose for putting young adults through a year of brainwashing and mandatory knowledge bowls, training sessions, and rifle runs. It's to make them better people and outstanding future officers.

C4C Jen Massie, CS-05, remembers one of the mantras four degrees are required to learn.

There's a lot of planning that goes into a four degree's daily schedule. Four degrees aren't consulted on most of the activities they engage in. Yet some feel that there still isn't enough time to spend with the four degrees.

"There's not enough time to interact with them. Too many stipulations and guidelines," said C2C Edgar Williams.

Even though four degrees feel like they'll be at the bottom forever, many have learned to take it one day at a time. And afterwards, they have the satisfaction of knowing they've put one of the biggest challenges of their life behind them.

Four degree Smack Year Training

"In order to lead, you must first know how to follow. Assertive followership is key," said Massie.

Strangely enough, four degrees and upperclassmen don't share the same viewpoint on training. The magical shift in opinion many four degrees will undergo occurs immediately after Recognition, when they realize they're not at the receiving end of the unpleasantness.

"I don't think we're meant to understand the fourth class system as fourthclassmen. I think we're meant to understand it as upperclassmen," said C4C Matt Wilcoxon.

Another way four degrees learn discipline is through table decorum. Each day is a new challenge, as they go through checkpoints, news articles, and fend off upperclassmen eager to make corrections, such as for pouring an incorrect drink.

"It's the hardest thing I've ever done," said C4C Marc Abreu-Ojeda.

Although this may be true of the majority of fourthclass cadets, many upperclassmen argue over the level of difficulty that they go through and how training has changed. The lost traditions have become a topic of controversy for upperclass cadets as well as for graduates.

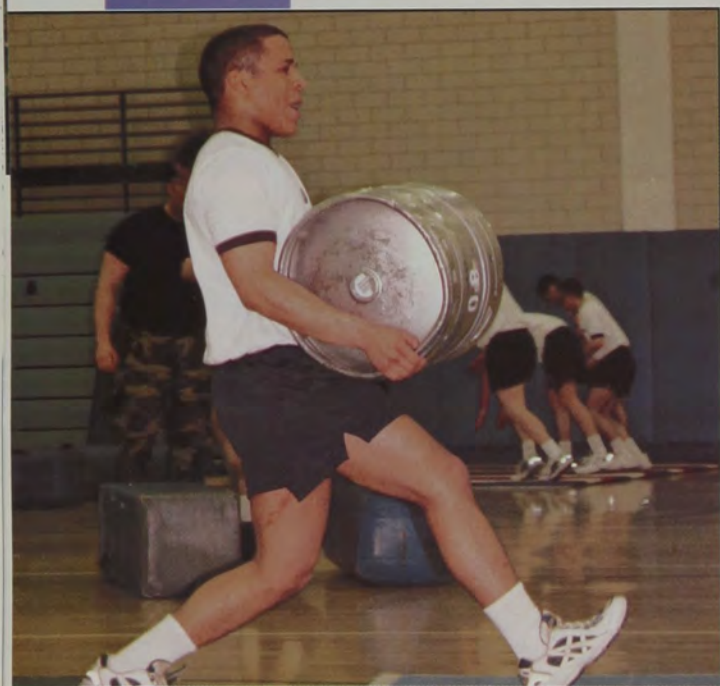
Traditional practices such as "pulling chins" and "high-knees" in the hallways have fallen by the wayside for various reasons. One reason includes their being considered safety hazards. Another tradition that was lost on this class is smack-packs. Instead of carrying the uncomfortable duffel-type bag at their sides, the class of 2002 was issued a standard bookbag with their names on it.

Despite changes like these, the overall tradition of fourthclass training has continued as before, preparing four degrees for future roles as upperclassmen and officers.

by Andrea Lauer

C4C Zach Sauerman falls into his classmates' waiting arms during a game of trust. Teamwork exercises like this were popular. Photo by P. Rose

C4C Eric Ballew gets in the mother while C1C Jesus Soto tells him to recite knowledge. Even meals were a hassle for four degrees. Photo by J. Param



C4C Brian Brown races with a barrel on this particular obstacle. The weather forced the obstacle course to be moved indoors. Photo by M. Quitugua.

These four degrees lowcrawl across the infield. Flow control involved the majority of the space on the terazzo. Photo by J. Param



These cadets wait impatiently moving through flow control. The exercise began at Fairchild Hall. Photo by J. Param

by James Aragon

Do you remember all that talk about Recognition and how bad it was going to be? Remember how we were looking forward to being recognized, but not looking forward to the actual idea of getting beat? Well, it has happened. WE ARE RECOGNIZED!

It was by far not the easiest thing we have ever done . . . some would even say it was the hardest. After seven months of getting accustomed to the quirks of our upperclassmen (even becoming friendly with some), we came to realize that had all changed on the afternoon of 11 March 1999.

After an introductory beat down that we thought would never end and then dinner, we were hurried off to A-Hall where we were given a special introduction to our course cadre for the next day. We never thought it was possible to get beat down in the A-Hall Theater. It is.

After returning to our squadron wondering if time was at a stand still we received a cool-down beat-down. Then we were sent to bed where we received a slightly restless, yet much needed sleep.

recognition

feel the burn

weekend

We decided on a classroom where we would meet, gathered our senses, and prepared for entrance into the lion's den. This was to be the first time that we would be beat down as a team. WE included intercollegiate athletes, honor guard members, stract types, and dirtbags. We were ready to do this TOGETHER. WE were ready for war.

As we headed out that door into the hands of Flow Control, we became charged with energy and immediately found ourselves shouting our squadron chant. All-Mighty All-Stars!, Cool Campus Rads!, High-Flying P-40 Warhawks!, Animalistic Skyraiders!, and 36 other motivating chants resounded across the terrazzo. The cadre insured we were motivated and ready to face off with our squadron by making us execute high-knees, push-ups, leg-lifts, crunches, duck-walks, bear-crawls, and anything else they could think up. WE WERE READY!

After getting back to our squadron, we were reintroduced to our upperclassmen. Everyone was there. People who had somehow managed to escape notice all year appeared. People we hated appeared. People we admired appeared. Tall or short, fat or skinny, geek or cool. All showed up. All were very, very loud.

We were awakened to the very familiar high volume of music and pounding. The familiar "we are waiting for our classmates" while in the front-leaning rest had returned. We were beginning a day that would go pretty much like this: Eat ® Beat-Down ® Course ® Beat-Down ® Eat ® Beat-Down ® Course ® Beat-Down ® Eat ® Beat-Down ® Course ® Beat Down ® Theme Rooms ® Eat. What are theme rooms? We'll get to that later. These activities took place in the span of 24 hours. No sleep. We were the guinea pigs of a new Recognition.

Squadron beat-downs were not fun, but they could be humorous. Here were the people who had been cool to us all year now yelling at us like we had killed their mother.

Dan Chacon of CS-38 had an amusing method for not taking the yelling too personally. He would sing (in his head of course) "My name is Luka, I live on the second floor, Yeah, I live upstairs from you, I think you seen me before."

Whatever thought process we went through, we had to overcome the fact that the yelling would not stop until we were pinned.

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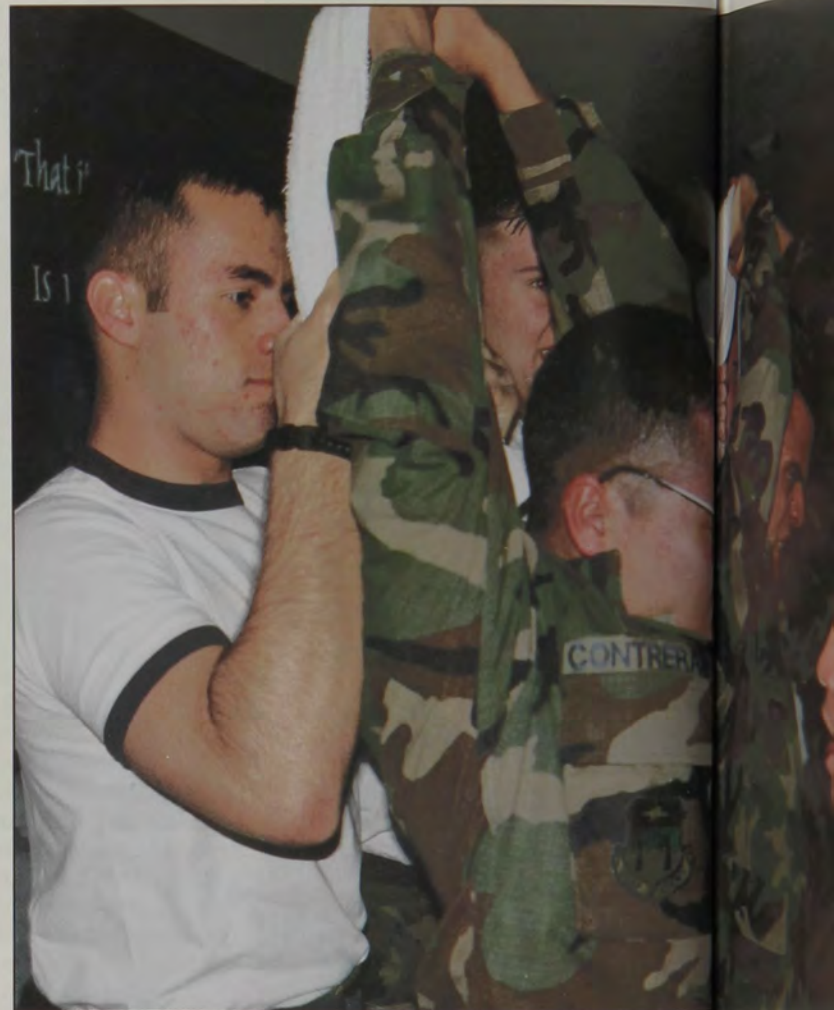


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an at Fairchild Hall. Photo by B. Brandow

C4C Brooke Carr follows the directions of C2C Erik Martin and puts herself at strict attention. Cadets that were injured and could not participate in activities were often given extra attention. Photo by K. Allickson



Cadets drag weights during Sweepstakes. The events were designed to encourage competition among the cadets as well as against themselves. Photo by J. Drummer



These fourthclass cadets learn that it's a lose-lose situation when participating in a SLAMI. Unlike regular inspections, the focus during a SLAMI is for upperclassmen to make a huge mess of the four degree rooms. Photo by J. Param





C4C John Contreras struggles to keep his bearing while doing resistance exercises. Upperclassmen often tried to distract the four degrees and make them confused. Photo by R. Ehasz

C3C Ryan Anderson checks up on C4C Kevin Murray during a SAR session. These sessions were another popular stress evaluator for four degrees. Photo by E. Holzherr

Due to snow, the obstacle course had to be held indoors which was very disappointing. Though the course was physically challenging, we could not help but notice that something was missing. Getting soaking wet? Dirt in our teeth? Falling off of an obstacle? Doing up-downs on rocks? All of the above? The cadre did everything possible to ensure that it was as hard as possible, but it just wasn't like we had remembered it to be during BCT.

Marco Cardenas of CS-05 was left wondering "All the hype for this? Come on now, somebody try to break me." We all wondered if all the courses would not live up to expectation? The answer would soon be learned to be

The LRC (Leadership Reaction Course) was similar to what we saw in BCT in that the cadre was much more relaxed than what we had seen in the other courses. We were timed in our ability to run the 600m dash with a fire hose, take it upstairs and around the two arenas, take stretchers across a "field" then over a wall, and then sprint around the indoor track once as a team. We demonstrated our capabilities to work as a team and to use our individual strengths effectively.

During the evening from 1-5 AM our squadrons put us through a series of theme rooms that were meant to remind us what being in the military and at the Academy is all

recognition weekend

a very definite NO!

Sweepstakes, after being absent in 2001's Recognition, had returned. 2001 was lucky. Never had we been beat in so many ways, so hard, with so much intensity, for so long. Up-downs, up-downs, and more up-downs.

Jason Bianchi of CS-38 was reminded that "up-downs REALLY SUCK", which many of us had forgotten from our adventures in BCT.

Threats were made such as C1C Robison's "You better shave that eyebrow Walsh." In between sessions of up-downs, we dodged tennis balls American Gladiator style, played catch with the cadre using medicine balls, beat our team members up with pugil sticks, sat in the mother until our legs were jelly, and rested using the front leaning method until our backs were like wet noodles.

Some of us, like Kevin Walsh of CS-38 had to report into C1C Charlton Warren with "Sir, you are my &!^@#." This of course only led to many more up-downs for that individual and his supporters. Was it mentioned that we did a lot of up-downs?

about. We considered this to be the best part of recognition since up-downs were not on the agenda.

After we finished up with the theme rooms we went to breakfast where sounding off proved to be very painful as our heads pounded from the activities of the past 24 hours. Finally after returning to the squadron we were put to bed. As our bodies screamed from pain and exhaustion we closed our eyes knowing that we very close to redemption. We fell asleep fast and rested in deep comfort.

After a restful 6 hours of sleep our bodies still rebelled against all movements, but we pushed our muscles and joints to respond to our commands of movement. We had only lunch and the Run-to-the-Rock left to go.

The run seemed to start at a four minute pace, but it soon became a steady jog. Some squadrons found their rock quickly, while others walked around with no clue to where they should start.

As our prop-and-wings were pinned on, all the trials and pressures of the past eight and a half months left us. We were now equals in the Wing. We were now normal. Well, at least as normal as a cadet can possibly be.

Section Editor: Jennifer DiCarlo

ACADEMICS

A cadet's training to become a "Soldier, Scholar, Citizen" means the academic course load could be just as rigorous as the military aspect. As cadets evolved from a four degree year in which they were inundated with core classes to a firstie, finishing their last finals, they would face many academic battles with the Dean. Cadets kept score during finals week of their victories and defeats and hoped it was enough to get past another semester.

Academic excellence is one of the ways an individual achieves the goal of entering the Academy. Once they are here, that drive for excellence does not diminish, if anything, it is enhanced. It does not matter if a cadet was 'academically gifted,' each cadet must continue to strive for excellence. If they do not, it could cost them the dream of a military career. This comes with hours of intense studying, paper writing and projects with the desire to excel.

An Air Force officer cannot just be knowledgeable in their specific field but must receive an education in all fields: the basic sciences, social sciences, humanities and engineering. The heavy load of core classes at the Academy helps each cadet develop a well-rounded knowledge of the world, which in turn prepares them to become an officer.



C1C Ed King works on molding a pot in his fine arts class. Many firsties took interesting classes outside of their academic majors to experience something new. Photo by J. Param

RJ jumps on the tower as the trainer, C2 Eric Bissonet watches his performance. Cadets in B 335 took great pride in training their rats to run through maze. Photo by B. Brandow



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These cadets float in place while listening to the instructions from the teacher. SCUBA was one of the most demanded classes at the Academy. Photo by P. Rose



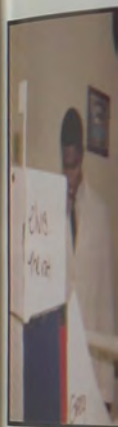
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By Jennifer DiCarlo

From Cadet to Dean...

Since entering the Academy in June 1968, Brigadier General David A. Wagie has been stationed at the Academy for over eighteen years. In those eighteen years, he has participated in various facets of the Academy from student to instructor, deputy head, and now Dean of Faculty.

General Wagie has not spent his entire career at USAFA. After getting his master's degree from Stanford University in California, he attended pilot training to be a KC-135 pilot. Then, he became a research pilot in the EC-135 for two years before attending the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base. While flying the EC-135, he flew telemetry missions in support of the space shuttle in the South Atlantic, flying out of such exotic locations as the Barbados, Bermuda, Tahiti, and Africa. As a command pilot with 2300 hours, General Wagie has flown eight different aircraft.

General Wagie has seen many changes to the Academy since his years as a cadet. One of these changes is the arrival of a multitude of new majors and minors available to cadets. Foreign Area Studies and Military Doctrine Operation and Strategy majors did not exist in 1968. Wagie feels the addition of such multidisciplinary majors is an extraordinary benefit because they can be easily applied to several different areas in the operational Air Force.

Gen Wagie perspective of the Academy has changed since his days as a cadet.

"Looking back, I got a lot out of being a cadet here, but I didn't have the ability to see the big picture as much, as most cadets don't," said Gen Wagie.

With each passing year, he was able to see more and more of the big picture. After several years as a pilot, Gen Wagie returned to the Academy with his first position being an associate professor in the Astronautics department. Gen Wagie continued his career at the Academy as a T-43 pilot and T-41 instructor pilot, then permanent professor, director of the Center for Character Development, Vice Dean, and eventually Dean. Of course, as a cadet, General Wagie never imagined he would be the Dean.

"It never occurred to me that I would be the Dean...not until the last few years when I started working as a permanent professor here and I started watching how the Dean and professors worked," said Gen Wagie.

Of all the positions Gen Wagie has held, the Dean has been his favorite because it enables him to utilize all the skills and knowledge he has gained from previous jobs.

General Wagie also noted, "Having been a cadet here I am very honored to be the dean. I'm very enthusiastic about the coming years both from our faculty and the education part of this and from the Cadet Wing."

General Wagie's future visions are focused on keeping cadets and the Academy up-to-date with the changes in the Air Force. One of his primary goals is to keep the curriculum pace consistent with today's ever changing Air Force by utilizing the most advanced laboratories, computers, and technical expertise.

In addition, he wants to ensure the faculty is staying up-to-date with changes in the Air Force. Civilian faculty may be sent to bases and labs during the summer to see the latest technology and theory while military personnel may be given the opportunity to take a one to two year assignment at an Air Force base involved in their discipline.

In closing, General Wagie offered some words of wisdom to the Cadet Wing.

"I would just challenge cadets to take the optimistic and positive approach and say there are a lot of graduates that left here and found surprisingly that what they learned here really stood them in good step," said Gen Wagie.



Breaking Stuff ...

EngrMech Labs give cadets a chance to have some destructive fun.

When is it going to Give?

by Jennifer DiCarlo

Formerly known as EngrMech 200, EngrMech 120 is probably one of the most feared core courses at USAFA. For many cadets, EM120 is the first hard techie core class. The topics covered and the approach to problem solving used in the course are brand new to most cadets.

"I found that EM120 is no easier the second time," said C3C Mark Jackson.

One of the more difficult aspects of the class was the group lab projects. The first project was a design with "real Air Force" applications. Cadets were given an ill-defined problem and asked to find a solution using experimental data, research and inventiveness. For example in recent semesters, cadets were asked to design a harness to airlift a downed aircraft. They had to test materials to find how much the cables could hold, research the aircraft and then design the harness.

Later in the course, the cadets learned the mechanics of trusses. After learning in class how to find the forces in truss members and different designs for bridges, cadets were required to design and build balsa trusses. Each group tried to maximize the amount of weight their truss could hold, while keeping mass to

a minimum. The truss holding the most weight with the best weight to mass ratio received bonus points. In order to do well, cadets had to be creative and build carefully. Some cadets found new meaning to the word creative.

"With a lot of glue any bridge will bend," said C4C Adam Harder.

The final group lab was the bending lab. Cadets learned about beam bending, how to calculate max stress, and how to draw double stress elements. Then, cadets transferred to the Mech Lab where they balanced on beams set up so that when bent the instruments would measure the deflection in the beam. From this small piece of data, cadets were able to accurately predict the weight of the person balancing on the beam.

"Being able to calculate the stresses in a beam will help me to be a better officer," said Tim Metz.

While some cadets may resent the Mech Department for the torture inflicted, EM120 is one of the most challenging and useful core courses at USAFA.



This cadet explains the lab mechanics to C4C Murphy. EngrMech Labs help to foster teamwork among cadets. Photo by P. Rose

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Carefully monitored by the instructor, this cadet reads the measurement while his partner stands on the beam. Mech is often a down and dirty course. Photo by P. Rose



This cadet carefully places his truss in the machine. An off-center placement will result in early failure. Photo by E. Holzherr



C4C Tammi Becker reads the measurement as C4C Alcoer precariously balances on the beam. Balancing on the beam was one of the most difficult parts of the bending lab. Photo by P. Rose

C3C Perry Mintz and C3C Joseph Viguera cheer on their truss. Cadets often become very animated during the truss competition. Photo by E. Holzherr

Quiet, Please...

Academic Call to Quarters
takes on a whole new
meaning.

*People are trying to
Study?*

by Matt VanHook

Academic Call to Quarters, better known as ACQ, is three and a half hours set aside for studying, and that's exactly how all cadets spend it, right?

Cadet's work hard to spend that time away from their books or studying. For example, a two-hour session of studying for an Astro 410 midterm is probably comprised of 15 minutes of actual study and the rest griping about the class. Then there are those who use the power of music to aid study.

"Jock Jams happens to be our favorite study time CD and we usually must leave our chairs and dance a little jig," says C2C Tracy "Chip" Wilkerson.

There are other activities to do during ACQ that don't involve any studying. Some cadets use the time to mentally prepare themselves for their military duties.

"I often spend all ACQ thinking about how to train the four degrees," said C3C Jackie DeGrood.

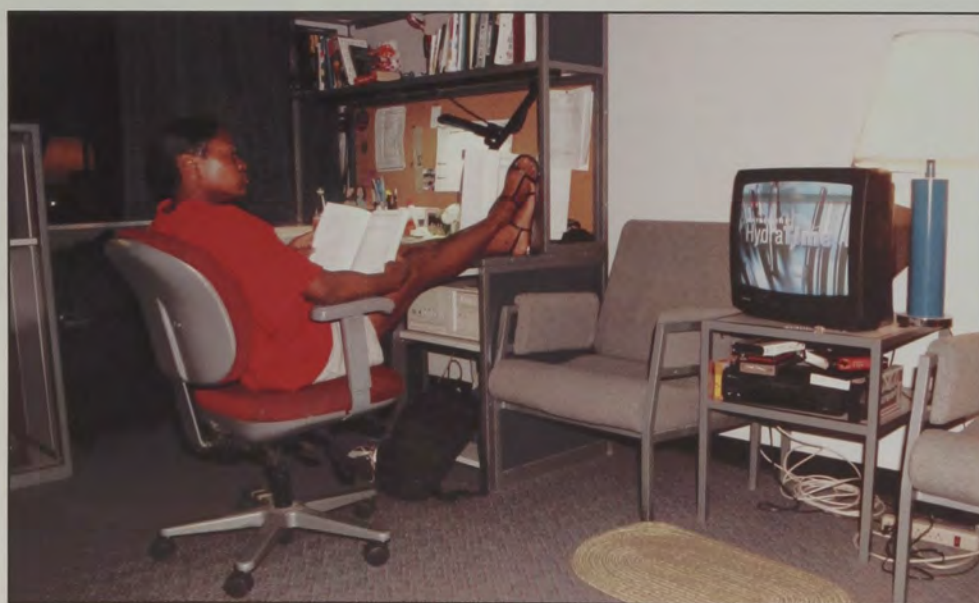
Still others take the time to improve their hand and eye coordination.

"ACQ usually consists of my roommate and me wiping the floor with C1C Ben Robins at Nintendo 64," states C1C Eric Swartzwelder.

Even without the excitement of stereos, TVs and VCRs, four degrees also find ways to avoid studying.

"E-mail is a dangerous enemy during ACQ. I'm working on a computer science lab, and then all of a sudden I see this message pop up with a chiming sound. Now how can I be expected not to go check my messages?" explains C4C Ryan Kaldahl.

All in all, the best explanation for the ACQ phenomenon is that a little bit of relaxation mixed in with studying seems to be the choice of most cadets. It keeps us sane, but most of all it is a time when friendships are often built through the struggle of academics.



C1C Nikki Gipson is diverted from her books by the TV. Many distractions hinder cadets studying during ACQ. Photo by B. Brandow

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CIC Seth Deam spends his ACQ on the phone. Firsties don't have much homework anyway. Photo by P. Ehasz



C2C Chuck Alonzo likes to study during ACQ but he definitely does it in comfort. Cadets sometimes take a few years to find the perfect study method. Photo by B. Brandow

CIC Dana Moss and CIC Chris Sample put out the required squadron ACQ sign. Shh... people are studying. Photo by B. Brandow

C1C Matt Shigley practices surface removal of his BC. Removing the flotation device is one of the more counter-intuitive skills required to pass scuba. Photo by P. Rose



C2C Jason Lawrence prepares to head towards the water. Proper gear often makes or breaks a dive. Photo by B. Nickel

C1C Jake Kunkle does the right hand release, left hand on the reg. Every little detail is important when you're dealing with a life threatening activity. Photo by P. Rose



These cadets are checking to make sure their regs work. Divers always inspect all equipment before entering the water to make sure they're not a hundred feet below the surface when they discover their spare air isn't working. Photo by B. Nickel



Going Under... Cadets see the pool from Below

Scuba gives cadets a chance to experience the wonder of the underwater world.

by Justin Hendricks

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hat could be more exciting than 10 lessons of Scuba?

Scuba I/II focuses on the basic knowledge of scuba diving and how to use that knowledge safely. Those who enroll in the course are forced to listen to another story about a cadet diver by a PADI certified instructor.

"I thought that scuba was great. It was the best PE class that I had while at the Academy," said C1C Matthew Shigley.

For many obvious reasons, Scuba was not your ordinary cadet course. In addition to all the gear, water and other supplies, cadets were also required to purchase PADI packets from the C-Store. The packets consisted of a CD-ROM set used as the course's textbook. Prior to each lesson, cadets were asked to preview the material. Later, in the course two GR's are given on the material presented in the classroom and on the CD-ROM.

"Once I got in the pool I had a chance for a hands on experience to try the things I learned in the classroom," said C1C Shigley.

Most cadets would agree that if they had to choose between the classroom and the pool – they would choose the pool every time. But the classroom became a necessary evil before heading to the pool. In the classroom, a range of topics, from diving environment to underwater problem solving, were covered. Overall, instruction on the use of PADI's Wheel was the most popular lecture since it involved cadet participation.

Now came those four days in the pool! During these pool sessions, most cadets learn to become comfortable with breathing underwater while learning the skills necessary to dive safely in open water. Some of these skills include entries and exits, descending and ascending, air depletion, and emergency procedures underwater.

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This cadet chose the giant stride entry. Blue Hole offers many different ways to enter the water. Photo by B Nickel

First Step... Getting into the Cockpit

by Brian Brandow

UPT Prep gives soon-to-be lieutenants a taste of the flying experience...

A common phrase heard by most cadets on their first day of class is, "This is the most important class of your cadet career." For many future pilots, Aviation 480, affectionately referred to as UPT prep, was one class that could have tremendous impact on their future careers in the Air Force.

"If you plan on becoming a pilot, this class can only help you," claims Captain Noel Fulton, Aviation 480 instructor.

Aviation 480, Military Aviation for Aircrew, was an optional class that many firstclass cadets enrolled in to get a head start for Undergraduate Pilot Training.

Aviation 480 provided an opportunity to gain a heavy dose of knowledge in basic Air Force airmanship. The class begins with the intricacies of weather and quickly moves into Air Force regulations, the air traffic control system, airway navigation, and much more.

In addition to learning general flying procedures, cadets became familiar with their first aircraft - the T-37B Tweet. Cadets learned about the different systems of the T-37 such as, electrical and hydraulic, fuel systems and how they are interrelated.

Although there is a lot of studying, the entire class is not spent buried in the book. Future Air Force pilots got the opportunity to use the skills learned in the classroom while

practicing in the simulators. The FS-200 computer simulators allowed cadets to practice navigation skills, which are an important part of flying. The cadets also got an opportunity to spend time in the T-4 simulators, which simulate the T-37 cockpit.

"The simulators were the best part of the class. I think it'll help me a lot in the cockpit now that I have a couple of hours of sim time," said C1C Brock Bentz.

Cadets became more familiar with cockpit layout, instrument flying and most importantly Emergency Procedures (EPs). EPs are a critical part of UPT and cadets used those procedures often while flying the simulators. Once cadets are checked out on the simulators, they can come down and fly them during their free time gaining even more familiarity with their future flight trainer.

While the class of 1999 did not get an opportunity to fly a flight screener, Avi480 gave them the necessary skills to continue their pursuit of flying. Cadets leave the Academy possessing the knowledge of what to expect in their future as a pilot in the Air Force.



Captain Marcus Boyd monitors C1C Prosewicz's progress on the FS-200 Simulators. Hands on experience is an important part of Avi480. Photo by B. Brandow

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CIC Don Perry conducts a practice mission on the T-4 simulators. For most of these firsties, it won't be long before they are behind the controls of a real plane. Photo by B. Brandow

CIC Kyle Armstrong attempts to master the FS-200 simulator. UPT prep gave cadets many different mechanisms to practice the varied facets of flight. Photo by B. Brandow



Captain Noel Fulton demonstrates the use of a radio magnetic indicator to these future pilots. Navigational concepts can be very difficult to learn without any prior experience. Photo by B. Brandow



CIC Tim Pierce carefully reads over the cockpit checklist. Understanding how to complete checklists quickly will help keep future pilots in the air instead of on the ramp. Photo by B. Brandow

C3C Amanda Hutchinson can't take her eyes off the paper long enough to see her cup of coffee. Cadets often catch up their newspaper reading at the cafe. Photo by J. Param

C2C Raymond Daniel studies the backs of his eyelids. Cadets accomplish all sorts of studying at Fairchild Cafe. Photo by J. Param



This cadet seriously ponders his coffee selection. There are so many interesting kinds of coffee that it would take all year to try them all. Photo by J. Param



C2C Amy Rivera and C2C Amanda Rivera discuss an article in the newspaper. The cafe give cadets a chance to catch up on things in a relaxed atmosphere. Photo by J. Param





Java Jive... Cadets seek the caffeine Rush

by Clara Aguirre

Fairchild Cafe serves up coffee disguised as works of art.

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Just as the Fairchild Café open, Trina starts brewing up the hot Java for the cadets and officers already in line. She can serve most quickly since she has memorized what her regular customers want. However, she often checks with the customer to ensure they aren't trying a new drink. Trina and Neil run trade off manning the coffee shop from 0700-1400 during the week.

"I try and go whenever I get hours off in the morning," said C1C Mary Stewart.

The café is not just a place for those in need of a caffeine boost. For many cadets, the café is a refuge, a place to meet with friends or study. One circle of friends meets every other day at the back table of the coffee shop to peruse the newspaper and socialize over their respective poison... be it plain black coffee or one of the special drinks.

"My favorite drink is a double mocha. It tastes like hot chocolate," said C1C Harmony Andrews.

You may catch the Rivera twins at a competitive game of checkers or someone wrestling with the mindbender games on the table. Others just sit and talk about school and friends.

"We spend the hour gossiping and doing crossword puzzles," said C1C Stewart.

For the serious intellectuals, there is always the chessboard in the back left corner. You can always find something to do at the café.

One regular cadet customer is known by many of the other customers and by Trina and Neil. He is there almost everyday, at the same time, the same table. Even officers have been seen to get up from this table knowing it belongs to him and there are no questions asked.

"We try to steal McBroom's sacred table when we can," said C1C Andrews.

The café also offers a variety of incentives for return trips and easier means of payment for the penny-pinching cadet. Cards can be stamped with each purchase and after twelve stamps, a free drink is earned.

A card is offered to cadets entitling the owner to two cups of their favorite drink while saving a few cents in the process. The shop also has a variety of goodies like muffins and cookies to tempt those unaffected by the smell of sweet java.

So, if you have never wandered into the Fairchild Café, it's about time that you stopped by. You may meet a new friend, learn a new game, and even enjoy a drink that is sure to keep you awake through that next dry lecture.



C3C Lindsay Payne enjoys some fresh air. Until the winter chill arrives cadets can choose to enjoy the beverage of their choice outdoors. Photo by B. Ehasz.

Physics Is Fun?

Physics 215 Labs provide cadets with a charging experience...

Cadets try to think

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by Shannon Merlo

The essence of a Physics course is the lecture. If you do the math and memorize the way to solve problems, then pray to the partial credit gods, you might actually pass. In the past it use to be that learning the concepts and understanding the material was unheard of, but not anymore.

The Physics 215 course has started an experimental class, which focuses on tutorials or group learning activities. Instead of listening to your teacher say big words and write weird symbols on the board, students learn by working together to actively formulate the concepts needed to apply and understand Physics. The best part is no math!

Perhaps instead of sleeping in class, this interactive approach to learning will create more interest in Physics. Help from fellow students seems to be a lost art in other classes, but is welcomed and encouraged in tutorials. In fact, it is essential. The key behind learning in a tutorial class is to form the concepts with fellow students. Teachers are not allowed to give students the answers, or teach, but to aid students in teaching themselves.

In order for a more meaningful learning process to occur, students need more assistance than they can get from listening to a teacher or reading a textbook. Tutorials will help develop the active mental engagement required not only to understand Physics concepts, but everyday life problems as well.

C3C Timm Bonnes feels that his "group helps [him] understand the concepts in different ways. Sometimes it's easier to have a student help rather than a teacher, because they are on the same level. They are in the same mode of thinking."

Perhaps this class will set the new standard of teaching. More student interaction and fewer teacher lectures. However, this is an experimental class, and as with any experiment, the results are yet to be determined.

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C3C David Garcia, C3C Jason Harris, and C3C Mary Hinton examine their well-crafted circuit. Physics 215 teaches cadets the basic elements and theory of circuits. Photo by P. Rose



C3C Perry Mintz and C3C Abe Cuddeback watch closely as C3C Robert Hamilton explains the lab. Teamwork is often the only way to make it through many USAFA classes. Photo by P. Rose

C3C Audra Luyet consults the lab sheet as she begins to connect wires. If cadets are not careful they are likely to short their circuits or burn out resistors. Photo by P. Rose

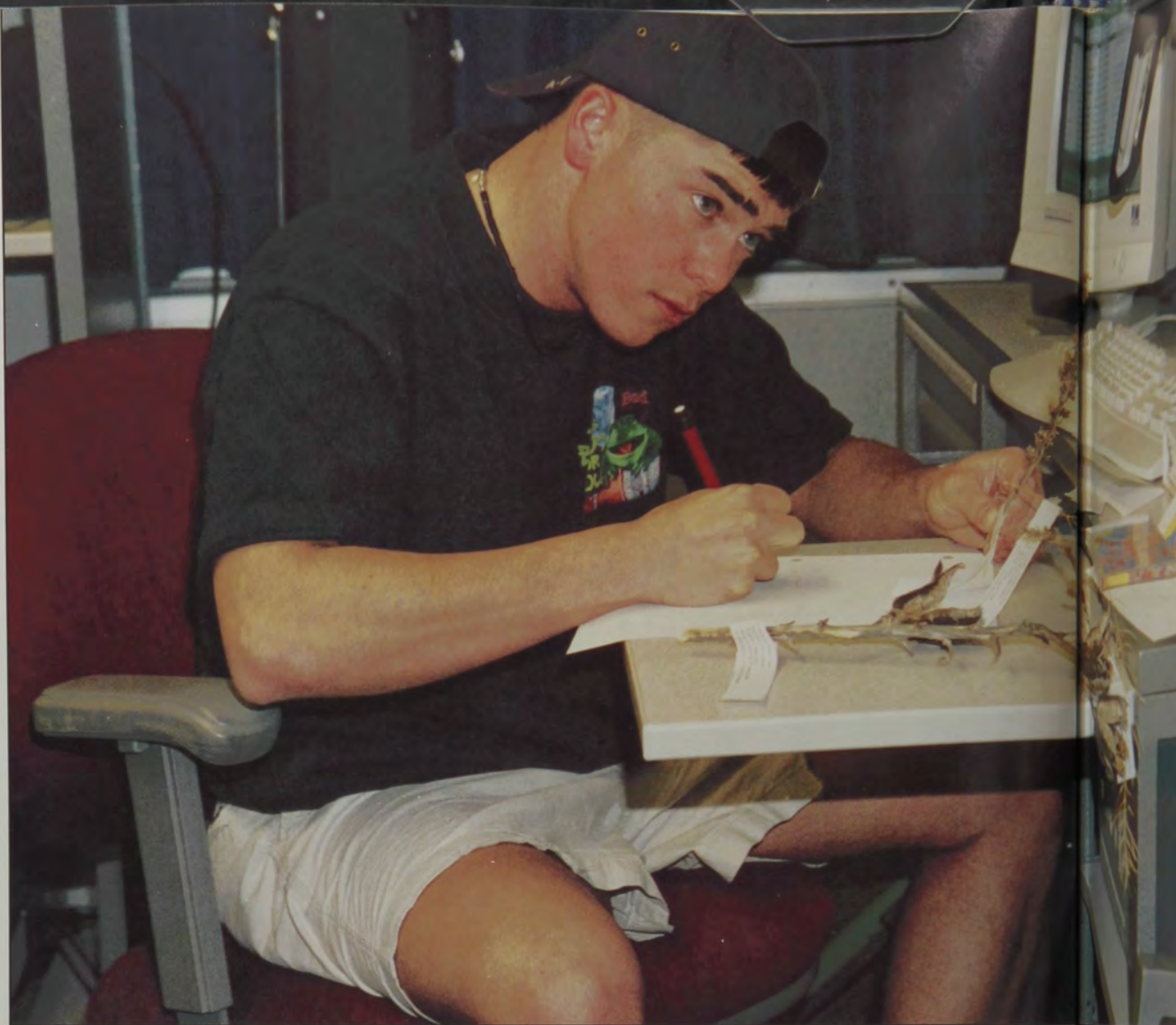


C3C Chris Mercer takes a reading from his circuit. Physics labs usually entail taking various forms of data, analyzing it, and turning in a write up on the activity. Photo by P. Rose



Carefully monitored by their instructor, C3C Chris Mercer, C3C Chris Parker, and C3C Siegfried Jucknies record observations. The low teacher to student ratio at the Academy gave instructors the ability to offer considerable amounts of one on one help. Photo by P. Rose

CIC Pat McDonough sits at his desk taking notes on different plants. Students in Botany had to go out in the local area and find plants to study. Photo by B. Brandow



CIC Sarah Cooper, CIC Sarah Pierson, CIC Pat McDonough, CIC Scott Miller, and CIC Chris Linberg gather around a collection of plants. Photo by B. Brandow

This cadet broadcasts the "Pulse of the Plant" on KAFA. The first semester Botany cadets participated in a unique program in cooperation with the cadet radio station. Photo by B. Brandow



Plant Pulse...

Cadets broadcast botany on

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KAFA and DF team up to
create an educational
experience for cadets.

by Dr. Robert Noyd

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Perhaps last fall you were listening to your favorite music on the cadet radio station, KAFA 104.3 FM, and were suddenly interrupted with the Star Wars theme music, or sounds of a flushing toilet, or jungle sounds and monkey hoots. These were the sound effects of a series of two-minute radio programs produced by botany students as a project in Biology 331 called *Pulse of the Plant*.

Along with sounds, cadet teams wrote scripts and broadcast programs on botanical topics such as; laxatives, plants research in space, medicines and drugs of the rain forest, hot chili peppers, species of Christmas trees, Shakespeare, breakfast cereals, latex, plants of the Mesozoic Era, pollen and allergies, poison ivy, and the botany associated with wine corks.

"It allowed me the opportunity to look at botany from a different angle," said C2C Lauren Maher.

Always looking for new and creative ways to learn botany, *Pulse of the Plant* was developed by Dr. Robert Noyd, an Associate Pro-

fessor in the Biology Department. The concept for the radio show came from the popular short-format radio program *Pulse of the Planet* on National Public Radio, which effectively weaves together scientific facts with sounds into an interview format.

Mr. Bill Scharton, director of KAFA, immediately saw the value in the project for cadets and suggested they broadcast live. He gave classes a tour of the station, instruction on the use of the microphones and soundboard controls, and helped find sound effects. He was highly committed to the project and was present for most of the broadcasts.

"This was a first for KAFA," said Bill Scharton, Chief Cadet Wing Media. "An academic class had never used KAFA for this or any other purposes."

The aspect of a live broadcast made cadets a little anxious and nervous. Faculty in the Biology Department had their broadcast schedules tacked to their bulletin boards and their radios tuned to 104.3 FM. Audiotapes were ready, and on cue, the cadets were "on the air." Cadets really enjoyed this presentation format.



C3C Pamela Moudry and C3C Marion Knapp take notes together on the knapp weed. Much of the work in Botany was hands on. Photo by B. Brandow

CIC Marc Johnson and C2C Paolo Rivera have to stop for repairs. Many quick repairs are a must in the "going the distance" flight trials. Photo by B. Brandow



C2C Thomas Nelson receives advice from LTC Andre Gerneron on how to launch his airplane. The throw often makes or breaks the distance traveled by these gliders. Photo by B. Brandow



CIC Gayle Apolonio tests out her glider for stability and straight flight before launching it from the bleachers. It's all in the wrist. Photo by B. Brandow

CIC Kurt Alickson's trunk becomes his maintenance hanger for construction. Extra care must be put into the construction of gliders. Photo by B. Brandow



Extra Credit...

Making it go the Distance

Glider Flyoff gives cadets in Aero a chance to earn a few extra points.

by Gayle Apolonio



One of the core classes taken by cadets is Aeronautical Engineering 315, often referred to as Aero 315. Cadets learn about the fundamentals of Aeronautics history. It introduces them to fluid mechanics, airfoil and wing aerodynamics, steady and accelerated aircraft performance, as well as stability and control.

In a class where cadets are bombarded with technical information, one aspect most look forward to is gliders.

The glider brought about a nice change from the daily routines of class. Even though the glider project was extra credit, almost everyone in the class constructs one. The obvious bonus was the extra points, if your glider did well. But, for most it was more than extra points needed to boost their grade.

Constructing a glider could take some thirty minutes while others three or four hours. And there was always the tedious task of waiting for the glue to dry.

"It looked like the work of a third grader," said C2C Erik Axt.

As the old saying goes, things appear simpler than they really are.

"It was hard to build because of the angle of the wings," said C2C Casey Tinianow.

The time had come. Each cadet stood in the field anxious and excited to watch their glider soar. Some were more successful than others.

"I didn't put the tail part on quite right, but that was my only problem," said C2C Jennifer Jochum.

Instructors set up an extra table supplied with more balsa wood, glue, and clay available for cadets to fix whatever problems might have occurred while flying their gliders.

After a few practice flights, some gliders didn't make it the rest of the evening. Many came crashing down, breaking in half or just plain unglued. A few cadets became disgusted and gave up. Yet, other more determined pilots used the full two hours to get as many extra credit points as possible.

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C2C Casey Tinianow makes careful corrections to the tail of her glider. Minor adjustments make a huge difference in flight paths. Photo by R. Ehasz

Creating Masterpieces...

Cadets mold art with their Hands

Fine Arts gives cadets the opportunity to explore their artistic sides.

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hat do you think of when you think of the United States Air Force Academy's rigorous academic program? Most people would point to the grueling academic core. We enjoy all manner of intellectual pursuits to include six different kinds of engineering, political science, philosophy, history and military arts and sciences. When it comes to electives, most people take something that is in line with their major. However, a blessed few have discovered an oasis of the humanities by the coffee shop in the southwest corner of the third floor. This is the domain of the cadet artist.

Largely ostracized by their technically oriented peers, the cadet artist finds a home in Fine Art 460 and 461. Fine Art 460 is an introductory studio art class that exposes students to a wide variety of media and techniques. Following in the footsteps of Leonardo DaVinci, students first learn how to handle the pencil and drawing techniques. Next, they

move on to watercolor painting, acrylic painting, clay sculpture and pottery. The final block is dedicated to the accomplishment of a "piece de resistance" in the student's area of interest.

Fine Art 461 is a continuation of 460, which focuses on developing the student's skill with a particular medium. The students are encouraged to research and experiment with different techniques. Often, students work with production art studios in Manitou Springs to further their education.

Is it hard work? You bet your next dinner at Mitch's it is! The average art student typically spends ten to twelve hours a week on one class. This is probably double what one would spend on any techie class. But, the rewards of creating a unique piece of art are well worth the efforts.

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CIC Ed King carefully rounds the top of a vase. The slightest wrong movement can ruin a perfect piece of artwork. Photo by J. Param

CIC Mike Malloy is glazing a coil built vessel. Once the clay is molded the next step is to use finishing techniques to make the work truly beautiful. Photo by J. Param



CIC Casandra Benavides is throwing a cylinder on the potter's wheel. Crafting pottery is a difficult art requiring concentration. Photo by J. Param

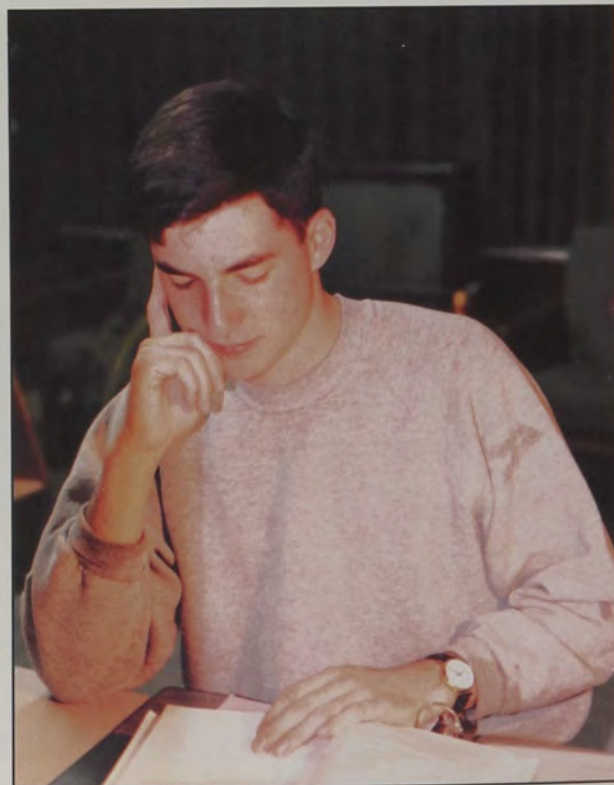
CIC Ed King centers clay on the potter's wheel before throwing a vase. Without first properly centering the clay, the finished product will not be symmetric. Photo by J. Param

CIC Jake Kunkle takes on CIC Matt Watson in a fierce video game battle. Many cadets use finals week to perfect their video game skills. Photo by B. Brandow

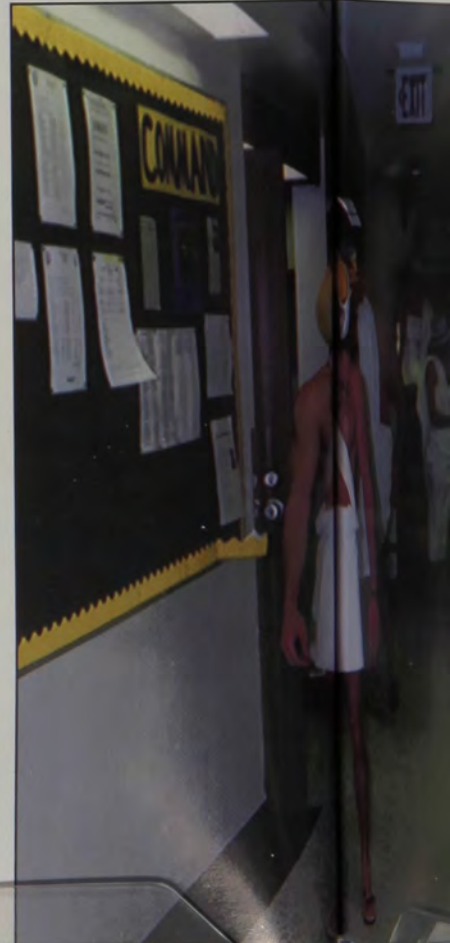
CIC Steve Gwinn and CIC Jen Schiessler flip through their notes. Group study sessions ranging from two cadets up to twenty are common during finals. Photo by B. Brandow



CIC Tim McCann diligently studies at his desk. The avid studiers are few and far between during finals. Photo by T. Muro



This cadet proudly displays his toga. Toga parties were a popular ACQ activity. Photo by Polaris Staff



Break Time...

There will be time to study

Later...

Finals week is usually full of many activities, most of which are not studying.

by Jennifer DiCarlo

The end of every semester inevitably brings that dreaded event, the nemesis of college students across the country—finals.

For some, finals mean extra-intense levels of stress. For others, they bring a long-awaited relief. Here at USAFA activities during finals week can range from intent studying to goofing off. Sometimes it seems like cadets do everything BUT study during finals. Take a walk through any squadron in the middle of finals week and you are apt to see cadets watching movies, playing video games, and generally wasting time. As most cadets see things, if you don't know something by the end of the semester, you probably won't ever know it.

"The best way I've found to study is to not study as much—at least I've found that to be true—others that care a little more about their grades may disagree," said C1C Jamie Jaquez.

Besides the break from studying, cadets enjoy finals because the schedule feels a little

more like real college. There is no marching to breakfast or any mandatory meal for that matter. Finals start later so cadets can sleep in - a rare luxury at USAFA. If you space your finals right you can have tons of free time to study, work out, or take care of errands.

"I love finals week, not because of finals, but because it's now up to me to decide how to spend my time.... It feels a lot more like the college life my brother and sister used to talk about," said C1C Hans Larsen.

While some find finals relaxing, there are those who feel quite stressed. If passing grades are resting on the final, studying can get quite intense.

Of course, there are always the dreaded math, aero, thermo, mech, and other techie finals. Some of those harder core classes can really stress people out around finals time.

"If I have hard finals the following day, I stay up as long as it takes to study, sometimes all night, and then get up early enough to look over everything again.," said C2C Amy Fischer.

Finals are a wacky and wild time of year at any college. But perhaps life gets crazier than normal at USAFA when cadets almost become real college students. But whether they waste their time or study, either way, it's time to go to war with the Dean!

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C2Cs Brooke Page, Chris Boileau, and Dave Rogers relieve their frustrations through a pillow fight. Cadets can't hit the Dean over a bad final so they hit each other.
Photo by B. Brandow

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SPORTS

Athletics is an integral part of cadet life. Whether it is on the football field or playing intramural flickerball, each cadet learns what it means to be part of a team fighting for victory.

As classes end for the day, cadets head down to the "friendly fields of strife" to train, play and win as well as work off academic frustrations. Cadets involved in intramurals have several sports to choose from each semester. Squadron pride is often shown during those fierce intramural competitions. Each team is battling for the ultimate goal in their sport – the title of Wing Champions.

Some cadets go beyond the intramural fields to become intercollegiate athletes. For those individuals, the stress of the Academy increases due to the demands of the sport. These cadets are the first in the gym and the last to dinner. Each intercollegiate athlete must sacrifice weekends and free time to represent the Academy at various competitions.

Whether a cadet participates in an intercollegiate or intramural sport, every cadet is expected to be in top physical condition, learn leadership and practice teamwork on the athletic fields.



Justin Kieffer skates behind the goal looking for an open teammate. The hockey team continued to improve under second year coach Frank Serratore. Photo by B. Brandow

Scott Michalows has this Middle right where wants his Michalows lead this year team in almost every defense category. Photo by Tuite



Blane Morgan, Tim Curry, Jason Sanderson, and Jemal Singleton stand on the winners podium after the Falcon's victory in the Oahu Bowl. Many felt that the 1998 Falcon football team was the best in Air Force history. Photo by B. Brandow

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UNTESTED & UNDERRATED

As the season opener versus Wake Forest approached, many Falcon supporters wondered aloud about the effectiveness of a completely revamped offensive line. This year's team included a young linebacker corps and an offense that needed to put big points on the board. A highly touted, and nationally ranked Wake Forest

team would provide the football world with a mere glimpse of what was to become one of the most successful season's in Falcons football history.

From the opening kickoff, it was clear that the national pollsters had voted for the wrong team in the preseason rankings. Despite sporting one of the nation's top senior quarterbacks, as well as a physically imposing and highly skilled wide receiver, Wake Forest was completely dominated by the Falcons' defense containing seven new starters. Capitalizing on the momentum gained by the defense, the Falcon's offense jumped out to a 21-0 half-time lead en route to a 42-0 final.

"It's great if you get interceptions. It's great if you get fumbles. But a shutout—there's no better feeling," said Tim Curry, defensive back.

The defense showed its strength and stamina by holding Wake Forest to a mere 178 passing yards. In addition to the solid perfor-

mance by the defense, the special teams play was stellar, as it has been so many other times. A blocked punt by Curry, the sixth of his career, resulted in a touchdown. Wide receiver Dylan Newman followed Curry's example by recovering a mishandled punt in Wake Forest's end zone to score his first career touchdown.

Next, the Falcons faced off against the UNLV Running Rebels in Las Vegas. Quarterback Blane Morgan lead the Falcons to a 52-10 victory over UNLV by tallying a career-high three touchdowns. Once again, the young Falcons' defense devastated their opponent, recording two interceptions, while holding UNLV's running game to an amazing -6 yards. The Falcons' offensive line silenced many of their critics preseason doubts by producing an impressive 482 total yards.

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Defensive back Tim Curry brings down Wake Forest's player for another solo tackle. The Falcons did not allow a single point in their home opener. Photo by B. Brandow



Running back Chris Wade charges forward in his pursuit of a touchdown. The Falcons rushed for 302 yards against the Deacons. Photo by R. Caldwell

Defensive tackle Shawn Thomas grabs onto CSU's quarterback attempting to bring him down. Photo by B. Brandow



Quarterback Blane Morgan rolls out for an option play. The Falcons used the option as their most effective play this year. Photo by T. Tyler

Fullback Matt Paroda runs into the endzone untouched. This was the last of their six touchdowns. Photo by M Brown

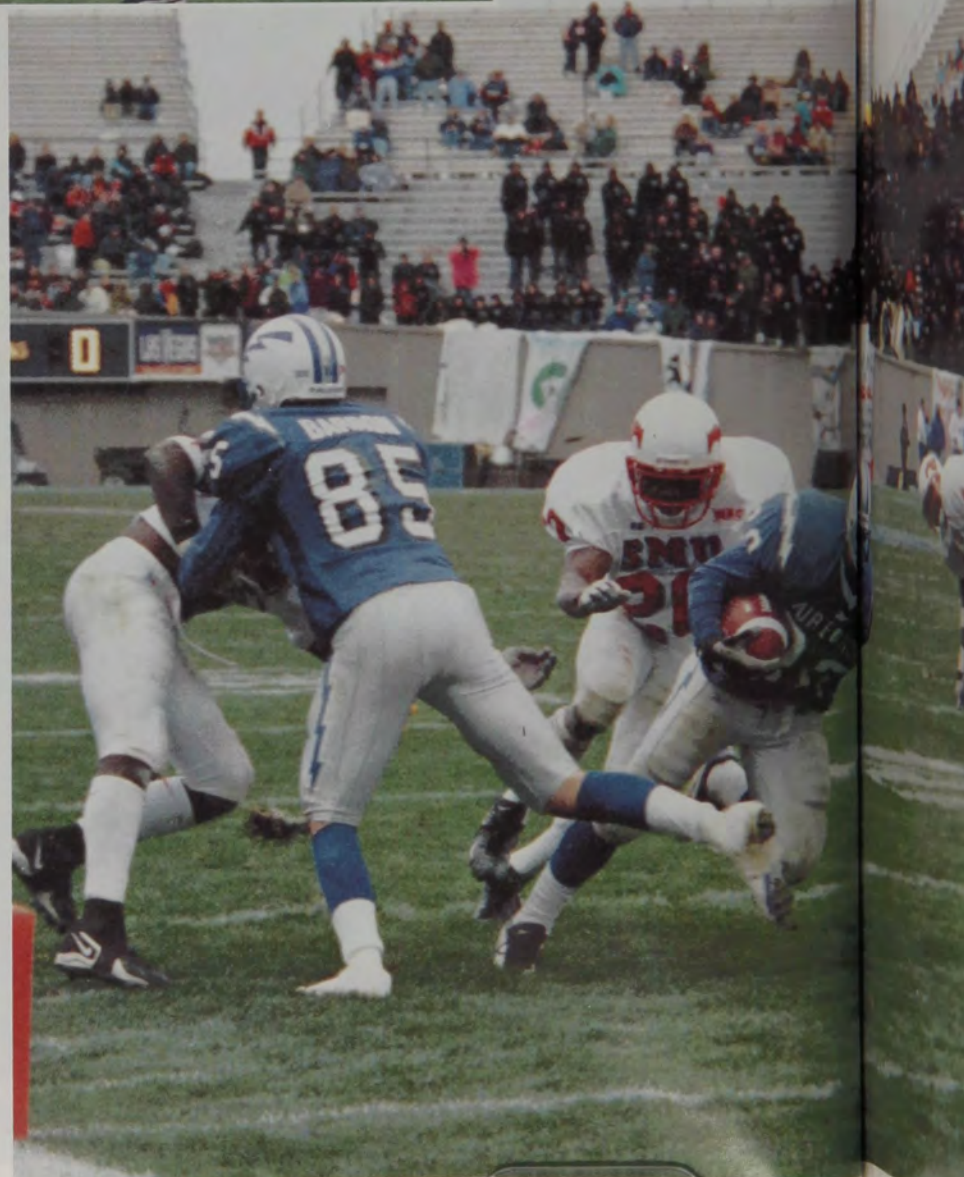


Wide receiver Matt Farmer hurdles past a New Mexico defender enroute to another Falcon touchdown. Farmer also had a 55-yard punt return in the 1st Quarter. Photo by P. Rose



Wide receiver Dylan Newman catches a 19-yard pass from Morgan then runs in for the touchdown. Newman had three receptions for 39 yards. Photo by B. Brandow

Halfback Scott McKay lunges the last few yards for the touchdown with help from Barron's blocking. The Falcons dominated on offense outscoring SMU 31-7. Photo by B. Brandow





Defensive backs Tim Curry and Charlton Warren combine to stop New Mexico's play. The Falcons held New Mexico to only 14 points compared to their 56. Photo by P. Rose

Wide receiver Matt Farmer heads for the open field after blowing past a SMU defender. Farmer had five catches for 57 yards and one touchdown. Photo by P. Rose



COMING TOGETHER

The Falcons carried the momentum of their back to back routs into a match up against in-state rival and preseason Western Athletic Conference favorite, the CSU Rams. A fumble on the first play of the game lead to a quick CSU touchdown and struck fear in the hearts of Air Force football fans. The outcome looked dismal when another Falcons' fumble was converted for a field goal, and a punt was returned 77-yards making the score 17-0 in favor of the Rams. Finally, the Falcons' had placed some points on the board leaving the score at 24-10 by the end of the first half.

In the second half, Air Force continued to chip away at the lead, following the leadership of quarterback Morgan, who ran the option scoring three touchdowns. With less than three minutes remaining in the fourth quarter and the score tied at 27, defensive tackle Bryce Fisher sacked the CSU quarterback for a 10-yard loss forcing a punt. Morgan converted on fourth and one to keep the drive alive. Jackson Whiting kicked the 44 yard field goal with 11 seconds left - another Falcon victory. Defeating the CSU Rams propelled the Falcons into a first place standing in the WAC's Pacific Division.

"My best game of the season was against CSU," said senior defensive tackle Fisher. "The whole team played great and we did it as one unit."

Ranked 23rd in both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN polls, the Falcons faced a highly underrated TCU team. Despite holding a lead into the fourth quarter, the Falcons suffered what would prove to be their only loss of the season. This loss was, however, quickly avenged in what was touted as a potentially difficult match up against New Mexico.

Air Force dominated the Lobos on both sides of the ball. Wide receivers Matt Farmer and Newman completed big plays helping the Falcons record a strong and convincing 56-14 victory. The special teams contributed a blocked punt, and the returned punt for a touchdown by Farmer solidified the win.

After sinking Navy, the Falcons traveled to Oklahoma. Inspired by the tough running of senior fullback Spanky Gilliam and Morgan's 190 yards air assault, Air Force turned a 14-14 half-time tie into a 42-21 victory. The Falcons fought their way to nearly 500 total yards

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Quarterback Cale Bonds lunges forward to gain a few more yards. Bonds rushed for 89 yards and 1 touchdown. Photo by B. Brandow

Linebacker Mike Tyler makes the key interception against Rice. The interception, soon to be known as 'The Pick' put the Falcons in the lead near the end of the game. Photo by B. Brandow



Wide receiver Dylan Newman protects the ball from the Wyoming defender. The Falcon's passing game chalked up 96 yards in the game. Photo by S. Gatto

Quarterback Blane Morgan turns the corner in an attempt to gain a few yards. Morgan became the quarterback with the most wins posting a 19-3 record. Photo by B. Brandow



ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



on offense while limiting Tulsa, a team that had been averaging 418 yards per game, to 276 yards.

The Falcons returned home to prey on the SMU Mustangs. With only 45 seconds left in the game, it appeared the Falcons would have another shutout but somehow SMU got a touchdown. Jason Sanderson's blocked punt combined with Jason Blevins' touchdown and the six sacks by defensive tackle Shawn Thomas lead the Falcons to 35-7 victory.

With the Commander-In-Chief's trophy in the hands of its rightful owner, the eight and one Falcons were on their way to the last WAC Championship game by defeating Wyoming. It was a defensive battle between two teams known for a strong offense. The Falcon's offense had difficulty scoring all day and a final score of 10-3 was representative of this hard fought victory.

"I broke quite a few tackles and almost broke away," said Gilliam. "I think it helped motivate the team to play harder. Everyone told me after the game, that run really got them hyped."

The Falcons returned home to face their final WAC opponent, the Rice Owls. A loss to Rice would be demeaning enough since former

Falcons head coach Ken Hatfield was at the helm of Rice but jeopardizing the chance for a WAC title was more pressing in the player's minds. Rice brought a balanced and potentially explosive offense but in the end, it was Air Force's defense that provided the final margin of victory. Playing on a bad knee, senior linebacker Mike Tyler made the biggest play of the season. Tyler intercepted an Owl pass and returned it 26-yards for a touchdown.

"This season is one of fulfilled expectations," said Mike Barron. "Every year we set out to accomplish several goals, and now we're accomplishing each of these in turn. This is a season every senior should go out on."

The Falcons won their seventh straight game and improved to 10-1 on the season. USA Today/ESPN ranked them 14th in the nation, but that was not enough. As a result of Tyler's interception and his teammates hard work, the Falcon's were one step closer to accomplishing what no other Falcon's team in history had done - a WAC Championship.

by Stuart Solomon



Fullback Spanky Gilliam tucks the ball away as he prepares to roll over a Wyoming defender. Gilliam ran for 58 yards against Wyoming. Photo by S. Gatto

FOOTBALL

Quarterback Cale Bonds runs down the sidelines for the end zone. Bonds had 16 rushes for 167 yards and two touchdowns. Photo by B. Brandow

Free safety Jason Sanderson and inside linebacker Billy Free combine to take down this Army player. The Falcons defense was outstanding making 12 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Photo by S. Gatto



Halfback Qualario Brown pushes off the helmet of this Navy defender on his way down the field. Brown added 58 yards to the Falcons 342 total net yards on the ground. Photo by B. Brandow



Fullback Spanky Gilliam explodes into the open field with the help of the offensive line. Against Army, Gilliam had five carries for 54 yards. Photo by S. Gatto

Safety Jeff Felton wraps up this Navy player by the ankle. The Falcons defense held Navy to only seven points. Photo by B. Brandow



SERVICE RIVARLY

Anticipation filled the air as the Falcons prepared to combat not only the Navy Midshipmen but begin their quest to reclaim the Commander's in Chief trophy. The day started off with some anxiety since Quarterback Blane Morgan would be absent from the offensive lineup. Morgan would be absent from the offensive lineup.

The anxiety was quickly turned into confidence as back-up Cale Bonds stepped in.

On the first four drives of the game, Bonds proved that his lack of experience would not hinder his focus by helping the Falcons place the points on the board. At the end of the first quarter Navy was sinking quickly - 21-0.

Bonds continued to show his determination and strength throughout the remainder of the game. Under Bonds' leadership, the Falcon offense literally sunk Navy - 49-7.

"The team performed very well. Everyone played hard, just as every week this year," said Bonds.

Bonds rushed for 167 yards and passed for 194, the most for an Air Force offense since 1989. Bonds did not do it alone though. The offensive line stopped the Navy defense and averaged 7.8 yards per play.

Even though Navy's offense was second best at rushing in the nation, the defensive line

kept them to less than half of their average rushing yards per game.

"We were only half way to winning the trophy so we didn't want to get too excited," said Tim Curry, defensive back.

The Falcons headed to Michie Stadium to take on the cadets of the U.S. Military Academy.

"The team feeling before this game was that of any other, they went to win," said Dylan Newman, wide receiver.

The Commander in Chief's trophy was one step closer with a 35 to 7 victory over the Black Knights.

Morgan then threw two passes, one for 54 and the other 74 yards resulting in two Air Force touchdowns.

By defeating both Navy and Army, the Air Force Falcons had clinched the Commander's in Chief Trophy for the twelfth time.

by Chris Reteneller

FLY BY NIGHT

With an incredible football season at hand, the cadet Wing was given the chance to undertake the largest troop movement in Air Force Academy history. However, this movement could be termed as more of a migration. A migration to a city filled with lights, money, and sin and the WAC football championship.

While the game was another memorable chapter in a storybook season the days and nights in Vegas brought stories of their own. Whether arriving by bus or RV, the outcome was an outstanding weekend.

C1C Morgan Hurt called it, "the single greatest weekend of my cadet career."

Hundreds of die-hard Falcon football fans echo his cheer. Whether they came for the game or for Las Vegas, they were not disappointed. Upon the completion of the duty day, an all out sprint across the states of Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico began. After a long, grueling drive, cadets began to arrive in the "city of lights" as the neon faded and the sun came up.

These cadets were on a mission. It is not often that an opportunity like this presents itself, but all were ready to take advantage. Those of age began to gamble immediately, after all, fourteen hours in a car makes the

wait almost unbearable. After a few hours of gambling, the neon of the strip lit up and the nightlife began. Some chose the Rio and others Ra to see Digital Underground perform. Regardless of the club, many cadets were doing their own versions of the humpty hump.

A few hours later, the kickoff of the WAC championship was under way. A hard fought game with an ending that called for even more celebration. Yet, all good things must come to an end. Some were big winners in Vegas, others big losers.

C1C John Flynn felt that the weekend was, "the best and the worst of times."

Regardless of the outcome of Blackjack and Craps, the city of Las Vegas, the Falcon football team, and especially the cadet Wing were all big winners in the "city of lights."

by Benjamin Heslin

TRAVELING TO WAC



Byron Pompa and Christian Garber try their hands at Black Jack. Although the official purpose for the trip to Vegas was to support the Falcon football team, many cadets made the trip for an entirely different one. Photo by B. Brandow



The Falcon struts his stuff in Vegas. A pep rally was held for both teams Friday night before the game. Photo by B. Brandow

CIC Robert Wolfe uses his uniform as a conversation piece. Cadets played all the angles as they attempted to make contact with women. Photo by J. Tuite



Ben Heslin raises his fist in support of our team. Cadets swarmed the Vegas night scene and wore the Vegas marks as badges of honor during the game. Photo by J. Tuite



Cadets Brian McKiernan, Naviere Hall, and Jen Shelby are stranded in Arizona after they rolled Brians four-runner. An unexpected snow storm created havoc for many returning cadets. Photo provided by J. Shelby

Two fourthclass cadets air their support for the football team. A low scoring game, fans had surprisingly few opportunities to jump in boisterous cheer. Photo by J. Tuite

LETTING IT RIDE IN VEGAS

In a defensive battle, two plays decided the victor. Trailing 0-7 late in the third quarter, the Falcons were brought to life when defensive tackle Shawn Thomas leaped into the air and blocked a 35-yard field goal attempt. Five plays later, the Falcons tied the score at seven. Rejuvenated by the block and score, cadets in the stands

felt a turn in momentum.

"It seemed like they were a different team after Shawn blocked that field goal," said C1C Douglas Vetrano. "I knew we were going to win after we tied the game so quickly."

With just four minutes left in the game, the Falcons found themselves trailing 13-7. Quarterback Blane Morgan remembers thinking they only had to "break one play and [they] could still do it." The stage was set - third and ten from BYU's 41. Morgan took a two step, dropped and beat the full blitz by drilling the ball to wide receiver Matt Farmer for a 59-yard touchdown pass. Kicker Jackson Whiting's extra point put the Falcons ahead for the first time.

The Falcon defense protected its 14-13 lead stopping BYU's fourth and six attempt with minutes remaining. Air Force only needed a first down to run out the clock. Fullback Spanky Gilliam delivered that first down on a tough third and two play. Then, on the very next play, he made the game more interesting

by breaking for a touchdown. When the extra point was no good, BYU got the ball with 1:43 left and only trailing by seven. Some fans stood, most crouched forward in their seats, but not a soul left as the Cougars put together a final drive attempting to tie or possibly win the game.

Again, the Falcon defense came through when it needed to most, gaining their sixth and seventh team sacks, and stopping the Cougars with 27 seconds left in the game.

Afterwards, Farmer was asked about his big reception.

"I've never played in a game like this. All I wanted to do was make a big play and make a difference," answered Farmer.

The Falcons had their best season ever with eleven wins, the Commander and Chief's Trophy and now the final WAC championship, but the season was not over.

by John Tuite



Wide receiver Matt Farmer makes the "big play" with less than four minutes remaining in the game. This 59-yard touchdown reception put Air Force ahead for good. Photo by J. Tuite



Defensive tackle Bryce Fisher demonstrates why he is one of the best in the WAC. A tough Falcon defense held the Cougars ground attack to only one-third of its total yards. Photo by J. Tuite

WAC GAME



Safety Charlton Warren sacks BYU's quarterback for the second time on their first possession. The Falcon defense amassed seven sacks on the day. Photo by B. Brandow



Wide receiver Dylan Newman tip-toes for some extra yards. The Falcons picked up five 1st downs and 149 yards from their passing game. Photo by M. Taylor

Fullback Spanky Gilliam explodes for a touchdown with only 1:48 remaining in the game. This run quickened the pulse of both fans and coaches, but for two distinctly different reasons. Photo by J. Tuite



Halfback Jemal Singleton won't be stopped by an arm tackle. Singleton helped the Falcons carry for 111 yards against a stingy Cougar defense. Photo by B. Brandow

BOWL VICTORY

The Air Force Falcons flew into the Oahu Bowl with a vengeance earning their first bowl game victory in seven years. Riding the wave of a high powered offense dominated by their running game, the Falcons turned to the air more frequently than in the past dominating the Washington Huskies 45 to 25.

Quarterback Blane Morgan, the MVP, threw for a career record 267 yards completing 12 out of 16 passes, overpowering the Huskies defense.

"Early in the game, we knew we were going to put the ball in the air because of all the people they were putting on the line to stop the run," Morgan explained. "We threw in some new wrinkles and I think we kept them off balance."

Air Force dominated the first half with a 149-53 edge in rushing yardage and a 22-13 point lead at the end of the second quarter.

The Falcons air attack was well balanced with their running game - ranked third in the nation at the time. Running backs Jemal Singleton, Spanky Gilliam and Scott McKay with the help of Morgan totaled up 232 yards on the ground and rushed for four touchdowns.

During the second half, the Falcons never slowed down outscoring the Huskies 16-0 in the third quarter. Air Force dominated both

sides of the ball and disrupted Washington's quarterback Brock Huard from ever gaining momentum with his offense. In the third quarter it was the persistence of defensive back Jason Blevens who sacked Huard. On the following play, defensive back Tim Curry intercepted Huard's attempted pass and returned it 19 yards, setting up the touchdown run by Gilliam. Defensive tackle Bryce Fisher added to Air Force's dominance on the poor Huskies with six tackles and a sack.

"My best moment of the game had to be getting a sack because the University of Washington said that I was not the kind of player they wanted nor could use," said Fisher.

For the many of the firsties on the team, the Oahu Bowl was an opportunity to finish the best season of their careers in record setting fashion. The 1998 Falcons could be the best team in Air Force history.

by Brian Brandow



BOWL GAME



Halfback Jemal Singleton dives for the score. Singleton had five carries for 28 yards and two touchdowns. Photo by B. Brandow

Defensive back Tim Curry catches up with this Washington player. Curry also had an interception return for 19 yards. Photo by B. Brandow

Wide receiver Matt Farmer takes off in the open field. Farmer had four receptions for 109 yards. Photo by B. Brandow



Defensive back Nishawn Smagh pushes the Huskies player out of bounds to stop the play. The Falcons defense had three interceptions against the Huskies. Photo by B. Brandow

Quarterback Blane Morgan keeps this ball for a large gain. Morgan also threw 12 of 16 for two touchdowns and a career high 267 yards. Photo by B. Brandow



"Let's go Air Force!" says the Falcon lady cheerleaders as they perform a pyramid. Falcon cheerleaders practice for hours in order to perfect their stunts. Photo by B. Brandow

General Lorenz, G-Lo, gets jiggy with it at the AFA vs. Navy game. The Commandant of Cadets has always been a big force multiplier. Photo R. Caldwell



Ericka Cazares poses with our favorite Bird. The Bird is a huge motivator at the Academy's athletic contests. Photo by B. Brandow



Gloria Field and Stephanie Nocum cheer on the crowd with Grant Schroeder and Dave Huinker backing them up. Falcon cheerleaders work rigorously to keep fans motivated. Photo by B. Brandow

Ericka Cazares and Diane Santos show their spirit. Air Force cheerleaders cheer at every football game. Photo by B. Brandow

AFA ALL THE WAY

After spending five days at the Denver University UCA Cheerleading camp, the 1999 AFA cheerleading squad became unified and developed friendships that would carry them through an amazing season. Beginning with stretches at 0700 and ending with gymnastics at 1930, the team endured many experiences. The word "camp" became

synonymous with broken noses, the bird in a dress, marching, jodies, bubbles through people's eyes, GUESSTURES, bonding, and unforgettable relationships.

In addition to learning crucial cheerleading skills and awesome new pyramids, the squad brought home the "Most Collegiate Mascot Award" and the "Spirit Award" for the third year in a row; as well as numerous individual awards. The team started the year off with a bang!

Although Saturday morning football games are the biggest priority and responsibility, the team keeps busy throughout the season in many aspects. From football luncheons on Wednesdays and Fridays, to Corona Conference activities, and dinners at the AOG, the squad never missed an opportunity to increase school spirit.

"You, as a cheerleader, feel a part of each team you cheer for," said C1C Stefanie Nocum.

The unparalleled spirit within the Wing cannot go unnoticed. The demanding season could not have been as enjoyable, nor rewarding, without the inspiring support and unyielding chants of the Cadet Wing. All of our successes would not be possible without the collective effort of the entire Wing.

"The team's (football) success really motivated the rest of the Wing and that made cheering easier and more exciting," said C2C Joy Goddard.

As General Lorenz once said, "That (the WAC Championship trophy) is just as much yours as it is the team's."

As another cheerleading season comes to an end, one thing is certain. The memories will not be quickly forgotten: girls' nights out, stunting in Caesar's Palace and the beaches of Hawaii, "Hey Goat!", 'spell-bodies', "PREP DRILLS!", the COOLEST practice tapes with the best songs and many more!

by Ericka Cazares



The 1998 Cheerleading Team

L to R back row: D.J. Fortune, Anthony Cagle, Grant Schroeder, Marc Johnson Detrick Grmr, Bart McIntosh, Billy McClelland

L to R front row: Jachin Sakamoto, Beth Cherney, Tanika Archer, Stefanie Nocum, Joy Goddard, Vanessa Anderson, Gloria Field, Dave Huinker

CHEERLEADING

THIS AIN'T NO DISCO

With this being the last season in Lt. Col. Jeff Heidmous' 17 year stretch as head coach, the USAFA water polo team was even more determined to become a contender for a conference championship. With nine returning core players, strong team unity and a hard work ethic,

the team was bound to produce a successful season.

Captains' Rob Mattivi and Jason Nolting laid the foundation and set high standards for the season. That is what motivated the team through the season.

"Performance was our first goal, and having a good work ethic leads to strong performances. We don't just hope that we will play well, we work to play well," said Nolting.

"We take pride in winning, no reconciling losses. We don't play as a team to be friends. We play to win, and being friends comes from playing to win, and not to lose," added Mattivi.

Posting an undefeated record at home and hanging tough against highly respected California, the Falcon water polo team re-

mained second in the conference the entire season. The time had come – the conference championships were underway. Unfortunately for the Falcons, the season ended with a difficult loss of 10-8 in the championship game to University of California San Diego. Despite falling short of their ultimate goal, the conference championship, the team still has one of the best records at the Academy and a 13 place national ranking.

"Air Force water polo has carried the torch for non-California programs for over a decade. These players have changed the mind-set of an entire NCAA sports culture," said Lt Col Heidmous.

Although he is leaving the coaching position, Lt. Col. Heidmous still predicts that "the 1999 Falcons should be one of the better teams to ever play here."

by Mark McGill

WATER POLO

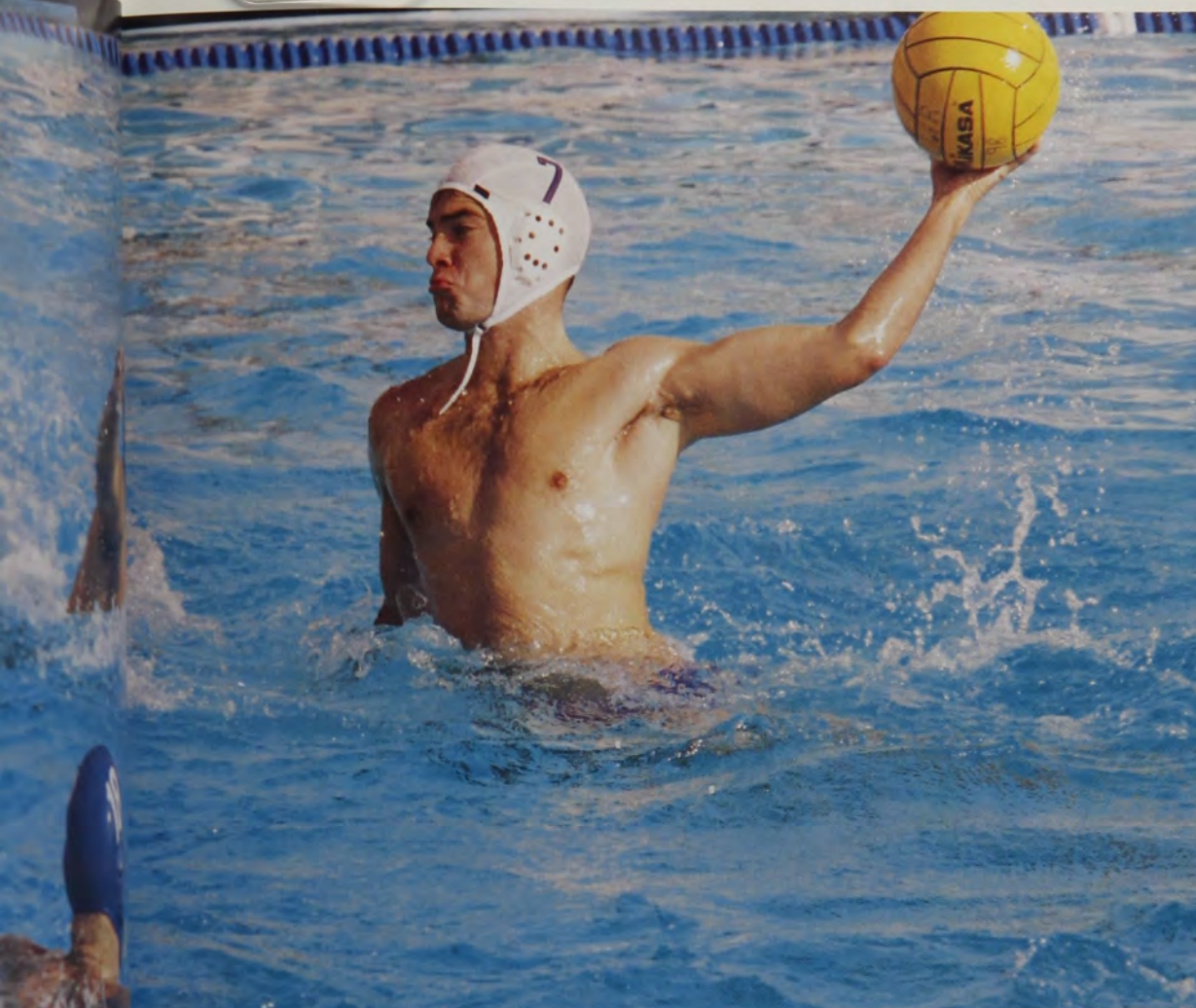


The 1998 Water Polo Team

L to R back row: Adam Waite, Jim Melvin, Derek Argel, Jason Nolting, Brent Reimer, Andres Guerra, Chad Simendinger, Paul Ferguson, Brian Hasbrouck, Simon Reisert

L to R front row: Ben Couchman, David Schneider, Adam Smith, Casey Wood, Charles Toth, Wade Grabow, Brian Christ, Greg Ebert, Mark McGill, David Breitenbach, Dave Hajek, Ron Garcia Photo provided by Sports Info





Captain Rob Mattivi, using tremendous leg strength and cat like reflexes, attempts a two point shot. Mattivi led the team as one of the two team captains. Photo by G. Reimer



Goal Keeper Charlie Toth rises from the water to block the opponents shot. Toth was the starting goalie as a sophomore. Photo by G. Reimer



Utility Brent Reimer takes a one point shot. Reimer has become known on the team for his unique and unpredictable shot selection. Photo by G. Reimer



Reimer looks for a pass while holding off his defender. The key to a goal offense is rapid ball movement. Photo by G. Reimer

ON THE UP SWING

The Lady Falcons once again began the 1998 season with aspirations of making the WAC Tournament. Although this particular goal was not attained, the Falcons made great strides to achieve this goal in the near future.

Not only did the Falcons more than double their win total from the previous year, they won their first WAC game since moving to Division I in 1996.

That win came on October 15 against the Vollefrogs of TCU. Defense was the key to this victory with the Falcons picking up 68 digs. Sophomore Robyn Duncan was definitely the leader on the court that night with a team high of 11 kills, six aces, nine digs, and four assists. Her six aces set a new Division I single-match record for the Lady Falcons.

Along with the achievements made by the team came many individual improvements and accomplishments. Junior Brooke Effland was named WAC player of the week after her outstanding performance against Army. Junior Summer Koons also tied her Falcon block record with 98 blocks. Her 1999 block per game record ranked her in the top 20 in the nation.

The Lady Falcons are optimistic about the 1999 season due to the fact that they are returning all but one player. That player brought a level of leadership and experience that will be missed. Senior Kat Dehne walked on as a freshman but finished her senior season as the starting setter.

"Not only did the team improve in volleyball skills this season and have more WAC wins, they learned a lot about each other and themselves. We had many ups and downs throughout the season, but overcame the obstacles. Pulling together as a team is a great feeling. After all the wins and losses are tabulated and the court shoes are put away, the relationships and the feeling of the team will remain, even if you just connected with on other player on the team," said Dehne.

by Summer Koons &
Sonje Berg

VOLLEYBALL



1998-99 Women's Volleyball Team

L to R back row: Jamie Rempel, Summer Koons, Laura Terry, Cathy Mullee, Shaylor Billings, Kelly Kitchens

L to R middle row: Ana Ortega, Nicki Marino, Leah Bennett, Robyn Duncan, Brooke Effland, Khristian Clark

L to R front row: Katherine Dehne, Jennifer Engh, Kylie Adams, Tharommony In, Lisa Case, Erika Shannon



haylor Billings digs this ball looking for a side-out. haylor was awarded best all-around player on the team this year. Photo by B. Brandow



Robyn Duncan and Billings block the ball against TCU. Billings led the team in blocks. Photo by E. Bixby



Ana Ortega passes this serve from the back row. Passing is the most fundamental aspect of volleyball. Photo by B. Brandow

Billings kills the ball against UNLV. The Falcons improved their hitting percentage this season along with almost every other important statistic. Photo by B. Brandow

1998-99 Cross Country Team

L to R back row: Coach Suzanne Henke, Chris Roberdeau, Mark Stevens, Matt Allen, Todd Moenster, Tony Paulson, Jamie Flood, Dahlia Wenckus, Jim Nelson, —, Head Coach Mark Stanforth
L to R front row: —, Marcey Herner, Sara Kinney, Cathy Majauskas, Heather Johnson, Rachel Smith



RUNNING IN STRIDE

The womens' and mens' cross country team had their best combined finish in the WAC Championship placing second and fourth respectively. The young teams got the

wheels rollin' early in the season with consistent performances.

Junior Rachel Smith consistently finished in the top two runners in every meet, leading at regionals in Provo, Utah and WAC championships in Houston. In Texas, Smith's finish led the team to fourth, the highest WAC finish since the team moved to Division I. Smith was named most outstanding competitor and team captain for next year.

Freshman Sara Kinney was a surprise for the Falcon harriers leading the team at half of the competitions.

Continuing the Falcon youth movement Jamie Flood completed yet another outstanding season with a sub 19-min performance at Iona.

Senior Cathy Majauskas, the team captain, was by track coach Ralph Lindeman

"A positive leader who we would be happy to have back as a coach someday," said Lindeman.

by Sari Kinney





Marcy Herner controls her breathing as she strides toward the finish line. Contrary to popular belief cross country is a spectator sport. Photo provided by club.



Sara Kinney pulls ahead of teammate Rachel Smith while making a strong push to pass her Utahan opponent. The cross country team's drive and desire produced winning results. Photo provided by club.



Rachel Smith's opponents struggle to match her pace. Cross country requires tremendous stamina and endurance. Photo provided by club.

Todd Moenster and Tony Paulson run neck and neck, sharing strength for a strong finish. Runners rely heavily on each other during races. Photo provided by club.



Outside back Ali Tedesco controls the ball at midfield. Combinations and passing out of the back were key throughout the season. Photo by B. Brandow

Midfielder Beth Bayer lays the ball off to a teammate. Her ability to beat most players one on one is one of the reasons she was named "Rookie of the Year". Photo by B. Brandow

Midfielder Karrie Bracken concentrates as she prepares to push the ball past her opponent. Bracken, in the center of the field, was a necessary anchor to the young Falcon team. Photo by B. Brandow



Forward Stephanie Radar shields the ball from her opponent. Radar's playmaking skills contributed to the Falcons' victory against top-ranked SMU. Photo by B. Lingle



Forward Becky W... offensive player of the... charges out of the back... against TCU players... out. Photo by P. Ross

GOODBYE TO THE WAC

The women's soccer team said goodbye to the WAC Mountain Division this season without remorse. The Falcons finished this fall with an overall record of 6-12-0 and a 2-4-0 record in the WAC. After a roller coaster season this fall, the Birds are excited to start play in the newly formed Mountain West Conference,

which will include powerhouses such as BYU and San Diego State.

Though the team started out well on Parent's weekend by defeating Portland State 2-0 and taking second in the annual Falcon Invitational, they struggled the rest of the season to come together. There were, however, some very exciting games for the Birds.

"One of the highlights this past season was definitely the 2-1 win over nationally ranked SMU," said C2C Bracken.

Also of note, our lady Falcons defeated Army 3-2, tallying another victory in that very important rivalry.

"We are a young team with enormous potential. Next year our team is going to turn some heads," said C4C Laura Abt, the defensive player of the year.

Graduating only two firstclass cadets, captain C1C Alexis Simmouardes and influ-

ential C1C Katie Quigley, the team undoubtedly will find the leadership it needs in the remaining three classes. Returning are two time all-WAC honorees C3C Jennie Schoeck and C3C Becky Wyffels, both whom have proven to be vital to the program's success.

There is no question to whether or not the team is ready to bring their game to a new level. With the combined effort of senior leadership and young talent, the Birds cannot fail to make a fresh start. They are ready to tackle the 1999 season and a new league with the same enthusiasm that has been characteristic in the past.

"Although our record doesn't show it, we have some amazing talent, that with experience, is going to be a force to reckon with," said C4C Abt.

by Allison Tedesco



Forward Becky Wyffels, offensive player of the year, charges out of the backfield with two TCU players in pursuit. Photo by P. Rose



The 1998 Women's Soccer Team

L to R back row: Coach McKenna, Coach Cullen, C2C Lindsey Winter, C2C Jayne Baker, C3C Jennie Schoeck, C2C Karrie Bracken, C3C Becky Wyffels, C3C Holly Huston, C3C Kristen Thompson, C3C Rosie Costello, C3C Samantha Teague, Coach Buckley.

L to R front row: C2C Brooke Rinehart, C3C Kristy Kuhlman, C3C Stephanie Radar, C1C Alexis Simmouardes, C2C Kasey Fry, C2C Meghann McNiff, C2C Julie Moore, C2C Tori Citrowske, C1C Katie Quigley. Photo provided by Sports Information

WOMEN'S SOCCER

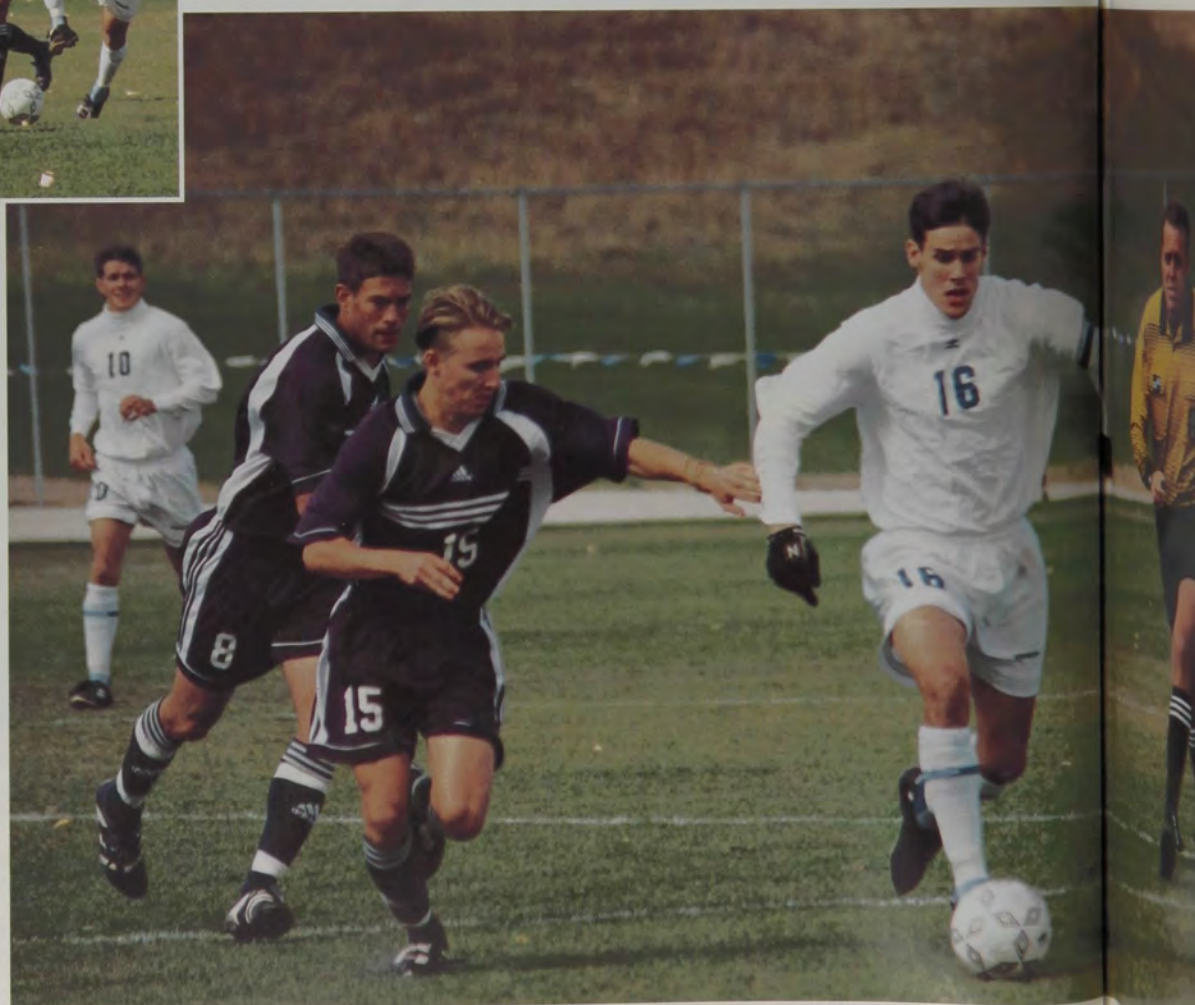
Captain Ryan Shaffer fights off two players as he surges ahead to win the ball. All season long Shaffer used his size and strength to overpower opposing players. Photo by B. Brandow

Keith McDaniel controls the ball out of the air while holding off this SMU player. The Falcons work several hours a week on skill drills which help them perform. Photo by J. Param



Captain Garrett Zindel shows some fancy footwork dragging the ball away from his opponent. His ball handling directly contributed to the Falcon's outstanding season. Photo by B. Brandow

Shaffer pushes the ball and runs past two players. As the team's center forward, Shaffer is very comfortable hustling up the field with the ball at his feet. Photo by B. Brandow



DETERMINED TO SUCCEED



The 1998 men's soccer team had another winning season achieved through gritty determination and tough play. A significant highlight for the Falcons was winning the Bank of America Soccer Showcase in Albuquerque and the Falcon Invitational at the Academy.

Rich Cullen sums up the season by saying, "It was a wonderful experience. We had always started off strong, but that wasn't the case this year. We had to dig deep and pick ourselves up. We ended up having a great season."

Despite some difficult regular season losses, the Falcons were ready to enter the WAC tournament. They headed to the tournament with much aspiration and their first opponent - the Fresno Bulldogs. Unfortunately, their dreams of advancing in the tournament were crushed by a disappointing overtime loss. Another season had come to an end, but not without a strong record of 9-7-3 and several individual accolades.

Firstie Ryan Schaeffer ended his career fourth on the all-time Academy points list and third on the career goals list and was named to the first team all-WAC. Firstie Byron Pompa

has made an impact since arriving at the Academy. Pompa, a two-time winner of the team's Most Inspirational Award, was often under-recognized for his ability to raise the level of the team's play. James Burgener, this year's Most Valuable Player, started his career as a forward then moved back to defense. His athletic ability showed itself in the air and as a tenacious defender as well as earning him second team all-WAC honors. Firstie Garrett Zindel moved to the defense from the midfield. He was a tough defender with a powerful shot ending his final season with 3 goals and 5 assists helping to name him to the second team all-WAC. These firsties ended their careers with a combined record of 42-22-6 overall and 24-6-2 at home. The 1998 Falcons also set a school record with 10 shutouts on the season.

by Garrett Zindel



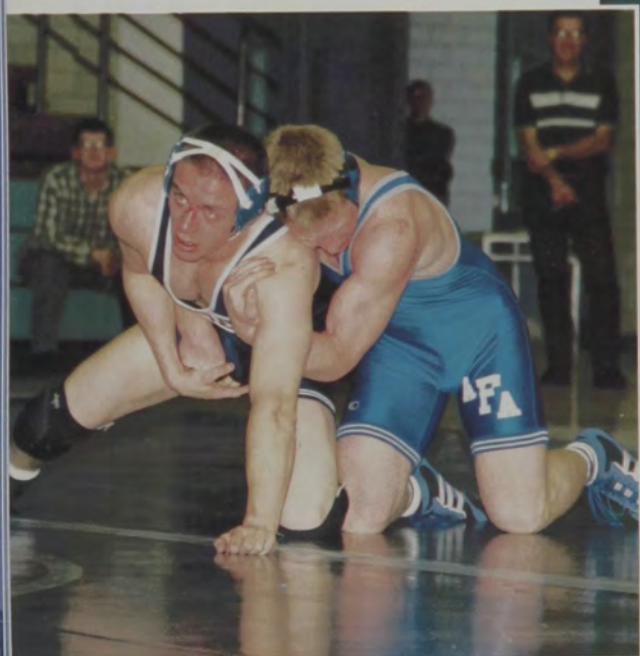
1998 Men's Soccer Team

L to R back row: Coach Sagastume, Richie Cullen, Donovan Knever, Paul Jeffords, Darryl Laye, Ryan Shaffer, Mike Brophy, Trevor Frobose, Coach Nowotny
L to R middle row: Garrett Zindel, Byron Pompa, James Burgener, Bartholomew Robinson, Wesley Williams, Josh Bieler, Davie Hansen
L to R front row: Geoff Sterres, Armondo Ruiz, Kieth McDaniel, Kali Check, Ryan Sagastume, Brendan Harrison, Brandon Jonis, Steve Anderson

MEN'S SOCCER

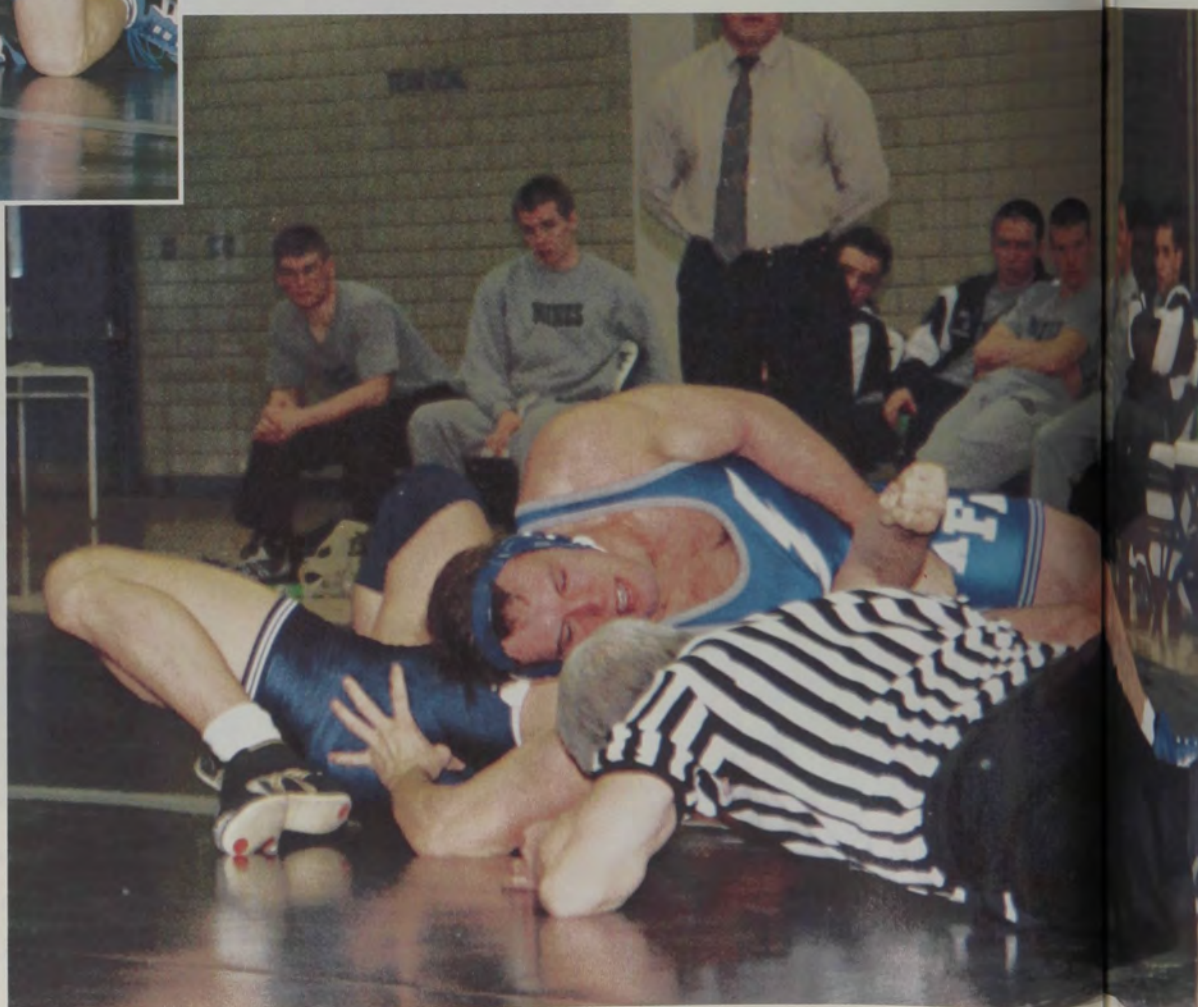
Joe Beauregard attempts to control his opponent with an overhook. Beauregard's senior leadership was invaluable to this young team. Photo by B. Brandow

Shawn Finnicum battles to set a takedown. Finnicum became Air Force's only two-time WAC Champion. Photo by B. Brandow

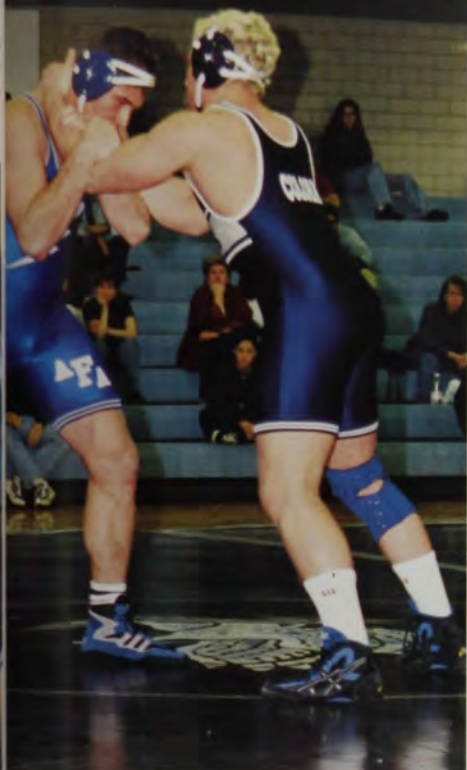


Scott Frohardt uses his riding skills to keep his opponent down. Frohardt was the leader of the outstanding four degree class. Photo by B. Brandow

Lucas Bindreiff searches for one of his many pins this year. As team captain, Bindreiff earned all the points at nationals. Photo by B. Brandow



A STRONG FOUNDATION



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his year's wrestling team had another strong showing. The Falcons finished fourth in the WAC tournament and had a 2-1 WAC dual meet record.

The 1-6 start could be contributed to the Falcon's tough schedule which included nationally ranked Purdue, Pennsylvania, and Nebraska.

The team bounced back finishing the season 4-1-1. This rally included the biggest victory for Air Force wrestling. Air Force won six out of the last seven matches to earn a 21-17 victory over BYU who had been in and out of the national rankings all year. The Falcons were led by freshman Terry Parham who defeated third ranked and former USAFA Cadet Rangi Smart.

Parham, who was named outstanding wrestler of the All-Service Academy Tournament, was part of an elite core of freshman. Freshman Andy Peters earned WAC wrestler of the week, while freshman Scott Frohardt captured the WAC title and WAC co-freshman of the year.

Joining Frohardt on top of the WAC were Bindreiff and sophomore Shawn Finnicum. With this title, Finnicum became Air Force's only two-time WAC Champion.

With their WAC titles in hand, the three traveled to Penn State University to compete in the NCAA Championships. In Bindreiff's second trip to nationals, he won two matches scoring Air Force's only points.

"Luke was a quiet but effective leader. Everybody learned a lot from him," said Parham.

Graduating only one starter will leave Air Force with the talent to achieve even more next year. Next year's team captains, Johnston and junior Patrick Brady-Lee, will have a fine group of wrestlers to command.

"Next year's team has the potential to exceed everybody's expectations. We're going to be a force to be dealt with," said Finnicum.

by Chris Linberg



1998 -1999 Wrestling Team

L to R back row: Kirk Ekness, Jake Sherer, Rod Brown, Josh Colegrove, Matt King, George Burns, Greg Gabrielle, Matt Baker, Phil Johnston, Kirk Johnston, J.D. Foriss, Scottie Jenkins, Wayne Boughman, Wes Winterstein.

L to R 2nd row: T.J. Huxel, Jerry Springer, Sean Finnicum, Luke Bindreiff, Joe Beaugard, Justin Binder, Tor Bennedson, Rory Stein, Terry Porham, -, Eric Ballew, Ross Bransteter.

L to R 3rd row: D. Wess Bennett, Matt Bradesco, Mark Benthott, Jonus Freel, John Haynes, Olex Pelbath, Patrick Brady-Lee, Patrick Swayne, Ryan Montanez, Brett Echard, Luke Leek, Luke Sample, Luke Osborne.

L to R front row: Jose Flores, John Harder, Frenchie, Jerod Hand, Creighton Mullins, -, Andy Peters, Scott Frohardt, -, Tim Greenwalt.

WRESTLING

Niki Van't Wout does a backstroke racing start. Van't Wout contributed to the team in the 100 and 200 backstroke and both of the medley relays. Photo by B. Brandow



Julie Turner swims a distance freestyle event. Turner worked hard during practice to compete at the level that distance requires. Photo by B. Brandow

Niki Van't Wout works on technique during practice. Van't Wout made the WAS team and was the leading backstroker on the team. Photo by B. Brandow



Diane Moerer swims the butterfly during practice. Moerer was an accomplished swimmer who worked hard to swim at the WAC Championships in this event. Photo by B. Brandow



The 1998-1999 Women's Swimming Team

Back Row: KC Converse, Maj Sholtz, Mary Edith Smith, Janice Hughes, Julie Turner, Jenny Trapp, Jodi, Niki Van't Wout, Karley Kvoshel, Ali Ross, Connie Cann, Lindsey McRoberts, Jenni Haney, Donna Silva, Diane Moerer, Jessica Dowd, Deanna Haylett, Stan Curnow.

First Row: John Bowen, Monique Farness, Meredith Beavers, Renee Zimmerman, Dani Miller, Rachel Haff, Sam Khoo, Meghan Szwarc, Nancy Rosenow, Candace Staubitz, Julia Luttrell, Kristie Cleaver, Karen Kyper.



GUATEMALAN CHANT

They call it the Guatemalan war chant. The leader of the ritual, usually the men's team captain, stands on top of the ten meter diving platform as both the men's and women's teams stand along the bulkhead and await in anticipation. The chant ping-pongs

between the leader and the mass below and the visiting teams watch with nervous smiles. As the cheer escalates and loud cries such as "Louie Louie timba" and "Kill them, Kill them" clamor through the natatorium, the leader brings the cheer to a thrilling close by performing a gainer into the diving pool. Another home swim meet is officially underway.

"We were competing against each other, but when it came down to the meet, everyone wants everyone to succeed," said C3C Candace Staubitz.

The outlook at the beginning of the season predicted challenge, especially as the team felt the loss of eight 1998 graduates. However, team captain Connie Cann was optimistic about the impressive talent from the fourthclass which comprised nearly half of the team's roster. Instead of concentrating on their WAC ranking, Cann focused on a season built

on team cohesion and personal development.

"I wanted to leave it up to the individual. My goal was to have everyone on the team reach a lifetime best," said Cann.

Among the newcomers who contributed to the season's top performances were freshmen Rachel Haff, who had top times in six different events, and Danielle Miller who lead the way in five events. With only two firstclassmen on the team, few remember the team's past dominance three years ago when they swept the Division II national championships two years in a row (1995-1996). Yet, Cann remains confident that the women can only improve in Division I competition, returning next season as the team's assistant coach.

"It's tough. Every program goes through their ups and downs. They have potential to do some really great things," said Cann.

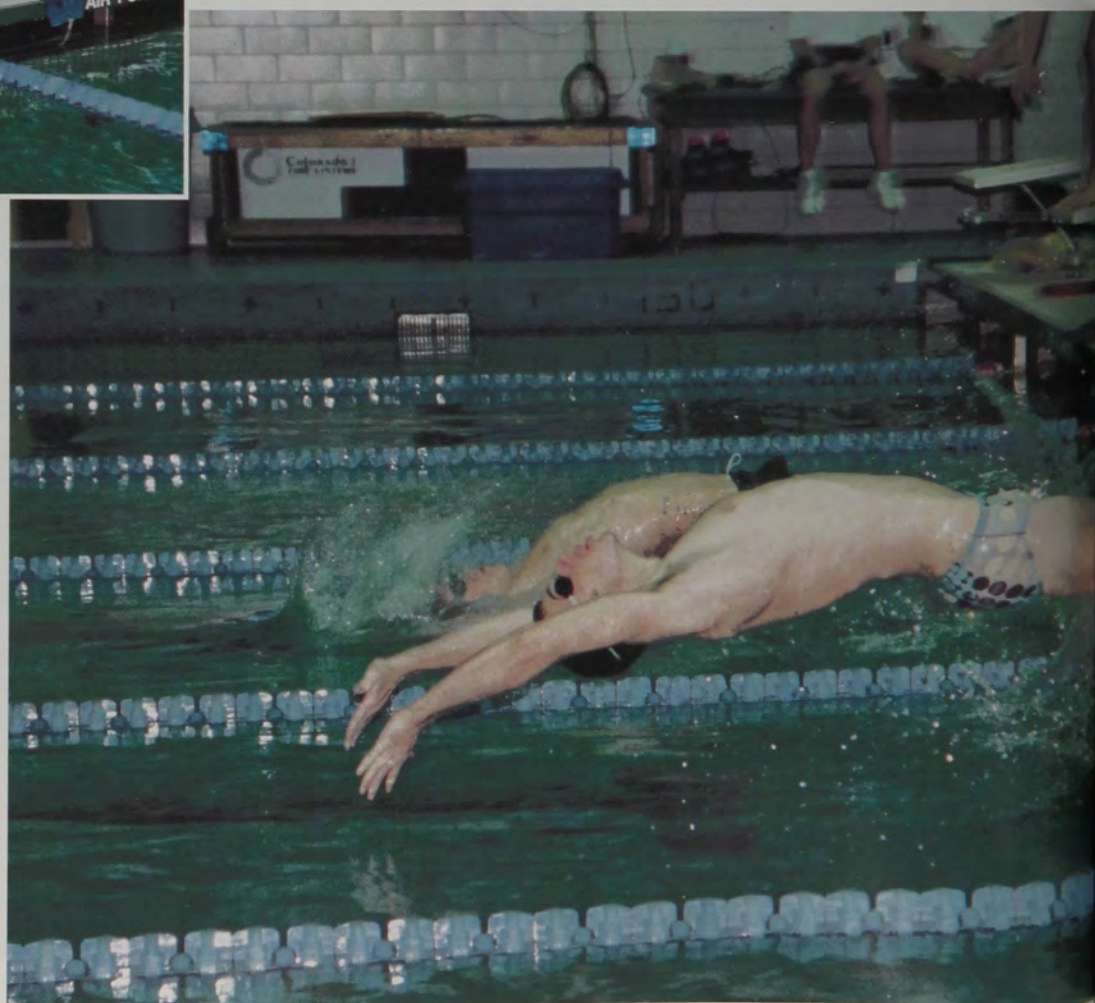
by Celeste Rodriguez

Shannon Anderson swims the breaststroke. Anderson was one of two Air Force swimmers to break the school record in the 100 breaststroke. Photo by B. Brandow

Stuart Parker swims the freestyle during an afternoon practice. Parker is an integral part of the team. Photo by B. Brandow



Stuart Parker does a racing start during practice. His hard work helped him make the Western Athletic Conference Championship meet. Photo by B. Brandow



SETTING RECORDS



The 1998-99 men's swim season was full of excitement and victories for the Falcons. This was the first season for the men as an autonomous team, separate from the women's team. Under new head coach, Rob Clayton, the team fought to an outstanding

5th place finish in the WAC conference with a record of 11-2 and set seven new school records.

"Probably the most exciting meet of the year was our double-dual meet with Notre Dame and Army. We rolled over those grunts and put a hurtin' on the Irish," said Scott Hudson, team captain.

The team went on to beat big rivals TCU, Wyoming, and Washington.

"TCU was ranked in the top 25, but that didn't phase us. We knew what we had to do and we did it!" said Charlie Toth.

This year's top performers were evenly spread out through all four classes. Freshmen Matt Horner and Race Steinfert led the team in backstroke scoring. Horner also set a new school record in the 200 backstroke. Sophomore Matt Ihlenfeld set two new school records in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. His class-

mates, Toth and Tyler Paige were members of multiple school record setting relays. Tim Paschke displayed his sprinting prowess as a member of two school record setting relays. Senior Cody Rasmussen dominated the 200 butterfly throughout the entire season. Finally, senior Shannon Anderson was rewarded for his outstanding breaststroke finishes by being voted as WAC swimmer of the week.

The leadership demonstrated by the year's firstie class of Scott Hudson, Mike Foster, Anderson, and Rasmussen will be missed both in and out of the pool. However, newly elected team captain Tim "Stork" Paschke is looking forward to next season.

"We are going to use our great 1998-99 season as a stepping stone to achieving even higher goals next season," said Paschke. And so the tradition continues!



The 1998-1999 Men's Swimming Team

Front Row: Grant McCall, Nam Ngyen, Dug Hulse, Rob Fiechtner, Matt Tarentino, Race Steinfert, David LeHosier, Paul Kitko, Matt Horner, Marshall Haylett, Josh Finch, Kevin Murray.

Middle Row: Chad Steipp, Josh Biedermann, James Bales, Andrew Mitchell, Yannick Desbois, Andrew Smith, Matt Ihlenfeld, Eric Bond, Mike Grados, Matt Shipstead, Andrew Badgett.

Back Row: Robert Clayton, Jim Penrod, Randy Clark, Tim Paschke, Tyler Paige, Jim Marion, Dave Devemark, Coby Leslie, Stuart Parker, Shannon Anderson, Cody Rasmussen, Scott Hudson, Mike Foster, Chuck Alonzo, Scott Percival, Kim Dornburg, Stan Curnow.

M SWIMMING

Jim Marion lines up a back dive. He placed 10th on tower, 10th on three meter and finished on one-meter at the WAC Championships. Photo by B. Brandow



Devemark stretches in a tight pike off the one-meter. Devemark always made practices and meets interesting with his creative diving. Photo by R. Ehasz



Doug Hulse forward entry. Hulse was the top diver for his school. Photo by R. Ehasz

Dave Devemark tight pike. Devemark was the team's star at the WAC Championships. Photo by B. Brandow



DIVERS SHOW OFF

Doug Hulse getting ready to tear up a forward entry. Hulse was the highest placing diver for Air Force at the zone meet. Photo by R. Ehasz.

Dave Devemark wrapping into a difficult twisting dive. Devemark contributed to the team's success by placing third at the WAC Championships. Photo by B. Brandow

The men's and women's Falcon diving team showed unprecedented success in diving this season with medal performances at WACs and strong showings at the NCAA zone meet.

"I think that this team is definitely on the rise, and that we're only going to get better in years to come," says team captain Coby "Worthless" Leslie.

In addition to breaking two swim team physical fitness records between them, Leslie and Dave Devemark led a team of outstanding potential and amazing results, including Devemark earning a bronze medal in the 10 meter competition at the WAC.

Though all three will be graduating at the end of this year, they have left a strong legacy for the new fourthclass cadets, C4C Jodi "Dizzy" Gillespie and C4C Doug "Douglass" Hulse.

"I know that diving is fairly esoteric, but we really did well this season and showed a lot of style out there. I think that we are different from any other diving team in the country, and everybody knows it."

Gillespie and Hulse proved themselves this season by both qualifying for the NCAA zone competition in Arizona. With promising recruits and secondclass cadets Jim "Maid" Marion and Donna "Long John" Silva taking over the team leadership next year, the team should only get stronger. Both Silva and Marion qualified for the NCAA zone meet, and Marion succeeded in placing in the finals at the WAC competition.

"I think that they're the best team I've ever coached at the Academy. We had higher finishes and more people qualify for zones than ever before here, and they are certainly one of the most fun teams that I have ever coached," said head coach Stan "Ed" Curnow. "Our diving program is really coming together and people are going to be surprised at what we do in the future."

by Coby Leslie



The 1998-1999 Diving Team

L to R back row: Jodi Gillespie, Doug Hulse, Dave Devemark, Jim Marion, Donna Silva, front row: Janice Hughes. Photo by E. Bixby

DIVING

All-American Kieffer drives hard to the net while Junior Nels Grafstrom waits on the doorstep for a rebound. Both players are top candidates for this year's MVP. Photo by B. Brandow



Kieffer and Tony Lawrence battle in front of the net to get a shot off. Kieffer and Lawrence lead the team in points. Photo by B. Brandow



Justin Kieffer concentrates on the puck while walking around his opponent. He finished the year as the team's leading scorer. Photo by B. Brandow

Team captain, Kieffer wins another face-off for the Falcons. Kieffer ranks in the top ten all-time leading scorers at the Academy. Photo by B. Brandow



The 1998-99 Hockey Team

L to R back row: David Siemion, Jace Anders, Matt Zitzlperger, Marcus Peters, Matt Stucki, Jason Mascetta, James Ord, Brenon Connelly, Billy O'Reilly, Ryan Smith, Mike Keough, Brian Rodgers
L to R middle row: Brian Gornick, Tony Lawrence, Ryan Thompson, Jeff Zurick, Rob Malone, Dr. Jim Lowe, Maj Ryan Haaland, Col Clifford Utermohlen, Erik Marsh, Nate Tolle, Luke Sustman, Keenen Zerkel, Chad Shenk, Derek Olson, Neils Barner
L to R front row: Marc Kielkucki, Alan Hasbargen, Derek Schooley, Dan Davies, Joe Kramer, Joe Delich, Justin Kieffer, Frank Serrano, Scott Bradley, Mike Mcquire, Lt John Haberlach, Mels Grafstom, Sean Broderick. Photo provided by Sports Information



FIRST CLASS LEADERSHIP

The 1998-99 Falcon hockey team had another successful season under second year coach Frank Serratore and a devote group of players. Air Force concluded the season with a 15-19-2 record. The team's winning percentage of .444 was the best since the 1994-95 team posted a .469 winning percentage.

Air Force Hockey's success this year was due to a young nucleus with a core of first class leadership.

AFA's seniors ended their careers with very respectable results. Dan Davies, Justin Kieffer, Joe Kramer and Mike McGuire combined to play in 448 games since they came to the Academy.

Kieffer is one of the most prolific scorers in AFA history (ranks 12th) and possibly the best in the last 10 years. Davies is the only defenseman to lead the team in scoring all four years. Kramer (aka diesel) is one of the most intense, hardest working, most feared players to ever wear the blue and silver. McGuire was named the team's most inspirational player last season and has been a mainstay on the Falcon defense the last two years.

The group has seen the good and bad days of Falcon hockey. As freshmen, they won just four games and as sophomores, they won

just eight. However, in the last two years, the class posted a 30-38-2 mark with a 5-3-1 record against the Black Knights of Army.

Air Force has taken control of the service academy rivalry against Army. The Falcons are 5-0-1 in the last six games against the Black Knights. Air Force now owns the overall series with a 14-9-2 record.

Other stiff competition this year came against the best. Air Force was 2-2 against teams that were ranked in the nation's top 20 at the time of game. AFA lost to Colorado College, 8-2, when the Tigers were ranked second. AFA was beaten 7-3 by then 10th-ranked Denver, in a game that was much closer than the final score indicated. The Falcons gained some national respect by sweeping then 18th ranked Niagara by scores of 4-1 and 3-2 at the Academy. Overall it was an impressive season for the Air Force Falcons.

by Paul Hilfer

A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH

At the beginning of the 1999 season, the woman's gymnastics team had two goals: make it to the United States Amateur Gymnastics competition, and provide as much encouragement and support for each other during practices as possible.

"This year, we weren't just a team, we were a group of friends that had lots of fun and did excellent gymnastics," says senior Shawna Wartner.

The schedule posed an additional challenge with more away meets than the previous season, and against strong and talented teams. Assistant coaches Don Meadows and Michelle Farrell put together routines that increased the consistency and hit ratio of the team. Individual and team scores reflected these changes.

The team qualified for USAG collegiate nationals with a 189.68, the highest Division 1 regional qualifying score in AFA history. Along the way, the team also broke the uneven bar record with a score of 47.25. Helping the team to a seventh place finish at nationals was Firstie Roxburgh, who also made USAG All-America on vault for the second year in a row. Firstie Wartner also scored her all time high on the

balance beam at nationals

Typical of gymnastics teams across the nation, AFA gymnastics was plagued by injuries, which resulted in the loss of some significant gymnasts. Freshmen Bethany Stott and Courtney Hamrick stepped up to the challenge and competed as an all-arounder for the team in several meets. Freshman Stott also set a new AFA record on the balance beam with a 9.875.

Comprising the majority of the team, the third and fourthclass gymnasts proved it doesn't take a lot of experience to hit some solid performances.

After two outstanding seasons with the women's team, Coach Michelle Farrell has decided to leave and will be missed. Next year, Coach Meadows predicts an even stronger team after recruiting several highly talented gymnasts for the 2000 season.

by Liz Weber

W. GYMNASTICS



1998-1999 Women's Gymnastics

Left to Right: Nelle Pirotte, Courtney Hamrick, Amy Hultin, Bethany Stott, Shawna Wartner, Lauren Lettieri, Linda Newton, Jennifer Zeigler, Tammy LeBlanc, Kristi Delcour, Erin-Lennore Dacumos, Jennifer Glomb, Shelly Hooten, Malia Dolfinger, Heather Gagnon, Kelly Roxburgh

Shelly Hooten competing in floor exercise. Hooten demonstrates the flexibility needed in all aspects of gymnastics. Photo provided by Sports Information.





Shawna Wartner poses during floor exercise competition. Performing a strong floor exercise requires precision and grace. Photo provided by Sports Information.

Linda Newton displays flexibility and strength on beam. The balance beam is one of the most demanding events. Photo provided by Sports Information.



This cadet demonstrates the strength and concentration needed to complete a near perfect 10 on the vault. Photo provided by Sports Information.



STEPPING UP THE INTENSITY

This was a strong year for the Academy men's gymnastics team who finished their 1999 season with an 8-7 record. They also had an impressive finish at USGA Collegiate Nationals placing second.

The 1999 team, lead by team captain the first gymnast in almost 25 years to qualify Jason Smith, pulled together despite the loss of Nate Drewry who could not compete in a few meets following orthoscopic surgery on his knee. Montague made a return appearance on high bar and Fisher qualified for vault.

At USGA nationals several members were named all-Americans. Finishing first in their events were Javin Peterson with a strong appearance on rings, Torkelson finished first on parallel bars, third in floor exercise and fourth in all-around competition, and Erin Montague won the high bar competition. Smith placed sixth on the still rings and was also recognized for academic all-American achievement. Also showing strong finishes at USGA Nationals were Andrew Fisher who placed third on all-around and seventh on vault. All of these great performances catapulted the team to a second place finish.

At NCAA Nationals, several team members showed impressive scores. Torkelson was

some strong effort this year and more than filled the void left by last year's outstanding firsties.

"Matt hit a great set. I didn't even know he had a routine to compete. It's good to know that when things look bad there are guys in the line that you can count on to step up," said Peterson.

On a sad note, this year marked the end of a 12 year legacy of Coach Ivan Merritt who will be leaving the Academy this summer.

"Things will be strange without Coach Merritt in the gym. He has been very dedicated and given so much of himself to our program. He believed in his athletes. We are going to miss that extra push," said Peterson

by Stefanie Myers



M. GYMNASTICS



1998-99 Men's Gymnastics

L to R: Jason Corbett, Schan Daniel, Parker Marshall, Jason Smith, James Hayes III, Andrew Fisher, Javin Peterson, Erin Montague, Scott Lewis, Nathan Drewry, Stephen Sistare, Matt Kenkel, Casey Guerrero, Jeff Andersen, James Erminger, Levi Torkelson, Devin Ryan



Jason Smith, team captain, exhibits strength & control in the famous iron cross. The iron cross requires tremendous strength and balance. Photo provided by Sports Information

Andrew Fisher performs Thomas Flairs on the floor. Floor exercises allow gymnasts the opportunity to show their creativity and apply it to music. Photo provided by Sports Information



Erin Montague prepares for his next tumbling pass as rests in a "scale" position. Balance is key when performing most gymnastic moves. Photo provided by Sports Information



Javin Peterson makes gymnastics look easy in this very difficult Maltese position on the rings. Photo provided by Sports Information

Sabre fencers compete under the watchful gaze of a teammate. Although an individual competition, fencing requires the strong support of team unity. Photo provided by Fencing team.



A quick lunge strikes home. Precision and accuracy are keys to survival in this fast paced sport. Photo provided by Fencing team.



A defensive stance, yet ready to explode upon his opponent. A fencer must always balance between instant offense and defense. Photo provided by Fencing team.

Two foil fencers face off, each awaiting the other's move. Split-second reaction time is critical for victory. Photo provided by Fencing team.





1998-1999 Fencing

L to R back row: Steve Snow, James Lotspeich, Antoine McNeal, Robert E. Bremer, Capt. Joe Rodgers, Bill Goering, Will Gettys

L to R middle row: Head Coach Abdel Salem, Scott Karl, Sean Blas, Jason Perez, Faith Hitchcock, Doug Medley

L to R bottom row: Kristin Wenner, Margaret Kucia, Tracy Tinianow, James McQueen, Casey Tinianow, Denise Chambers



PRACTICING PRECISION

The 1998-99 Falcon Fencing Team started the year out with many returning starters, as well as the first full year for Coach Abdel Salem. He had become the fencing coach midway through the 1997-98 season.

Leading the way were team captains Ryan Moon and Heidi Triggs, both returning for their final year representing the Air Force Academy. Each team captain also led their respective weapons groups, men's and women's Epee.

As a squad, Air Force had a solid all-around effort at the NCAA Western Regionals at Stanford University, placing three fencers in the top five. Led by C1C Heidi Triggs, who finished second in the epee, the women's squad edged Stanford out for the regional crown.

Boosted by C1C Ryan Moon and C2C Jason Perez, the men's epee team finished second in the Western Regional. Moon fin-

ished first in the epee while Perez notched a second place finish in the sabre.

Triggs was the lone Falcon to advance from Regional competition to the NCAA Championships. Triggs registered eight wins in the epee at the NCAA competition held at Brandeis University, finishing 19th in the final standings.

"Our fourth-class members performed well," Salem said. "We had five qualify for Junior Olympic competition, and one that qualified for summer nationals in North Carolina."

The Falcon fencing team looks to have several good years ahead of it, with strong support from the younger fencers. The newest fencers on the team have proven to be especially promising.

by James McQueen

FENCING

Beau Nicewanner prepares to take a shot from the kneeling position with his .22 rifle. Nicewanner was the team's top shooter and team captain. Photo by B. Nickel



Rich Sawyer takes aim at his pinhead sized target. A successful shot at this distance of 50 ft. requires controlled breathing and extreme mental concentration. Photo by B. Nickel

Daimon Geopfert relaxes in preparation for his next shot from the standing position. Geopfert walked onto the rifle team with little experience and now is competitive at the national level. Photo by B. Nickel



Rachael Westergren settles into her position. Westergren was chosen this year to be one of the four man team competing at the NCAA qualifiers. Photo by B. Nickel.

Chris Carson focuses through the sights of his Feinwerkbau air rifle. The leather jacket and glove are worn for additional support and precision. Photo by B. Nickel



CREATING DEPTH

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he Air Force Academy rifle team finished their season with an eighth place finish at the NCAA Rifle Championships that were held in Norwich University, Vt.

After a long season with a young team, the team captain, C2C Beau Nicewanner said, "We did really well considering the youth of our team. We turned around at the beginning of the year and really started shooting better scores."

Due to the intensity of the sport, practices demanded long hours from the dedicated team members. The team remained very selective this year, allowing only 5 walk-ons to become members, these members shot very well at NCAA's.

In addition to all the new shooters, the team also received a new coach Capt Justin Broughton, a '94 graduate and former All-American shooter, who had returned to USAFA from Minot AFB, ND.

Impressively, two of the team's new fourthclass cadets qualified for NCAA's in air rifle. Freshman Richard Sawyer, the only team recruit, was the only member to qualify indi-

vidually for the air rifle event. Sawyer finished up 27th in the nation. Freshman Christine Collins, one of the 5 fourthclass walk-ons, qualified with the team for NCAA's in air rifle.

Even though this year's squad did not include any seniors, Nicewanner felt it was not a detriment.

"The team is shooting well and really coming around, I think that next year we will have more individual shooters who are stronger and the team as a whole will be much stronger."

Matt Berube, one of the team's two two degrees with the most shooting experience, said "the team did really well and this year we improved many team and individual personal best scores."

For such a young team, the USAFA rifle team performed extremely well this season and will be a force to be reckoned with next year when they have more depth.

by Rachel Westergren



1999 Rifle Team

L to R front row: Christy Collins, Beau Nicewanner, Kevin Mandrik, Rachael Westergren.
L to R back row: Matt Berube, Chris Carson, Justin Lewis, Daimon Geopfert, Rich Sawyer.

RIFLE

Point Guard Julia Karlstad plays intense defense against UNLV. As team co-captain and MVP, Karlstad led the Falcons on offense and defense. Photo by B. Brandow

Sara Fortna scores a lay-up against TCU. Fortna, team co-captain, led the team in assists and frustrated the competition with her defense. Photo by B. Brandow



Forward Mollie Peters drives hard to the basket. Peters led the team in rebounding, and was a scoring threat from anywhere on the floor. Photo by B. Brandow



MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Forward Rozi Russ goes in to score against SMU. Russ lead the team in free throw percentage. Photo by B. Brandow

Coming off a disappointing season last year, Air Force knew they had something to prove. Utilizing their deadly outside shooters, combined with solid defense, the Falcons posted a 5-7 non-conference record prior to entering WAC play. During this stretch, Air Force set many new division school records. The Falcons ended the season 14th in the nation in three-pointers made per game, at 6.2.

Despite the high level of confidence displayed by the Falcons, the tough competition at the WAC tournament proved to be too much.

Even though the Falcons were winless in the WAC, they did not go down without a fight. The Falcons experienced two very disappointing losses; one in overtime to Texas Christian University, 73-69 and a one point loss to Tulsa, 55-54.

In the final game of the season, seniors Julia Karlstad, Sara Fortna, Elycia Hall, and

Kelli Caudill lead their teammates against fourth ranked CSU. Air Force stayed within eight points of CSU until the last few minutes of the game where they fell to the Rams of CSU, 97-70.

"The teamwork and camaraderie we experienced and the lessons we learned far outweighed the mark of our record," said Mollie Peters.

These intangibles, such as teamwork, camaraderie and support are what these team members learned from the season. The Falcons will put these concepts to practice and there is no doubt they will be ready for next year's season.

"Although we had a tough season, we learned to work through adversity and we never gave up as a team. I have never been on a team that supported each other as much as we did this year," said Julia Karlstad, team captain.

by Megan Thiedeman



The 1998-1999 Women's Basketball Team

L to R back row: Elycia Hall, Megan Thiedeman, Sara Fortna, Kylene Grove, Lauren Maher, Mollie Peters, Samantha Clifton

L to R front row: Terri Hunter, Shelby Bowen, Lindsay Payne, Julia Karlstad, Kelli Caudill, Rozalyn Russ, Alison Tomlinson

W BASKETBALL

FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

The men's basketball season was riddled with difficulties even though the team looked promising from the beginning. After coming off a strong pre-season program, the Falcons were in great condition and looking forward to the regular season with high hopes.

Even though the Falcons started with one of the best records in history at 5-0, complacency soon took over resulting in four out of six game losses before entering conference play. The Falcons fell to UNLV at the conference opener, but bounced back with an impressive win over Tulsa.

At this point in the season, the overall consensus was that the team was back on track. However, with a series of close losses, the first coming at the hands of Rice University, the Falcons fell short of their expectations.

With a loss in conditioning and a lack of cohesiveness, the Falcons began to fall. The next six games would be loss by a frustrating three points or less. Even though the Falcons were in a position to win most games, they were unable to capture the win when the last buzzer sounded. So when the fans, coaches, and com-

petitors had given up on the team, the Falcons upset TCU, the nationally ranked powerhouse.

"It just goes to show that we have the ability to beat anyone on a given night, it's just a matter of doing it night in and night out," said Billy Humphrey.

This season presented numerous possibilities to the Falcons due to the amount of talent on the team. Unfortunately as can happen with any intercollegiate competition, the Falcons lost four significant players to injury early on in the season.

"This team had so much talent but, unfortunately, it was never fully tapped into. We were all disappointed in the final outcome of the season," said Tyron Wright.

With the start of a new conference next year, the Falcons are focused on the future.

Tyrone Wright splits the defense versus Dartmouth. Driving in the lane can be an easy two points, but may also lead to "punishment" from the defense. Photo B. Brandow

Billy Humphrey puts up a shot in the paint against Dartmouth. The ability for a team to play "down low" is essential for a winning season. Photo B. Brandow

M BASKETBALL



The 1998-1999 Men's Basketball

L to R back row: Anthony Langford, Billy Humphrey, Byron Nickolson, David Schuck, Steve Kincanon, Josh Slade, Miguel Garcia, Louis Stewart

L to R front row: Tyrone Wright, Lawrence Wright, Eric Bunch, Glen Gonzales, Selwyn Mansell, Nathan Koran, Dylan Pope, Jarvis Croff





Tyrone Wright drives to the hoop while Louis Stewart looks on. Wright displays the talent which made him an all-WAC player. Photo B. Brandow



Lawrence Yazzie plays defense against Dartmouth. Playing defense requires both agility and tenacity. Photo B. Brandow

Judy Bush explodes off the starting blocks. Bush was a welcome addition to the Falcon track team this year. Photo by B. Brandow



Bessie Foutenaut springs and arches her back over the bar to earn herself a personal best. Foutenaut was not only known for her multiple event abilities but also for her positive attitude. Photo by B. Brandow



Foutenaut hurls the javelin into the blue sky. Foutenaut was one of the elite members of the woman's weight team. Photo by B. Brandow



Marcie Hernen blazes ahead of two Northern Colorado runners, who are struggling to stay close. Hernen scored in multiple meets and was a strong contender on the women's team. Photo by B. Brandow



1998-99 Track and Field Team

L to R row 5: Jenny Stehwein, Dalia Wenckhus, Ana Ortega, Beth Inglis, Tara Copas, Molly Miller, Suzanne Henke, Toney Salerno, Ralph Lindeman, Mark Stanforth, Mona Wheeler, Cathy Mullee, Kendra Blair, Sarah Buegel, Marcy Herner, Lenetta Banks, Heather Johnson.

L to R front row: Adonis Haynes, Mary Rudy, Jaime Flood, Rachel Smith, Brooke Page, Vicki Leake, Sara Kinney, Dorothy DeLuz, Nikki Gipson, Judi Bush, Glory Smith, Lara Coppinger, Alana Eiland, Tisha David, Nambia Fagan, Michelle Baugas.



OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

The women's track and field team has high hopes for next year because of outstanding performances by returning team members highlighted by WAC Indoor and Outdoor Championship performances. At the Indoors, the women's distance medley

relay team ran to a fourth-place finish (12:38.46) which was their highest finish ever in an event. The school record they set fell when senior Tisha David and Alana Eiland, junior Heather Johnson and sophomore Dalia Wenckhus combined to post a time of 11:56.62 in the distance medley during the Penn Relays.

Outdoor results showed the improvements the team had made throughout the season. Tara Copas, Jamie Flood, Rachel Smith, Le'Netta Banks and Heather Johnson scored points at the WAC Outdoor Championship held in Fort Collins, Colo. Copas set a school record in the hammer throw with a toss of 172-10 to place sixth in the event. Copas came back in the discus with a throw of 127-7 to rank her eighth on the school's all-time list, and her performance throughout the year earned her the Outstanding Competitor award.

Smith and Flood placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 10,000 meters. Smith's time of 37:50.67 is the third fastest in school history while Flood posted a sixth place finish on the school's all time list. Smith also competed well at the Penn Relays improving in the 3000 run by more than 20 seconds finishing third. That finish bumped her up to second on the school's all-time list. Smith also earned the Most Valuable Award for the women's team.

Banks placed seventh in the high jump with a leap of 5-6 1/2 and was the high point winner for the year. Johnson placed eighth in both the 1,500 and 3,000-meters.

Ana-Marie Ortega set the standard in the pole vault by breaking the school record at least four times throughout the season.

"This team has the potential to be the best team in Academy history," said Ralph Lindemann, head coach.

by Lars Ewing

PERSONAL BEST

The men finished seventh at the WAC Indoor Championships. The Falcons expected to finish higher, but suffered a blow in preliminaries when sprinter, Kevin Griswold suffered a hamstring pull in the 60-meter dash.

"Having Kevin go down cost us, I believe, at least 13 points," said Air Force coach Ralph Lindeman. "It was a big loss for us."

The top finishers for Air Force were Jim Nelson with a second-place finish in the 3,000-m and firstie Chris Roberdeau who stepped up to place third in the 5000-m with a personal best.

The 4x100-m relay team had a unique opportunity to compete in an Army-Navy-Air Force triangular held in Biloxi, MS for the town's tri-centennial celebration. The relay team of Javier Esparza, Tyler Paige, Ben Dahlke and Griswold also raced against Navy again at the Penn Relays. For the last five years, Air Force has come out on top at that meet. However, Navy won in a time of 41.66. The Falcons earned second at 42.00.

"I was disappointed that we finished second, but I was not disappointed with the effort of all four of our runners," said Lindeman.

The Falcons finished ninth at the Conference Outdoor Championships. Firstie Rob Mishev, most outstanding, jumped 6'7" topping the all time list and marking the sixth time he has scored in a WAC championship. Other exceptional WAC competitors were Esparza (fifth, 400-m hurdles), Joe Bonner (sixth, javelin), and Tony Jones (fifth, triple jump). Another WAC competitor, team captain, Dahlke competed in several events and will be returning next year to help coach the Falcon jumpers.

by Lars Ewing



M. TRACK & FIELD



1998-99 Track and Field Team

L to R top row: Jimmy Peoples, Dan Macsai, Joe Bonner, Shawn Johnson, Mindaugas Butkus, John Kopecky, Greg Steenberge, Rob Mishev, Drew Morgan, Brian Carpenter, David Romero, Justin Collup, Mark Van Weezendonk, Josh Randall, Craig Fisher.

L to R row 2: Ben Gensie, Jake Gensie, Kevin Griswold, Ben Dahlke, Joe Lopez, Joel McKowan, Sven Lundberg, Matt Puckett, Paul Golando, David Klein, Doug Alfar, Ryan O'Hara, Zach Hall, Matt Ross, Tim Baumgartner, Aaron Wirtz.

L to R row 3: Russell McCray, Landry Milnes, Todd Moenster, Patrick Shanahan, Robert Thompson, Jim Nelson, Robert Morgan, Kurt Duffy, Chris Robinson, Tony Paulson, Javier Esparza, Jesse Smith, Aaron Banks, Mark Fogel, Steve Jones, Lee Sandusky.

L to R row 4: Albert Kelly, Brock Hennigh, Bob Wolfe, Dave Francis, Greg Starling, Jarek Thompson, Chris Roberdeau, Jason Zarb-Cousin, Mark Stevens, Chris Pace, Joe Monaco, Zach Richter, Kevin White, Jesse Snyder, Todd Patterson.

Timothy Curry launches off the runway, catapulting himself to an impressive personal best. Curry astounded people with his multiple sport abilities and talent. Photo by B. Brandow

Rob Misher gracefully floats over the bar with care to win another competition. Misher was one of the WAC's greatest high jump competitors this year. Photo by B. Brandow



Matt Puckett powers his way to another victory in the 110 meter high hurdles. Puckett was a dominant force in the hurdles this year. Photo by B. Brandow

Ben Dalke passes the baton to Kevin Grisgold in the 4 x 100 meter relay. The 4x100 was one of the teams strongest events. Photo by D. Romero



Brooke Parsons rips a backhand. Parsons ended the year with the best singles record on the team. Photo by B. Brandow



Nadine Lynn, the topseed, hits a forehand. Lynn was competitive at the number one spot throughout the year. Photo by B. Brandow



DRIVEN BY TALENT

Mae-Li Amick hits a volley. Mae-Li showed great team spirit throughout the year. Photo B. Brandow

Julie Weiss, the team's captain, smashes an overhead. She was a major contributor to the team in both singles and doubles. Photo B. Brandow

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he Air Force women's tennis team opened the spring season under new head coach Kim Gidley with 7-2 victory over Creighton University.

"We have a lot of talent on this team and I was glad to see our success from the fall season carry over to the spring" said Gidley.

The first-year coach was also pleased with the never-say-quit attitude displayed by her first singles player Nadine Lynn.

"Nadine dropped her first set 3-6, but she fought hard to come back in the next two sets to get the win," added Gidley.

After wins over Montana, Montana State and Billings, the team dropped its first match of the spring season to Northern Iowa. The Falcons opened with an impressive come from behind win at first doubles. Lynn and Julie Weiss battled back from a 0-4 deficit to win 9-8 in the tie-breaker.

The women got back on the winning track by beating the Gonzaga Bulldogs 9-0, but disappointingly dropping a close match to Wyoming 5-4.

"I know they were disappointed, but a team like this one learns from mistakes and becomes better," said Gidley.

Kacy Mitchell was nominated for WAC women's tennis athlete of the week for her two wins against nationally ranked players. Cummings received a WAC women's tennis athlete of the week award, and Parsons was nominated for the WAC female tennis athlete of the year.

The Falcons finished the regular season on a high note defeating the University of Denver 5-4. Highlights of the WAC tournament include Cummings notching a win for Air Force at No. 5 singles with a sprained ankle, and Parsons won both of her matches at No. 4 singles. Cummings and Parsons finished the season with 17-2 and 21-3 singles records, respectively.

by Jen Shelby



1998-99 Women's Tennis Team

L to R front row: Melanie Bates, Kacy Mitchell, NadineLynn, Katie Hurley, Alysia Camel, Ashley Gee, Coach Kim Gidley

L to R back row: Sherry Forbes, Brooke Carr, Janae Cummings, Feleca Marsh, Jessica Pierog, Claire Waltman, Julie Wass, Julie Weiss, Jen Shelby, Mae-Li Amick, Brooke Parsons, Coach Layla DeSteffany, Crystal Lelquist

W TENNIS

Brent Bak concentrates on his shot and his form as the ball sails back to his opponent. Photo B. Brandow

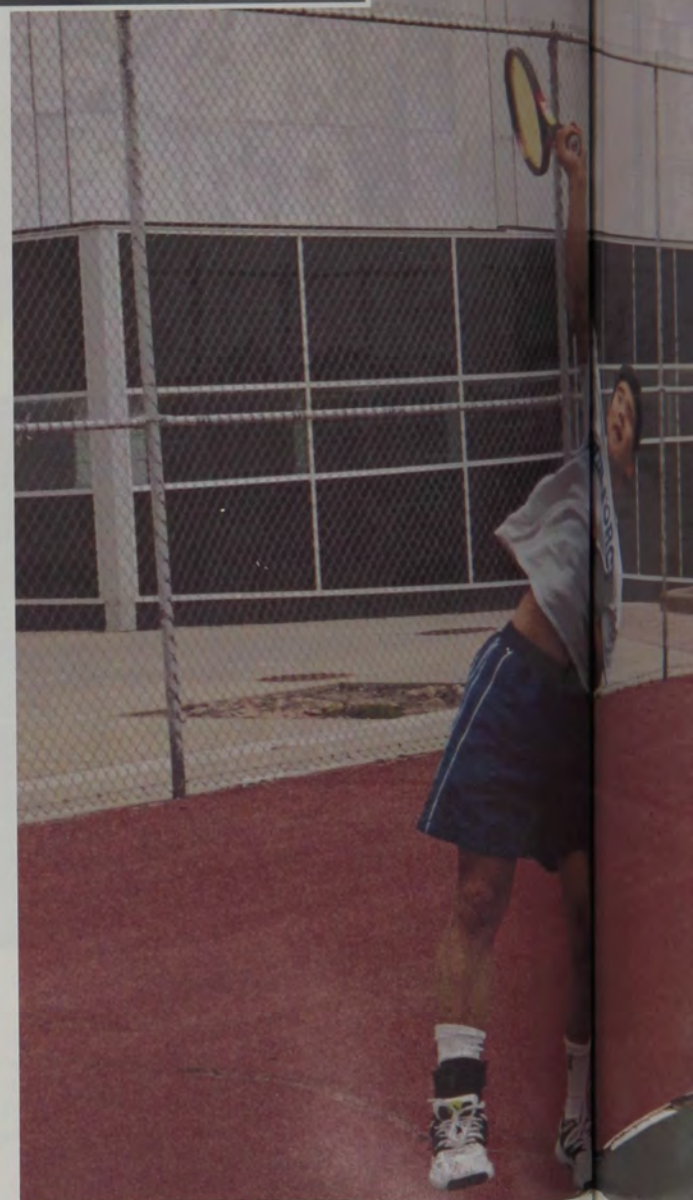


Rene Ramirez stretches for the forehand shot. Ramirez was a solid performer all year. Photo by B. Brandow



Jason Anderson reaches high for the serve. Anderson was a key player on the team this year. Photo by B. Brandow

Phillip Yim prepares to blast this serve across court to his opponent. A strong serve can set the tone for the match. Photo B. Brandow



on his shirt
back to his
side



1998-1999 Men's Tennis

L to R back row: Col. Mike Emerson, Eric Johnson, Kyle Rainey, Philip Yim, Asst. Coach MSgt. Jose Rivera, Head Coach Rich Gugat

L to R front row: Rene Ramirez, Doug Fike, Nolan Cooper, Jason Anderson, Tom DeAngelis, Greg Zielinski, Chris Zielinski



NEW BEGINNINGS

The 1998-99 tennis season was a year of achieving goals, new beginnings, and high hopes. This was Rich Gugat's, head coach, 23rd consecutive season and this season with 20 wins. This season saw a new assistant coach in MSgt Jose Rivera who kept

the team communicating through upkeep of USAFAnet.

This year's highlight was the victory over cross-town rival Metro State in the Gugatorium. The match previewed the new generation of Falcon tennis with players like Bartley and the Zielinski twins, Bak, Rayner and Dickson.

USAFA prevailed with on court coaching and precision scorekeeping by Grace, Garza, Beam, and Thawley.

Yim received our congeniality award by paying someone to talk to him, congratulations. The backbone of this year's team consisted of Anderson, Cooper, DeAngelis and Ramirez, who all played steady the entire year. Anderson and Dickson will be leaving

behind big shoes to fill and for the case of Dickson, shirt garters to wear.

Next season will be present many challenges for the team, one of those being the loss of firstie Anderson in the lineup. Anderson played in the number one spot for the Falcons for the past three years.

Another loss for the Falcons will be David Thawley who will be participating in the exchange program at Annapolis.

"I will scout out the seamen," said Thawley.

Next year leadership will be sought by Cooper and DeAngelis as the two strongest firsties. Ramirez is returning for his third year and looks to play solid, as our only foreigner.

by Aaron Cooper

M T E N N I S

Avoiding the more resistant path, this Falcon looks for an open teammate. Lacrosse is a great example of teamwork at its best. Photo by B. Brandow



This Falcon makes a quick move past his defender while also keeping the ball out of the opponents reach. He helped the team a great deal with his size and quickness. Photo by J. Tuite

This Falcon fires off a quick shot and this defender takes a blow to the head. There is no room in Lacrosse for sympathy and compassion. Photo by J. Tuite



While trying to protect the ball, this Falcon player is looking for an open shot or an open teammate. The sport of Lacrosse requires quick thinking with even quicker action. Photo by B. Brandow

Trying to block his opponents pass, this Falcon shows his defensive skills. Defense is a crucial element of a winning Lacrosse team. Photo by B. Brandow



TOUGH SEASON



The 1999 Air Force lacrosse season ended with a 12-5 loss at the University of Denver. With the loss to their intrastate rivals, the Falcons finished at 2-11 overall and 0-4 in the Great Western Lacrosse League.

Second year head coach Fred Acee says that while he is not pleased with the final record, progress was definitely made throughout the season.

"I'm disappointed with our win-loss record but I'm encouraged by the progress of our young players," Acee said. "We started six to eight fourthclassmen all year and they ended up contributing at an extraordinary level against outstanding competition."

Air Force was 0-7 before picking up its first win of the season against VMI. The Falcons fought back from a 3-1 deficit in this win over the Kaydets.

The Falcons picked up their second win of the season at Albany. Air Force never trailed in the win over the Great Danes, leading 4-1 at halftime and 7-3 after three-quarters.

After defeating Albany, Air Force would suffer two heartbreaking home losses.

A furious Air Force rally fell a little short in an 11-8 loss to 17th ranked Butler. Down by five with four minutes left in the third quarter, the Falcons reeled off three goals in a three-minute span to cut the Bulldog lead to 8-6. Unfortunately, Butler responded with three goals in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

After the disheartening loss to Butler, Air Force would suffer an even bigger disappointment against Ohio State. Led by a hat trick by Seigfried, Air Force raced out to a 3-0 second quarter lead on the 19th ranked Buckeyes before falling, 7-6, in overtime.

Looking forward to his third season of running the program, Acee sees things starting to turn around next season for the Falcons.

"Next year will still be a challenge but I believe our young players that gained valuable experience this season are up to the challenge," said Acee.

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The 1999 Falcon Lacrosse Team

Back Row (L-R): John Ritecy, Michael Garrott, Zack Demchak, Matt Lynch, Craig Anders, Stephen Berger, David Wright, Patrick Lowe, Art Patek, Brock Miller, Sean Demeter, Danny Dunbar, Adam Clark, Doug Vetrano.

Middle Row (L-R): Team Manager David Sloat, Manager Warren Riner, Manager David Jones, Aaron Walenga, Nick DiCapua, Dylan Quinn, Nathan Koss, Nicholas Rowe, Ed Palazzolo, Chris Munger, Brent Stark, R. Chad Orzechowski, Dan Brown, J. Agnew, Matt Dudderar, Kevin Hill, Rob Holt, Bruce Phillips, Assistant Coach Mike Murphy, Head Coach Fred Acee, Athletic Trainer Ernie Sedelmyer, Officer Representative Lt. Col. Tony Pala.

Front Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Derm Coll, Brett Rurka, Matan Meyer, Eric Carrano, Nick Dipoma, Scott Michalowski, Michael Contardo, Ross Schumer, Ryan Principi, Ryan Hayde, Peter Schnobrich, Kevin Peterson, Assistant Coach Chris MacAulay.

Kneeling in front (L-R): Team Captains Scott Seigfried and Adam Ochs



LACROSSE

PERFECT PUTTING

While coming off a strong 1997-1998 season, the Falcon golfers looked to build on the previous season. Having lowered their stroke average each of the last seven years, the Falcons outdid themselves this fall with a stroke average of

291, seven strokes better than any previous Academy teams.

The Falcons placed strong in all of their events during the fall. During the season, the Academy was led by a strong performance from team captain Jason Jensen, finishing with a 2-under par 214, a fifth place individual finish. Also playing well was senior Matt Peterson finishing at a 1-over par 217. Both showed their leadership by shooting a pair of 69's during the final round. Seniors Ryan DeKok and Joe Petrosky also contributed greatly in this fifth place finish out of 24 teams.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Falcons dominated the Service Academy Classic, led by the young wonder, Ben Leestma, who won the tournament with a 215 total. The Falcons had four of the top five finishers in this tournament, crushing the Naval Academy, West Point and Kings Point.

"We were dominant at the Service Academy, the tournament that I consider the most

important on the fall schedule," said Gene Miranda, head coach.

They struggled during their first spring tournament, but made a better showing at the Aldila Collegiate in San Diego. During the final spring tournament before the WAC Championships, the Falcons returned to their fall form at the Cougar classic in Provo. They were led by Peterson with the strongest Falcon performance ever, and won the tournament with a 7-under-par, 209 total. The Falcons finished the season strong at the WAC Championships at Poppy Hills.

Next season, the Falcons will be led by a group of seniors, Jeff Schohy, Danny Visosky, Bill Sullivan and Casey Hall. In addition, the Falcons will be returning a strong group of underclassmen, Ben Leestma, Andrew Robinson and Iron Finch, always ready to prove their skills.

by Daniel Visoky



1998-99 Golf Team

Front row (L to R): Danny Visosky, Jason Jensen, and Dan Cramp

Back row (L to R): Captain Brandon Doan, Matt Peterson, Ben Leestma, Jeff Schohy, Joe Petrosky, Ryan DeKok, Colonel Gunther Mueller, Coach Gene Miranda.

Matt Peterson prepares to knock one stiff in this year's Falcon Invitational. Peterson had one of the best years ever posted at the Academy. Photo by J. Param



Jason Jensen makes a birdie putt to support his strong performance in this year's Falcon Invitational. His strong performances all year helped the team have a superb season. Photo by K. Alickson



Jason Jensen lines up his putt. JJ had a great career at the Academy and will be missed next season. Photo by J. Param

Ryan "Skin" DeKok reads this one perfectly as it nears the hole. Ryan was a vital part of this year's successful USAFA Golf team. Photo by K. Alickson

1998-1999 Baseball

L to R back row: Head Coach Joe Giarratano, Mike Saks, Mike Tufte, Sonje Berg, Jason Davis, Jim Murphy, Jeremy Goldsberry, Brian Gornick, Matt Kaercher, Bobby Applegate, Reed Peters
L to R middle row: Mike Theissen, Mike Boomsma, Ryan Carville, Steve Jones, Brad Bashore, Chris Humphrey, David Diehl, David Noegel, Chesley Dycus
L to R bottom row: Kris Wolfram, Tommy Cisar, Chad Hillberg, Mike Stolley, Brandon Shannon, Matt Werner



YOUTH REBUILDING

The Falcon baseball team saw a new look in 1999. They were the first team in a new era of Falcon baseball. With new coach Joe Giarratano, the Falcons undertook a year of rebuilding a winning program. For the first time in five years,

the Falcons competed for post season play in the Western Athletic Conference.

This year's Falcons were young, with the leadership of only four firsties: Mike Boomsma, Jason Davis, Chad Hillberg, and Mike Stolley. The four seniors all started in the field with consistent production. However, the big impact to the Falcon lineup came from the underclassmen.

Offensive production by the juniors and sophomores accounted for over 40 homeruns and the two top hitters in the Western Athletic Conference, Mike Thiessen and Ryan Carville.

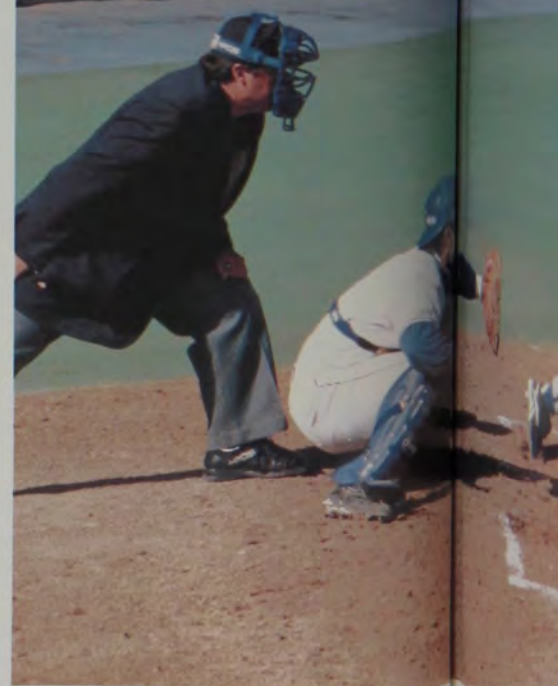
The pitching staff was composed exclusively of sophomores and freshmen. At times the young staff struggled, but overall they

showed a lot of promise. Freshman Eric Fisher posted the first shut out by the Falcons since they joined the Western Athletic Conference and freshman Matt Karacker posted a complete game victory against the number one ranked Rice Owls.

At the end of the season, the Falcons posted their best record in five years with highlights against Rice and San Diego St. The Falcons defeated both Army and Navy to take the Service Academy tournament championship.

The Falcons look to a promising season in 2000 under the instruction of head coach Joe Giarratano and assistants, Capt Mike Saks, Reed Peters, and Bobby Applegate.

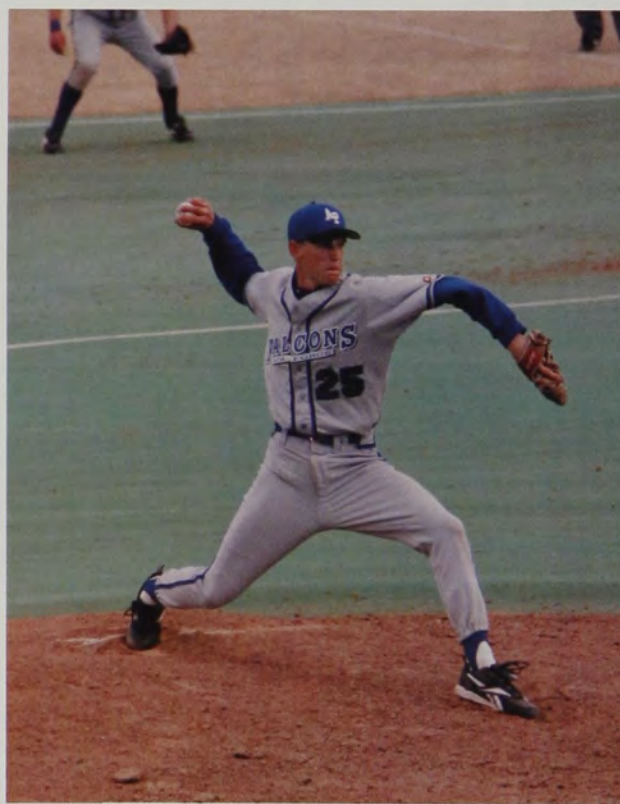
by Jason Davis



Ryan Carville slides into second base ahead of the throw. Base running requires quick thinking by the runner, as well as the coach. Photo B. Brandow



This Falcon player lays a bunt down the third base line. The ability to bunt is an essential talent necessary for a successful team. Photo B. Brandow



Matt Kaercher delivers the ball to the plate. Pitching requires a combination of endurance and skill. Photo B. Brandow

This Falcon player connects with the ball with his dugout looking on. Teammates are often available to provide the hitter information while they are at bat. Photo B. Brandow

The 1999 Wing Open Finalists

L to R back row: Col Randall Spetman, Brooke Carter, Joel Rivera, Justin Mokrovich, Paul Gabriel, Mike Benza, Erwin Vargas, Mike Pontius, Lincoln McLeod, Chris Lance, Mark Sletten, Mark Porcella, Lee Poage, Lt Gen Tad Oelstrom
L to R front row: Worachat Sattayalekha, Aubrey Semrau, Eric Bow, Jorday Bettio, Gerardo Sanchez, Vaughn Brazil, Tre Irick, Zensaku Munn, Aaron St. Clair, Chris Drungell, Dustin Brown, Zach Hall



MORE THAN JUST BOXING

Every year the Athletic Department puts on a sporting spectacle that is unlike any other - the Wing Open boxing championships. Traditionally, the Wing Open boxing tournament allows anyone in the Cadet Wing the opportunity to participate.

Many of the boxers workout five days a week all year around in anticipation of this event.

Although boxing is the main focus of the evening, the cadets and boxing team more affectionately title this annual extravaganza the Wing Open Charity event. This year, the Cadet Wing sponsored two recipients: Dillon George and Anthony Gesick. Dillon George is a four year-old boy diagnosed with AML, a very rare form of leukemia. Anthony Gesick, also four years-old, has been diagnosed with optic glioma, a tumor of the optic nerve. The Wing Open raised well over \$18,000 this year, with \$7,000 of that amount given by the Cadet Wing.

Once again, this year's Wing Open drew well over 6,000 boxing enthusiasts, who witnessed pugilistic skill and fury that is unique only to the Open. Each boxer knows that a victory at the Wing Open will most likely earn him a trip to University of California, Berkeley

for the National Collegiate Boxing Association (NCBA) regional championship. A win at Berkeley will grant each boxer a dream trip to the University of Nevada, Reno for a shot at the NCBA national championship.

The boxing team not only triumphed as a team at regionals (for the 20th straight year), but they overcame a tough University of Nevada team and stymied Penn State en route to their 13th national team title.

The Academy qualified 11 boxers to the NCBA national championships. Juniors Mike Benza and Mark Sletten each successfully defended their 1998 gold medals by bringing home gold in 1999. Junior Mark Porcella also brought home gold in his maiden appearance on the national scene.

Finally, the Col. John J. Clune Award was bestowed upon the best boxer in the Wing Open - firstie Erwin Vargas.

by John Flynn





Lee Poage stuns Zack Hall with a right hook. He was the victor in the heavyweight class. Photo by B. Lingle

Zensaky Munn and Lincoln McLeod exchange a combination of punches in their energetic bout. Both boxers inspired the team with their work ethic. Photo by B. Lingle



Dustin Brown lands a right hand on Mark Porcella during their 195 lb battle. Porcella was victorious and went on to become national champion. Photo by B. Brandow

Aaron St. Clair connects a devastating jab with Chris Lance. Lance fought back hard and earned the win in this match-up. Photo by B. Brandow

Most Valuable Male Player



BLANE MORGAN

Quarterback Blane Morgan was named the WAC Mountain Division Offensive Player of the Year in 1998. Morgan compiled a 21-3 career record as a starting

quarterback to become the highest winning quarterback in AFA history. Morgan was named the most valuable player for the Air Force in the WAC championship game and the Oahu Bowl.

Connie Cann secured her place as one of the best female swimmers in Academy history with a solid senior season. She registered the squad's top time in four different events as a senior, including a career best effort in the 100-meter freestyle. Overall, Cann leaves her

name on the all-time Academy top 10 lists in four different individual events. Additionally, she swam on three relay teams that hold AFA records. Cann became the first Falcon to compete in the NCAA Division I Woman's Swimming and Diving Championships as a second-classman.



CONNIE CANN

Athletic Excellence Award



BRYCE FISHER

Bryce Fisher dominated the line of scrimmage all season to earn Western Athletic Conference Mountain Division Defensive Player of the Year honors. He rolled up six quarterback sacks this season and was third on the team in total tackles with 70.

Scholar Athlete award



KATHERINE DEHNE

Katherine Dehne graduates in the top two percent of her class as a Distinguished Graduate. Dehne holds a 3.89 in civil engineering with a 3.81 cumulative and 3.37 military performance average. She was listed on the Superintendent's list for five semesters. She has been nominated for four

postgraduate scholarships and will be going on to graduate school. The former volleyball team captain earned GTE Academic All-American honors in 1998. She was WAC Academic All-Conference three years running. She earned four varsity letters and the leadership award twice.

Athletic Leadership Award

Tim Curry led the football team in pass break-ups with seven including one interception, which made him the career leader in interceptions with nine. Curry became the Academy's career leader in blocks with a total of three and sixth on the

team in tackles with a total of 63. He was the vice wing commander and basic cadet training commander. His athletic honors include "The Sporting News" All-American, third-team and first-team All-WAC.



TIM CURRY

Athletic Achievement Award



JUSTIN KIEFFER

Justin Kieffer is the most prolific Falcon hockey scorers of the last decade, earning his second team MVP award. He finished his final season as the team leader in assists and points. He is the first Falcon to crack the top 14 in 13 years.

James Busch streaks down the sideline. CS-06's team looked promising this year, but spent too much time introducing its players to the intramural play to be competitive in the post season. Photo by B. Ehasz



Basketball
CS-23

Flickerball
CS-36

Football
CS-24

**FALL
INTRAMURAL
WING
CHAMPIONS**

Team
Handball
CS-12

Soccer
CS-02

Walleyball
CS-23

David Rogers battles around CS-04's defender. CS-01's team handball team made the Wing semi-finals. Photo by P. Rose



Mike Morales takes this easy lay-up taking advantage of a fast break. Mike's superior leadership was critical to his team's playoff birth this season. Photo by P. Rose



Earon Parker, CS-04, and Jon Scofield, CS-01, battle for possession. CS-04 made the group semi-finals this season. Photo by T. Tyler



COMPETITOR WITHIN

The Academy is a place of routine. At the end of June each year, a new doolie class arrives. August signals the beginning of a new academic year. Parents weekend ushers the Wing into September. Then, fall intramural begins.

The new intramural season divides the Wing into two distinct groups, those with and those without the esteemed limited on season status, LOS. Those not on LOS are further divided in forty squadrons and then into six teams. Every team is offered the same opportunity to succeed, for their squadrons and for themselves.

Basketball, flickerball, flag-football, handball, soccer, and wallyball - these are the games of the fall. Each combative in its own nature. Each summoning that Incredible Hulk living deep within every cadet, but seldom given the opportunity to reveal itself in the midst of becoming officers. On the intramural field of dreams, old high school glory days are reincarnated, unexpected leaders emerge and legends are born.

C1C Dave Brodeur, member of CS-24's Wing Championship flag-football team, attributes his team's glory to the 1998 draft.

"We came into the 98' season with a few holes in our line up. Reluctantly we ac-

quired free agents Wagner and Roux. Now, these two wheels are none other than C2C Eddie "Wags" Wagner and Jaron "Franchise" Roux, the backbone of hard-core's championship team and expected co-captains for its 99' squad."

General Lorenz might have once said, "Hey gang, winning isn't everything." Your team doesn't have to win the Wing championship for you to leave the season a better person for competing.

C1C Silke Tietje walked on this year's CS-06 wallyball team not knowing what to expect from herself or her teammates.

"I was a little intimidated to be part of such an athletic team. I wasn't sure if I could contribute," said C1C Tietje.

By the end of the season, she was voted most improved player and feels her life is forever different now.

by John Tuite

Cadet Feuring watches as his fellow teammate digs the ball. Volleyball is one of the only indoor spring intramurals. Photo by Polaris Staff

Volleyball
CS-22

Softball
CS-03

Soccer
CS-13

**SPRING
INTRAMURAL
WING
CHAMPIONS**

Ultimate
Frisbee
CS-37

Cross
Country
CS-36

Racquetball
CS-34



Beau Lungulescu of CS-21 prepares a strong pass during an Ultimate Frisbee match. Photo by Polaris Staff

This cadet from CS-10 attempts to muscle her way into the ball as the cadet from CS-07 prepares to blow past her. Soccer was a favorite among cadets as an intramural choice. Photo by Polaris Staff



Scott Davis of CS-21 makes it safely to base while Justin Bachmann of CS-23 throws the follow up to the pitcher. This year's softball team was more often plagued by snow outs than rain outs. Photo by Polaris Staff



FRESH AIR DOES A BODY GOOD

Ah, Spring Intramurals just the name conjures visions of playing in the sun and warm weather, shorts, T-shirts and farmer tans. Unfortunately, the name is very deceiving considering the months which intramurals are played.

Perhaps Winter Intramurals is more suiting, after the season was met with high winds, snow, and an occasional rain.

"Attention in the Area, Attention in the Area. All outdoor intramurals for today are cancelled. Command Center, Out." This very common announcement was usually a warm welcome for most cadets this spring because of the often harsh weather. Except perhaps for the four degrees, which often meant extra afternoon training.

"As fun as intramurals can be, the prospect of a free afternoon is usually more enticing," said Jen DiCarlo

Despite the harsh weather this spring, the majority of cadets found themselves outside in the wind, rain, and snow. Throwing a Frisbee even became a challenge, when players would throw the Frisbee one direction only to have it end up twenty yards in the opposite direction.

"Some days it was very frustrating and

not much fun," said Andy Rohrer about those windy intramural days.

Intramurals was designed so that cadets not involved in an intercollegiate sport would be actively participating in athletics. With such a large variety of sports to choose from every cadet is sure to find a sport they enjoy. However, cadets do not always get the sport they desire. "Ram-jamming" is occasionally involved with the underclassmen. Some squadrons take certain intramurals very seriously and will do whatever it takes to win, including weekly practices and overloading specific teams with the best athletes. But, not all the cadets are out there to win, most go down to the Athletic Complex for the fun and exercise.

Down on the athletic fields there is no rank and no sir or ma'am, everyone is equal. Friendships and conversations start that aren't always there on the hill. Walls are broken for that short hour, but most importantly the fourthclass can speak freely with upperclassmen in their squadron and others.

CLUBS

With over ninety different clubs at the Academy, a cadet can become involved in anything from the Polaris to the Combat Pistol Team. For some cadets, participating in a club is a release from the daily stresses of Academy life.

While some clubs are open to all cadets, other clubs require long training programs or an intensive screening process such as Honor Guard or the Flying Team. There are other clubs that are dedicated to helping individuals through community service. Regardless of the club a cadet joins, he or she must sacrifice some their precious free time to participate in club activities.

A club offers the opportunity for cadets to go outside of their squadrons and gain new friendships. Clubs bind cadets with mutual interests and allow them to join together to work towards a common goal.

For those involved with athletic clubs, the club becomes a way they can continue participating in a sport. Many clubs are just a way to get away from the monotony of daily cadet life and have fun. Either way, clubs allow a cadet to grow as an individual by learning new skills, meeting new people, and representing the Academy.



As C3C Amy Ringwald starts to go down she passes off the ball to C2C Sydney Smith. Women's rugby could be just as bruttle as the men's team. Photo by B. Brandow

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Women's
Lacrosse
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seasons eve
Photo by
Brandow



C2C Tyler Tollman and C4C Andrew Vail talk while cleaning up after a Combat Pistol Team match. Club functions allowed cadets to make new friends and learn new things. Photo by J. Param

Competitive Pistol Team

Front: B. Dalton, M. Baldwin, A. Koller, K. Hamilton Back: Capt. B. Bergeuin, P. Cole, T. Miller, W. Sanchez, E. Fleming, T. Benson, D. Anderson



Show Choir

Front: A. Fischer, L. Goodman, J. Berger, K. Strom, A. Snapp, J. Jochum, S. Kangs Back: D. Schistle, J. Kreinbrink, G. Dekat, N. Oltmans, H. Anker, K. Heinrich, B. Price, P. Strom, E. Andren



Falconry

Front: I. Barrett, P. Gioia, M. Marefat, M. Ziemann Back: Capt J. Kryger, D. Hendrix, M. Schongalla, J. Ryan, M. Beverly, M. Stanley, C. Knier, Maj T. Wells



Arty has "talons out" in a flight with C1C Hendrix. This flight performance is the culmination of the cadet falconers career. Photo by B. Brandow



C1C Matt Beverly flies Cody at the Navy game. The falcon is the only performing mascot in the NCAA. Photo by B. Brandow



by Ike Barrett

Falcons Flyin'

Falcons provide more than just a half-time show.

As the falcon stoops down toward center field, it attacks a lure held by the cadet falconer. This amazing presentation immediately turns the crowd's attention to the center of the field. As they look in awe at the precision, grace, speed and power the falcon demonstrates, each person remains focused on the two-minute presentation during the half-time show of every Academy football game.

These performances are only a small part of what these avian gladiators do. At each game approximately 40,000 people attend and see the falcons perform. At every away game, the cadet falconers and the falcons visit schools, hospitals and other organizations helping to reach more people. They attend air shows to promote the Air Force and the Air Force Academy. Boy Scout Troops, Girl Scout Troops, Wildlife Management recruits, teachers, dignitaries, families and individuals travel to the Academy in order to meet this majestic animal.

"It is great being able to teach and entertain both young and old

about the falcons, the Air Force and the Air Force Academy", said C1C Matt Beverly.

Without the Cadet Falconry Team, none of this would happen. The Cadet Falconry team consists of 10 to 12 cadets behind the scenes, devoting well over 20 hours a week in chores and training of the falcons.

Most people remember names of birds that have come and gone through the years. Children come up asking about a certain bird that they have met and deemed to be their favorite. They know the name of the bird, and the fact that it was a Gyr, a Peregrine, a Prairie, a Merlin, or a Kestrel. And they usually have pictures to prove it.

At one game, a referee came up and asked C2C Ike Barrett to take the bird to a specific section and ask for his daughter to stand up. A lady in the section stood up and opened her wallet revealing a fifteen-year old picture of her with a falcon at an Army-Air Force game. It was a memory that she had not forgot. She would always remember the bird's name, and the cadet...what was their name again?

C1C Dan Hendrix performs a "cast." The cast is a difficult flight, flying two birds at one time. Photo by B. Brandow



C2C Ike Barrett holds Arty after the Navy Game. Cadets spend more than 20 hours a week handling the birds. Photo by B. Brandow

by Polly Van Ess & Tom Still

For the Kids

Big Brothers Big Sisters continues to be one of the most successful clubs at USAFA.

Matty, I don't want to sit down and rest. Let's go play basketball!"

It was his first Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) overnight event, and C1C Matt Ayer's little girl or boy was running him rampant. Although every muscle in his body ached, C1C Ayer was having the time of his life.

BBBS has existed for over 17 years as one of the most successful programs at the Academy. The programs continues to help young children by matching two cadets with a local child from a single parent family. The success was due primarily to the overwhelming participation by cadets, with close to 200 cadets volunteering to be part of a child's life.

What attracts more and more cadets each year to the club? C1C Evan Jones got involved because he wanted to make a difference in someone's life, but points out that it's had the opposite effect. Dave, his little ?, has made a tremendous difference in C1C Jones life.

"It's great because I can act like a kid again," said C2C Casey Tinianow.

To support the development of these relationships, BBBS provides a fun atmosphere by spon-

soring monthly events including; roller-skating, a trip to the zoo, and an overnight lock-in at the YMCA. One of C1C Tom Staley's all-time favorite events was an afternoon at Mountasia where his little?, Quinnel, didn't have much luck in the batting cages.

"He dropped \$5 and didn't hit a single ball, but still had a blast," said C1C Staley.

The big brothers and sisters serve as more than a role model; they are a friend the kids can instill their trust in. For cadets, being a mentor to someone younger aids in their personal growth. Cadets admit it is difficult to tell if they are really making a difference.

"The smiles you see on kids' faces when they look up at their bigs let you know how strong of an impact the cadets are making," said C1C Polly Van Ess, the club's C1C.

C1C Sara Fortna perhaps sums up Big Brothers Big Sisters best with her favorite quote:

"A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

C2C Jayne Baker ties the skate of her little sister. The roller rink provided an excellent environment to relax. Photo by R. Ehasz



C1C D'Anne Emmett and C2C Brian Moritz spend an afternoon at the roller rink with their little brother, Richard. This is the group's first year together through the program. Photo by R. Ehasz



Asce

Front: K. Dehne, A. Blair, P. Crispell, S. Gadoury, L. Yesue Back: J. Lyle, J. Byrnes, M. Beverly, J. Miller, M. Hemmingsen

Lds Choir

Row 1: E. Johnson, R. Gamero, J. Robins, V. Nielsen, K. Young Row 2: P. Bat, N. Kartchner, M. Kreuzer Row 3: R. Earnest, R. Romano, R. Bastian, J. Rodriguez, K. Jensen, J. Evans, D. Lane Row 4: J. Dillon, E. Dittman Row 5: D. Croft, J. Depew, J. Spillane, N. Jackson, J. Stubbendorff

Bbbs Staff

Row 1: C. Woods, K. O'Brien, T. Timianow, M. Rossi Row 2: B. Shrewsbury, T. Still, J. Guynn, P. Van Ess

C1C John Tuite with his friends watch a football game. Cadets shared many of their activities with their friends. Photo by B. Brandow



C2C Amy Fischer and C4C David Amar participate in a game with their little brother. There are many cadets who share littles. Photo by R. Ehasz

NINJUTSU

Front: B. Karsten, J. Cinq-Mars, J. Reeve Back: N. Sammons, M. Price, C. Moores, M. Schongalla, Capt D. Lewis



SKI CLUB

Row 1: J. Heffernan, T. Still, M. Ayers, T. Adams



CAR CLUB

Row 1: Capt M. Bowe, M. Jensen, R. Pham, S. Manley Row 2: Z. Jensen, D. Born Row 3: A. Ignash, J. Vigueria, M. Vigueria



A handful of club members pose for a picture at the Aardvark airstrip. The club often uses the airstrip for races. Photo submitted by club

C3C Joe Vigueria stands in awe as C1C Jeff Updyke begins a burnout. Burnouts are usually avoided by those cadets who have to buy their own tires. Photo submitted by club

C1C Mike Vigueria and C1C George Carrera line up for another round of American vs Foreign muscle. Vehicles of all types are represented in the car club. Photo submitted by group



by Michael Vigueria

Cars Cruisin'

The USAFA Car Club continues an American tradition.

As one of the fastest growing clubs at the Academy, the car club has gone from 13 members upon inception one year ago, to over 60 members currently. The best part about the club is that you don't need to own a fast car, or any car for that matter, to be a member. Although only firsties and two-degrees are allowed to own cars, members include cadets from all four classes. The club is designed both for enjoyment and education purposes, therefore everyone is able to benefit.

The club is designed to educate members in automotive systems while at the same time enjoying the American tradition of the gas guzzling muscle cars. Because our members vary in background from certifiable mechanics to the interested motorist, we hold clinics on most basic vehicle maintenance, such as changing oil, tun-

ing a car, and even major parts swaps.

"The club is one of the best opportunities at the Academy to let it hang out some," said C1C Jason Young.

This year the club made trips to several car shows and cruise nights in the area, enjoying the craftsmanship of thousands of street rods and classics. In addition to the shows, the car club holds their own "drag races" out at the old Aardvark airstrip on Sunday afternoons. Although these are short, quick races, this has proven to be a favorite outing among members.

"It don't get no better than this. Where else can you burn more rubber than you can afford without the fear of getting caught?" said C3C Joe Vigueria.

The club also hopes to be able to attend more events and perhaps even enter some shows.

"Now THAT would rock," said C1C Zach Jensen.

C2C BJ Shnowske and C2C Brad Vereb show off their corvettes in another race. Over 25 cadets own corvettes, carrying on the Academy tradition. Photo submitted by the group



by Amy Nesbitt

Instant Energy

USAFA Aerobics provides a powerful punch to those cadets looking for a challenge.

And Step 2, 3, 4. Knees-Side to side!" That's right, put a little spring in your step with these ladies down in the cadet gym.

In addition to an extensive intramural program, cadets have the opportunity to participate in StepAerobics classes offered everyday, for cadets, by cadets. This year, C1Cs Jana Day, Naviere Hall, Amy Nesbitt, and C2Cs Danna Alberts, Micaela Bentson, Jammie Himsl, Dare' Rapanotti and Jen Trevino took over the aerobics room, located in the north end of the Cadet Gynasium weight room, and provided a power-packed one hour exercise program.

"Aerobics is a fun, full body workout. Each instructor has a different routine so the workout isn't monotonous from day to day," said C1C Harmony Andrews.

Intense cardiovascular plyometrics combined with super strength abdominal workouts, these ladies were not fooling around. Although none of the instructors have formal training, you couldn't tell by the way sweat drips off everyone walking out the door.

Instructor C2C Jen Trevino says she teaches because she knows "the people she's teaching, along with herself, get a good cardiovascular workout."

C3C Sharon Fitzgerald simply goes down "because of the energy contained in the classes."

Routines are designed to target all aspects of physical fitness and are personally created by each instructor.

"It's nice to do something different," says Michelle Baugus, "and if you come on down, you'll certainly agree that each aerobics class is different."

Let yourself get lost in the beat of the music and feel the energy pump you up so high that, as Jen Trevino puts it, "you don't even realize you are working out."

So if you have the urge to give a "kick" or want to make it "over the top" and back again come on down and take a trip "around the world". Are you up for the challenge?—Step up or Step out, USAFA Aerobics is not for everyone.

C1C Brad Bristelski keeps in time with the music. Aerobics allows cadets to add their own personal flare to the routine. Photo by S. Gatto



C Stephanie Ballard mimics the aerobics instructor. It is essential for cadets properly perform the exercises in order to prevent injury. Photo by S. Gatto



MODEL ENGINEERING

Row 1: R. Simms, A. Dripps, R. Gunter, J. Campbell, J. Werlin, S. Freedman, A. Setter, J. Provenzano Row 2: E. Graves, K. O'Keefe, S. Burkhalter, C. Holland, B. Hartmann, D. Doak, H. Rizwan Row 3: T. Hassan, J. Mikal, S. McGregor Row 4: K. Burns, M. Silok, T. Satzwedel Row 5: A. Stackman, D. Walpole, K. Hagarty, J. Hamman, M. Kump, D. Bruce, P. Batish Row 6: E. Harrington, A. Menoni, E. Dunhley, E. Fleming, K. Klismith



PHYSICS

Front: A. Nathaniel, M. Payton, E. Andren, S. Majcen, D. Jones, T. Copas Back: D. Nita, C. Ognosky, B. McKay, C. Naddy, J. Bulmer, M. Hutchison, T. Mariapain, J. Frakes



AEROBICS CIC'S

Front: J. Day, N. Hall, A. Nesbit Back: D. Alberts, J. Trevino, J. Himsl, D. Rapanotti, M. Bentson



C2C Micaela Bentson concentrates on stretching her legs. Stretching is a very important aspect of Aerobics. Photo by S. Gatto

C3C Kristy Kuhlman hops to the instructions of the CIC. Aerobics requires a combination of fitness, agility, and coordination. Photo by S. Gatto

Mountaineering

Row 1: M. Anderson, C. McClemon, B. Doyle, S. Fann, M. Taylor Row 2: K. Bordaueux, K. Murray, J. Malinen, T. Patterson, B. Small Row 3: T. Willcox, R. Nicklin, E. Hendrickson, J. Palumbo Row 4: H. Collazo



Bowling

Row 1: J. Proctor, J. Ross Row 2: R. Sawyer, W. Arnold, M. Kreuzer, R. Miller Row 3: Dr. K. Herzinger, P. Grossenbach, R. LePome, J. Janik

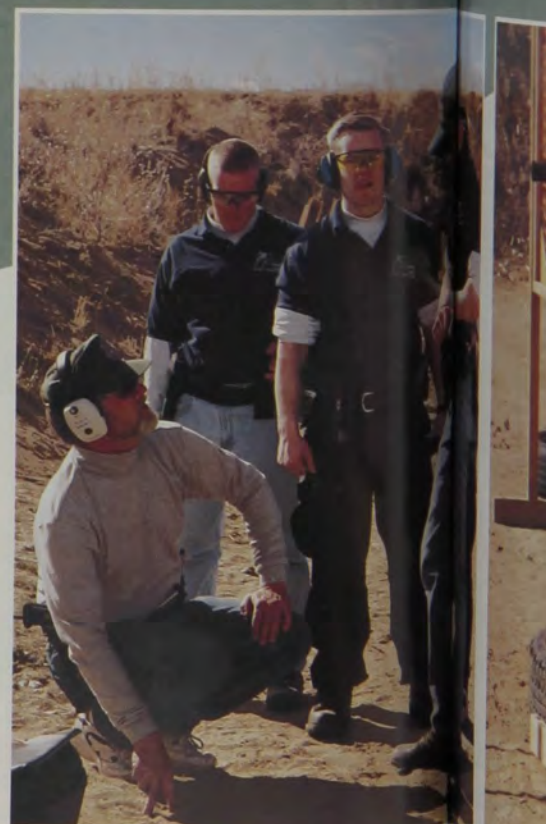


Combat Pistol Team

C2C Lance Bueuneke engages man-sized targets from behind a barrier under the watchful eye of the range officer. The RO times the shooter and is responsible for the match running smoothly and safely. Photo by J. Param



Team members take advice from a civilian shooter. Shooters must develop their own strategy by continually applying the knowledge they gain. Photo by J. Param





Combat Ready

The Combat Pistol Team aims at the Inter-Service Academy match in North Carolina.

The USAFA combat pistol team (CPT) was established three years ago. Since then, the CPT has trained vigorously.

As C2C Tom Bozung says, "we normally hold practices twice during the week and matches normally three out of the four weekends per month."

The Inter-Service Academy Combat Pistol Competition places future officers of the Army, Navy, and Air Force in direct competition. Ft Bragg and POPE AFB, as well as dozens of civilian sponsors and volunteers support this tournament.

Competitors participated both night and day, in the woods, and even room to room. All of the scenarios are tactical, and encompass various weapons such as pistols, rifles, shotguns, and

even submachine guns. The concepts stressed include target recognition, room clearing, and the very important trade off between time and accuracy.

To increase their abilities, the team attends competitions in the area during the month. Each scenario can call for as many as forty shots, and feasibly all shots being fired in under a minute and a half and not necessarily from the same weapon. These matches, at civilian ranges, provide intense competition and a realistic environment to prepare for the match in North Carolina.

"On the fun side...you get to play with some really cool toys. On a serious note we vastly improve our gun handling skills, and alertness in a combat environment," said C2C Bozung.



C2C Ty Tollman engages targets from behind a barrier. Practical pistol shooting aims to represent real-life situations. Photo by J. Param

C4C Andrew Vail examines the target. Accuracy is an essential aspect of combative pistol. Photo by J. Param



by Ryan Webster

Primetime Worship

The USAFA Praise Team has combined music, prayer, and fellowship to take Wednesday nights by storm.

You may have wondered why the chapel has been lit up and there have been melodies resonating from the spires in the middle of the week. Well, there is a simple reason; the cadet Praise Team has been holding worship services on Wednesday evenings complete with music, prayer, and fellowship.

"This service offers a place for cadets of all denominations to worship and praise the Lord. Being in the middle of the week, it also is a huge reminder that I don't have to face a single day without the power of God's love by my side," said C4C Claire Waltman.

The Praise Team's roots extend back to 1993 when cadets decided to create a group that could present worship services that weren't as liturgical as services offered by the chaplains.

"For me there is no experience like helping to lead others closer to God. Every week it moves my heart to look out and see that God has chosen to use me to help them do that," said C2C Jeff Johnston.

The team is comprised mainly of volunteer cadets who perform a variety of events. Performing drama, singing, and creating music are just a few of the activities you may encounter while attending a Praise Team service.

"The praise service is a perfect time in the middle of the week for me to enter the throneroom of the Almighty in worship as a heir to his promises," said C3C Dan Fraas.

The service has truly offered an important opportunity for cadets to practice their religious freedoms, however it has been able to bolster cadet leadership as well.

"It has also allowed me to serve other people by planning special events and church services that are designed to serve the needs of cadets," said C1C Jamie Ciesielski, CIC for the team.

The wonderful combination of spending good time with friends, helping other cadets, and praising the Lord has led to the Praise Team service quickly becoming one of the most popular means of worship.

C2C Jeff Johnston and C3C Nathan Pifer perform during a recent Praise Team service. These performances allow cadets the opportunity to unwind onstage with some friends. Photo by S. Gatto



C Ryan Trueman demonstrates his skill on the drums. The musical ability of cadets is an essential ingredient in Praise Team. Photo by S. Gatto



Rodeo

Front: R. Fraas, M. Abreu-Ojeda, J. Jimmerson, D. Solomon, T. Wiggins, R. Pantusa, C. Cox, L. Hall, K. Rothe, M. Weber, S. Jenkins



Archery

Front: M. Nussbaum, D. Mortensen, M. Vigueria, J. Vigueria, T. Dunagon



Praise Team

Row 1: T. Eknes, K. Marshall, E. LeVaughn, C. Flores, J. Johnston, J. Ciesielski, A. Blair, N. Pifer
Row 2: M. Street, P. Crispell, S. McGregor, N. Piotrowski, J. McLaughlin, J. Roberts
Row 3: S. Brown, A. Koury, C. Martin, R. Trueman, D. Blair, J. Hohu, Chap. F. Yerkes



C1C Trish Eknes, C2C Ellen LeVaughn, and C1C Jaimie Ciesielski perform a chorus on stage. Photo by S. Gatto

C4C Christopher Martin concentrates on the right chord. The Praise Team allows cadets the opportunity to not only worship God, but also practice their instruments. Photo by S. Gatto

C1C Isabelle Lalimarmo squats 210 pounds at the Tri-Service Powerlifting Meet. The meet gave each service an opportunity to size up against each other. Photo by B. Brandow

TRIATHALON

Row 1: R. Magaziner, Z. Jensen, E. Hendrickson, T. Rezak, B. Rosales, M. Edmonston Row 2: K. Olson, M. Deaver, G. Mizell, L. Lemelson, N. Hartman, G. Crowley, S. Ahrens, G. Voelkel, E. Newcomb Row 3: M. Myers, C. Keller, A. Ackerman, E. Marshall



CADET AVIATION INSTRUCTORS

Row 1: S. Noland, E. Francis, K. Greene, C. Mueller, B. Cox, T. Felton Row 2: T. Bender, C. Brown, J. Gavigan, J. Simmons, D. Croft, J. Mayfield, J. Nelson Row 3: T. Voorhees, J. Perisco, M. Hartzog, D. Perry, B. O'Neil, G. Torres, Capt W. Cochran



POWERLIFTING

C1C Eric Queddeng squats 350 kilo at the Tri-Service Powerlifting meet. The meet was held at USAFA this year. Photo by J. Simmons



C2C Jessica Kehren squats on her third attempt. Powerlifting constantly challenges cadets to excel. Photo by J. Simmons



by Kurt Alickson

Pumpin' Iron

USAFA Powerlifting continues to be a national contender.

The powerlifting team is perhaps one of the most dedicated and formidable opponent any school has faced in athletic competition. These men and women of the cadet Wing combine their strength, agility, and sheer desire of competition to create a well oiled machine.

Unbeknownst to many, the USAFA powerlifting team is a club sport and its participants do not enjoy the benefit of intercollegiate athletes. That is to say they do not have limited on season status. The team has also had to endure training and competitions without the guidance of a coach. Typically, firsties or those cadets with the most experience, assume this role. Despite these obstacles, the team has been extremely successful in competition.

Last season, the combined team placed fourth nationally, while the women's team placed third. For those who train hard, success is the reward with eleven individuals qualifying for nationals this season.

A powerlifting competition consists of three events: dead lift, squat, and bench. There are three attempts allotted to each participant for each event, and each are graded on technique and form by qualified referees. Similar to wrestling, powerlifters compete in weight classes, as well as a specified team. The three teams are men, women, and combined. Each team is comprised of ten members and the combined team has five men and five women. The winner of each weight class and the winning team is not assessed until everyone places. At that time, points are awarded and the winner is declared.

"Good things are afoot especially for the class of 2001. Look for their strong continuation of success and domination," said C1C Isabelle Lalimarmo.

With the recent attention drawn by the powerlifters' success, their club may be transformed into an intercollegiate program in the near future.

C2C Ashley Watson has her eyes set on completing the lift. Determination is a key factor in powerlifting. Photo by J. Simmons



by Tino Dinh

Aikido Action

From simple breathing to multiple attacks, USAFA Aikido encompasses a wide variety of activities.

In Western terms, Aikido is the martial art which redirects the momentum, or *ki* energy, of an attacker against him. Aikido is knowing one's self and constant vigilance of one's surroundings. It is not merely a physical art, but also mental and spiritual. Aikido is the complement to Jujitsu and Judo: just as physically demanding on the body, but also much more.

Aikido is probably most familiar to cadets who have been briefly exposed to the much diluted form in Unarmed Combat class.

There is no Aikido 'team' at the Academy—only the Dojo. Our club, consisting of officers, civilians, and cadets, engaged almost daily in a wide range of practices: from gentle and cerebral, focusing on

technique and breathing to intense and extreme, including ground-fighting and multiple-person attack.

C2C Bud Fujii-takamoto will jokingly tell you, "Aikido is all about hurting people!"

However, C3C Justin Kuether puts it best when he says, "Aikido is something you can do your whole life, unlike the other martial arts."

The USAFA Aikido Club receives instruction from Dr. Edward Peteroy, one of the few 5th degree black belts in the region and a member on the national board for the US Aikido Federation. Dr. Peteroy has been instructing cadets since 1984, and will hopefully continue to make the USAFA Dojo better and better.



Assistant Instructor Paul Perez starts ready to finish CJ Biazak after executing a shihorage throw. In aikido, one learns never to allow an attacker a second chance. Photo by J. Param



Lt. Kim Berger, executes a dramatic koshinage throw on CJ Biazak of Colorado College. The whirling, high-yeing throws of Aikido require as much skill to receive as to actually inflict. Photo by J. Param



Hunting

Front: A. Roberts, D. Mortensen, R. Byrd, T. Dunagan, T. Clegg Back: Capt D. Lewis, MSgt B. Schwamke, B. Shackelford, D. Fraas, B. Rosebrough, J. Miller, J. Vigueria, M. Vigueria



Table Tennis

Front: G. Carriker, R. Fish, E. Larson, E. Lungulescu, T. Tarnawski, J. Drummond



Aikido

Front: T. Dinh, Dr. E. Peteroy, Capt. F. Hare, B. Fujii-Takamoto Back: R. Garrison, K. Berger, R. Noble, J. Kuether, D. Berger, K. Maple, C. Biazak, Capt. B. Wieninger, M. Armstrong



C3C Justin Kuether executes a painful koto-gaeshi wrist lock on C1C Tino Dinh. This technique is a popular aikido method of disabling or disarming an attacker. Photo by J. Param

KAFA

Row 1: McCall, K. Roman, S. Caffrey, J. Green, M. Epie, J. Chapman Row 2: Garcia, M. DaCosta, M. Rivera, J. Malinen, K. O'Keefe, P. Golando Row 3: A. Robertson, Harley, D. Wellen, T. Wiggins Row 4: M. Gosma, D. Eisenhofer, J. Scheeres, J. Hoffman, C. Schluckebier, S. Engberg,



CHAMBER MUSIC

Front: M. Amick, A. Gard Back: B. Small, A. Gregory, J. Ray



FLYING TEAM

Row 1: N. Dillek, D. Paulus, T. Nettleblad, C. Finan, B. Budde Row 2: R. Pelkola, C. Bergholt, L. Teel, J. Pfaffly, M. Swanson, K. Lord, J. Hamilton, C. Keitaley Row 3: S. Hignite, M. Dooley, J. Weihrich



Members of the Flying Team go over pre-flight checklists. Checklists serve as another means to ensure the utmost safety. Photo by D. Schmidt



C2C Christopher Finan checks over the engine before taking off. It is essential that the plane be examined often in order to measure its performance. Photo by D. Schmidt



by Kevin Lord

Flying Team Soars

The USAFA Flying Team provides more than just aviation experience.

The Flying team formed in the late 1960's when the Air Force Academy had an extremely active Aero Club. They took trips to the Reno Air Races as well as other trips around the country for different competitions. Out of this group a dedicated few emerged, those individuals would rent planes paying for it themselves, to work specifically on events included in the competitions. They established a record and joined the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA), thus founding the team.

Today, the team takes part in a regional and national competition annually. These competitions consist of both flying and ground events. Five members from each school compete in each of the events. With over 20 schools competing at the national level, and sponsorship by American Airlines, the competition is stiff. However, the USAFA Flying Team has dominated at the regional level winning the last 14 regional competitions.

The Flying Team not only provides a competitive environ-

ment for cadets to hone their airman'ship skills, but also provides the members unparalleled aviation experience. Furthermore, the Flying Team prepares its members for pilot training.

"Participating in events like low-level navigation has given me invaluable experience in cross-country planning and execution," said C1C Sonny J. Hignite, fall team captain.

Spring Team Captain, C1C Jeremy F. Weihrich enjoys the team's focus on disciplined flying.

"On the team we fly with Air Force instructor pilots. When we fly, we fly to military standards. For me, flying to military standards is the most rewarding aspect of the team because it challenges me and will prepare me for pilot training," said Weihrich.

From humble beginnings, the Flying Team has evolved into one of the most prestigious and competitive teams at the Academy.



The Flying Team takes off on another sortie with Pikes Peak in the background. One of the advantages of flying in the area is the beautiful scenery. Photo by D. Schmidt

by Sarah Lynch

Zoomie Women's Rugby

USAFA Women's Rugby combines blood and sweat, joy and pain.

The USAFA Women's Rugby team have been through a successful season. The Zoomies started off the 1998 season with many inexperienced, yet promising athletes. Although they did not expect to make it all the way to Nationals in 1998, they finished the season fourth in the nation with several All-Americans including Cadet Brings, Lt. Sarah Emory, Lt. Sara Victoreen, and Lt. Amy Petrina.

"Rugby isn't just a bunch of people running around a field with a ball, knocking each other down. It's about strength and determination, blood and sweat, joy and pain, teamwork and camaraderie, loyalty and love. It is not just a sport — it's a way of living," said C2C Steph Oldham.

This year the team attended several tournaments; taking first place in the High Desert Classic Tournament and second in the Heart of American Tournament. The Zoomies plan on attending the

regional championship this year in New Mexico on their way to the National Championship at Penn State. This season the team is looking forward to finishing at the top!

"Rugby represents one of my best experiences at the Academy. The opportunity to work with a dedicated and disciplined team enhanced my own dedication, and resulted in a great season" said C1C Jen Schiessler.

To many players, being a part of the women's rugby team means much more than just playing a few games every weekend.

"Rugby just isn't your typical sport. You truly have to rely on your teammates. For me, the people I play with make rugby the best sport I've ever played," said C1C Jamie Jaquez.

With the loss of only five seniors this year, next year's team can look forward to increased support from the Cadet Wing at home and away games. See you at the pitch!

C1C Sarah Lynch takes a kick. The women's zoomie ruggers have worked to improve their kicking game significantly this year. Photo by B. Brandow



Supported by her teammates, C3C Amy Ringwald penetrates the Wyoming defensive line. Teamwork is an essential aspect of rugby. Photo by B. Brandow



Lifted by team captain C1C Bonnie Briggs, C1C Onnie Retkofsky spoils yet another Wyoming lineout. The AF women's scrummies have continued to dominate the field through strength & skill. Photo by B. Brandow



Chess

Front: Capt. T. Holcomb, A. Rubi, D. Dean, J. Gourley, Capt. P. Cohen, E. Lungulescu, Capt. J. Serpa



Chemistry

Row 1: Capt. D. Ryan, T. Sevdv, C. Flores, A. Abraham, V. Miller, D. Emmett, Capt. J. Salyards Row 2: T. Siegel, T. Moon, K. Baerwald, W. Perez, J. Catt Row 3: M. Wolf, M. Hanson, J. Kuether, M. Garchow, P. Bryant



Women's Rugby

Row 1: J. Schiesslen, e. Harms, E. Babcock, J. Olsen, K. Kjarum, S. Oldham, J. Jaquez, E. Tams Row 2: S. Garner, a. Ringwald, K. Baerwald, A. DeWitt, N. Winters, L. Renner, A. Vorderburgen, C. McBrayer, S. Lynch, L. Nelson Row 3: S. Newton, O. Retkofsky, E. Pope, Lt. Col. V. Tise, M. Demma, A. Osur, M. Painter, E. Raaen, Capt. M. Reed, H. Diesselhorst, B. Brings, Maj. G. Mittlestaadt



The zoomie defense upsets a Wyoming line by creating a maul. Rucking & mauling, essential skills used in rugby, appear confusing and painful to the untrained observer. Photo by B. Brandow

C3C Kyle Kimberlin marches through the "suicide line," a spectacular and difficult part of the performance. Perfection is required of team members in order to ensure safety. Photo by M. de Vargas

AIAA

Front: C. Grandelli, J. Gourley Back: J. Dowty, R. Carlson, C. Moores



Sabre Drill (Cadre)

Front: N. Harris, J. Pargas, T. Owen, K. Kimberlin, D. Schmitt, B. Rudd, G. Dawson, M. Shrull, M. Pasquino Back: B. O'Grady, M. Schroer, D. Hoadley, K. McCaskey, N. Evans, J. Liegl, B. Panton, T. Muro, D. Merritt, K. Lee, P. Seipel, S. Murphy



Sabre Drill (4th Class)

Row 1: B. Rhoades, K. Go, J. Long, A. Vantland, M. McCorkle



C1C Nick Evans disciplines a fourth class cadet during a practice. Discipline is a necessary part of a winning Drill Team. Photo by M. de Vargas

C1C Evans and C2C Miquel de Vargas practice a performance routine. Sharp, crisp and distinct is the motto of any Sabre Drill performance. Photo by D. Schmidt



by Matt Van Hook

Forged By Fire

USAFA Sabre Drill provides cadets with intense challenges and unparalleled camaraderie.

The official purpose of Sabre Drill is to emphasize "professional military skills through the performance of intricate sabre manual and exceptional conduct, discipline, and cooperation among team members is a necessity in every aspect of training and performance," as stated in their Standard Operating Procedures, but the team is much more. Sabre Drill is above all a team which strives for excellence in every aspect of life.

In the fall of 1998 the team, led by their commander C1C Jeff Liegel, performed at the Travis AFB Air Expo as well as the Defender Challenge at Lackland AFB. They also had the opportunity to compete at the Cornell Invitational Drill Meet, in which they placed third in both two-man and squad exhibition. According to C2C PJ Seipel, the team Public Affairs NCO, their main performances will come in the spring where they will compete at Tulane University, Norwich University and at the Southern California Invitational Drill meet.

The heart of Sabre Drill revolves around the challenge and the camaraderie of the team.

"The challenge is at the same time the most difficult, the most fun, and the most worthwhile aspect of the team," said C4C Kenneth Go.

"It taught me to push myself to my limits physically, academically, and mentally. When I reached my limit, I then sought a new one," adds C2C David Merritt.

Camaraderie is an equally important part of the team and is built both through the enjoyable and the difficult experiences. Most members of the team agree that marching in the Endymion Parade for Mardi-Gras ranks among the most fun activities in which the team participates.

"My teammates are my best friends in the world," said C3C Barry Rudd.

C1C Tony Muro confirms this bond of friendship stating, "We're family out there. When the graduating class leaves, a part of them stays with the team."

Like the forged steel of the blades they wield, the Sabre Drill team prides themselves in undergoing the heat and pressure of intense training and coming out of the fire stronger.



The team cadre takes the candidates on a military and physical challenge. Physical fitness promotes a better physical and mental readiness of its members. Photo by M. de Vargas

by James Busch

Masters at Marana

The USAFA Wings of Blue Competition team sets the example at the Collegiate National Championship.

The Wings of Blue competition team made its yearly pilgrimage to the US Collegiate Nationals in Marana, Ariz. during Christmas time. The Wings of Blue has traditionally dominated the event; however, the title seemed to be in jeopardy this year. In October 1998, a freak accident claimed the team's most experienced member, C1C Mick Boeing.

The Wings of Blue also faced one of the best West Point teams in recent history. Thankfully, the team was able to overcome adversity and bring home one of its best performances ever noted.

The Sky-Monkees, USAFA's top four-way team, were composed of C1Cs James Busch, Mike Bullard, Jorma Huhtala, and Brian Sherry. The Sky-Monkees not only dominated their opponents, but also set a new collegiate record by turning 16 points in 35 seconds in the first round of competition.

"That first round really took the wind out of Army's sails. They had posted a nine point round one, which in most circumstances is pretty good. When they saw our 16 they couldn't believe it," said Brian Sherry.

The Sky-Monkees were not the only USAF team to turn in an outstanding performance at nationals. The Little Rascals, composed of C2Cs Kerrick Krill, Jeff Smith, Aaron Lapp, and Matt Phillips, took third place in the competition by beating out several more experienced teams. Matt Phillips also took first place in master's accuracy with a four round total of five centimeters, the first junior to ever do so. C1C Mike Bullard took second in accuracy to round out the Air Force domination of the masters' categories.

Bullard, who has mentored Phillips all year, said, "Matt turned in an incredible performance. It's one of those cases where the student outperforms the teacher. He made all of us, especially me, very proud."

The USAFA Wings of Blue competition team is looking forward to carrying on the tradition of dominating the opposition. With the incredible display of talent from the returning members, the team should have no problem with that.



Wings of Blue members gather with the horizon and the jump plane in the background. Skydiving can provide some of the most breathtaking views available. Photo submitted by club



The Wings of Blue perform at nationals in Marana, Arizona. The Wings of Blue traditionally turn in outstanding performances at nationals. Photo submitted by club



Wings of Blue teammates grab a hold of each other. Trusting in your teammates is a must when falling towards the earth. Photo submitted by club



Men's Rugby

Row 1: C. Schuacter, J. Darwin, M. Allen, C. Kopacek, J. Loosevelt, M. Semitz, A. Harkreader Row 2: R. Holder, K. Thiele, B. McKiernan, J. Green, P. Sheets, E. Germusen, M. Morales, C. Holesko, D. Solomon, P. Gause, C. Todaro, M. Garrison Row 3: M. Sherman, M. Carmody, J. McAffe, C. Hauck, E. Brinkman, N. Poppe, J. Figueroa, H. Gardenier, G. Barnes Row 4: S. Craven, C. Grimm, M. Huseman, B. Langford, D. Kallman, A. Huffman Row 5: J. Neeb, M. Koly, J. Catt, W. Altom, A. Larson, W. Kinsel Row 6: R. Cordova, A. Driver



Wings of Green

Row 1: C. Johnston, K. Vreuls, S. Wick, Z. Hickman, M. Knapp, J. Gaona Row 2: M. hepp, A. Judkins, M. Roles Row 3: A. Brown, K. McGlone, M. Zeigler Row 4: J. Friebe, M. Laidlaw, B. Zuercher, T. Winslow, M. Hanson Row 5: J. Ferdinand, M. Vedder, J. Strange Row 6: D. Villard, J. Isacco



Wings Of Blue

Row 1: D. Kaercher, O. Mitchell, J. Rand, T. Lamport, E. Andersen, A. Alberts, I. Brown, K. Carson, J. Bright, P. Doyle Row 2: P. Adams, L. Warner, D. Berck, G. Barasch, J. Castandeda, J. Huhtala, J. Smith, B. George, K. Krill, D. Wittich, M. Caudell, A. Lapp, J. LaFleur, R. Slinger, T. Bownan, J. Enis, H. Schantz, S. Burgess Row 3: R. Mossman, R. Mims, W. Reynolds, B. Sherry, M. Renbarger, T. McKeavin, J. Johnson, K. Pullium, E. Haas, K. Chen, B. Denaro, M. Phillips, D. Heinitz, C. Tomlinson, M. Bullard, S. Chanoski, M. Reilmann



This Wings of Blue member prepares to make his mark on the target. Precision is one of the many crucial talents of the Competition Team. Photo submitted by club

Cycling

Row 1: B. Wood, B. Victors, F. Marsh, J. Caldon, A. Yee Row 2: S. Pallery, S. Ahrens, J. Augustine, J. Trew, R. Thweatt



Men's Softball

Row 1: J. Silva, J. Mackey, E. Janski, J. Bemis Row 2: J. Bourroughs, B. Ehasz, B. Moritz, E. Hansen, S. White, D. Dohle, M. Maddox, R. Knight



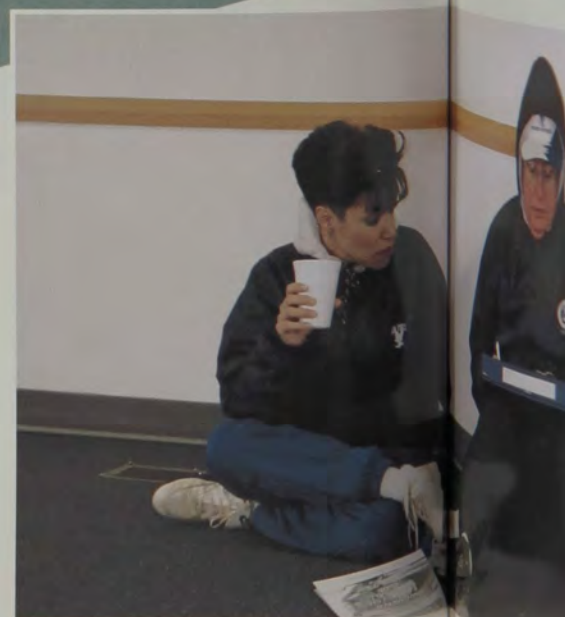
Women's Softball

Row 1: A. Eichelberger, J. Levison, J. Bell, J. Gianotti, E. Bjerke Row 2: C. Niemi, H. Macintosh, J. Stutes, L. Vice, K. Thomas, T. Storch, E. Harms, B. Blanco, S. Elarton, N. Ziegler, K. Roman



The USAFA infield prepares to field a bunt from the opposition. Playing the infield requires not only quick reactions, but also above average agility. Photo submitted by club

Major Donna Verchio and Henry Macintosh look over the lineup before the game. Choosing the lineup that will benefit the team the most is one of the more challenging aspects of coaching. Photo submitted by club





Ruddle Players

by Natasha Ziegler

The USAFA Women's Softball team continues to battle not only opponents, but also the Colorado weather.

Although the tune "Rain rain, go away..." is typical of grade school children who can't go out for recess, it was also the tune of the Women's Softball Club Team during their 1999 season.

The softball team only had 4 of their 12 regular season games due to the weather. While some people may not be very familiar with the softball club team, they work hard at practice. The team got a new coach this year, Henry McIntosh, who has played fastpitch softball for over 20 years. This made the cuts more stringent than in the past, but the result was a solid team and a lot of pride.

C2C Bridget Blanco remarked that "team camaraderie is high and playing is a lot of fun."

A total of 18 girls are on the team, with 95% of the them having played in high school. Most of the team's opponents are Division II teams, junior colleges, and other

club teams. Because the softball team is a club team, they do not play Division I teams.

The team fared well at the national tournament where they won 2 of 5 games.

C2C Bridget Blanco thought, "It was the best we have played since I have been here!"

Two players, C2C Tara Storch and C4C Amy Eichleberger received all tournament honors.

Despite the crazy Colorado weather and trip cancellations, the Falcon softball team manages to have a lot of fun in exciting locations like La Junta, Colorado; Hays, Kansas; and Ogden, Utah. Once again showing that cadets are easily entertained and can have a good time anywhere.

The future looks promising for the USAFA Women's Softball team, but they just need to learn how to control the weather.

This player prepares to swing under the watchful eye of her coach. The coach is often able to provide valuable information to the hitter while at bat. Photo submitted by club

C3C Janee Gianotti fowls the pitch into the ground. Batters often fowl off pitches until the pitcher throws the one they want. Photo submitted by club



by Jake Kunkle and Craig Prather

Handball Heritage

The USAFA Handball Team prides itself on a winning heritage . . . and being tougher than racquetball.

A sport that at one time ruled the Academy the way that racquetball does today. A sport immortalized in the painting in Fairchild Hall. The sport played by the original Mercury 7 astronauts before America began to use a softer ball and a racquet.

There is one issue that must first be made clear. Handball is played on a handball court, and racquetball is played on a HAND-BALL court.

The Academy's handball program was facing extinction at the beginning of this year, however the class of 2001 provided a boost in the team's membership with four new players. As with any new handball player, the early months of the year were difficult as the new shooters learned how to play the court, hit with their left hand, and put the ball away when their opponent makes a mistake. But eventually, the newcomers got the hang of it and were soon addicted.

"I like to smack the blue ball

around after school," said C3C Abe "Monty" Cuddeback.

In addition to many on court battles, the most memorable was Collegiate Nationals where Air Force defeated West Point to earn an eighth place team finish. At nationals, C1C Angela Arredondo's performance earned her second place honors in the Women's Novice Division.

All of this was accomplished under the tutelage of Coach Bill "El Gato" Scharton, of whom Kunkle says is "an inspiration and a father-figure to us all."

The camaraderie and experiences of playing handball for the Academy will stick with these scholar-athletes for the rest of their lives.

As C1C Chrissy Deibel puts it, "Handball is a lifetime sport. I mean, Coach Scharton will still be playing when he's 80 . . . next year!"

C3C Lavarreda-Perez vows, "Just wait 'til next year, more trophies...and more excitement."

C3C Juan Lavarreda-Perez displays excellent concentration while getting into position for a fly-kill shot. C3C Lavarreda-Perez advanced to the quarterfinals of the Men's Contender division at the International Collegiate Tournament. Photo by B. Scharton



C1C Jake Kunkle watches the ball all the way to his hand. Concentration is a skill which is not always noticeable, but at all times essential. Photo by B. Brandow



Mock Trial

Row 1: D. Leonard, A. Lau, J. Flemming, C. Walton, C. Reteneller, S. Myers, G. Wells, D. Allen, J. Cancellara, C. Allen



Traditional Protestant Choir

Row 1: S. Cunningham, M. Murphy, J. Tipton, M. Landisman, S. Snider, J. Weed, R. Lease, M. Smith Row 2: A. Schultz, D. Hiers, N. Hillard, M. Kump Row 3: A. Cagle, M. Payton, B. Kallemyn, A. Schlag, B. Randolph, A. Tipton, T. Hutton, K. Heinrich, H. Adams, S. Billings, D. Ware, M. Farness, R. Carlson, G. Hoffman



Handball

Row 1: A. Arredondo, 1st Lt. T. Morel L'Horsset, A. Cuddeback Row 2: J. Simmons, C. Deibel, E. Pacheco, S. Ballard, B. Hintz, C. Prather, C. Buell, J. Lavarreda-Perez, B. Hugos, J. Kunkle, B. Scharton



C3C John Page watches the ball after contact. The ability for handball players to determine where the ball will hit next is necessary for the winning edge. Photo by B. Brandow

C3C Abraham Cuddeback follows through on a serve. Learning to serve was one of the toughest challenges for new team members. Photo by B. Brandow

Honor Guard (Cadre)

Row 1: T. Pierce, P. Ovalle, F. Lyons, D. Penuela, J. Mueller, A. price, J. Smith, R. Anderson, M. Valentin, A. Semrau, J. Micks, F. Zapata Row 2: K. Hasson, J. Lakens, R. Bush, M. Decz, M. Taraborelli, K. Jamieson, E. Williams, T. Rezac, D. Rogers, J. Burd, J. Hale, R. Daniel, T. Franks, M. French, J. Elza, J. Kencally, M. Booker, J. Nalepa, A. Holland, R. Giglio



Honor Guard (4th Class)

Row 1: L. Ceville, A. Berquist, N. Cole, E. Gardner, A. Estrada, R. Rosario, J. Boyd, D. Martinez, K. Ka'a'u, S. Hoffmeier



Dodo Staff



Cast members of BlueBards meet up onstage in costume. As shown in this photo, the costumes for Camelot were very elaborate. Photo by B. Brandow



CIC Wilson performs on stage. Several cadets performed with BlueBards for many years. Photo by B. Brandow



by Christopher Seaman

Camelot Cadets

The USAFA BlueBards is not just a club, it's a family.

The Academy's Theater Troupe, BlueBards, performed Camelot this Spring, and it was a very memorable performance.

Many people wonder what is the purpose of having a Theater Troupe at a predominantly engineering school. The answer to that question lies within each individual who contributes to the performance.

"There's not much room for artistic outlet here at the Academy. For those with artistic leanings, participation in a BlueBards show offers a way to do something creative," said Captain Bob Clasen, OIC of BlueBards.

The camaraderie involved in working with so many people is another big motivator to participate in a production. The cast, through long rehearsals and a very challenging show, developed a strong bond.

"Many fond memories go with me—cheesy pranks, the helicopter, and spirit gum!" said C1C Andy Quinn.

The members of BlueBards spent four months rehearsing for the show, beginning with auditions in February. The members continued to hold rigorous rehearsals all the way up to the performance in May.

A lot of new faces were in the show, however Camelot ended up making the most money on ticket sales of any BlueBards show! The show also drew the largest audience attendance of any BlueBards performance, yet another tribute to the hard work and dedication of its members.

"A lot of people helped make this show possible. Good luck to all next year," said C1C Dave Wilson.

With a fresh batch of newcomers looking forward to carrying on the BlueBards legacy, the article ends with a quote from Camelot.

"Don't let it be forgot that once there was a spot for one brief shinning moment that was known as Camelot!"

C1C Dave Wilson and C3C Lindsay Goodman act out a scene on stage. Cadets have to learn to work smoothly with the other actors. Photo by B. Brandow

C1C Wilson and C3C Goodman practice during a dress rehearsal. Dress rehearsals allowed the actors and technicians the opportunity to "tweak" the production. Photo by B. Brandow



by Ryan Webster

Flight of Sound

D&B continues to not only support USAFA, but also serve as representatives throughout the country.

Since 1973 the Cadet Drum and Bugle Corps, called the "Flight of Sound," has pleased audiences around the world by performing a wide selection of music ranging from pop and jazz to the classics and Broadway hits. The Corps' musical versatility is also reflected in its playing of "big band" numbers and traditional military marches. A color guard adds to the Corps' visual image as the cadets march in a parade or perform during the halftime of a football game. Coupled with the entire Corps are two smaller ensembles, the Brass Extreme, a quintet, and the Men of Brass, giving members of the Corps a chance to show off their talents.

"The Corps gives us the chance to get away from the Academy for a couple days every once in a while," says C1C Dave Wrazen, "It gives the freshmen a chance for a little fun during their first year."

The "Flight of Sound" represents the Academy at national sporting and civic events. This year, the Corps supported the Academy's Falcon football team during regular season games and

the WAC Championship game in Las Vegas, Nevada; however, due to military airlift shortages during OPERATION DESERT FOX, the Corps was not able to attend the Oahu Bowl game in Hawaii on Christmas Day. The Corps also performed for the Dallas Cowboys in Dallas, Texas and twice for the Denver Broncos in Denver, Colorado. In addition, the Corps performed at the Wintersköl Festival in Aspen, Colorado, the Festival of Bands, Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, and at Mardi Gras in Louisiana.

"Being in the Corps is just like being a part of a family, a very large family, we were all one big crazy group having the time of our lives," said C4C Sarah Stauffer.

To sum it all up, C1C Miah Stahr, the Fall Semester Corps Commander adds, "The people and places, as well as the performances and competitions have been absolutely awe inspiring and will remain a part of me for the rest of my life. I've learned more about myself and made more close friends as a result of the Corps than I ever thought possible."



FLAGS

Row 1: S. Stauffer, J. Vettese, P. Nguyen, A. Prasse, H. Herman, C. Ano



MELLOS

Row 1: L. Flynt, E. Culbertson Row 2: J. Hendricks, C. Stahr, T. Carson, S. Brown, N. Kilian, W. Carroll, A. Bennett, Z. Tews

nese members practice at Falcon
adium. Precision is an essential element
the performance. Photo by S. Gatto



BARITONES

Row 1: A. Clark, M. Trusillo, E. Groover, C. Roberts, M. Booth, B. Daggett, J. Hinson
Row 2: J. Homrig, E. Redl, A. Bruce, L. Philley, N. Alcocer, R. Spodar, C. Cunningham, D. Brisson, L. Adami



DRUM LINE

Kneeling: J. Ma Row 1: G. Urcina, Z. Sauerma, B. Norris, J. Mahan, A. McEwen, D. Neal, C. Jayme, J. Woodall, R. Lyon, K. Kernan, T. Kisio, A. Guard, J. Ray, J. Paslay, T. Mione



SOPRANOS

Row 1: J. Mintz, K. Wrey, R. Wartman, J. Campbell, P. Smith, J. Carr, J. Liang Row 2: B. Youngquist, J. Lederhouse, J. Ford, J. Fronk, R. Smith, D. Mather, B. Larson, J. Shuck, D. Wrazen, J. Laclede, C. Israel



CONTRA LINE

Row 1: P. Lysaght, C. DeLongchamp, A. Woody, J. Noble, J. Ostroski, E. Roehrkasse, D. Walton, K. McLeese, R. Sharpe



The Drum & Bugle Corps marches to noon meal formation. D&B provides cadets with the cadence that is essential to marching. Photo by B. Nickel



Forensics

Row 1: N. Green, M. Pettibone, A. Myers, C. Richards, J. Monaco Row 2: B. Pierce, R. Sullivan, J. Derakhshan, B. Joersz, D. Foster, M. Pennington

Sigma Gamma Tau

Row 1: T. Langstroth, B. Orgeron, T. Higgs, M. French, R. Chari, C. Cobb, J. Blocher, R. Deppensmith, L. Durham, O. Mitchell Row 2: M. Anderson, B. Peterson, D. Bruce, R. Shertzer, M. Thomas, D. Kern, P. Batish, N. Sweeney, E. Hanssen, B. Sirakov, A. Galang, R. Bush Row 3: T. Burton, R. Rensberger, M. Porcella, N. Hamilton, R. Millard, A. DeGregoria



Judo

Row 1: M. Knapp, M. Vandermeiden, M. Connolly, A. Snapp, J. Kerestes Row 2: Capt. G. Weller, R. Fiechtner, E. Celik, B. Connolly Row 3: Capt. B. Kautt, C. Naddy, J. Spillane

Nordic Ski

Row 1: K. Blair, S. Alholm, L. Wagner, S. Soltis, A. Nesbit Row 2: D. Yousey, S. Gleason, S. Palfery, K. eastler, D. Jokinen, S. Ahrens, C. Frohman



Arnold Air Society

Row 1: C. Ano, J. Guild, S. Caffrey Row 2: J. Caldwell, E. Andren, S. Wilson, J. Gingras
Row 3: S. Schnoebelen, B. Larson, S. Snow, S. Gwinn, M. Ziemann Row 4: P. Morris, J. Simmons



Aero

Row 1: D. Perry, E. Adcock, K. Cates, A. Pasada, L. Schneider Row 2: J. Verbanick, I. Normandia, M. Ziemann Row 3: S. Weyermuller, M. Epie, J. Simmons, D. Craft, C. Papa, N. Hillard



Men's Volleyball

Row 1: F. Biancardi, J. Page, P. Tiffany, D. Huinker Row 2: D. Peters, M. Martin, B. Glen Row 3: J. Wagermann, M. McCoach, P. Giggy, A. Beitz Row 4: Capt. S. Nelson, J. Ellis, B. Johnston, A. Sincock, E. Nelsen



Wargaming

Row 1: S. Goering, A. Setter, C. Collins, M. Prestridge, N. Hillard Row 2: T. O'Hara, B. Karsten, M. Whiting, C. DeWinne, B. Haly Row 3: J. Lacock, J. Learned, D. Wangen, D. Eastman, A. Beckett, M. Kump





Amateur Radio

Row 1: R. Aguilar, R. Deppensmith, N. Hagerman, A. Vail

Women's Lacrosse

Row 1: K. DiScala, K. Guerrero, K. Young, M. Fridley, M. Long, H. Smith, M. Guynn, R. Nelson, A. Luciano Row 2: N. Cho, E. Hamblin, K. Smith, J. Ortiz, S. Cooper, K. O'Brien, M. Leopold, J. Hatch, E. Brennan, A. Ochoa, J. Guynn Row 3: V. Danna, S. Nielsen, J. Lotridge, A. Maupin, D. Emmett, A. Waibel, M. Cunningham, S. Courtier, J. Malerba, J. Webb, L. Lorgensen



Polaris Staff

Row 1: J. Drummer, G. Apolonio, B. Brandow
Row 2: E. Bixby, C. Seaman, J. Tuite, E. Holzherr

Rattex

Row 1: N. Hillard, C. Grandell, N. Hagerman, A. Snapp, R. Brooks Row 2: D. Chilson, K. Parsons, C. Schluckebier



Karate Team

Row 1: M. Stevens, G. White, C. White Row
2: R. Miksell, J. San Souci, B. Wolf, N. Hogan
Row 3: M. Edmonds, D. Hutchins, S.
Twardowski, M. Riddel, S. Spain, G. Nowak,
R. Caldwell, S. Billings Row 4: P. Mahill, C.
Robinson, M. McCoach, A. Campbell, J. Seal,
G. Cooper, J. Powell, K. Shortte, R. McCray,
M. Chiaramonte, D. Caswell



Mountain Bike

Row 1: B. Vickers, S. Hoffert, B. Wood, J.
Augustine, S. Palfery, S. Ahrens



Equestrian

Row 1: M. Fugett, C. Summers, J. Dolan, B.
Cox, --, D. Laansma, J. Peterson Row 2: M.
Schilling, M. Andrews, K. Kuciapinski, C.
Gilbert, B. Hardie



Gospel Choir

Row 1: Tsgt. G. Boleware, N. Fagan, C.
Wilson, A. Eiland, L. May, C. Ayo, L. Banks
Row 2: J. Watford, B. Middleswart, J. Massle,
I. Donald, C. Fox, B. Williams, P. Gabriel, R.
Faulk, A. Haynes, D. White Row 3: G.
Cooper, J. Harding, J. McLaughlin, J. Thomas,
K. Shortte, D. Connor, J. Roberts, B. Deas, V.
Brazil, D. Holtzclaw



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190 Clubs

Mechanics



Explorer



Los Padrinos



Pacific Rim Club



Campus Crusade



Officers' Christian Fellowship



Navigator's



Way of Life



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Clubs: Group Photos

CADET LIFE

While some cadets feel there is no life within the Academy, many found resources to ensure their precious free time was well spent. Once it was time to put down the books and put away the shoe polish, cadets found many ways to relax.

The range of different activities available was as diverse as the cadets. With few weekend passes, four degrees would spend weekend nights going to see movies, having a relaxing meal downtown or going to their sponsor's house to watch some TV and eat a home cooked meal.

If a three degree wasn't sitting CQ, they were hunting through the squadron, looking for an upperclassmen who wasn't using their car for the weekend. With keys in hand, they would make the most of the few hours of hopefully reliable transportation.

With more freedom of passes and their own cars, two degrees and firsties could be found at a favorite club in Denver, a party in Boulder or just hanging out with good friends downtown.

Regardless of each cadet's eligibility for passes, someone could always be found using their "time" efficiently. If a cadet could not leave the Academy walls, they could be found enjoying their stereo, food out of the frig, or watching a movie on the VCR – privileges that come with each year at the Academy.



C1C Jeffrey Schlueter and C3C Abe Cuddeback work on sanding down a table. Many cadets volunteered their time to the local community. Photo by J. Eggers

C1C Carl Schluckebier, C1C Michael Battle, and C1C Kenneth Redman teach C4C Peter Vanage the finer points of how to pass the time. With a power outage, cadets would find any way to spend their free time including monopoly. Photo by Brandow



C3C Wayne Carriker, C2C Jennifer Gagne and C3C James Gingras enjoy their time in Las Vegas. Many cadets took advantage of the WAC Championship game to get away from the Academy and enjoy the casinos and night life in Las Vegas. Photo by B. Brandow

C1Cs Dave Brodeur and **Brian Mack** kick-back on a Wednesday night at Hap's Place. The sports bar was a nearby means of escape for those looking for a beer. Photo by B. Brandow

C1Cs Jim Schneider and **Joe Beauregard** play videogames between classes. Television privileges gave firsties a medium to play games on. Photo by B. Brandow



C1C Gayle Apolonio sits with her boyfriend, **C1C Kris Smith**, and **C1C Kris Wood** during the firstie wine-tasting dinner. The dinner was aimed at educating firsties on good wine. Photo by B. Brandow



firsties

kickin' back and relaxin'

By Michelle Baugus

"Change" is the word that best describes the "Shiners" of 1999. Over the past four years, firstie life has been marked by constant changes—changes that have affected life militarily and personally.

The aspirations of becoming a firstie no doubt came from the class of 1995. Names like Bobby Northern, Kim Reed and Tanji Johnson still bring to mind respect and fear because of their awesome presence and leadership ability.

But changes started three-degree year with a new commandant and a new set of rules. One significant change came with the elimination of "Top Off," a privilege most cadets looked forward to getting once they became firsties. Along with Top Off also went sleep-throughs.

"What I remember most about wanting to be a firstie was being able to sleep-in until class," said C1C Todd Benson.

Changes happened inside the dorms as well. Cadets can no longer have optional furniture, like couches, futons, and bean bags.

"One of our firsties had a big blue chair you could sleep in," remembered C1C Michael Law. "As a four-degree, I wanted that chair."

Although things have changed for the firsties, the memories are still the same, and the class of 1999 has quite a few.

Who could forget Jason Plemmons's cross-country drive to New England, or scrubbing gold paint off the Terrazzo (that paint

really never did quite come up all the way).

"I'll never forget dancing with Kim Reed at Rock Island in November of four-degree year," C1C Carl Schluckabeir remembered, "then talking to her on the staff tower the next week regarding the disappearance of everything that was not nailed down during a spirit mission."

Squadron 22 helped make recognition memorable, by hiding out for 24 hours and

getting a staff tower announcement made in their honor. Squadron 25 will never let us forget the Parent's Weekend parade three-degree year, when they wore baseball caps for the reviewing party, and earned themselves squadron marching tours. And finally, who could forget the

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C1C Carl Schluckabeir

ultimate rush of finally reaching 100's Night, complete with shot glasses and the first (and most likely last) shots of Goldschlager ever allowed into Mitchell Hall, complete with C1C Travis Keenan's cheer, unchanged since four-degree year.

So many things have changed over the years to the senior class; many graduates wouldn't recognize what being a firstie means any more. But change is a part of life, like so many things, and has marked the class of 1999 in one way or another.



C1C Seth Deam takes advantage of firstie phone privileges. The Class of 1999 was the first class at the Academy allowed phones in their rooms. Photo by B. Ehasz

C1C Matt Fiechtner holds a sign to gather visiting "Barnstorming" parents. Getting parents to the right place at the right time was an intense effort during Parents' Weekend. Photo by M. Brown



C4C Micheal Myers escorts his niece and nephew. Many cadets took their families on cadet area tours. Photo by M. Brown

These parents experience a reunion with their daughter. The weekend is a welcomed relief for most cadets. Photo by M. Brown



A fourthclass cadet enjoys pizza with his family. Parents' Weekend marks the first weekend when four degrees can sign out. Photo by M. Brown





By Jeremy Eggers

parents

Weekend exposes cadet life

It's more than just a three-day weekend. Parents' Weekend, an annual event during Labor Day weekend, was created to bring parents closer to their child and their child's "habitat."

The experience is overwhelming for some parents, especially those who have no prior military experience.

According to C2C Bryan Trinkle, "There is no way a parent could begin to understand the 'Academy experience' without making at least one trip out for Parents' Weekend."

The weekend's schedule is long and the activity is chaotic at best. Cadets take their parents on tours of the area, to classes, parades, and even a football game. The Academy played Wake Forest this year and parental support arguably helped lift the Falcons to their seething 42-0 victory. After the game, most cadets spent the rest of their weekend enjoying their free time.

"My parents and I went up to Aspen to get away from the crowds of people in the Springs. It was beautiful," said C2C Heather D'Annunzio.

Some took advantage of beauty a little closer to home.

"My family and I climbed Eagles Peak before it was off limits. They had never done anything like that before and it was surely something to remember being at the top looking down," said C2C Trinkle.

The weekend provides a break in the cycle of routine cadet life, which applies directly to four degrees who have the opportunity to sign-out for the first time during the weekend.

"The weekend is for both cadets and parents and especially four degrees," said C2C D'Annunzio. "For most of them, it's the first time they've seen their parents since inprocessing day."

The biggest complaints about the weekend are not having enough time

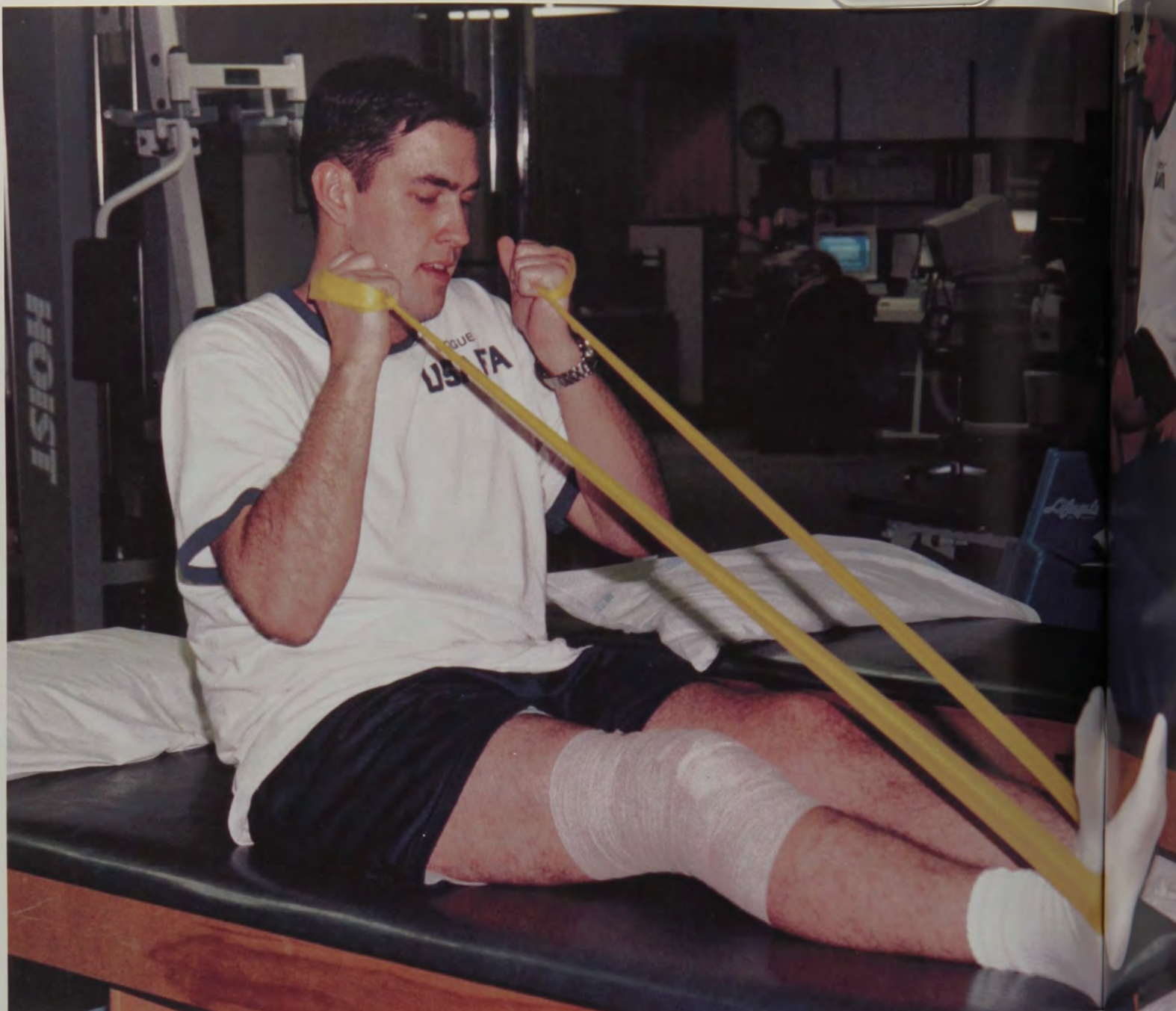
with parents and the crowds in Colorado Springs. Still, according to C2C Trinkle, there's an aspect about the weekend which forges a special link between parents, cadets, and the institution.

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Parents flood the "Bring Me Men" ramp after the Parents' Weekend parade. The weekend was packed with various activities for visiting parents including a parade, attending briefings, and a football game. Photo by B. Brandow





C1C Kenneth Logue is shown rehabilitating a knee injury using "the big yellow rubber band." The Academy has extensive facilities for rehabilitating injured cadets. Photo by B. Brandow

C4C Eric Dunkley of CS-13 is shown here rehabilitating a shoulder injury. Shoulder injuries are one of the more common injuries seen at the Academy. Photo by B. Brandow



By Jeremy Eggers &
Christopher Seaman

injuries

kickin' back and relaxin'

Going to Mitchell Hall for the evening meal in running suit wasn't an uncommon occurrence. However, wearing a running suit on the terrazzo means only one thing now. The uniform screams "injured cadet."

A myriad of injuries plagues the Cadet Wing each year, but ACL reconstructive surgery seems the most common.

C4C Philip Khoo tore his ACL in intramural soccer and had the three hour operation surgery in November.

"I didn't want to tell my folks I was having the surgery. I didn't want them to worry," said C4C Khoo.

The first steps to recovery were taken right after the surgery. It's difficult getting around as an injured cadet.

"It was tough going to and from classes when I was on crutches," said C4C Khoo. "Also, right after the operation, my main concern was my knee. I spent much of my time taking care of it, so it affected my studying a bit."

Another change in Cadet Khoo's life came with sick call formation inside Mitchell Hall. The formation is done in lieu of morning and noon meal formations on the terrazzo.

"We would have to line up along the west

side of Mitchell Hall, and the squadron operations officer on duty would check off our Form 18's," said C4C Khoo.

It's not easy being an injured cadet and it certainly isn't easy as a fourthclassmen.

"As a fourthclass cadet, I was given different treatment by the upperclassmen just because I was injured and couldn't do much physical stuff. My classmates were understanding though, which helped out a lot," said C4C Khoo.

There are definite advantages associated with being a "sicky." Cadets with a Form 18 are excused from most mandatory events, which include not only meal formations, but also parades and ORI's.

C3C Christopher Seaman, who was recovering from ACL reconstruction at

the beginning of the school year, said one of the bonuses was having crutches when traveling up to the sixth floor of Fairchild Hall.

"While other people would have to work their way up the numerous flights of stairs, I could just hop onto the elevators and zoom up," said C3C Seaman.

With the excellent rehabilitation program available at USAFA, cadets should be able to return to marching in no time!

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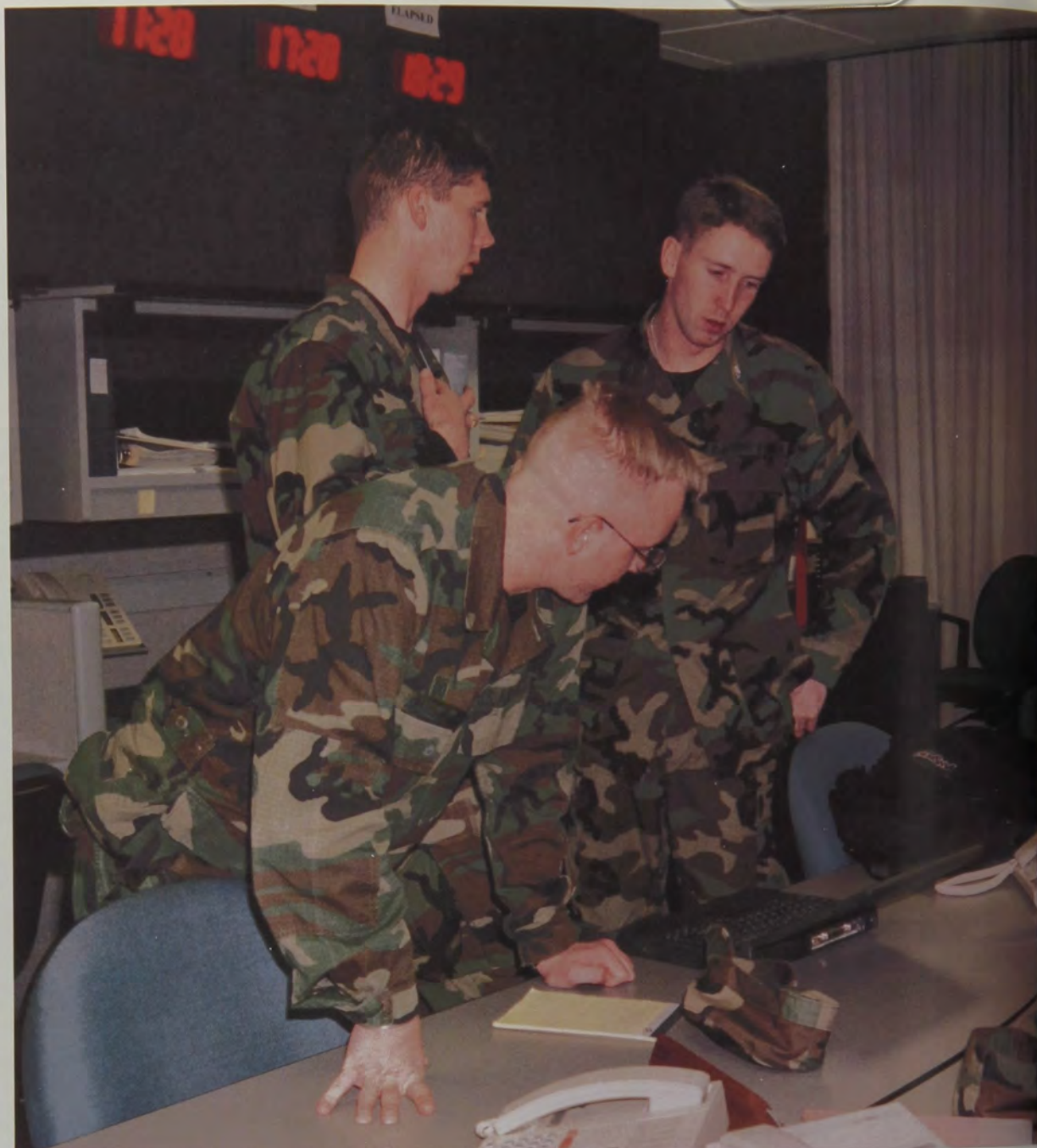


C1C Joshua Frakes, C1C Celeste Rodriguez, C2C David Grimm, and C2C Brandon Lingle wait in Mitchell Hall before the rest of the wing arrives. Photo by J. Simmons

Rather than arrive at their meal tables individually, injured fourthclass cadets study knowledge before their classmates arrive. Even an injury would not stop the fourthclass training system. Photo by J. Simmons

C2C Erik Axt (right) looks over the new cadet accountability system with C3C Brad Rueter and C2C Kris Malloy. C2C Axt works as the command center NCO in-charge. Photo by B. Brandow

C2C Rob Thweatt and roommate C2C Axt take a break from the day's activities. A 'day in the life' of any cadet has its share of trials and tribulations, but is coupled with times to relax as well. Photo by B. Brandow



C3C Liz Benn, C2C Axt, C2C Chris Gentile, and Col Porter, officer-in-charge of the Freethinkers SPIRE group, participate in an open discussion. The Freethinkers group is managed by C2C Axt. Photo by B. Brandow



By Jeremy Eggers

day in the life

Cadets maintain a quick pace

"We do more before 9 a.m. than most people do all day."

Take a day in the life of any cadet and this statement would quite possibly hold true. And remember, it's only 9 a.m. When the clock finally reaches 11 p.m., C2C Erik Axt, command center NCO-in charge and jack of all trades, has probably done more than most people do in a week.

"Our schedules are crazy as cadets," said C2C Axt. "Besides taking more classes than typical college students, we also have military jobs to work as well."

However, C2C Axt is quick to acknowledge that many college students may work jobs as a means to pay their way through school. Having met many students from various colleges across the nation, C2C Axt doesn't believe there is much of a cultural difference between cadets and other college students. The core of every college student—the ability to cram for tests, pull "all-nighters," and live on Ramen noodles—is fairly consistent whether an Academy cadet or a student at Colorado State.

"I don't see a wide difference between cadets and other college students, but there are many little differences," said C2C Axt.

The little differences are the things that set him and other cadets apart from civilian counterparts—mainly, the customs and courtesies comprising military life.

"Cadets, like all members of the Air Force and the armed services in general, are held to a higher standard. They are charged with defending the nation, which isn't a responsibility that disappears after the duty day is over. Furthermore, we are all ambassadors to the Academy. Our actions, good or bad, have a direct impact on the Academy; whereas,

a civilian student's actions typically have a singular impact," according to C2C Axt.

C2C Axt, like other cadets, is responsible for his cadet duties, but he also finds time for extracurricular activities; he conducts a monthly SPIRE group called

"Freethinkers," a forum for open discussion regarding various topics effecting society.

At the base of any day in C2C Axt's life are qualities found in the lives of many other cadets and college students alike. Things like hard work, discipline, responsibility, and open-mindedness. However, there's another aspect that all have in varying degrees and that all can control as if it were hooked up to a valve.

"Intensity," said C2C Axt. "All people have different things in their lives that they must live and deal with. But, it's the intensity with which they handle those things that sets us all apart."

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C2C Erik Axt



C2C Axt answers a phone call from command center. As the NCO-in-charge of command center, Axt is directly involved with the Cadet Wing's daily operations. Photo by B. Brandow

It's time to start another day. For C2C Axt, and perhaps every cadet, the only thing typical about a person's day is waking up and going to bed. Photo by B. Brandow

By Phillip Rose

Cars & Rings

Two degree life at its best

Two-degree year begins with a commitment dinner, where two degrees are given one of the two butter bars they will don after graduation. Within the Cadet Wing, secondclass cadets assume the greater responsibility of NCO jobs—they do not merely handle the four degrees.

The lucky ones are allowed to maintain a car on Academy grounds, and those without cars are given the opportunity to obtain low-interest loans by the end of the year. Cars give two degrees greater chances to unwind on the weekends. No longer are they constrained by the lack of cars; instead they are constantly hounded by underclassmen to lend out their vehicle

On the academic side, a cadet's third year typically is where core classes begin to give way to major's classes. As students, two degrees are

finally moving into subjects that interest them. Not only is the subject matter focused on their strengths, it also prepares them for a future career.

As the year comes to a close, a long anticipated event is the Ring Dance. The ceremony signifies accepting the responsibility of being a graduate. Ring Dance weekend is the capstone of the two-degree experience.

"We set up a lot of activities and have the freedom to choose events we want to do. It comes solely from the creativity of cadet leadership."

C2C Scott Lanker

Two-degree year marks the transition from being a follower to a leader in many respects. As a two degree, the footwork of a job is left to you. As a firstie you delegate and as a three degree you follow what you are told while determining how that gets done.

C2C Jason Hoffman and classmate finalize the deal. Soon their loan money will be in the bank. Photo B. Nickel





The class of 2000 forms a long line to get the big bucks. They received a \$19,000 loan at the end of their two degree year. Photo B. Nickel



A tribute to General James H. Doolittle from the class of 2000. General Doolittle is their class hero. Photo by Polaris Staff.

MSgt Robert Bayrums (CS-27) and C2C Brooke Effland show off their taste in clothes. They were participants in the fashion show at the two degree dining in. Photo by Polaris Staff.



Hardcore members of the class of 2000 prepare to grade marching. Day after day they break apart every intricate detail of marching. Photo B. Brandow



chez moi

The cadet chef is born

By Michelle Baugus

Mitchell Hall—bless them all for putting up with cadets and accomplishing the very difficult task at hand, feeding 4,000 cadets, three times per day. Given the tight guidelines for diet guidance, there isn't much variety available in the meals served.

Furthermore, these meals are packed with calories, which often come from fat. These facts often bring cadets to a breaking point, and then they take matters into their own hands. They learn to cook.

For the novice chef, there are many things out there that do not require cooking. Although a refrigerator helps, something as simple as a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or tuna salad kits can make chefs in the dorms out of even the most inexperienced.

For those wishing to move on to hot foods, a microwave oven and a finger are all you need to easily prepare any frozen food.

For those looking for a challenge, a hot pot can easily help create a macaroni and cheese masterpiece, spaghetti, or the ever-popular Ramen noodles.

Finally, for the most talented and gifted cadet-chefs, a griddle, rice cooker, or toaster

oven can provide you with the same food mom use to make, including grilled cheese sandwiches or pancakes.

Cooking in the dorms is often times done to save time and effort.

"I'm just too darn lazy to walk over there sometimes," said C3C Lee Sandusky.

Some people choose to cook in the dorms as a lesser of two evils.

"I hate the no running suit rule, I refuse to go to Mitchell Hall anymore" stated C1C Alexandria Smith.

Others just like to cook.

"What I make in my room just tastes better," said C1C Michelle Quitugua. "Why would I want to go

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C1C Michelle Quitugua

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Many things motivate cadets to become their own chefs. And if food ever runs out in the dorm, Mitch's is always there as a backup.

C1C Kurt Alickson carefully pours pancake batter on his hot plate. Space is limited, but it doesn't take much to turn a cadet room into a kitchen. Photo by B. Brandow



C2C Dave Lin whips up an egg and ham concoction. Lin has a reputation for cooking strange foods. Photo by P. Rose

C1C Kurt Alickson sits back and throws a pancake down his throat. The lack of a dining table and adequate eating accessories sometimes made eating in the dorms seem a bit barbaric. Photo by B. Brandow



C1C Stuart Solomon cooks up some rice in his hot pot. Hot pots have become somewhat of an essential item for many cadets--rice, Ramen, and spaghetti can be made in the hot pot. Photo by B. Brandow

Major Kevin Zeeck, air officer commanding for Cadet Squadron 21, takes a stroll with members of his squadron. Many AOC's participated with cadets during the PC session. Photo by B. Bradow



C1C Matt Allen and **C1C J.W. Catt** accomplish the "side-straddle-hop" during Wing-wide physical conditioning. Evident from Cadet Allen's accessories, many didn't take the one-hour session too seriously. Photo by B. Bradow



Third Group cadets prepare for the mini-AFT. Wing-wide PC was comprehensive, but only lasted an hour. Photo by B. Bradow

Cadets in squadron 31 are on the final stretch of a squadron run. After doing routine PFT-type exercises, squadrons completed a mini-AFT course as well. Photo by B. Bradow



By Jeremy Eggers

wing PC

Cadets exercise en masse

Change is the resounding anthem for many aspects of military life—and especially cadet life. When new commanders take over an organization, the first thing they do is evaluate its current health, and then they make changes. The concept of Wing-Wide Physical Conditioning was a change, something that was definitely out of the ordinary.

The PC session took the place of a SAMI one chilly, Saturday morning. The feelings about it were mixed.

"The purpose of Wing-Wide PC was to get the whole Wing together doing something besides a march. It was a good idea at the time," said C1C Katherine Dehne.

"The idea itself was pretty good, but participation was terrible," said C2C Greg LeCrone.

The PC session was conducted in true military fashion. Group staff members led their groups through various exercises ranging from stretches to jumping jacks to push-ups and a short run.

With some two to three thousand cadets separated into four groups on the Academy's athletic fields, chaos is perhaps the best word to use in describing the event.

Groups tried to exercise in unison, but some squadrons had a difficult time hearing the commands.

Many found ways to avoid the session. Some excuses were legitimate, such as intercollegiate practice and soaring, while others were illegitimate. Air Officers Commanding couldn't find excuses to avoid the event,

so many of them participated right alongside the troops.

"The officer participation was great because it helped some cadets see that the AOCs aren't just bumps on a log that do nothing but jack-up cadets," said C2C LeCrone.

"Our AOC was great! He did all of

the PC while some AOCs just stood around," said C1C Dehne.

The PC session ended. The hour-long workout was over, but remained the butt of many jokes. One thing remains clear—one PC session a year does nothing for cardiovascular fitness.

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Many AOCs and MTLs turned out for Wing-wide PC. Some participated, some didn't. Photo by B. Brandow



By Janene Drummer

service

class seeks life but is denied

Even though cadets are overwhelmed by the demands of their daily tasks, many still find time to donate their precious free time to volunteering.

Organizations in the local area solicit the support of cadets in areas ranging from canned food drives to building homes. Sometimes whole squadrons sponsor projects like the I-25 highway cleanup. Two of the most popular community service projects include Big Brothers Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity.

Also, many cadets enjoy working with young children. C1C Leigh Ottati worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters for that very reason.

"I started volunteering because I love children and I liked the idea of being a positive influence on a child that may not have many positive influences," said Ottati. "I am very glad I did it, because like I said, I got just as much out of the program as I put in."

Many athletic cadets coach little league teams in the Colorado Springs area.

"I like to think I make a difference to them, whether it's through teaching them skills that they'll use later on or just by being a young

adult role model," says C3C Marcus Cunningham.

Another reason for volunteering is to get involved with activities that are not available at the Academy. Since cadets are not allowed to have pets, volunteering at local shelters gives them the opportunity to work with animals.

Most cadets that volunteer do so because they have prior experience with community service from their middle and high school years. Many cadets felt the rewards outweigh the time invested and they enjoyed the feelings associated with accomplishing a task that benefits the community.

"Volunteering gives cadets the opportunity to get out in

the community and give something back. It's a great feeling walking into a run-down park and leaving with the knowledge that kids will be able to enjoy the new park you've helped put up," said C3C Christopher Seaman.

As long as there are cadets like Cadet Seaman, the community can look forward to many more enthusiastic volunteers.

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C3C Christopher Seaman

These two cadets saw wood for the housing project. Being able to participate in building a home was very rewarding for most. Photo by J. Tuite





C3C Micah Goring demonstrates how easy it is to paint. There are many different opportunities for volunteering for a cadet. Photo by T. Tyler

C4C Morgan Newman and **C4C Jaime Olivares** participate in the I-25 cleanup. Volunteering gives cadets a chance to get away from the cadet area and allows them to provide a needed service at the same time. Photo by T. Tyler



C1C Isobelle Lalimamro checks how the level the beams are during a construction project. Many cadets volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. Photo by J. Tuite

fledglings

By Jennifer DiCarlo

A year of trials and tribulations

When asking a three-degree how life is, the answer would probably be something along the lines of "At least I'm not a smack anymore." Three degrees seem to reach the pinnacle of cynicism sometime during the year. The small increase in privileges and responsibility combined with the huge increase in ego becomes the perfect recipe for discontent.

"I thought being a third class cadet would be so different than being a four degree. However, in many respects, I think it is worse," said C3C Stephen Manley.

For some, it starts getting worse during Combat Survival Training, which kicks-off most three degrees' year. Some cadets claim that CST's many restrictions made them feel like they were in Basic Training again.

"Those NCOs and even the other cadets seemed to enjoy training us more so than they enjoyed teaching us," said C3C John Page. "All together, I think there was some good information handed out during CST, but for the most part it was one big training session."

Despite CST, many agree that soaring and jump are highlights of the year.

Most all three degrees take either one program or the other during the summer. Whether they jump out of planes or solo the gliders, three degrees get to feel like they are

on top of the world for at least a day.

"Getting my jump wings was one of the greatest experiences I've had here. I was scared out of my mind, but was happy to have done it," said C3C Jeremy Ferguson.

Perhaps the most notable downside to three-degree life is the job of squadron CQ. Three-degrees will spend many hours sitting at the desk playing CQ computer games, doing distribution runs, answering phones, and tracking down people who have calls.

"The people who get phone calls at the CQ desk are always the ones who live furthest away from the desk," according to C3C Jennifer Peterson.

C3C Stephen Manley

There are some positive aspects to this seemingly grueling task. For instance, CQ is always a good reason to miss class, formation, parades, SAMI's, and even football games. Sometimes, three-degrees can use CQ as a means of avoiding everything they possibly can.

All together, the three-degree year brings with it many good times, many bad times, many last times, and many memories.

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C3C Hatton reviews knowledge with four degrees before formation. Three degrees serve as trainers for the fourthclass. Photo by E. Holzherr

These three degrees take a break during Combat Survival Training. The program is mandatory for all thirdclass cadets. Photo by B. Brandow

C4C Andy Rollins and C4C Kippert work on an Engineering Mechanics project in A-Hall before recognition. Arnold Hall is one of the few places where fourthclass cadets can meet together before Recognition. Photo by R. Marshall

C4C Brad Huebinger lines up his shot while squadron mates C4Cs Michael Granberry, Casey Cox, Ryan Olsen, and Joe Epperson place odds on his success. Several groups of squadron buddies could often be found at Arnold Hall shooting some stick. Photo by R. Marshall



These two cadets cut some rug at the Wednesday night swing dance lessons at A-Hall. Swinging became a favorite pastime of many cadets during the year. Photo by D. Schmidt





a-hall fun

kickin' back and relaxin'

By Michelle Baugus

Arnold Hall could be considered the most neglected building at the Academy. Most cadets only go to Arnold Hall for mandatory lectures. Unfortunately, these cadets are missing out on the great entertainment opportunities Arnold Hall has to offer.

This year Arnold Hall hosted the Broadway musicals "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "Smokey Joe's Café." Famous bands, like "The Pat Magee Band" and "DC Talk," used Arnold Hall as a stop in their tours. Special events this year included Oktoberfest and Casino Night. A luau ended the year with a bang.

Arnold Hall sponsors traditional events like wine education classes, ballroom dancing and cooking classes.

"You can't beat the price at A Hall - it's free," said C2C Jason Simmons, assistant cadet-in-charge of the Academy's Entertainment Board.

Cadets usually do not have to pay for Arnold Hall activities. Most classes are only \$2-\$5. Additionally, Arnold Hall events are subsidized by cadet pay.

Arnold Hall is also used for Academy dances like the Winter Ball, the Valentine's

Ball, Ring Dance and the Graduation Ball. It's a great opportunity to show off ballroom dancing lessons. This year, swing lessons were also offered.

Arnold Hall includes the Richter Lounge and Hap's Place, which is still affectionately

called the sports bar. Richter Lounge offers fourthclass cadets a chance to relax, enjoy a pizza and maybe find some "Falcon Love" at the lounge. Movies are regularly

shown in either the Arnold Hall auditorium or Richter Lounge every Friday and Saturday.

Hap's Place is still the "happening" place where upperclassmen can relax, enjoy a frothy beverage, and play some pool. Every Wednesday, firsties can take their pewter class mugs to Hap's Place and get a discount on beer. Mug Night is a tradition in the making.

Arnold Hall is not a place to scorn, even though it is on the Academy grounds. It's a great place to have a good time without hurting your wallet.

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C2C Jason Simmons



C2C John Raver and C2C Ed Germosen of CS-17 participate in a wine and cheese tasting. Photo by B. Nickel

C4C Mather attempts to defeat his opponents in foosball. Constant competition was necessary to keep competitive for tournament play. Photo by R. Marshall

attitude

Cadets exercise spirit

By Jeremy Eggers

First there was "Heeeeeeeeeey Gang!" Next came the bonfire and the spirit dinner. And then, a new uniform item—the now infamous spirit jersey. All of this, of course, has been aimed at boosting Cadet Wing spirit.

According to C3C Zach Hickman, "The idea of esprit d'corps has been an important part of every nation's military history, but it is not something that has been mandated by leaders. Inspired by them, yes. Promoted by them, certainly. Ordered by them — impossible."

By ordering wear of the spirit jersey at certain sporting events and mandating game attendance, the idea of a ordering spirit seems very likely.

Regardless, most agree spirit is important, especially four degrees who rely on spirit fostered from teamwork as a support mechanism.

Despite its importance, the push for more spirit is making cadets grumble. The solution doesn't involve blocking out spirit—most would say it is a good thing to have.

"People are speaking out against the leadership shoving spirit down our throats. All

together, people need to find spirit, not have it forced on them," said C2C Matt Astroth.

"Pride is something very few have problems with, but being told how to feel is something that intelligent and independently strong people don't take very well," adds C3C Hickman.

Despite efforts to silence mandatory spirit, the issue is one cadets have had to "suck

up" and exercise. Perhaps it has made a difference. A local reporter frequently commented on the presence of the "12th man" during Falcon football games. Furthermore, the Falcons had one of the best seasons ever ending with a win at the Oahu Bowl. Whether or not the two are connected

is inconclusive, but help from spirit can't hurt.

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Members of the Academy's baseball team cheer during a football game. The baseball team is known for their boisterous cheers and unorthodox dress during football games. Photo by B. Brandow





Firsties in the hideous "99 Car" drive by honor guard during noon-meal formation. This drive-by and others were done in the name of spirit before many key football games. Photo by B. Brandow

Cadets warm themselves by a spirit bonfire. The gathering was aimed at enhancing Wing unity and spirit. Photo by B. Brandow



Captain Pete Belmain, CS-33's air officer commanding, lifts his daughter Kelsey after a Falcon touchdown. Spirit helped propel the Falcons to a bowl victory. Photo by B. Brandow

C2C Reggie Jennings uses just about every weight in the gym in this lift. Cadets pushed themselves beyond physical barriers in order to increase their strength. Photo by B. Brandow

C1C Kasia Singer concentrates as she completes another set of bicep curls. Strength training is an important aspect of all around physical fitness. Photo by B. Brandow



C1C Kris Smith spots C1C Miguel Lutman during his dumbbell routine. Cadets often worked out together for safety and motivation. Photo by B. Brandow





By David Little

gym time

One way to relieve stress

In environment where physical fitness is not a recreational activity but a requirement, the cadet gym offers the equipment and atmosphere to gain and/or improve physical strength. Touted as one of the best facilities in the country, the cadet gym provides a variety of athletic opportunities, from basketball and volleyball courts to handball and racquetball courts as well as a cardiovascular room. But overall, one of the most heavily used rooms in the gym is the weight room.

Since there is one weight room for intercollegiates and another for the rest of the Wing, finding an open machine or a place to use the free weights can be an exercise in futility. But while it is crowded, many cadets still trek down to the weight room in the gym to get into better shape.

"Lifting weights on a consistent basis teaches you discipline and helps you to establish good habits for life," said C1C Luke Savoie.

"As cadets we need to take care of our body as well as our minds."

For some cadets lifting weights is not why they utilize the gym facilities. A pick up game can be found on most basketball courts, while others prefer to head down to the depths of

the gym to the racquetball courts to smash that little blue ball and possibly their opponent.

In addition to these sports, there is also an aerobics room and a karate room for cadets. When the weather is nice, cadets can opt for the outdoors by taking advantage of the basketball courts and tennis courts, many of which have just been added and renovated.

The cadet gym is also used for various intramural sports required for every cadet to participate in. During the fall intramural season, the boxing ring is the site of many bloody battles between squadrons, and in the spring season squadron's face off in the volleyball and racquetball courts for intense

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matches.

Whatever your preference may be, the cadet gym most likely has the facilities to fill your needs...as long as you can find the time to head down there.



C1C Preston Rufe lifts close to a 100lbs on the incline bench press with C1C Shawn Hatch spotting him. Cadets spent a considerable amount of time on improving their overall physical strength. Photo by B. Brandow

doolies

By Jeremy Eggers

Running strips to recognition

Perhaps no other year best defines the Academy experience then the fourthclass year. Four degrees are indoctrinated into military, and specifically, Academy life throughout the year.

"I think one of the underlying purposes of the fourthclass year is to learn the importance of teamwork. Teamwork goes beyond just working together. It is about understanding and realizing that there are many different types of people," said C4C Renee Zimmerman.

The rigidness of the "training" can make the times tough over the course of the year. Four degrees are at attention virtually everywhere, in uniform constantly, and have few privileges. Still, some 1,000 cadets go through the program each year.

"A person's will, drive, and faith keep personal motivation high," said C4C Emily Marr.

The coveted "prize" for the fourthclassmen is a set of prop and wings that comes with being "recognized."

Recognition was changed for the Class of 2002. Instead of following a normal schedule of calls, a 24-hour recognition plan was put into effect. Despite these changes, many upperclassmen still maintain that the fourthclass

year was more difficult "back in their day."

"The four degrees had an easier year than we had last year. They had a hard time in their own right, but in comparison, their freshman year was weak," said C3C Stephen Manley.

Regardless, the year's trials ingrain distinct values and habits—things such as instinctly jumping to attention and saluting on the first note of retreat. The year also conjures many memories as well.

"I will never forget when it all ended and people were congratulating me for the hard work I had put into the year. It was all very memorable for me," said C4C Marr.

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A cadet's fourthclass year was designed not only to build a strong military foundation, but to keep a tradition alive. The rigid fourthclass year has been in existence since the first class entered the Academy and will remain for times to come.

Four degrees from Cadet Squadron 38 pose after successfully "borrowing" the coveted honor guard "white pot." Just as it is an honor for an honor guard four degree to earn the pot, it is an honor for other four degrees to steal the pot. Photo by J. Aragon



C4C Joe Carr polishes his low-quarters. Four degrees are held to the highest standards of uniform wear. Photo by B. Brandow





C4C Jason Hansberger and C4C Edward Steinfort paint their squadron AOC's parking space. This was just one job four degrees were expected to perform. Photo by B. Brandow



Fourthclassmen attend a Friday night hockey game. Hockey games and other weekend sporting events provided four degrees with an opportunity to cheer on their school and socialize with their classmates. Photo by B. Brandow

By Joy Param

morale...

Squadrons entertain themselves

Would you tie oranges wrapped in pantyhose around your waste and thrust wildly in hopes of knocking a soccer ball between your partner's legs? How about contorting your body into unnatural positions just to claim the title of having most people stuffed into one bathroom stall?

Well, the High-Flying P-40 Warhawks of CS 40 are willing to do just about anything to add zing to their weekly routine. From tailgating to carrier landings, they've done it all! Every Thursday night is a new adventure in the squadron.

It has quickly become a high point of everyone's week, drawing large crowds from all four classes. Opportunities, like throwing pies in the squadron commander's face and in the faces of other key personnel, keep the whole squadron involved. In fact, that is one aspect of MWR that distinguishes 40 from the rest of the squadrons.

"We set up a lot of activities and have the freedom to choose events we want to do. It comes solely from the creativity of cadet leadership," said C2C Scott Lanker, CS 40's fall MWR NCO.

C2C John Camino added, "And we're not afraid to get crazy - and get nine stitches."

C2C Camino is referring to carrier landings when C2C Lanker was wounded in action while slicing his chin as he slithered his way down the soapy corridors of the tailor shop, which, by the way, called for a couple of hours in the emergency room and nine stitches.

So why is it that cadets take time out of their frantic cramming routine to participate in MWR every Thursday night?

"Cause otherwise, we'd go crazy and kill each other," said C2C Camino.

Squadron MWR activities offer other benefits for the squadron besides allowing people to let loose.

"People come out of it with a good attitude. If people have a good attitude, then they perform better and the squadron relations improve," said C2C Lanker.

This is something that can be seen in the smooth way Squadron 40 operates. Cadets really enjoy the weekly events and MWR always has a high turnout from cadets in the squadron.

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C2C Scott Lanker

C3C Taris McDeritt downs a soda during a soda-chugging contest. Cleanliness wasn't always a requisite for squadron MWR events. Photo by J. Aragon



C1C Bryan Habas strives for height in a butt-boarding competition. Butt-boarding is just one of many events in flight olympics, a squadron MWR event. Photo by J. Tuite



C3C Melanie Bates leads a toga parade during one of Mighty Mach One's squadron MWR events. The sky is the limit concerning what qualifies as an MWR event. Photo by B. Brandow

C2C Micaela Bentson, first sergeant for CS-28, is tossed during a midget-tossing MWR event. Most flights compete within the squadron in such events. Photo by J. Simmons



Squadron 40 conducts a barbecue in the quad. Food is a highlight at many MWR events. Photo by J. Param

100's

Night marks race to the end

By Michelle Baugus

Although it comes only once every year, each 100's Night is as unique as the class it represents. The class of 1999 definitely had a 100's Night to remember.

The evening started with the traditional, formal dining-in. Next, Retired Brig. Gen. Robinson Risner talked with the class, and then the class painting was officially unveiled.

"I'm glad the night finally had come. That light at the end of the tunnel got just a little bit brighter," said C1C Brian Brandow.

The highlight of the evening was without a doubt toasting with Goldschlager, a cinnamon liqueur with particles of gold in it. Thanks in part to the work of the class president, C1C James Busch, each firstie received their own shot glass with the class crest.

As the dinner came to a close, each shiner received a full glass. When the toast was made the commandant of cadets was more than happy to join in.

"A lot of attention has been paid to having the alcohol during 100's Night. It was nice, but I think people are getting too fired up about the whole thing," said C1C Brandow.

The story does not end here; after all, what would 100's Night be without parties afterwards? Some chose to attend the Everclear

concert in nearby Denver. Others decided to hit the slopes with friends, heading west toward the mountains and ski resorts. And still others loaded a bus destined for Cripple Creek, where the party carried over to the slot machines and card tables.

While the firsties were out on the town, the four degrees went to work conducting the traditional room trashing. This year some restrictions were enforced on what could be done to rooms. Most of the changes were reflective of safety concerns and concerns for property while the "decorating" was occurring.

Some firsties were quite shocked to see the final outcome of the sometimes devious four degree decorating. But, it's all taken in good fun—it is a tradition.

The weekend came to a close, and with a sense of great accomplishment and achievement, the firsties now turned their eyes toward bigger goals: graduation and commissioning. With only 99 more days to go, the future was now looking just a little brighter.

"I'm glad the night finally had come. That light at the end of the tunnel got just a little bit brighter."

C1C Brian Brandow



C1C James Busch, class president, talks with friends at a local bar. Busch was instrumental in planning the class event. Photo by B. Brandow

This firstie room has been transformed into a beach scene. The sand came from the sand volleyball court in the quad. Photo by B. Brandow

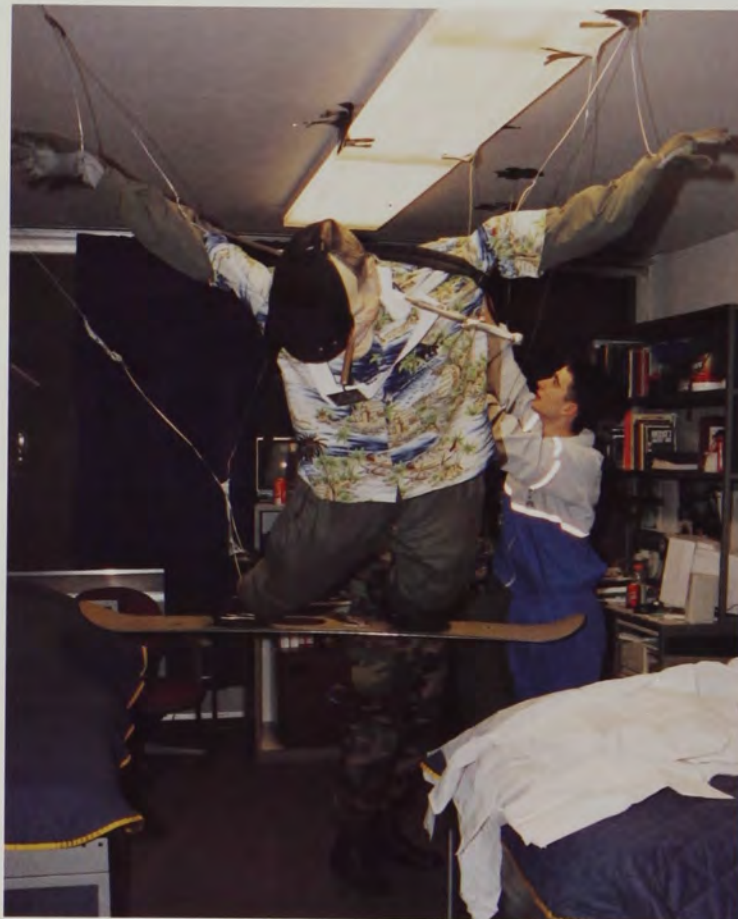




A fourthclass cadet wallpapers a firstie room with playing cards. Work so elaborate took much time to set up, and perhaps even more time to take down. Photo by B. Brandow



A shot of Goldschlager waits to be slammed. The class of 1999 all toasted during the traditional 100's Night dining-In. Photo by B. Brandow



A fourthclass cadet works to suspend a dummy snowboarder from the ceiling. The four degrees tried to "decorate" the rooms to match the firsties' personalities. Photo by B. Brandow



Sometimes rooms were simply just trashed as seen in this chaotic scene. Cleanup could last for weeks. Photo by B. Brandow

The mini-magazine, affectionately known as the mini-mag, is a unique section in the yearbook. It offers a different perspective of the Cadet Wing. It is also an opportunity for the yearbook staff to design a few pages in a magazine format instead of the traditional yearbook.

Squadrons Gone

Cadets lose four squadrons - 37-40 - as the Wing is reduced to 36 squadrons

Fulbright Scholarship

Major Krise becomes the third recipient in 45 years.

Mini-Mag

Editor - Brian Brandow

Backpacks vs. Smackpacks

The Smackpack has been replaced by a "real" backpack for the class of 2002.

Word Deletion

The Cadet Wing loses a few words in the english language to the military way.

President Impeached?

See how government and politics changed forever when the President of the United States was Impeached and Acquitted.

That was Then...

Stopout cadets share the changes they've seen the Academy undergo while they were gone.

Glider Wings

Soaring IPs continue the WWII tradition of Glider Wings.

Edodo

Cadets' cynicism has found a new forum to vent: the Edodo. The Edodo caused much controversy within the Wing.

We hope that each of you enjoy reading and reviewing these pages as much as everyone involved enjoyed research, writing and working on this section.

So, take a look at what has *changed* at the United States Air Force Academy and how it may have affected you.

The Cadet Wing says a sad
farewell to four squadrons.

A Controversial Draw Down

Change is something all cadets must adapt to in order to survive at the Academy. Over the course of the Air Force Academy's existence much has changed such as; the Academy has relocated from Denver to the Springs, enrollment

has gone from an all male institution to co-ed, and the SERE program has been discontinued.



This year cadets will have to endure yet another big change. Nineteen ninety-nine marks not only the end of a millennium, but also the end of a thirty-year tradition here at the Academy.

The Cadet Wing expanded in 1969 and quickly rose to forty squadrons. At the end of the 1999 academic year, four of these squadrons will be closing their doors. With the squadron draw down coming into effect at the end of the semester, the size of the Wing will be reduced to 36 squadrons as the Skyraiders, All Stars, Radicals, and Warhawks say good-bye.

The draw down has resulted in mixed feelings from the members of closing squadrons. Some could not care less. Others, like C4C Kevin O'Keefe, are not in favor of this resolution.

"Even though this draw down is supposed to help everyone involved and make the Wing a better place, I still think we're getting the shaft. Not just our class, but the two degrees in our squadron, too. Now, we have to move twice before we graduate. And next year as three degrees, we're going to be the unknown people. We'll forever be the outcast," said O'Keefe.

Known originally as the Smilers, the cadets of squadron 37 decided to change their nickname to the Hardbody Skyraiders during the academic year '78/'79. Today, the Skyraiders of 37 continue a tradition of the stealth squad-

ron. Attention these days usually draws a visit from G-Lo himself, especially during SAMIs.

"Hardbody Skyraiders—there's something special about a squadron on the outskirts of the Wing—they kind of live in their own world and participate with the Wing as required," remarked C2C Richard Robins.

Since 1969, the All Stars of CS-38 also changed their name. Originally called the Bandits (whose unofficial nickname was once the 38th Cocktail Lounge), they were renamed by the DODO in 1972. The Bandits were given an award from the DODO staff because their performance was the worst of any squadron - they came in last militarily, academically and athletically. Hence, they became the DODO's "All Star" team. The patch changed from a capped bandit to a shield with five stars. These stars were a part of the design to represent honor, athletic, academic, conduct, and aptitude probation. Despite getting a bad rap as the Wing's black sheep, these days you will find them as top performers. The All Stars of CS-38 still know how to have a good time. As a matter of fact, one of the newest firstie traditions, as C1C Vince Proffit put it, is "coming back after a long night, especially during a silver weekend and raising all kinds of hell in the hallways."

Squadron 39, like many of the other squadrons, has also changed their name throughout the years. They have switched back and forth between their original name, Cool Campus Radicals and the Jedi Knights. Like many squadrons located in the dungeons of Sijan Hall, not much was known about the Campus Rads. They seemed to live a secluded life, doing their own thing whether it be





Nintendo Olympics or squadron barbecues after SAMIs.

"The worst thing about closing down is the friends I made that were juniors... mainly the girls. I thought I was the luckiest person because here I was going to be here for four years, and I got some of the coolest

chicks in my squadron," remarked C3C Aubrie Rooney.

Although the plans for the squadron draw down have been in the works for some time now, some cadets are skeptical of the timing. Aside from creating the Masters Program for the AOC's, one of the reasons given for the draw down was that the Armed Services have been reducing in numbers and the change in the Cadet Wing reflects this change in the operational Air Force.

C1C Jonathan Dowty, a member of CS-39 and a true orphan of the Cadet Wing (as both 39 and his old squadron, 40, are closing) remarked, "The decision to close squadrons was almost entirely political. The main reason we were given was that they needed eight slots to send AOCs to get their masters. But, if they had sent eight MTLs, they could have gotten the same slots without closing squadrons. Besides, in 1995, when the Wing was sized down to 4000 cadets, they managed to find room to hire 40 MTLs. How is it now they can't find room for eight AOCs?"

Whatever the reasons, the decision still stands. For Jon, a member of the class of 99, it really doesn't matter. "It just means that when I come back to visit and want to eat with my squadron... oh, wait... nevermind."

And last, but not least, the Warhawks of CS-40 will also shut its doors this June. Possessing no name at first, members of the squadron elected to call their new unit "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" after the fabled raiders of America. The original patch was designed by Major Richard Borenstien, class of 1972, to represent the Wing's newest squadron. In 1986, its name changed to the P-40 Warhawks in commemoration of the aircraft and the people

who flew it. Although it may not matter as much to the class of 1999 or 2001 since they are leaving already, the closing of the squadron was a big issue for the two and four degrees.

"I'm definitely going to miss the people. They are so cool," said C2C Scott Lanker of CS-40.

These four squadrons will be preparing for their formal closing down ceremonies. Many people, especially upcoming firsties are concerned about the leadership positions lost.

"We lived quietly in the corner of nowhere and didn't bother anybody, and nobody bothered us. We looked out for our own," said Marcus Cunningham of CS-38.

For others, not being able to fulfill a legacy or pass one on was now something forever lost.

"My dad graduated from this squadron in '76 and I was so lucky to get it for my freshman and sophomore year... I was going to stay here for four years, and now, there's no legacy for me here," remarked C3C Rooney of CS-39.

C3C Ben Iachini of the All Stars also remarked, "I feel bad that if one or both my brothers decide to come here, they won't be able to be an All Star."

More will be lost than just a legacy or a good location. The camaraderie established over the course of a year is something which will be missed.

"This squadron became my second home and the people in it my second family. The guys and girls in CS-38 have made my life better simply by just knowing them," said Iachini.

The squadron draw down is going to be a big change - not to mention a big inconvenience. It means having to shuffle twice for the two and four degrees. It means staring over in a new squadron and getting used to yet another group of people. Nonetheless, it will happen and there is nothing we can do to stop the change. Like other squadrons in the operational Air Force which have closed, squadrons 37-40 will have an

official closing down ceremony. By the end of the academic year of 1999, the Skyraiders, All Stars, Radicals, and Warhawks will be only a memory.



THE FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Anxiety wasn't bothering him, but anticipation was definitely tapping on his shoulder. He had been waiting and wondering for seven months, and now, he wanted an answer. He made the phone call. The lady on the other end laughed at his question and simply said, "I just sent you a message about that. Read your e-mail." A bolt of adrenaline shot through him as he quickly opened the message. "Congratulations Professor Krise on your selection as a Fulbright Scholar!"

Maj. Tom Krise, an assistant professor of English, is the third recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship in the 45-year history of the Department of English and Fine Arts. Congress established the Fulbright Program in 1946 to enhance relations between the United States and other countries through scholarship. It is an interdisciplinary, international exchange program with over 125 participating countries. Only 700 scholar awards are offered each year to professors across the nation.

"The Fulbright is a very competitive scholarship program," said Col. Jack Shuttleworth, head of the Department of English and Fine Arts. "Maj. Krise is a terrific member of the department and faculty. This scholarship puts him among a very select group of faculty members nationwide."

Krise's award is taking him to Mona, Jamaica, where he will teach American Literature at the University of the West Indies for one semester. He picked Jamaica because his specialty involves literature of the West Indies. Krise's passion for the area developed while growing up in the Virgin Islands.

"My parents and I moved to the Virgin Islands when I was 13 years old. The area is rich in culture, but it is often overlooked by academe," said Krise.

Maj Krise is one of only a handful of Caribbean specialists and has focused most his professional work on that area. Krise is editor of *Caribbeana: An Anthology of*

by jeremy eggers

MAJOR KRISE

English Literature of the West Indies, 1657-1777, which is in the final stage of publication by the University of Chicago Press. The anthology is Krise's first book.

Besides teaching at the University of the West Indies, Krise will conduct research for his next major project—a collection of essays focused on early Caribbean culture. The Fulbright will put him in the ideal place for this research. "Jamaica has two very good libraries including the National Library of Jamaica, which has over 30,000 volumes predating the 19th century," said Krise.

One requirement of Fulbright scholars is that they have the ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences with different cultures. According to Shuttleworth, Krise is in a unique position as a military professor.

"He'll share his ideas not only from the perspective of a teacher, but of a military professional serving his country," said Shuttleworth.

"The Fulbright is sponsored by the host nation's embassy. I look forward to working with the embassy as well as interacting with members of the Jamaica Defense Force," said Krise.

Faculty members will feel the impact of Krise's absence next semester when they will have to fill his shoes as the course director for English 211, a core English class for all cadets. Cadets will feel his absence as well.

"He's incredibly intelligent—he can talk about any subject. Where most teachers may give a quick and easy answer, Maj. Krise will give an in-depth answer that's applicable and understandable," said C3C Stephen Manley, a cadet in one of Krise's 211 classes.

"Maj. Krise is the ideal officer you want in your organization. He accomplishes so much and still finds time to mentor cadets. I'm excited for him and his future," said Shuttleworth.

CIF 98-40 - it is really improving
this military institution?

Slang Words Terminated

"We're at a military academy, not the University of the United States Air Force. My challenge has been, 'how do you upgrade the military aspect of the Academy and do it without the cadets leaving in droves?'," said Col Jordan.

Although CIFs are mandatory reading for all cadets, the attitude across the Wing of e-mails entitled "CIF 98-XX" is "delete this now". Yet, among the 55 CIFs that cadets were responsible to read second semester, CIF 98-40 (Non-use of 'slang' terms), received the most attention, and even a degree of notoriety.

This regulation mandated that the use of certain terms considered "slang" be replaced by terms used in the operational Air

Force or eliminated entirely. Words among the list included the terms "campus", "squad", "squad comm", and terms describing class year, "freshman, sophomore, junior, senior". The order also discouraged the use of functional addresses such as "DF" and "AH" and directed that cadets use the terms "Dean" and "Athletic Director" instead.

The intent of CIF 98-40, according to Colonel Daniel Jordan, 34th Training Group Commander, was an effort to increase the Academy's military "culture" and to emphasize the importance of addressing cadets by a functional rank.

"If you're going to hold people to a standard, you need to tell them what it is. It's the nature of large organizations that the standard of vocal orders get watered down if it's not in writing," said Col Jordan.

Although the training group never kept the Cadet Wing in the dark as far as providing the newest updates in the regulations, their greatest obstacle was that many cadets chose to ignore the message and delete the attachments.

"I actually read all of them. Some are a little ridiculous, and some are just a rehash of the regs that we should have read anyway. I just read them as soon as possible and then deleted them," said senior Jasmine Watford.

However, CIF 98-40 did not fall quietly into the "trash"

folder. In fact, many cadets took offense to the order and even considered the regulation a form of censorship.

"I heard about it before I opened it. It was more like they were treating us like little kids, like your parents slapping your hand when you say a bad word," said sophomore Kevin McGlone.

One particular aspect of the CIF that increased the Cadet Wing's resentment was the final statement written in bold capital letters at the bottom of the attachment reading, "The above changes will be implemented immediately and cadets will be held accountable." Murmurs among the Cadet Wing continued to rise, and a few complaints even linked the order to such extreme forms of censorship as measures taken by the government in George Orwell's work, 1984.

However, many did not know that including this statement in the CIF was a mistake. The declaration was used in the two previous CIFs and was accidentally used to conclude CIF 98-40 giving the impression that cadets would receive repercussions for using slang. Nevertheless, the typical criticism of the CIF was not that it was tyrannical, but inconvenient.

"Saying 'sophomore' is just easier to use than 'thirdclass cadet'. Plus, you get used to saying the terms when talking to civilians," said junior Bill Hardie.

Despite the Cadet Wing's reaction and even a few gripes from the training group, CIF 98-40 remained untouched. According to Col Jordan, the training group's concern was not controlling cadet language, but stressing the distinction of communicating within a military environment.

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Regardless of whether cadets agree or disagree with CIF 98-40, perhaps the greatest lesson that all can agree on is that language is truly more powerful than it seems.

SMACKPACKS - THE LATEST CASUALTY OF WAR



C4C Joseph Carr heads to class with the new backpack. The smackpack will now be a distant memory. Photo by B. Brandow

by Michelle Baugus

In the latest attempt to make USAFA a "normal" college, this year's freshmen class were issued for the first time backpacks. Those bright blue vinyl smackpacks are a part of the past. Those bags that seemed to personify everything about freshmen year have been replaced with dark blue backpacks that come personalized for each cadet.

What is this place coming to? Do the higher powers not realize what the average freshman will be losing out on by not having a smackpack anymore? After all, those smackpacks were actually good for quite a few late night things. The flat, plastic bottom was easily removable, and made a great, cheap sled for sliding down snow-covered hills on one of those rare early-release days. Like Mary Poppin's black bag, the smackpack was bottomless. You could load it up with all your books for the next four years and store it in the halls of Fairchild.

After freshman year, a smackpack continued to make a great fathomless duffel bag for the storage of ski clothes, books, or any other junk you managed to acquire over the year. But even smackpacks had their drawbacks. Equipped with two fat straps, a smackpack could only be carried on one arm or the other. Thus, your posture was guaranteed to improve for the worse by helping lengthen one arm and giving you a nice crooked back.

Smackpacks did not, I say again - did not come already personalized, that was left up to the imagination of the freshman. That was the point in time when you

discovered why that white paint marker was issued. Then someone would get the great idea to use their glow in the dark, radioactive armband to distinguish their smackpack from everyone else. That would work well until everyone else would start doing it too. Then came the endless class wide messages, the ones that asked "have you seen my smackpack, it's blue and has white writing on it with a yellow armband?"

But let's face it, smackpacks were just cool. Only freshmen had them, and they made a for a great accessory to compliment the freshmen ensemble of butchered hair, birth control glasses, and shirt garters. A smackpack always put you in your place, because having one made you look out of place, and isn't that what being a freshmen was all about? You looked forward in great anticipation to the end of recognition, when you could graduate from the smackpack to the coveted backpack, a sign you had truly survived freshmen year.

But not anymore. One more piece of freshmen uniqueness has bit the dust. With the loss of smackpacks has come even less distinction between the classes, and one more step closer to the weakening of freshmen year. And what next? Will Contrails just become another textbook that won't be memorized? Will what little calling of minutes that still exists just cease all together? Or maybe the ultimate blow to smackness will take place-the termination of running on the marble strips. Maybe, maybe not, but one thing is for sure, backpacks will never be as awesome as smackpacks.

THE CLINTON IMPEACHMENT SCANDAL 1998-99

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And so it begins...

In 1993, after the 1978 Arkansas real estate investment called Whitewater, in which President and Mrs. Clinton were principal participants, was reported nationally; the Justice Department appointed a special counsel to investigate the matter.

After renewal of the Independent Counsel law in 1994, a special panel of Federal judges appointed Kenneth Starr to replace the Justice Department prosecutor.

In December 1997, Monica Lewinsky, a former Clinton White House intern and later a Pentagon employee, and Linda Tripp, a former Bush and Clinton White House employee transferred to the Pentagon, were subpoenaed by Paula Jones' legal team. In the days following, Tripp taped a series of conversations in which Lewinsky said that the President told her to deny a sexual relationship with him. Lewinsky is also said that the President's friend and adviser, Vernon Jordan, told her to lie to investigators, even under oath.

In January 1998, Lewinsky filed a sworn affidavit in the Paula Jones civil lawsuit, denying she had a sexual relationship with the President. Tripp then took her tapes of Lewinsky to the Independent Counsel's office, and after agreeing to wear a hidden microphone for the FBI as a part of the Starr investigation, recorded a conversation with Lewinsky. At this time, Lewinsky handed Tripp a three-page document of "talking points," believed to have been drawn up by a lawyer, explaining what to say when questioned about the alleged sexual relationship between Clinton and Lewinsky.

In mid-January, President Clinton testified in the Jones civil lawsuit in Federal Court (from the White House, on videotape) and denied a sexual relationship with Lewinsky. Starr subsequently subpoenaed the White House for documents and visitor logs related to Lewinsky. Vernon Jordan stated he helped Lewinsky find an attorney and tried to land a job for her in New York City, but he rejected allegations that he asked her to commit perjury.

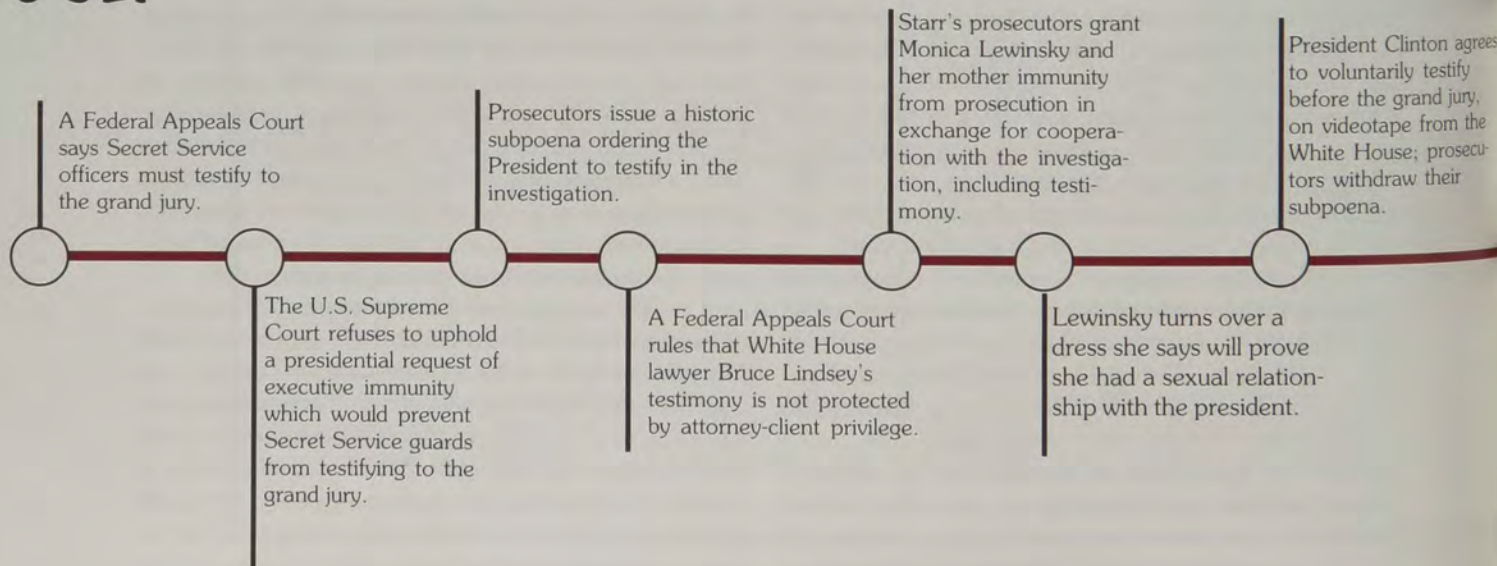
As the President continued to deny having an affair with Lewinsky, Starr opens a Federal grand jury inquiry into the matter. Starr argued that obstruction of justice issues he has been investigating in the Whitewater case, involving Vernon Jordan, are related to potential obstruction of justice regarding Lewinsky's testimony in the Paula Jones civil suit.

In March, former Clinton campaign aide Kathleen Willey appears on the CBS news program "60 Minutes" and says the President made unwanted sexual advances toward her in the Oval Office. Later that month, the President invokes the constitutional doctrine of executive privilege in an effort to limit grand jury questioning by prosecutors of senior White House aides Bruce Lindsey and Sidney Blumenthal.

In April, Judge Susan Webber Wright of Federal District Court in Arkansas dismisses the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

However, in May, the Federal judge presiding over the Starr grand jury denies President Clinton's executive privilege claim, and the White House loses on appeal.

JULY



AUGUST

Lewinsky testifies before the Federal grand jury for six hours.

That evening he makes a brief televised address from the White House admitting the same to the nation.

The Clintons leave for a vacation on Martha's Vineyard.

Lewinsky makes her second appearance before Starr's grand jury.

President Clinton tells the Federal grand jury that he had an "inappropriate relationship" with Lewinsky.

Later, Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman says the first lady has forgiven her husband.

News breaks that Starr has received a sample of President Clinton's DNA.

Later that day, attention shifts to President Clinton's announcement that he has ordered a bombing attack on suspected terrorist outposts in Afghanistan and a suspected chemical weapons site in Sudan.

SEPTEMBER

Democrat Joseph Lieberman (Connecticut) denounces President Clinton for "immoral" behavior with Lewinsky. He becomes the first Senator from either party to speak out against the President on the Senate floor.

It is reported that the President twice told a grand jury that he helped Lewinsky look for a job after she was transferred from the White House.

After refusing to give the White House, or Congress, a preview of his report, Starr sends 36 boxes of material to Capitol Hill. President Clinton meets with Democrats to rally support.

Salon Magazine runs a story saying House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde (Rep.- IL) had an affair in the 1960s. Republicans soon accuse Democrats of informing reporters about the episode, and they call for the FBI to investigate.

During a visit to Ireland, the President says he's "very sorry" about his affair with Lewinsky.

White House lawyers ask Starr for an advance look at his report to the House. The White House also plans to prepare its own report to counter damaging conclusions from the Starr investigation contained in the referral.

The full House of Representatives approves the public release of the prosecutor's report, which is posted on the House's Internet site in its entirety, but not the release of the supporting documents. Minutes before the report is released, the White House issues a 75-page rebuttal.

The Judiciary Committee votes to release the videotaped grand jury testimony and an additional 2,800 pages of material from Starr's investigation. The House eventually releases 4,600 more pages of Starr's supporting evidence, including transcripts of taped conversations between Lewinsky and Tripp.

OCTOBER

The House Judiciary Committee votes along party lines to open an investigation of the charges against President Clinton, the first step in the impeachment process.

Paula Jones asks a Federal Appeals Court to overturn the District judge's dismissal of her civil lawsuit against President Clinton.

The House votes 258-176 to open a wide-ranging impeachment inquiry of the President.

Later that month she accepts a conditional \$1 million offer from New York real estate tycoon Abe Hirschfeld to settle her lawsuit against the President, but she changes course and rejects the offer.

Impeached?

NOVEMBER

House Republicans begin to challenge their leadership and Speaker Newt Gingrich steps down.

Hyde submits 81 questions to President Clinton regarding his relationship with Lewinsky.

Linda Tripp's recorded phone conversations with Monica Lewinsky are released to the public.

President Clinton responds to Chairman Hyde's 81 questions, maintaining that his grand jury testimony in August was legally accurate.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde vows to continue with impeachment proceedings.

President Clinton and Paula Jones settle her sexual harassment civil suit for \$850,000, with no apology or admission from the President.

Independent Counsel Starr testifies before the House Judiciary Committee.

DECEMBER

The House Judiciary Committee approves 4 articles of impeachment against the President.

President Clinton is charged with lying under oath to a federal grand jury by a vote of 228-206 (five Democrats voting for, 5 Republicans voting against).

The two other articles, that he committed perjury in the Jones Federal civil suit, and that he had abused the power of his office, are not approved.

For the first time since the impeachment of Andrew Johnson in 1868, the full House approves two articles of impeachment against a president.

He is also charged with obstructing justice in the grand jury investigation, by a vote of 221-212, along party lines.

Chairman Hyde carries the two articles to the Senate chamber. President Clinton holds a rally with Democrats at the White House.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

President Clinton's impeachment trial begins in the Senate, with the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, William Rehnquist, presiding.

February
House managers and the White House legal team depose Lewinsky, Jordan and Blumenthal in private. Later, excerpts from the taped testimony are played at the Senate trial.

President Clinton is acquitted of both articles of impeachment in the Senate. He makes a brief statement, alone, at the White House.

The President's defense team begins a three-day defense.

The Senate begins to debate the articles of impeachment behind closed doors.

Acquitted

Contending Views About the Impeachment and Acquittal of President Clinton

The Wisdom and Constitutionality of the Independent Counsel Law:

In the months following the Senate vote, Congress held hearings on whether to renew the law under which Kenneth Starr was appointed and conducted his investigations of President Clinton, which he is continuing.

It is likely that Congress will not renew the statute but will propose some other mechanism for investigating allegations against senior executive branch officials.

The lone dissent by Justice Scalia in the 1987 Supreme Court case which upheld the constitutionality of the law, in which Scalia warned of the sorts of problems that occurred during the Starr inquiry, was cited throughout the impeachment inquiry and the subsequent debate as prescient.

It is argued by those both in favor of and opposed to President Clinton's removal that the separation of powers, electoral judgments on an administration, and an independent media are sufficient safeguards, as they were in Watergate and several earlier presidential scandals.

What are the impeachable offenses of 'high crimes and misdemeanors'?

Article II of the Constitution refers to "Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors" as the grounds for removing from office all civil officers of the United States. Must these be violations of Federal law? Or, can impeachment and conviction be based upon a quasi-legal, quasi-political judgment that the office holder has violated the public trust and higher, broader duties of office?

A sex scandal, or a legitimate public inquiry?

Was the Starr investigation of the Clinton-Lewinsky affair, and the subsequent Congressional impeachment and trial, an improper meddling in private sexual conduct for partisan purposes? Or, did the investigation legitimately inquire into whether the President sought to obstruct a Federal civil suit and subvert the Federal courts? The meaning and extent of 'the rule of law' were extensively debated throughout the impeachment inquiry and beyond.

Public opinion and constitutional government.

Should a popular President, elected twice, be removed from office for offenses only arguably impeachable? Can or should a popularly elected Senate conduct a trial for impeachable offenses without reference to public opinion polls, but based upon a judgment of constitutional, legal, and political standards?

The Founders constituted an indirectly elected Senate and entrusted that body with the power to judge impeachment in part because it thought a moderate distance from popular opinion would protect both justice and the accused. They feared either a popular mood that unjustly demanded an official's removal or a popular mood that failed to support just grounds for removal.

How did a popularly elected Senate fare in comparison with the Senate of the only earlier presidential impeachment trial, when an indirectly elected Senate acquitted President Johnson in 1868? Was President Clinton acquitted because the economy was good, while he might have been convicted and removed in less prosperous times? Did a tendency to frame public issues in media-centered terms, and with an eye to daily public opinion, override a constitutional process intended to insulate judgment on fundamental matters from the passions of the moment?

American political life, the media, ephemerality.

Within weeks of completing its impeachment and trial of the President, the Congress permitted President Clinton to undertake an extensive military operation in Europe, which has continued for two months, without any prior debate or authorization in Congress or any extended debate or hearings since.

Indeed, one of the striking features of the entire year, or more of President Clinton's impeachment drama, is that there are few direct signs of its lasting effect.

The Independent Counsel statute, Vice President Gore's presidential campaign for 2000, Congressional and public support of the President's foreign policies in Europe and China, and President Clinton's standing in history eventually may be seen as casualties of the Clinton impeachment episode. However, it may also be the case that saturation media coverage is a phenomenon of our age, leading America to be temporarily consumed with the passions of the moment and shortly after to have forgotten what was at stake or why the episode mattered so much at the time.

Time, and the judgment of present and future citizens, will tell whether America should be proud of how it conducted itself in this episode, or whether corrective lessons must be considered.



That was then....

The Good 'Ol Days, Were they all that Good?

Although each and every one of us has dreamed of leaving this place, there are some who have turned that dream into reality and gotten out of here for a year or two. They've joined us after time at college, on missions, or working. Few know who they are. Even the officers can't spot them out. But every now and then we still see one wearing their old 98, 97, sometimes even their 95 patch on the terrazzo. These few were here before G-Lo, before Hopper, some even before Gamble. So we asked them just how it was back in the day. Here's what they said:

Remember when...

- ... we could wear running suits to dinner?
- ... toffoff wasn't just a rumor?
- ... 'sleepthroughs' until first period at 8:00?
- ... "firsties and two degrees dismissed"
- ... we had spirit missions?
- ... the Polaris was a tuning fork?
- ... we had SERE w/ real resistance and evasion w/ consequences?
- ... there was no such thing as meal accountability?
- ... PKR's were done by hand?
- ... we had 2' Element Leaders?
- ... we pinned our beds and cardboarded our underwear?
- ... there was training during SAMI's?
- ... the OLD schedule
- ... the 4's were in uniform until 2000 w/ doors open?
- ... there was a shorter Ac Call?
- ... we had hall brawls... every week?
- ... we had those ROUND parachutes?
- ... everyone loved Mrs. Hosmer's Apple Pie?
- ... smacks pulled chins and shoulders?
- ... we got no food during basic?
- ... there was no CTEF building?
- ... Martec workers
- ... we had HR training for how to treat midgets for the new Co?
- ... there were no locks and we had no keys?
- ... we had Fatigue shirts w/ BDU's only?
- ... we could pick alternate uniform if too hot or cold?
- ... our 8 Megs of Ram/ 32 Meg Hard drives and Windows 3.1 were high tech?
- ... Gravy was still the Train?
- ... there was one big 6 credit hour chemistry class?
- ... we still had Flyby's?
- ... we had the old cadet clinic and mail room?
- ... there were 40 squadrons?
- ... we didn't have any class nick names?
- ... no spirit jerseys

... we had real pass packages?
 ... basics had chapel and the arnold hall haze every evening of Basic?
 ... we flew T-41's and had limited UPT slots?
 ... it was the Sports Bar?
 ... there were less SAMI's?
 ... there was less cynicism?
 ... we were still just as cynical?
 ... we had no MTA's in squadrons?
 ... there was no Internet!? (for all intents and purposes)
 ... it wasn't all easier? Remember four-smokes in UOD until taps, three-smokes in pc gear, two-smokes in civilian pc gear, and firsties in civvies?
 ... it used to snow in the winters here?
 ... we used to be able to just leave a note on our doors for DI saying where we were, and that was good enough?
 ... you didn't have to be in your room right at 1100? (Actually, taps back then was 1130pm). We could be in another squadron talking to friends or working on a project or WHATEVER until however long we wanted to. Remember that?
 ... we had hellmasters?
 ... falling in
 ... people were quiet in formation?
 ... there was no echo at formation between group and squadron commanders "group... squadrons....tench hut", "half-left... half-left, Hace" etc.
 ... the whole class would chant their class chant?
 ... we had real m-1's?
 ... there were masses of Alcohol hits?
 ... you had seven round k-bowls and four in per round?
 ... there was morning pc?
 ... morning flame sessions?
 ... we would streak in the quads and throw burning books out the windows during finals week at 2300?
 ... Mark Robey ('95) trained Dixon Croft ('97) during basic training?
 ... Dixon Croft ('97) trained Jason Golaboski, Brad Summers, and Scott Bowshot of '99?
 ... remember when Mark, Dixon, Jason, Brad, and Scott, all ended up as 99ers in CS-02?
 ... Hellmasters jumped off the 10-meter in blues?
 ... you could just take a CAS 90?
 ... we had optional furniture?
 ... UOC anywhere except formation?
 ... the hardest most challenging thing you went through was SERE?
 ... it was the most rewarding too?

... Remember when this place was easy? I don't.

It hasn't changed that this place will give you enough reasons to be cynical. It won't change that commandants will make your stay here unbearable. What would this place be without them?

Let us not forget that even though the good old days seem better than the present, each day we all choose to be here so make the best of it, no matter how much they want the little things to get to us.

-Paul Graves '98/'00-

This is now...

G WINGS



During World War II, there were a handful of brave young men who became part of the first squadron in the Army Air Corps to fly gliders in combat. These men were responsible for delivering soldiers deep behind enemy lines in such battles as the Battle of the Rhine and the infamous Battle of the Bulge.

In 1953 as the world began the healing process after the Second World War, the last glider pilot in the Army Air Corps was awarded their special set of wings.

In 1997, 44 years after the last set of glider wings were awarded, the efforts began to once again have young aviators wear these badges of courage. To avoid any possible complications Cadet Soaring Instructor Pilots contacted the association for World War II Glider Pilots for permission. From the very beginning, they were absolutely thrilled with the idea.

Just as in any war, time was a very crucial commodity that the Allied forces had to manage very wisely. The young soldiers who were trained for battle in the two theaters were given the bare essentials on how to conduct themselves in war and operate their equipment, and this was also true with regards to

the training of the glider pilots. Their training program consisted of approximately 30 sorties, which is the equivalent of going through the Soar For All program only three times! Those who successfully completed the training were given the special aviator wings that came to be known over time as "G" Wings.

These men were tasked with keeping the gliders packed with troops, the equipment behind the aircraft towing them and to safely land their fellow combatants behind enemy lines. These operations were normally conducted at night, which makes landing any aircraft difficult, but makes landing a glider almost impossible. After a successful landing, the men joined the fighting units as regular soldiers in the campaign that resulted in the end of the Second World War. For these heroic actions and the bravery these men displayed in combat situations, it was said that the "G" on their wings stood for "guts."

Here at the Air Force Academy cadets apply to become instructor pilots shortly af-

ter completing the Soar For All program following their four degree year. Once they are selected, they learn the basics of flying and hone their skill to such a level that allows them to become Instructor Pilots. Just as the young men in World War II took on the tremendous responsibility of flying these gliders after a brief period of instruction, the cadets who become Instructor Pilots at USAFA do so after the shortest amount of flying time in the entire Air Force. After approximately 90 flights, the cadets are certified Glider Instructor Pilots.

In honor of the bravery of the World War II Glider Pilots and to ensure that their stories would not go unheard, the Air Force Academy has been chosen to become the instructor pilots that will once again wear these badges of courage. They are worn as a symbol of heritage for the Air Force but also as a symbol of pride by those who become the Air Force's only glider instructor pilots.

GLIDER WINGS

BY MIKE HARMON



eDodo

Online and Underground.



Cynicism and sarcasm have been around almost since the inception of the Air Force Academy. One of the many ways this attitude is expressed is through the Dodo. However, the paper Dodo has to pass through several 'quality control' individuals at USAFA. The result is what comes out isn't always what cadets want to say.

With the advent of the World Wide Web, a few industrious graduates started up a truly 'underground' publication. It was named EDodo, both for the resemblance to its USAFA cousin and the electronic medium in which it is published. Unlike the published Dodo, the EDodo is not censored, in any way, shape or form. The individuals who manage the EDodo wanted to make it a place for the free expression of individuals, be they grads, cadets, or anyone else with an opinion.

"EDodo gives cadets and grads an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings about USAFA, the Air Force, and world issues on a forum based on free speech," said C2C James Do.

The EDodo is indeed based upon free speech, a fact that has kept it alive despite protest from some.

The EDodo was started in May of 1998, and got around by word of mouth. There were three individuals known collectively as "The Bird" who initially started the EDodo, all graduates of USAFA. The oldest member of "The Bird" graduated in the 1960s, while the youngest graduated in the 1990s. There are many other individuals who contribute to the cartoons on the EDodo, as well as people who contribute to the other sections.

Unlike its paper cousin, the EDodo has several different sections, ranging in scope from a Folklore section about 'how it was back in the old days', to the Rumor Mill, a discussion forum where everything from world politics to the fourthclass system to Star Search is discussed. Other sections include Hate Mail, interactive games, and an animated monthly adventure called *The Hate Machine*. The Folklore section is seen by some as the coolest and most "useful" page. One cadet remarked that the Folklore section was the most interesting, and that it helped remind people of what went on 'back in the brown shoe days'.



by Tom Preston

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The EDodo is certainly not censored, as anyone who visits the site can plainly see. However, there has been at least one cadet who was reprimanded for posting some specific thoughts on the page about specific leaders at USAFA. While the EDodo is a venture independent from the Academy, and does not reside on a government computer system, members of the military must still maintain basic decorum and respect when making comments on it.

Opinions of the EDodo are as varied as the dynamic cross section of cadets and officers at USAFA.

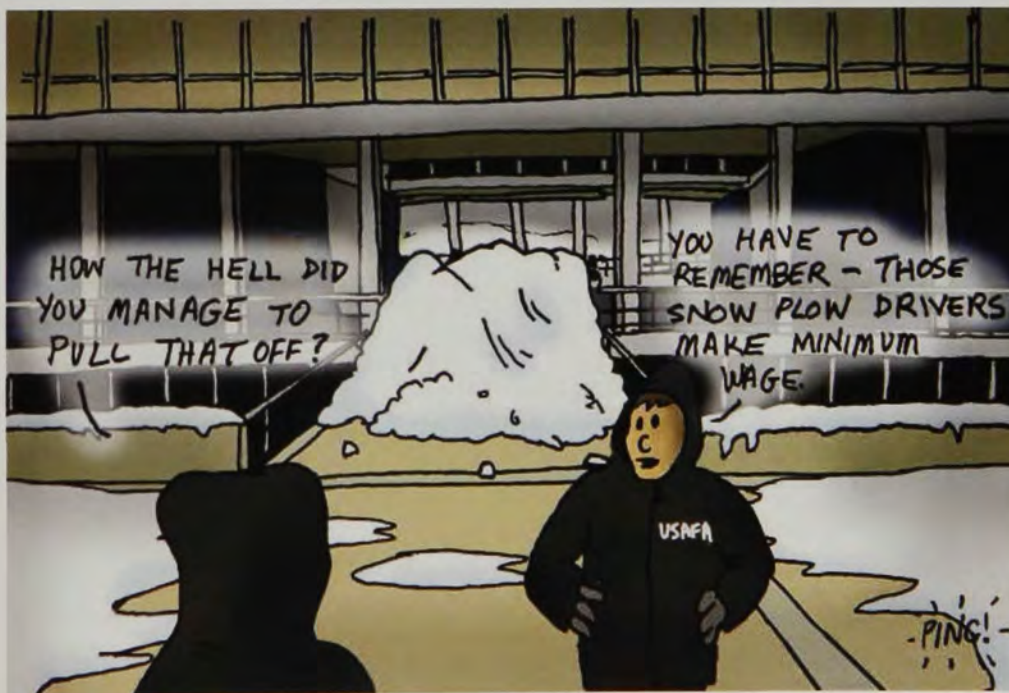
"The EDodo is a little raw for me in terms of language," commented one instructor at USAFA. "Some of it is funny, some of it is useful, and some of it is just plain whining. I mean, get over it!"

Some cadets have a little different perspective. C1C Chris Papa had a perspective that is shared by many.

"I appreciate stuff like that because it allows us to laugh at ourselves and how ridiculous everything works around here. If we don't look at the academy in a comical light every now and again, we'll probably accept this place as reality, which is way off base," said C1C Papa.

While the EDodo may not be amusing to everyone, and is certainly not approved by everyone,

it provides an arena where people can laugh at themselves. It just goes to show that the more things change, cadets will still find creative ways to express their thoughts about life at USAFA.



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SQUADRONS

At the Academy, the squadron becomes your home. Within the squadron is where friendships are forged, role models developed and leadership learned.

A part of the military structure is to provide cadets with leadership opportunities similar to those they will face in the real Air Force. Therefore, cadets are given leadership positions within their squadron that helps to develop the characteristics of an officer. But for most cadets, this is not the aspect of their squadron that forges a lasting memory.

Carrier landings, stall stuffing, butt boarding, midget tossing, roommate game and marshmallow stuffing are just a few of the MWR activities that bring a squadron together. Even amidst this unity, there lies competition. Whether by flight or class, this competition helps to foster stronger morale. Overall, MWR events provide an opportunity to relieve the daily stress of being a cadet.

Squadron activities did not revolve around MWR events only. Within a squadron, many cadets made their mark on the community with service to the less fortunate by participating in clothing drives, Habitat for Humanity, working in soup kitchens and volunteering their time with young children.

All in all, a squadron becomes much more than a military unit, it is a cadet's home away from home.



Almost 50 cadets in CS-05 found that "bald is beautiful". They decided to shave their heads in support of squadron staff members who were awaiting punishment. Photo by B. Brandow

C1C Robert Boll and C2C John Trumm work the Cadet Squadron 9's barbeque Cookouts before football games was a common way that squadrons interacted. Photo by B. Brandow





C4C David Albin, the troll, shows some disappointment over a bad call at a Falcon football game. The troll of CS-20 is a long standing tradition for the squadron. Photo by B. Brandow

MIGHTY MACH ONE



AOC: Capt Thomas J. Lyga

Not Photographed:
MTL: TSgt Craig M. Sowder
Larissa S. Shipunoff (00)
Robert M. Taylor (00)
Michael P. Zarkas (02)

Mighty Mach One, the squadron that is always referred to by name, not by number, once again continued its proud tradition of upholding excellence, working hard, and having a good time while doing it.

The Griffins had another outstanding two semesters high up in the Vandy tower. (To make the high life even more enjoyable we were blessed not to have an elevator for half the year, though it helped to keep some of us in shape!) The year started with our AOC, Capt. Thomas Lyga, revving up the squadron for another successful year under his leadership. With new cadet leadership in place, a fresh bunch of new degrees, and some old and reliable ones, August kicked off with a bang. Sure, it was a bit of a shock to the swing of things, but we made it together just fine.

Throughout the year, MM1 excelled in all that we did. We were a part of the Academy. SAMI, ORIs, PKRs were nothing but a speed bump on the way to 'Silver' weekends. The highlight of the year came when the four degrees won the Wing Knowledge Bowl, thanks in part to countless hours of work by training staff and the rest of the squadron. Our cadet leadership was recognized as the top in the group and our "fledglings" were recognized as the best of the best for the first semester. Not to be mislead of the true attitude in MM1. When heads were turned the games began! Such temfoolery as beer ball, chubby bunny, paintball, stall stuffing, toga parties, and carrier landings were frequent. Although the occasional ball brawl ripped a few shirts, they were a great way to get to know each other. Forget the "Bombs in the Hall" night where hooligans wanted to end up putting a car badge in the ceiling and making a few more terrorists out of the crowd! In a new year behind our backs, a few new boys spots, a couple extra, a handful of new friends, and a heart full of love we can look back and say, "Wow, I'm glad that is over."

-Rob Marshall



Danna M. Alberts
Charles R. Alonzo
Jeffrey R. Beckham
Bridget O. Blanco
Christopher J. Boileau
Andrew D. Carr
Luis Castellanos

William J. Dorsey
Stephen C. Graham
Heather S. Johnson
Kevin W. Justice
Chad D. Kohout
Nadine C. Lynn
Andrew A. Martin

Marco A. Martinez
Brooke Page
Stephen A. Ramsey
David R. Rogers
Kenneth C. Seiver
Jonathan D. Shaffer
Platon A. Shaulsky



Timothy J. Strobel
Christopher J. Weaton
Matthew R. Weinschenker
David R. Wright

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Melanie M. Bates
Michael J. Blume
Stephanie J. Boff
Wade W. Bolinger
Makia B. Epie
Bernadette Feliciano

John P. Gately
Jason H. Green
Erica L. Harris
Eric M. Hendrickson
Ryan W. Isokane
Thomas B. Kanewske

Robert M. Marshall
Seward E. Matwick
Matthew R. Mountcastle
Ryan W. Nicklin
Jason J. O'Brien
Robert E. Perry

Megan A. Poyant
Derek A. Root
Scott J. Schroeder
Jonathan T. Scofield
Steven M. Thiessen
Andrew R. Vrabec

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Adrian D. Arjonilla
Jonathan B. Baize
Benjamin L. Barfield
Neils C. Barner
Jason P. Bartlett
Cody R. Burroughs

Joseph W. Carr Jr.
Janae D. Cummings
Erin M. Decker
Bradley W. Fiske
Jay C. Ford
Zachary E. Fox

Ross F. Graham
Noel P. Gunter
Shawn P. Lee
Peter C. Mastro
Matthew R. McCraney
Charles A. McNab

Danielle J. Miller
Stephen A. Olivares
Matthew G. Paetzhold
Luka Tomljenovic

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 245

DELTA TAU DEUCE



AOC: Maj Kathryn Moene

Not Photographed:
MTL: TSgt Carl J. Toth
Qualario E. Brown (01)
John D. Schuck (01)

Squadron 2. Deuce. Delta Tau Deuce. The Delta Force. Delta Haus. No matter what name is used when talking about Deuce, this squadron's notability always follows. As C2C Landers stated, "Deuce does things differently."

Deuce's reputation for being stract, hard core marchers can only be attributed to the long hours, dedication and hard work during drill practices everyday. All of this was scheduled and run by none other than the infamous Marching CIC Pat Murray.

Of course, C1C Lee Boedecker has also attributed to the reputation of Deuce's marching skills. He has introduced the new, exciting and riveting sport of freestyle marching. Not only has he introduced this new trend to Deuce, First Group was so impressed that they sent him numerous invitations to march with them until he agreed.

Every single week the talents of Deuce go unnoticed. It has

been concluded that this is due to the grader's sympathy on other squadrons. The egos of other marchers need to be boosted so that they can continue to strive for the marching perfection that Deuce has attained and surpassed many times over.

Deuce's unnoticed marching skills prompted C1C Bowshot to take initiative and show the entire wing the standard of excellence that Deuce portrays. On that infamous morning when Deuce was, yet again, marching last, C1C Bowshot took charge and forward marched Deuce in front of First Group.

Although marching is only one of the numerous skills that Deuce has perfected, Deuce still knows how to have fun. The reputation of Deuce has spread throughout the wing as being the squad that is second to none. That is why the phrase, "I wish I was part of the Delta Force," echoes through all of USAFA.

—Tamilyn Becker



David C. Bills
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David M. Brown
Joshua N. Caldon
Victoria P. Citrowske
Amon D. Dothard
Laura M. Durham

Stewart A. Eyer
Tiffany L. Fisher
Jonathan S. Gallego
Jacob J. Gensic
Ryan B. Kay
Michael S. Landers
Christopher N. Lehto

Kristen L. Lyons
Daniel A. McConnell
Brian C. Moritz
Christopher A. Nielsen
James D. Norman
Andrew J. Nutz
Bernard J. O'Neill

Christian J. Ogrosky
Charles L. Richmond
Lance Roberts
April L. Scott
Paul P. Townsend
Zachary R. Turcotte
Joseph R. White



01



Mark A. Amendt
Tony Andrade De La Torre
Justin R. Binder
Nathan A. Burrows



Garrick T. Collins
Ernest Csoma
Jeffrey R. Dennis
Brandon L. Donaldson
Kurt A. Duffy
Heather A. Huot



Marcus J. Jackson IV
Tammie Y. LeBlanc
Jennifer M. Levison
Kevin C. Mandrik
Ryan R. Montanez
Ryan J. Pelkola



Timothy T. Pikas
Laura Y. Renner
John D. Roberts
Jennifer H. Schoeck
Jonathan E. Somogyi
Ryan K. Thompson

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Mehmet A. Boz
David J. Brown Jr.
Laura Y. Ceville
Robert A. Clifford II



Justin W. Collup
James G. Erminger
James D. Freeman
Adam D. Harder
Jonathan E. Hatley
Angelina R. Markle
Philip R. McClure



Matthew D. Meshanko
Timothy J. Metz
Zachary M. Moore
Eamon R. Murray
John P. Nodilo
Justin W. Purcell
Erik V. Redl



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Roland A. Rosario
Jepp H. Sharman III
Chesley J. Smith
Kristopher J. Szymczak
David A. Thompson
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SQUADRONS

Squadrons 247

DOGS OF WAR



AOC: Maj Steven M. Grupenhagen
MTL: TSgt Jacque M. Edwards

One thing the new two degrees noticed about the Dogs Of War was how close they were – almost like a family.

Judging by members like C1C Rob Robinson who could be heard at 2300 call the pants came off for him and a nicker.

Don't ask what happened if someone tossed a quarter into the hall.

Like a family the Dogs took care of their own. In fact, it almost seemed that CS-03 was cursed based on the number of people we sent home on emergency leave.

But MWR staffed by C1C Robinson and C1C George Chong, took donations, often raising more than \$400, to help defray the cost of going home.

The Dogs didn't stop at taking care of their own, they also sponsored a girl in the Chapel's

Angel Tree program. C1C Robinson was on a mission to raise the funds to buy her a Nintendo 64, and if that meant his staff had to go around and threaten people with extra chores, so be it. The Dogs were there to get her the Nintendo 64. C1C Chris Hand was there to get her the Nintendo 64.

CS-03 also received a new AOC. Major Steven Grupenhagen and a new MTL, TSgt Jacque Edwards. Even though we had hoped to take advantage of their inexperience, they caught on quick. In the Dogs was a family. TSgt Edwards decided to take over the role of mother figure.

"It's really nice how she brings us closer together," said C1C Robinson.

Yep, the distinguished, Brady Bunch family of the Wing—that's us, The Dogs Of War. Or just The Dogs. Woof! Woof!

-Eric Bixby



Gregory P. Bailey II
Eric R. Bixby
Thomas R. Bowman
Joel N. Brown
Derrick D. Connor
Brant A. Dixon

Robert A. Faustmann
Kasey L. Fry
Richard M. Hall
Jason P. Hrynyk
Jon-Michael A. Kerestes
Clark C. Mabry

Katie E. Mitchell
Kevin C. Peterson
Cory C. Raeth
Matthew R. Schmitz
Patrick H. Smiley
Sara A. Stigler

Erin D. Tams
Megan L. Thiedeman
Nathan A. Thompson
Michael J. Yanovitch



01



Leah J. Buckley
Jeffrey J. Burley
John J. Damron
Garrett D. Dawson
Glenn R. Dowling
Alejandra M. Galvan

Joseph M. Gaona
Daniel H. Heil
Beatrice J. Henson
Daniel S. Hoak
Jason M. Janik
Joseph K. Maddry

Scott A. McKay
Jeremy C. Meartz
Elliot S. Nelsen
David A. Paulus
Marcus J. Peters
Jamie A. Rempel

David A. Rice
Venus C. Rivera
Alexis G. Scott
Jeffrey P. Shames
Chad L. Shenk
Aaron J. Skrivaneck

02



Brady J. Bradesca
Matthew R. Bruckner
Michael S. Burton
Evelyn M. Calley
Victor T. Deal
Joseph A. Drummond
John D. Edwards

Gabriel D. Geldert
Megan K. Gray
Jeremy H. Greenawalt
Dick A. Janssen
Albert C. Kelly III
Christopher C. Lazidis
Michael J. Marren

Patrick R. McBride
Derek C. Neal
Emily B. Nelson
Gary W. Nowak Jr.
David A. Orleans
Richard C. Orzechowski
Hassan B. Rizwan

Sharon A. Rodriguez
Michael K. Street
Kimberly A. Sugrue
Leonardo A. Tongko
Stephanie M. Vallarino
Keith A. Young

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 249

The squadron was vaguely recognizable. There were plenty of "ifs", "ands", "buts", a few "what have you's", a new AOC, 50 misappropriated tailors suits, 20 patrol, 1000 more two wheel returning from street out, pandemonium slogans on the first board, and 20 new fire detectors in the mailroom. But what scared me the most was the new AOC.

But at least we had the discipline. Several of us were penalized severely (and appropriately) for 15 degrees of hyperthermia, leaving us shivering, unlocked doors, and trying to sneak to the bathroom in PC gear before they do anything with the flames that end of the day.

So anyway, we did well in intramurals, academics and military things, as well as improving meal accountability. We did especially well at HR M5s with SSgt KO, and honor M5s with SSgt KO, and those other ones with SSgt KO.

That brings me to the doolies. Not much to say about them.

Since the dawn of man there have been good people. And good people to lead to good people. Thanks to those good people like Bob Mishler, Otis Hooper, Jeff Scott, Donna Silva – John Flynn and Morgan Hurt, Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) who have inspired leadership.

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NIAS SAMI AMI DII SAPS
CMEY TR TWOQ ILA EE PFT
AFI VISA

The road to the first squadron has been painful. Although I'm granting myself the luxury of assuming that we must have a outside shot of being considered in the first fighter squadron. But at least our record on MLs were clean. Yes, the Fighters are far from being inconsequential.

-Marissa Catlin



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Jason E. Blevins
Kristin M. Bozarth
Jeffrey R. Brown
Douglas K. Chilson II

Joshua R. Close
Gregory A. Fulk
Amber M. Geidel
Matthew W. Graham
Wendell G. Griffin II
Colleen E. Hall

Brian L. Knauf
Jacob R. Lanford
Kristopher M. Malloy
Matthew L. Manning
Michael W. Schultz
Jeffrey J. Scott

Kais Sghaier
Donna E. Silva
Andrew R. Smith
Bryan T. Unks
Ashley B. Watson
Casey M. Wood



01



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Elizabeth B. Benn
Sean R. Broderick
Kristopher F. Brown
Marisa L. Catlin
Randal D. Clark
Bradley D. Darling

Justin P. Eastman
Jason A. Gastelum
Matej Hajdinjak
Corey M. Hunt
Matthew L. Inscow
Cheryl N. Johnston
Jason D. Kneuer

Travis D. Logsdon
Daniel J. Macsay
Alex D. Mignery
John P. Mintz
David A. Pugh
Brent E. Reimer
Matthew E. Reynolds

Eric J. Rivero
Lee T. Sandusky
Erika N. Shannon
Daniel R. Slater
William G. Soto
Lawrence D. Turner
Joseph R. Vigueria

02



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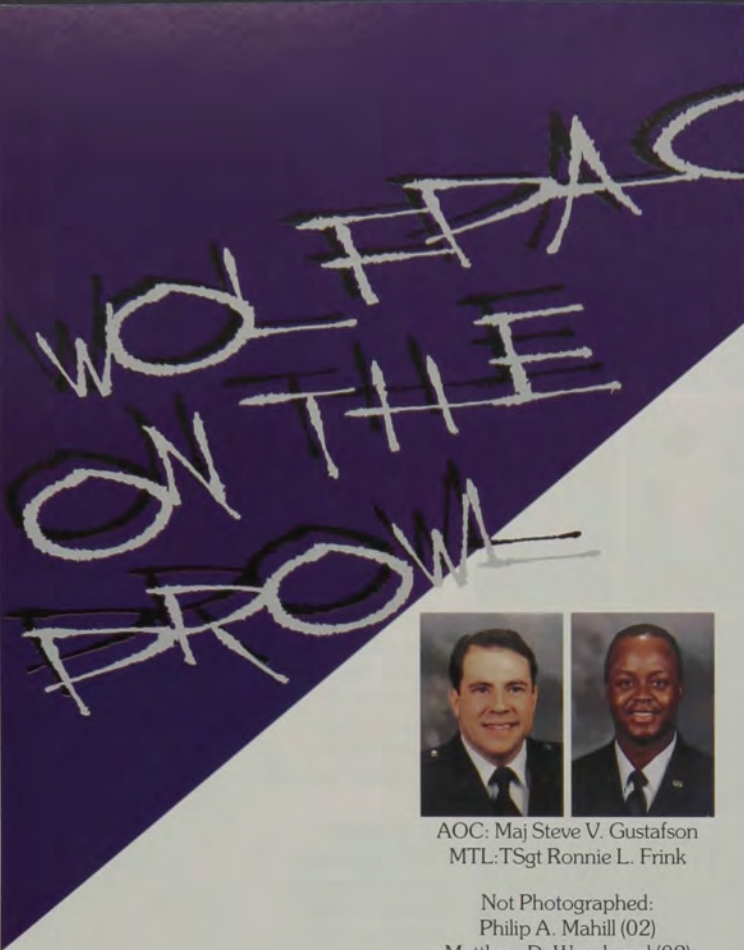
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Morgan E. Newman
Jaime Olivares
Earon J. Parker

Justin T. Pendry
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SQUADRONS

Squadrons 251



AOC: Maj Steve V. Gustafson
MTL: TSgt Ronnie L. Frink

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Matthew D. Woodward (02)

How does one describe cadet squadron five? As I sat and pondered this mystery, an incident came to mind. An incident that shows the best and worst of the pack: Navy Week '98.

In a totally innocent, spirited attempt to bring laughter to the squad, the freshmen of Five got a chance to visit their very own squid and give him a hair cut. Revenge was quickly administered, as the next night a group of 12 midshipmen savagely attacked the squadron. In the blink of an eye, six freshmen had been relieved of most of their clothes, tied to chairs, and given bad haircuts.

Luckily, our heroes were given some warning. Within seconds of the first buzzing, the smacks had all corralled their attackers into one room, and held two hostages.

"It was really gratifying to know we had aroused their anger so much that they would personally visit us to get a taste," said C4C John Contreras.

Yet the damage had been done. The next morning, the freshman faced half a dozen poorly shorn classmates, and the problem of not being standardized.

The elders in the squad faced some problems too, mainly because such an atrocity had been committed within the sacred walls of the squadron. First Sergeant Robert Ehasz met the authorities promptly, but not without some rebellion.

"C2C Brian Raridon and I suggested to C2C Bobby Ehasz that he walk into Col Gallagher's office with a shaved head. He replied, 'Do ya think?' That did it. 'Wolfpack pride took over from there,'" said C2C Drew Steadman.

That night, most all of Wolfpack met at the CQ desk in support of their shorn comrades. With great pride, and not too much regret, all had their heads shaved. Some even shaved other body parts with wild abandon. Such is the way of the pack.

-Andrea Lauer

Jose L. Castaneda
Ryan P. Chmielewski
Steven E. Cruz
Aaron E. Dripps
Robert F. Ehasz
Allen J. Hasbargen



Gregory S. Hoffman
Ebony S. Johnson
Thomas C. Kisio
Michael J. Maddox
Mark McGill
Lindsey F. McRoberts



Travis H. Monson
Ryan P. O'Hara
Adam L. Oliver
Saejung Park
Natalie K. Pope
Bryan F. Raridon



Matthew C. Russell
Donald H. Schmidt II
Matthew A. Scott
Andrew C. Steadman
Julie M. Weiss
Brandon G. Williams



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Isaac E. Adams
Brent R. Bak
Jordan S. Collins
Michael T. Dunn



Ryan E. Earnest
Angela M. Feldmann
Jason A. Feuring
Jesse W. Goolsby
Brent A. Greer
Kylene L. Grove
Amy M. Heskett



Andrew M. Ignash
Amanda J. Jones-Greco
Brittney E. Killen
Forgiveness Kochanowski
Mark C. Lennon
Matthias P. Maggos
Anthony Mariapain



Cara D. McBrayer
Raul Ochoa Jr.
James T. Schiess
Stuart A. Stanton
Ian R. Swayze
Brandon J. Tellez
Barry S. Weaver

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Bede A. Bolin Jr.
Margaret M. Breun
Nathan D. Bump
Judith E. Bush
Allen O. Cage III
Marco A. Cardenas
Adrian B. Cercenia



John J. Contreras
Marc R. Crozier
Matthew R. Dardenne
Matthew R. Dudderar
Stephen E. Freedman
Hugh E. Gardenier IV
Luis G. Gonzalez
Nathan N. Harrold



Joseph P. Laclede
Andrea M. Lauer
Jennifer M. Massie
Mark A. Murphy
Todd T. Patterson
John L. Ritcey
Jaekyong Seo
Joshua T. Shultz



Robert D. Stimpson III
Zachary P. Tews
Claire P. Waltman
Ryan T. Webster
Matthew S. Wilcoxon

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 253

RAGNIR BULL SIX



AOC: Maj Julie E. Walker
MTA: TSgt John W. Lawson

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Ryan A. Sagastume (01)

Feel The Horns! That's the dominating phrase for a squad known throughout history as what some would call, "the toughest." Determination, effort, and teamwork are the best words to describe this squadron.

Teamed with CS-05, the Wolfpack, Bull Six provided its members with the best tailgates in the Wing for each and every home game last season. Bull Six members rallied behind Cale Bonds, as he ran all over Navy in the annual routing of that worthless school from Annapolis.

A hard working staff from the Class of 1999 led the bulls. The 1998-1999 squadron commanders, C1C Michelle Quitigua and C1C Daniel Diehl, led the bulls to one of the top squadrons in First Group and the Wing. Throughout the year, the Class of 1999 worked hard at maintaining a standard of excellence.

Some new bulls were joined the ranks this year by a variety of cadets from the Class of 2000.

These new Bulls adjusted well to the environment in Bulls Six and fit in perfectly with the resident Class of 1999 and 2001.

The new Bull Six four smokes came in the squadron with high aspirations and dreams of a good time with little work or resistance by the upperclassmen. This thought was quickly thrown out the door and the Class of 2002 was clued into the way Bull Six operated. Their teamwork increased, they excelled in knowledge and they succeeded in the domination of First Group in knowledge bowls on the way to recognition training. In the end, they were pleased with the hard work and dedication displayed.

The bulls said goodbye to an Army Ranger and welcomed a new AOC at the start of the new year. Major Julie E. Walker, Class of 1987 was welcomed with a sense of joy by the squadron. There's an old saying, that if you mess with the bull, you get the horns. Feel the Horns!

-Bryan Granger



Jeremy W. Anderson
Andre Barrera
Dustin R. Benker
Michael J. Blair
Cale W. Bonds
Matthew L. Busch

Richard J. Bush Jr.
Raymond L. Daniel
Nathan P. Diller
Robyn C. Duncan
Robyn W. Ellis
Michael J. Gilmore

Jessica A. Kehren
Abigail I. Kent
John C. Kirkwood
Matthew R. Kucia
John A. Mikal
Stephen J. Nava

James R. Nelson
Patrick B. Parsons
Eric S. Patton
Edith C. Pope
Robert W. Reed II
Benjamin B. Wolf



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Amy A. Abraham
John E. Alderman
Richard A. Blakewood
Michael R. Cline



Patrick D. Davalos
Joshua S. Foxwell
Bryan W. Granger
Levi B. Hall
Adam N. Heil
Amanda M. Hutchison



Daniel J. Knerl
Ryan S. Miksell
Pamela J. Moudry
Laura C. Nealon
Alexander J. Pelbath
Kevin S. Rothe



Craig M. Sciantarelli
Tristan L. Sevdv
Christopher V. Smith
Jason G. Somers
Cody D. Stiverson
James E. Thompson

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Sarah C. Albright
Dustin W. Brown
James T. Burns
Devon T. Christensen
Siobhan N. Couturier
Edward D. DeJulio
James M. Delbridge



Charles L. Eichner
Catherine W. Fahrner
James M. Ferris
Daniel M. George
Wilbert L. Gettys Jr.
Gabriel F. Helgerson
Luke A. Hohreiter
Tracy L. Kaier



Matthew L. King
Michael A. Kump
Antoine C. McNeal
Bruce N. Phillips
David G. Romero
Nicholas F. Sammons
Daniel A. Schreurs
Daniel P. Sipps



Christopher A. Smith
Gregory M. Steenberge
Allison N. Tedesco
Peter A. Vanagas
Nicholas R. Weber

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 255

DEATH FROM ABOVE



AOC: Maj Peter J. Popp
MTL: TSgt Gregory P. Fedorenchik

Not Photographed:
Christopher T. Drungell (01)

Here in Shadow Seven, life is anything but dull. I mean, you certainly don't get the Cadet Wing's highest rate of head injuries by being boring.

"It demonstrates how headstrong we are," said C4C Wright.

This was especially evident in MWR events like the "Butt-Board Contest" and "Hung Like a Horse."

When asked why the events are R-rated, MWR NCO C2C Jim Jones sadly replied "'cause we can't get the 'X.'"

Because of all these dubious activities, you would think Shadow Seven is spinning out of control. Not so! We have our own system of checks and balances in the form of Sabre Drill. That's right, Sabre Drill. With the largest number of Sabre Drill members (and candidate) in the Cadet Wing, the squadron is easily kept in check.

Mr. Stract himself, C2C Omar Rashid claims, "[We] make

the squadron sharper. Get my point?"

However, even Sabre Drill couldn't prevent the impending departure of our AOC, Major Peter T. Popp. The unusually high tempo maintained by CS-07 didn't just drive him away from the academy. It drove him straight out of the Air Force!

In the midst of this bubbling cauldron of activity, one question remained in the backs of our minds. What was up with the high attrition rate of three degrees and four degrees in our squadron? '01 has fallen from 29 to 19 members and '00's attrition was even worse.

For the sake of tradition, C3C Aarti Puri emphasizes whole-heartedly, "we expect '02 to follow suit." Whether they or not remains to be seen.

Shadow Seven is one big, happy family, setting a lightning pace for the next millennium. Death From Above, baby!

-Laurel McDowell

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J. B. Acheson
Hans E. Anker
Miguel A. DeVargas
Samuel D. Deaton
Brian A. Denaro
Matthew R. Downs
Timothy J. Fitzpatrick

Brian D. Griffin
Lee D. Hages
Travis J. Higgs
Daniel J. Hingley
Erik W. Johnson
James R. Jones
Christopher P. Knier

Todd A. Koehler
Dylan D. Pope
Omar T. Rashid
Christopher S. Ringrose
Jennifer A. Shelby
Dan J. Shinohara
Jennifer L. Stehwien

Kelly C. Strom
Donnavan W. Swaby
Jason I. Thompson
Christopher R. Tomlinson
Theresa S. Vick
Daniel J. Visosky



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Brian L. Beekman
Ryan W. Collette
Stephen M. Hoffert



Ryan B. Jensen
Michael L. Juni
Jeffrey M. Kost
Ryan E. Lucero
Audra Luyet



Dimitri C. Martini
Laurel C. McDowell
James R. Ord
Tomas G. Owen
Michael J. Power



Aarti U. Puri
Malcolm S. Schongalla
Chad M. Simendinger
Elizabeth R. Weber
Travis M. Winslow

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Nicolas P. Bellenbaum
David M. Bolin
Vaughn S. Brazil
Derek M. Britton
Christopher P. Burton
John T. Clegg
Nicholas J. Conklin
Benjamin W. Couchman
Fernando J. Cruz
Risa C. Dial
James A. Hanes
Marshal T. Haylett
Ashley L. Lindley
Creighton A. Mullins
Denise L. Nielsen
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Tiffany B. Parsons
Josef N. Peterson
Benjamin M. Price
Jeffrey G. Ray
Christopher J. Reteneller
Brian C. Rodgers
Andrew C. Rollins

Ryan N. Seekins
Khomani D. Shortte
Monique K. Van't Wout
Michael T. Voxland
Garrett A. Wilson
Matthew M. Wolthoff
James M. Wright

SQUAD DRONS

Squadrons 257

GREAT EAGLE EIGHT



AOC: Capt Michael E. Ronza
MTL: TSgt Richard J. Turcotte

With a new AOC and new leadership this year in Eagle Eight, life for all the Eagles became much more laid back. Everyone seemed to enjoy the new changes in the squadron while performing at a high level militarily. Under the leadership of C1C Travis Walters and C1C Joanne McCarthy, the Eagles took pride in showing the Wing how a successful squadron can have fun and be serious at the same time.

After winning the infamous bumper award in the last parade of the fall season, the Eagles' four degrees took a lot of pride in decorating the bumper in various ways.

"We just figured that we needed to show off our trophy and make others jealous of our squadron," remarked C4C Brett Swiger. "After all," he said, "since this was the last fall parade, we're gonna have that thing a long time!"

The most dramatic changes in the squadron were those in

MWR. Raising money over parents' weekend allowed MWR officers C1C Jason Greenleaf and C1C Kevin Ormsby to fund a squadron store and to buy a refrigerator and a big screen television for the TV room. Donations from Eagle Eight parents included videos, a ping-pong table, and various other items that gave everyone a break from the long hours of studying during ACQ.

All in all, the year went well for everyone. Whether it be the four degrees winning the Wing Knowledge Bowl or the entire squadron dragging home the bumper award, the Eagles had a successful year filled with as many laughs and as much relaxation as possible.

"The Eagles this year finally were able to chill out for once, while still maintaining a high level of performance," said Jeremy Downs.

- Rob Marshall

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David L. Anderson
John F. Benson
Jessica F. Buchta
James H. Cooke III
Anthony N. Cooper
S. Erin Elarton



Cabell D. Francis
Paul J. Gabriel
Jeremiah S. Gentry
Karl E. Hagarty
William J. Jones Jr.
Brian R. Jusseaume



Terrance C. Keithley
Joshua D. Kovacic
Hector A. Lopez
Justin D. Mackey
Jeremiah J. McClendon
Amy M. Rivera



Brendan M. Shannon
Trevor K. Smith
Nicholas J. Sweeney
Stephen A. Twardowski
Ethan M. Waitte



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Hershall W. Clayton
Rosemary A. Costello
Jeremy H. Downs
Evan H. Gardner



Michael D. Geiger
Russell E. Grimes
Kristy L. Hayes
John D. Hendrickson
Mary F. Hrynyk
Kristy L. Kuhlman



Michael S. Laidlaw
Grant W. McCall
Paul B. Murphy
Corey D. Nelson
Daniel E. Olthoff
Pedro V. Ovalle



Anthony B. Parrille
Zachary T. Peaden
Kendall W. Spencer
Christopher N. Wade
J. Renee Wiseman
Ryan K. Young

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John D. Belt
Jacob R. Bergmann
John D. Caldwell
Michelle D. Clark
Shiraz Dalal
Jereme A. Estes
Jonathan C. Fisher



Brian M. Gutbrod
Jason T. Hansberger
Brian J. Hedlund
Holly J. Hermann
Vincent W. Jenkins
Brandon G. Jones
Errol K. Ka'a'a



Lucas J. Kippert
Lauren M. Lettieri
Matthew K. Linford
Justin W. McMillan
Damon B. Richardson
Anthony L. Romeo
Mary C. Rudy



Justin R. Rufa
Nina G. Salazar
Edward R. Steinfort
Brett C. Swiger
Aaron W. Weedman
Benjamin D. Youngquist
Christopher R. Zielinski

SQUADRON

Squadrons 259



AOC: Maj George R. Bumiller
MTL: SSgt Larry K. Dozier

As squadron 9 began the academic year, a conscious decision was made to reclaim our title as number one in the Wing. That is, number one in squadron unity and attitude.

Viking 9, lovingly nicknamed Nightclub Nine, started off with a bang. Squadron Commander Bobby Hull's goal to "Make sure the Nightclub lived up to its nickname in every aspect" was accomplished.

MWR Officer Nick Mossing, assisted by Bobby Bell, ensured the Vikings were never at a loss for something to do on silver weekends. He helped to set up BBQ's at the beginning of the year at our AOC's house and at the football games. He continued this MWR trend by organizing games like "hung like a horse."

The three degrees and the four degrees developed a bond through inter-squadron competitions before SAMI's.

"These were used for procrastination from cleaning our

rooms through friendly, and sometimes not so friendly, competition," said Jerry Ferdinand.

TSgt Dozier and Major Bumiller offered their homes for SuperBowl parties.

"With all the food, the great game, and of course the beverages, how could it have not been a great time?" commented Dad "Grate Ape" Ditlow.

C3C Dan "Shack" Daehler summed up our attitude, "Some men and women achieve greatness through marching, others through static drill. Here at Viking Nine (Nightclub 9), our success was measured in the context of our character. We use words like BAOB, Beer Ball, Mark Skalko, AGHHH! IH, Nerd Circle, UNSAT, and that's bunk to define the pursuit of our own excellence. Beating the Huzzah factor for placement at morning and noon meal formation, while too strict of an endeavor, ranked up on the excitement scale as high as TSgt Dozier's quest to find Elvis."

- Christie Cleaver

Dean E. Berck
Jonathan D. Bowen
Andrew J. Cass
Matthew D. Corrigan
Margaret L. Edmonds
Kelsey K. Ellingson

Brian C. Flis
Edward M. Francis
Robert K. Hardy
Cory M. Heitz
George W. Hernandez
Jennifer M. Jochum

Stephen H. LePrell
Jake L. Miller
Daniel G. Mortensen
Joseph E. Okasinski
Brian D. Peterson
Jeffrey T. Phillips

Kimberly M. Pruett
Kenneth A. Stremmel
Shawn A. Thomas
John B. Vereb
John R. Trumm
Wendell J. Yeager



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Lachlan T. Belcher
Rachel G. Coleman
Daniel W. Daehler
Joseph A. Ditlow



Luther E. Douglas
Gerald J. Ferdinand
Richard F. Ganske
Vidal S. Garza
Janee R. Gianotti
Nicholas J. Johnson



Joshua L. Kubacz
Jerimy D. Maclellan
John S. McAfee
Paul J. Morris
Samuel A. Nelson
Stephen G. Pippel



Stephanie J. Rader
Brian C. Rosales
David R. Schichtle
Mark D. Skalko
Emma A. Stanley
Lucas J. Teel

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Shane W. Alfar
Laura J. Beckerdite
Christine L. Cleaver
Gary L. Cooper Jr.
Aliceson K. Hausinger
Christopher D. Hetrick
Adam S. Knickelbein



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Sean K. Matthews
Jeremy W. McCollough
Karen F. Negran
Quoc-Nam T. Nguyen
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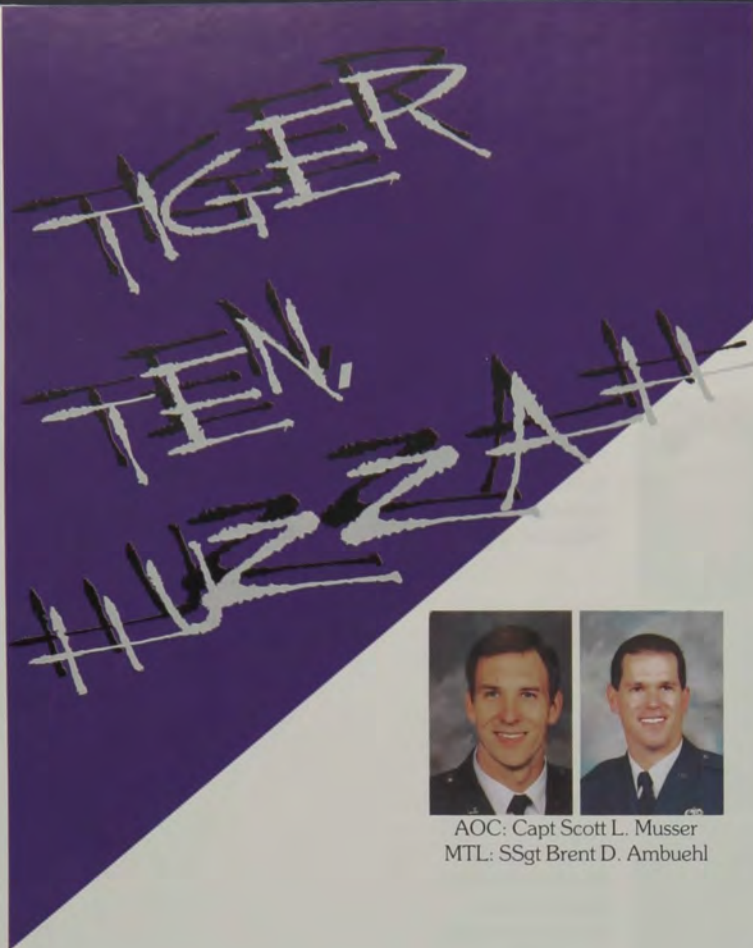
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Aaron J. Rubi
Paul Scheglov
Amy A. Schultz
DonCosta E. Seawell



Andrew B. Stewart
Christopher A. Thuotte
Dave P. Trollman
Nathan P. Vosters
James P. Woodall Jr.
Abram M. Woody

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 261



AOC: Capt Scott L. Musser
MTL: SSgt Brent D. Ambuehl

HUZZAH: The Tiger Ten battle cry. A source of pride for Tigers far and wide. You can hear a loud and thunderous Huzzah in the hallways of Tiger Ten, on the Terrazzo or in any place where Tigers congregate. We are loud, proud, strong and active. We are Tigers. HUZAH.

Huzzah takes many forms over the course of the academic year. The Huzzah lesson lives in our hallways. Tigers can be heard at 0600 every morning preparing for the day. Huzzah lives on the Terrazzo as we do pushups for noon meal formation. Huzzah lives in the rooms of all Tigers as our pride carries us to the top slots militarily. Huzzah stirs Tigers to action, becoming some of the best cadets in the Wing. Huzzah lives everywhere in Tiger Ten.

Tiger pride starts with Huzzah. Huzzah is demonstrated by how hard the Doolies work at their knowledge. Huzzah is the three degrees spending every

weekend making the four degrees strong. Huzzah is how the two degrees bring every year and become the Wings' top firsties. Huzzah is every firstie who looks toward graduation from Tiger Ten as an accomplishment.

Tigers like C1C Jorma Huhtala see Huzzah as saying that old British paratrooper used to say before they jumped out-kinda like Geronimo or bawai-to get psyched up and fired up. I know I say Huzzah every time I jump... Other Tigers like C4C Micah Freeman see Huzzah as "not a word but an expression of teamwork, pain, pride, strength, honor, courage, and endurance."

The common thread about Huzzah though, is what C3C Mike McMillen says about it, "it means 'working hard, and keepin' it real, plain and simple."

Huzzah is a way of life. HUZAH.

-Erin Nagel



Joseph A. Bemis
Bryan C. Beulin
Daniel J. Ellerbrook
Marc E. Greene
Laura E. Hill
Mame R. Hutchinson
Joshua J. Imme

Philip S. Johnston
David M. Jonas
Dara L. Kjarum
Christopher L. Larson
Christopher M. Methvin
Marc K. Milligan
Erin C. Nagel

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Javin C. Peterson
Thomas L. Philley Jr.
Henry B. Schantz
Jeffery W. Scohy
Erika L. Siegenthaler
Jonathan R. Smith



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JohnPaul Kilker
Marion M. Knapp

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Malcolm B. Roberts
Kenneth W. Sayles
Aubrey A. Semrau

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Luke Sullivan
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Sean P. Chaffe
Daniel J. Denninghoff
Eric R. Dittman
Amy N. Eichelberger

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Micah N. Freeman
Timothy J. Fryar
Brian C. Gornick
Joshua B. Harrison
Carlos B. Jayme
Timothy M. Johnson
Jacob D. Leck

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SQUADRON

ROWDY REBELS



AOC: Maj Scott M. Clawson
MTL: TSgt James R. Garrett

A quick glance at life in squadron eleven tells you those "Rowdy" Rebels know how to have fun. Throughout the year, the MWR staff has helped make cadet life more bearable, whether it's through tailgates, cookouts, fast food or theme nights. Another thing MWR staff has done to make formations a little more tolerable is squadron jokes. C1C Panther was known for his meaningless jokes that left everyone more confused than when he started, and C1C Dickens was always ready to introduce "the geek of the week," which seemed to go to C1C Savoie quite a bit.

On any given Tuesday or Thursday in Rebeleven you might find yourself surrounded by numerous cadets in tank tops or all dressed in flannel. Boxer night was also popular among the cadets. Theme nights gave everyone a chance to express their own unique personalities and have some fun doing it.

"We know each other very well in this squadron because of all

the MWR activities. We don't just pass one another in the halls because we're too busy - we take the opportunity to get to know each other better by having some fun together at MWR events and squadron sponsored sporting events," said C1C Panther.

What really makes Rebeleven such a great place to be from? The cadets in squadron eleven can tell you.

"Also, it's a real blessing having the best MTA in the Wing. Sergeant Garrett really cares about us which totally rocks," added C2C Carl Frohman.

"A sincere mentality of putting friends first and making sacrifices for those around us has allowed Rebeleven to become more than a squadron; we are members of a common brotherhood, not a distant competition," said C2C Greg Ball.

-Mary Jenny Hinton



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Joshua A. Ellis
Carl E. Frohman
Philip H. Gagnon
Christopher D. Gentile Jr.



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David A. Heinitz
Brian D. Lane
Joshua K. Miller
Bryan J. Murdock
Beau M. Nicewanner
David M. Och



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Matthew T. Phillips
Laura L. Powell
Nathan P. Rowan
Monty M. Salanoa
Matthew R. Schnell
Paul T. Schwennesen



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Lindsay L. Winter
Charles J. Zanotti



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Brooke K. Carter
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James A. Gourley
Jamie P. Gray
Matthew R. Harlow
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SQUADRON

DIRTY DOZEN



AOC: Maj Allan J. Chromy
MTL: SSgt Terry M. Hines

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Benjamin E. Hettinga (00)

The 1998-99 academic year will be one long remembered by the members of Dirty Dozen. It certainly saw a lot of change, with a new AOC and MTL.

Matt Elleby summed up the year best, "Team Twelve, period dot."

Even through the tour pad, confinement log, weekend restrictions, and a number of friends and comrades who moved on, Dozen endured and overcame the hardships thrown at it. The nuking wars, Cole Taylor's personal bout with his ladder (he lost), a world class photographer, some mail fanatics, trash cans clean enough to drink out of, shirt garters, marching practices, Bulmer's Charge, sleeveless blues, and the ever-present road to honor squadron are some notable events from the year.

The firsties came into the year with their eyes set on gold bars, and the constant struggle to keep out of trouble. The doolies came into the squadron and en-

dured the long four degree year to finally shine through a difficult recognition and claim their place in the Wing. And of course, no summary of Dozen's year would be complete without an honorable mention of support staff.

"In the beginning Maj Chromy created clean rooms and accountability. And dirty dozen was without fun. Cleanliness was upon the face of the trash cans, and the spirit of chromism moved upon the face of the firsties. And Maj Chromy said, 'Let there be obedience, and there was obedience.' Maj Chromy divided the obedient cadets from the disobedient. And Maj Chromy called the obedient cadets good and the disobedient cadets he called bad. The evening and the morning was spent on the tour pad. Maj. Chromy said, 'Let here be form-10's in the midst of the disobedient, and let it divide the disobedient from the obedient', said Travis Higbee, resident grandfather.

-Jason Schenk



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SQUADRONS

Squadrons 267

FIGHTING BULLDAWGS



AOC: Maj Suzanne L. Smith
MTL: TSgt Mike A. Gutierrez

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The Bulldawgs have spent most of the year working hard. Whether it was on the athletic fields, in the classroom or military duties, the Dawgs put forth their maximum effort.

The year started out with a BBQ and SSgt G challenging the Dawgs to some serious flag football. Even when Falcon football games kept us at Camp USAFA, MWR staff knew how to throw a party.

Not all the fun was limited to sporting events. The Dawgs week-day evening MWR events included a "TV14" version of the dating game. C2C Daryl Maas has yet to take C4C Kelly Kitchens out for the video date. C1C Tim Feely and C1C Scott Fuller provided the Dawgs with tasty treats from their old fashioned ice cream maker on numerous occasions.

Of course, what squadron could have fun without the traditional dinning out. Zio's, a new Italian restaurant, was definitely a popular choice. It was either because of the crayons for drawing

on the table, the view finders for looking at dessert or watching the cannibalistic exchange cadet, Midshipman Tomi Motoi, consume a fried squid appetizer. Lunch time was never silent with C2C Jeremy Roth providing encouraging words and suggestions to those making staff tower announcements.

On those rare Blue Weekends, the Bulldawgs engaged in numerous exciting activities away from the Academy. Camping, hiking, snowboarding and skiing topped many Dawgs' to do lists. Several Dawgs volunteered to help with Halloween festivities for area kids. Other members of the squadron participated in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, which included going roller skating, bowling, and ice skating with their "littles." C1Cs Pristelski, McClellon, Starr, and Nolan coached the Raiders, a youth football team, in the fall and even had other Dawgs come out to cheer the team on.

It just goes to show, if you're with the Bulldawgs it's bound to be fun - even SAMI prep.

-Samantha Drew



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Tomi E. Motoi
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Gregory J. Preisser
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SQUADRONS

Squadrons 269

KILLER COBRAS



AOC: Maj Howard "Ace" Shrum
MTL: TSgt Steve A. McGary

Heading into a new century, the Cobras of CS-14 have closed out the last in style. "Work hard, play harder than everyone else." was the tradition passed down, and upheld this last year.

The Cobras made a name for themselves at Air Force football games with incredible barbecues and high-flying four degrees. C2C John Motley turned tailgate barbecuing into an art form with his mystery sauce, and C4C Dean Miller was flung ever higher by eager classmates during the "Hey Song."

Fun was also had at the Cobra's own football games on the parade field. The weekly game came to be anticipated by both four degrees and upperclassmen alike. Even here the Cobras proved they play hard, sending three to the emergency room and one to the clinic.

The Cobra leadership showed its sense of humor as Fall Semester Squadron Commander C1C John Fenwick marched the squadron to breakfast in authentic

Mitchell Hall-Worker attire. C1C Doug Leonard spent the fall semester on exchange at the French Air Force Academy. C2C Gage Bryson was the top candidate selected from the Academy to attend the Navy S.E.A.L.'s Minibuds program. These people proved the "work hard" half of the motto.

Hard work was also shown by the four degrees who lived up to a long legacy of Cobra fourthclassmen on 100s Night. The fun was seeing C1C Fenwick and C1C Scott Nichols return to an empty room with all their furniture and belongings on their way to Denver.

Cobras could be found on the Falcon football, basketball, swimming, rugby, hockey, soccer, and golf teams. Militarily, the Cobras did well in the SAMIs, ORIs, and marching. The year seemed to embody the Cobra tradition and showed that CS-14 is ready to work, and play, just as hard in 2000.

-Sam Kidd



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Dan K. Kunkel
Brian E. McKay
John E. Motley
Nathan A. Oltmans
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Kadeen A. Mansor
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SQUADRON

Squadrons 271

MIGHTY WAREAGLES



AOC: Capt Kyle D. Voight
MTL: TSgt Larry D. Malcom

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S-15 began the year strong, under the leadership of a new AOC Captain Voigt. Although it was difficult to adapt to new leadership, the Wareagles excelled and found themselves ranked high in the Wing first semester.

Each class of cadets within the squadron showed strong leadership. This year, the Firsties really did lead by example. Squadron Commanders C1C Bris-Bois and C1C Kreutzer, as well as their OPS Officers C1C Cancellara and C1C Majcen, worked hard to build the best Squadron they could. The new second-class cadets were key in strengthening the squadron, as they brought with them new ideas and attitudes, helping to shape the squadron.

C1C Hartson worked hard to coordinate a sponsor base trip to Travis AFB, in California, which proved to be the highlight of the year for many Wareagles. C1C Alexander mentioned how amazing it was to stand on a hill and look down upon the city of San

Francisco, with the Golden Gate bridge gleaming in the setting sun. He will never forget laying eyes on the Pacific Ocean for the first time. Other cadets mentioned the cafeteria at UCCS, and other eye opening experiences and culture shocks. Overall, the trip provided the Wareagles with a chance to bond as well as grow.

The Wareagles have also grown a great deal within the Colorado Springs community as well. C3C Gonzalez has organized many service projects with a local elementary school. Most cadets enjoyed the time with elementary schools because they were given the opportunity to interact with the children one on one as well as doing things such as carnivals, basketball, etc.

The squadron's development is aided greatly by their MTL TSgt Malcom. He is a multifaceted individual who is irreplaceable. On behalf of the Wareagles, we wish him all the luck at the Pentagon.

-Elizabeth Yesue



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SQUADRONS

Squadrons 273

PROUD CHICKENHAWKS

Work hard, play harder. So goes the motto of the cadet squadron sixteen Proud Chickenhawks. And that's just what the Chickenhawks have been doing all year.

"The good times begin promptly with doors open not a second after 0620," said C4C Kyle Halseth.

Not even form tens could keep the Chickenhawks down this year. Being restricted was not too bad for Chickenhawks either.

"I had to cancel a few big dates, but we always found good stuff to do and there was usually plenty of company," said C3C McCann.

Some activities in the squadron included dining-ins, movies, and games. For C4C Hannon, the teamwork was the best part of being a Chickenhawk.

"Supporting each other and being there for each other has really contributed to the sense of family that I feel in sixteen" said C4C Hannon.

Cadet Hannon's feelings reflect a general attitude in the squadron. There was a lot of love in the Chickenhawk family this year. The class of 2000 was the glue that held everyone together. With their guidance to look forward to next year, things can only get better for the Chickenhawks. Much of squadron sixteen's success this year can be attributed to leadership. Much positive feedback from the Air Officer Commanding kept the Chickenhawks strictly within the regulations. In addition, CS-16's first sergeant and squadron commander brought some humor to formations every day. "Rap attacks," "burger reports," and "day in the life" stories motivated the Chickenhawks to march with their heads held high. All of these factors have made squadron sixteen a great place to be.

As C3C Kallman says, "It's been so great, I think I'll stick around for another two years."

-Erik Holzner

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MTL: TSgt Norma I. Rodriguez



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Summer A. Koons
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SQUADRON

Squadrons 275

MEAN SEVENTEEN



AOC: Maj Tom D. Ward
MTL: TSgt Treassia S. Hall

In the history of CS-17, Stalag has never been so close. Defying the origin of the name, it has competed and performed, friendships have been found, and standards set. "Family" was the word, and excellence the device of measurement. Through the year, the theme of CS-17 has been "No Escape." In the grand scheme of things, it is familiar to all the cadets in CS-17. As a squadron, the theme is applied to all aspects of cadet life. For the cadets of CS-17, memories have formed that some will never escape from.

The standard in academics set the stage for incoming fourthclassmen. Introduced to a competitive environment, C4C Lars Ewing commented that he would never be able to escape from "learning to deal with all the genius." Such a turn around from the established norm of high school was definitely a challenge to all, and especially memorable for the cadets of 2002.

The year was also characterized by its consistency. The ability of CS-17 to stay at a set standard

was almost uncanny. C2C Steve Greenspan commented on the squadron's ability to maintain such levels of performance.

"I was amazed that we would go from marching last, to marching... last," said C2C Greenspan.

However, the buoyancy of CS-17 always kept us afloat, no matter what position we were in. There was always true camaraderie and commitment to one another no matter the situation.

C1C Scott Malloch was quoted as saying that "there is such a plethora of character types; it is amazing we all get along." CS-17 proved to have its quantity of true fellowship.

The true unity of CS-17 stemmed from our shared inspiration.

Best described by C3C Becky Wyffels, "the penthouse 6th floor location and the view" helped to provide each cadet with real motivation to excel.

Here, united by a common goal and a common environment, CS-17 celebrated its year with success.
- Rob Fiechtner



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SQUADRONS

Squadrons 277

WILD STALLIONS



AOC: Maj Paul K. Reagan
MTL: MSgt David Palmer

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"Excellence in all we do." That pivotal pillar of the core values sums up the attitude of the Nightriders of CS-18.

As always, when you're forced to work hard, play becomes incredibly important. Therefore, all MWR events had to excel at breaking the monotony of existence at Camp USAFA. Barbecues, tailgates, and dining outs filled the calendar in the fall, while morale and money-raisers occupied the spring. MWR narrowly avoided carrier-landing collisions with the CQ desk, assorted human relations violations during lip-sync contests, to come out on top. Nightrider MWR proved to be, in the words of C2C James Marion, the "Kings of Halloween," and sponsored one of the greatest parties in Academy history. Those who experienced the kegs, open bar, and hundreds of costumed people in attendance are sure to agree.

Athletically, the squadron performed at the highest of levels. We ranked in the top squadrons in

athletic performance measured by the Academy: PFT, AFT, and PE classes. More importantly, CS-18 owned the athletic fields in many of their intramural contests. Flag football, soccer, racquetball and other sports were where the cadets of CS-18 reached Wing levels of competition. The Flag football championship game was the most intense event held in recent years with broken noses, separated shoulders, and ejections occurring on a regular basis. We may not have won the game but as Cadet R.J. Rasmussen said, "you mess with the stallion and you'll get the horn."

Overall, the Nightriders finish the year with many great memories and few regrets. The end of the year brings the loss of the Class of 1999, as well as the departure of our beloved AOC Major Reagan. As they enjoy themselves in their new-found lives those who remain (and those coming in) will continue to make CS-18, "the best squadron in the Wing!"

-Jeff Holland



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SQUADRONS

Squadrons 279

WOLVERINES



AOC: Capt Thomas R. Rauls
MTL: TSgt Michael D. McGrady

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Deep in the bowels of USAFA, in the dark dripping caverns of the hidden tunnels lives a wild bunch of rogue cadets. This unruly nocturnal clan that prowls camp USAFA while others sleep call themselves Wolverine 19.

Well maybe they don't live in a hole in the Earth and in fact live well above it on the fifth floor of Vandy, but this gang of bad seeds is most assuredly wild. The halls of nineteen almost always echo resounding laughter with tales of conquering booty, the pitfalls of gambling and drinking (only hard liquor for this crew) and run-ins with the law.

Those wolverines are led by a couple of hooligans named Allen and Sherry, but they are kept in line by the Sheriff Captain Rauls and his deputy, the one called "The Mac." Now "The Mac" is known for cavorting through formation looking for outlaw haircuts and unshaven beards. "Lock it out wolverines," is not an uncommon demand of "The Mac."

Now those wolverines bring trouble wherever they go, but they

also know how to play hard. One good example is the intramural flag football team, they were one game shy of the championship. Man, they were mean though. In the quarter final game, that gang of misfits got into the biggest brawl you ever seen with the Fighting Fourth. Fists were flying, tongues were cussing and bodies were bleeding. The only thing that brought order to the rumble was the AOC breaking people apart. One of those wolverines, Mike Viguria, had a brother on the other team. His brother got punched by one of those unruly nineteeners. "Who punched my brother? Who wants to die?"

Crazy wild ruffians, I guess that is the wolverines in a nutshell. If you are adventurous enough and you like your drinks stiff, wander on over to Nineteen. If you are lucky you might just catch heat from the Sheriff or get to duel with "The Mac." Oh yeah, make sure you leave your mothers, your children and your shirt garters at home.

-Marc Lowe



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David R. Gunter
Edward R. Hourigan
Beth A. Inglis
Larry M. Isom
Mark D. Jacobsen

Eric B. Johnson
Brandon L. Knox
Kevin W. McClain
Christopher D. Munger
Kerry L. Pothier
Kyle A. Rasmussen
Thad M. Reddick
Ken A. Schmid

Charles E. Schuck Jr.
David C. Shaver
Matthew G. Sikkink
Gregory Starling
Daniel B. Stuart
Norman L. Vujevic Jr.
Alan Yee

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 281

TOUGH TWENTY TROLLS



AOC: Capt Robert Z. Lietzke

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MTL: SSgt James M. Long

Something that was on the mind of most people at the beginning of this year was "How do we top a year where we finished 40th in the Wing?" Roomies C3C Michael Stucki and C3C Steve Berger took on an effort to attain a slushy machine for our squadron. They argued that it would improve morale and possibly our squadron's standing in the Wing. However, their efforts fell short to the dismay of many squad mates. Our freshmen, or, excuse me, our fourthclass cadets, tried to make the Trolls infamous through many spirit missions. These efforts, like those of Mike and Steve, also fell short. In spite of creating quite a reaction, they lacked the necessary ingredients to propel our morale to new heights, if you will.

Training staff labored to create a plan that would, according to C3C Johnny Nichols, "blast the freshmen back into shape!" This blasting, although powerful, still left the Trolls with a wobbly foundation. With all of this in mind, we realized we still needed to do more to reach our goals. We took a long, hard

look at the people that make up the Trolls.

"There is only a little difference between people, but its that little difference that makes all the difference," said C2C Jonathan Gration, fall semester first sergeant.

We took Jon's valuable advice to heart and concluded that there was still more work to be done.

C1C Thomas Lessner had a bleaker outlook on the situation, stating, "If you're looking for leadership in the Trolls, shoot yourself!"

Whoa, that might be a little drastic Lush! I think he might be referring to a former roommate, Ops officer, whose solution involves Propecia. I don't think that will solve anything either, maybe we are destined to remain 40th in the Wing forever or at least this year again. Well that's all from Troll land, it was an enjoyable two years in the best squad in the Wing even if we are 40th again. At least we will be 36th in the Wing next year, we can only go up from here.

-James Novak &
Ryan Garlow



Christopher T. Allred
John S. Berg
Paul E. Box
Shannon L. Caffrey
Jason M. Colborn
James F. Davis
Dena A. DeBacco

Malia Q. Dolfinger
Michael A. Edmonston
Andrew J. Ellis
Dawn D. Golding
Jonathan S. Gration
Christopher G. Humphrey
Matthew S. Husemann

Erik S. Johnson
Adam D. Larson
Lance A. Merkley
Olivia S. Mitchell
Nora J. Nelson
James C. O'Brien
Matthew W. Sanders



Mark A. Sletten
Christopher J. Todaro
Marc R. Wong
Brian V. Wood
Kirk Z. Zerkel

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Jennifer M. Aupke
Stephen K. Berger
Jon E. Blair
Edmund J. Blanchet
Fabio V. Fortunat
Ryan J. Garlow

Detrick D. Grimes
Jesse L. Hamilton
Amanda J. Hammers
Kurt W. Martinson
Christopher L. Moeller
John A. Nichols

James R. Novak
Scott A. Percival
Wilhem A. Perez
James M. Petrach Jr.
Neil B. Poppe
Mitchell Randolph III

Amy A. Ringwald
Thomas J. Sorensen
Michael J. Stucki
Brian J. Urban
Matthew S. Welch
Rachael L. Westergren

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David A. Albin
James E. Ariglio
Donald A. Beaven
Eric A. Bow
Brad P. Bowyer
Paul A. Cancino
Kyle A. Cernich
Matthew A. Clugston

Scott E. Craven
Jeffrey G. Cunningham
Adrienne M. DeWitt
Daniel G. Dunbar
Raimund J. Gegner
Kristy L. Gorton
Matthew H. Joseph
Warren J. Lopez

Richard H. Lyon
Michael R. May
Anthony J. Mione
Eli G. Mitchell
Cathleen E. Mullee
Benjamin J. Norris
Daniel W. Pupich
Erik W. Schwarz

Mitchell S. Sherman
Jeremy S. Tipton
Alison M. Tomlinson
Brennan J. Vincello
Christopher D. Wolf
Ilkyu P. Yim

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 283

BIG BAD BLACKJACKS



AOC: Maj Kevin C. Zeeck
MTL: TSgt Scott O. James

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Jennifer L. Ziegler (02)

How do you know you've entered the Blackjacks squadron area? Faces are brighter, people are having more fun...all in all, the Blackjacks form the tightest knit family in the Wing, and it shows in every squadron activity.

Double-Down: togetherness starts in the squadron. Like any squadron, the Blackjacks had some rocky times, but they stuck together through it all.

"I feel very fortunate to be part of the Blackjack family. The friendships I made in 21 will last a lifetime," said C3C Cam Buell.

All this Blackjack pride wouldn't have been possible without the help of veteran double-downer Major Kevin "Zeecker" Zeeck, class of 1984, and SSgt Scott James. The Blackjacks led the Wing this year in community service hours, continuing the family spirit out into the local area. In particular, the Blackjacks took the Marion House Soup Kitchen project under their wing.

"I really feel that we have the best group of people in the wing,"

says C1C Nate Leap. "From the very beginning of the semester, everyone came together to work as one unit."

But all work and no play makes a 21 dull place! Tailgate after tailgate marked the Blackjack fall semester, beer bowls dotted the spring season, and numerous MWR events throughout kept the dark ages fun and interesting. C2C Nino Armendariz and his newly launched swing band provided hours of dancing fun for those who came out for practices. But the spring "Miss Blackjack" contest stands out particularly in 21's memory. Winner C2C Kedric Osborne pranced through the squadron in hot pants and dred locks, while close runner up C4C Aaron Moate pouted.

"I was robbed. Dreds are so out this year!" said Moate.

Being a Blackjack means you stick together through thick and thin. From cleaning to ironing, dancing to prancing, laughing to crying, Blackjacks were a family. Double-Down!

-Erin Crean



Marcelino Armendariz
Matthew A. Astroth
Joel Bolina
Abdullah A. Brodie
Sierra C. Burgess
Erin M. Crean

Jeremy L. Eggers
Robert E. Eklund
Brenetta S. Hunter
David E. Jenkins
Gregory S. LeCrone
Joseph R. Michaelson

James M. Murphy
Kedric J. Osborne
Brian A. Palermo
Razvan N. Radoescu
Joseph W. Roe
Jason W. SanSouci



Adam F. Schlag
Luke J. Schneider
Jason E. Smith
Matthew J. Zitzlsperger

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Kurt M. Bruggeman
Camden J. Buell
Sarah E. Burk
Abraham H. Cuddeback



Justin L. Diehl
Erik J. Dries
Jeremy S. Ferguson
Jeremy J. Fresques
Richard L. Huth
Matthew J. Ihlenfeld



Robert M. Krueger
Juan P. Lavarreda-Perez
Julia S. Luttrell
Stephen C. Manley
Leonard A. Miller
John J. Page



Jennifer D. Peterson
Michael L. Potts
Eric C. Schmalbach
Richard R. Sharpe
Christopher R. Stephens
Nathan R. Wright

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Aaron D. Bend
Brandon S. Bennett
Patrick S. Chapin
Maxwell L. Christopherson
William A. Eckley
Joseph M. Franciskovich



Trevor J. Frobose
David A. Hajek
Brandon M. Hartmann
Clifford M. Hawkins
Brian P. Hoelzel
Robert C. Holt
Bergan M. Hugos



Edward E. Jones
Philip K. Khoo
Koo H. Kim
Joseph J. Kontowicz
Tiffany S. Ley
Emily N. Marr
Aaron R. Moate



Justin C. Sandifer
Justin K. Smalling
David P. Tarasi
Renee L. Zimmerman

SQUADROIS

Squadrons 285

FIRST LOOK FIRST



AOC: Maj Daniel P. DeLeo
MTL: TSgt Allen T. Jones

It's been a hardcore year in Cadet Squadron 22, due mainly to the benevolent dictatorship of everyone's favorite Army AOC, Maj. DeLeo. Aside from being recognized as the weirdest squadron in the Wing, 22 is also famed for "having that Army Ranger AOC". Now, many apologize to us upon hearing this, but it has been a great time. If it weren't for Maj. D., whose office would we brick in? Who would be there to train firstclass cadets? Who would fondly tell us "Son, help me understand"? Without Maj. D., there will be no more of those cool flyers, giving you an actual AOC office number to call and say "Beat Army". Yes, Maj. D. has been a defining characteristic of Cadet Squadron 22.

Alas, that era is ending. Perhaps, as Donte Tanner would say, "Army officers should stay in the Army", but as we say goodbye to Maj. D., we know he is going on to bigger and better things, going on to what he does best. In his own

words, "Son, I'm going back to killin'." Yet, 22 will live on.

Our MWR staff will still provide, the kickinest, swinginest tailgates. Our four degrees will still never quite learn where those spirit-mission boundaries are. (Sorry about the class crest 98, Sorry about those golf carts G-Lo.) We will always say "Huah" whenever we here the number 22. Our spirit lives on, even though our pet Tarantula, Mortisha, doesn't, as Randy Carlson will tell you "she was murdered by Sgt. Jones." We will always be Tarantulas. We will always have that special quality, that spirit, that Huah, for as Tommy Still will tell you, "the Deuce Deuce welcomes you into her family with open arms. It takes the funk that you come in with, recycles that funk and produces a flava that has the Swedish chef hollaring 'Hootie Hoo'. No matter where we end up in this world, we'll never forget CS22, and that little Tarantula inside us will never change."

-Victoria Miller

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Xavier V. Bruce
Mitchell J. Cok
William M. Dains II
Amy M. Fischer
Larry W. Gabe
David A. Garay

Jason R. Goldberg
Theresa Grano
Jacob L. Hammons
Jason R. Hoffman
Tharommony T. In
Charlie D. Jackson Jr.
Daniel S. Jerdan

William H. McKibban
Brandon K. Nickel
Larry L. Paige Jr.
James H. Peoples
Matthew R. Reilman
Amanda L. Rivera
Miguel F. Rivera



Kathryn N. Roman
Patrick J. Schuld
David T. Still Jr.
Craig A. Thorstenson
Samuel M. Todd

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Denique G. Asion
Randall E. Carlson
Kristol Chuntraruk
Danial E. Eastman



Aaron W. Finke
Ryan T. Hayde
Brian D. Hoose
Christopher C. Jackson
Michael J. Jensen
Stephen R. Kincanon
James E. Martin



Charles W. Mauze III
Lauren A. McGrath
Kima H. Megorden
Victoria R. Miller
David Penuela
Leslie G. Ross
Nicholas J. Russo



Melinda B. Schilling
Matthew R. Shrull
Wayne E. Southam
Tomasz P. Stoklosa
Joey P. Sullivan
Donte' T. Tanner
Charles B. Toth

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Adam D. Ackerman
Matthew P. Anastas
Michael L. Armstrong
Richard R. Bell
Joshua C. Burns
Jennifer M. Byers
Joshua S. Campbell



Adam M. Clark
Kevin C. Floyd
William E. Freienmuth
Eric A. Graves
Andres Guerra
Tamer F. Hassan
Joseph A. Hext



Christopher J. Keller
Paul D. Kitko
David S. Little
Nathan A. Loucks
Brandy E. Ransom
Casey E. Richardson
Anthony M. Robertson



Andrew J. Rohrer
Ryan A. Sanford
Sean H. Smiley
Rachel M. Stout
Laura M. Turner-Davis

SQUADROIS

Squadrons 287

BARNSTORMING TWO-THREE



AOC: Capt Josie K. Quiroz
MTL: MSgt John Western

It was a year of adjustments and change for the Barnstormers of Cadet Squadron 23. With a new AOC and the high aspirations for leadership, 23 focused on surpassing the standards and building a positive reputation. The fall semester began a year long project to get 23 performing well above previous years while at the same time making life enjoyable in the squadron. How did we plan to go from the bottom 3 to the top 10 in the Wing? Good question...at least that is what the rest of the squadron was thinking when the goals were explained.

It was a simple plan—good work would be rewarded, and mistakes or laziness would be swiftly punished. To improve morale, the squadron leadership developed a merit system that awarded extra privileges. Everything from a 100% on a knowledge test to community service hours could earn a cadet merits. Merits could then be “cashed in” for privileges. These “good” forms-10 were always the ones you anticipated receiving from an Ops Clerk. However, the Barn-

stormers were no strangers to the “bad” ones. Standards were strictly enforced, as is to be expected from a squadron wanting to move up from that lower rung of rankings. While this was often met with much grumbling, there were still good times to be had by all.

MWR staff worked all year to keep morale high even in the lowest of lows. One anonymous Barnstormer said, “Misery loves company.” So, MWR had to work hard to protect the sanity of the squadron and keep cynicism relatively low. And while there were times when life was far from ideal, Barnstormers have never been ones to avoid a good time. That would be breaking a tradition.

Some goals were met, and others weren’t quite attainable. But, the year has been an interesting one filled with learning experiences and plenty of those times when you weren’t quite sure what you were supposed to have learned from it all. When all was said and done, it was clear that the same spirit of 23 remained intact.

—Clara Aguirre

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Christine M. Ano
Marta A. Blizniak
Christopher W. Breffitt
Brian D. Clark
Seth M. Cunningham
Christopher C. Day
Benedict C. Doyle

Michael A. Fugett
Matthew L. Hannon
Eric C. Hanssen
Anthony L. Jones
Kevin S. Kuciapinski
Jeffrey R. Liang
Elaine Melendez

Jared R. Miller
Thomas A. Nelson
Mollie M. Peters
August L. Pfluger II
Jeremy L. Renken
Michael G. Roberts Jr.
Amanda M. Saunders



Theodore J. Shultz
Aaron O. Torczynski
Thomas C. Ward
Jason E. Williams



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Michael Ahn
Nathan R. Beard
Dustin P. Born
Timothy J. Cook



Lori D. Cronin
Ryan M. Denton
Erik L. Dutkiewicz
Robert A. Edison II
Jeffrey C. Feuring
Shawn R. Finnicum
Michael W. Grados
Paul R. Graham



Nathaniel D. Harris
James W. Karnes
Michael S. Masuda
William E. McKenzie
Laurie R. Moffett
Christopher P. Mulder
Elizabeth C. Newcomb
Matthew E. Nussbaum



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James M. Pasquino
Michael D. Provins
Christopher K. Roberts
Christopher J. Schulz
Timothy S. Wagner
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Daniel L. Yousey

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John W. Bugajski
Gregory J. Caggiano
Hassan B. Campbell
George P. Cole III
Daniel M. Collette
Timothy J. Dunagan



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Matthew N. Garchow
Robert C. Greeson
Curt A. Haase
Brian W. Hasbrouck
Wesley E. Higginbotham
Michael P. Jokhy



Michael A. Landisman
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Kevin L. Litton
Jonathan D. Mensing
Theron M. Mink
Robert E. Morgan III
Lindsey A. Ozark
Christine Palomo



Michael L. Raabe
Christopher L. Robinson
Ronen M. Segal
Ty B. Selfridge
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SQUADRONS

Squadrons 289

HARD-CORE TWO-FOUR



AOC: Capt Thomas A. Summers
MTL: SSgt Paul E. Greene

The Phatty Phantoms of CS-24 are a fairly diverse and interesting group of people. From the four degrees to the firsties, we have a pool of different talents, interests, and characters. Two of the stand outs in our peculiar group of four degrees are the former Marine-Corps band member, C4C Andy Walker, a "hard-core" saxophone player, and our own back to the 80's break-dancer, C4C Steven Sistare. C4C Sistare somehow found the energy to do backflips and various other break-dance moves after the grueling sweepstakes event during the recognition activities.

In the three degree class of Squadron 24, one of the most memorable characters is C3C Chris Geisel. C3C Geisel gained quite a reputation by stuffing himself into the overheads of his room as a four

degree. C3C Geisel continued to make his presence known in the squadron by being "knowledge-bowl" guru to the four degrees and maintaining his unusual study night and sleep all day schedule.

The stand-outs in our group of terrific two degrees includes C2C Francis Bleyer, the self-proclaimed "sexiest guy in the Wing" and our "fiddle-strumming fool" C2C Brian Marbach.

Finally, a couple of the memorable "praying to avoid late-grad firsties" includes both of our squadron commanders this year, C1C Eric Haas and C1C Tyson Lane. Both are real party-animals, as we all witnessed on our exciting squadron trip to Tyndal AFB in February. The Phantoms have become a much tighter group throughout the year, and we look forward to continued "hard-core" fun in the future.

-Mae-Li Amick &
Konnie Snyder &
Kim Lee



Mae-Li Amick
Matthew T. Barido
Francis C. Bleyer
Brion T. Coleman
Peter A. Crispell
Steven M. DeMoulied

David L. Drummond
Jammie L. Himsl
Timothy A. Kipp
Jason M. Lawrence
Kimberly E. Lee
Peter M. Lington

Brian J. Marbach
Sean H. McCarthy
Charles B. Miller
Gabriel G. Repucci
Albert W. Rieben
Jaron H. Roux

Konstanze E. Snyder
Perry L. Tanner
Lucas S. Tickner
Mark F. Van Weezendonk
Edward R. Wagner
Kristopher R. Washington



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Dustin T. Brisson
 Christopher K. Cunningham
 Daniel L. Dean
 Nicholas K. DiCapua
 Michael E. Gallagher
 Christopher D. Geisel

Gerremy L. Goldsberry
 Christian L. Grimm
 Michael B. Hiatt
 Melissa A. Horvath
 Amy M. Hultin
 John J. Isacco

Brenton L. Karsten
 Michael V. Kirkner
 Christine T. Love
 Kevin T. McGlone
 Dennis A. Nita
 Nathan L. Owen

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 Steven R. Ramirez
 Devin C. Ryan
 Matthew L. Tuzel
 Michael S. Ueda
 Joshua C. Weed

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 Isaac T. Bell
 Jared T. Broddrick
 Nathaniel L. Cole
 Johnathan A. Eccles
 Bret Echard
 Brian M. Flusche

Matthew T. Flynn
 Erin R. Harms

Michael G. Igoe
 Jeremy W. Jackson
 Michael D. Larson
 Elliott J. Leigh

Ryan M. Lippert
 Jeffrey P. Malinen
 Thomas I. Nix
 Katherine S. Powell
 James A. Rodriguez
 Adam H. Rosado
 Alexis B. Ross

Andrew K. Setter
 Stephen C. Sistare
 Bryce J. Terpstra
 Andrew P. Walker
 Thomas D. White III
 Kathryn Young
 Gregory F. Zielinski

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 291



AOC: Maj Daniel R. Torweihe
MTL: TSgt Paul F. Dondi

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Shawn A. Johnson (01)

The members of Squadron 25 have many claims to fame. Undisputedly, they are the best of the best. Incoming two degrees were asked what they had heard about the squadron, and the overwhelming reply was that they had a really cool AOC. Living up to his reputation, Major Torweihe, former Thunderbirds pilot and bricklayer extraordinaire, won the O'Malley Award for being the Outstanding AOC of the Year. Major T's loss will be felt by all current and former Redeye as he moves on to another assignment.

"He's the best AOC in the Wing," said C3C Jordan Bounds.

Redeye fame continued into the school year with outstanding performance in parades. The squadron marched so well in the first parade that they marched first in the next one. Normally more than halfway back in the marching order, marching first was quite the experience for the Redeye.

"Marching first was awesome because I got back to my room before everyone else did," said C4C Anta Plowden.

Redeye marching fame continued well into the school year though for other reasons. C2C Steve Marshall frequently demonstrates perfect eyes right techniques for those in the rear ranks. And no one forms up quite like Redeye....

Redeye is also well known for their spirit. A large contingent of Redeye are always right up in the front row during football games. They have even been known to lead the cheerleaders in a few new cheers.

"We had to go to the football games anyway, but cheering and making a ruckus made it a lot more fun," said C3C Todd Tyler.

Redeye fame would not be complete without fun. Dining Outs are a common occurrence for varying reasons from St. Patrick's Day to the celebration of someone's birthday.

Yes, the Redeye are an infamous bunch...you never know what is going to happen in the 6th floor hallways of Sijan Hall....

-Jennifer DiCarlo



Nicholas A. Anderson
Michael A. Boos
Matthew S. Chisam
Matthew P. Crockett
Heather L. D'Annunzio
Dorothy L. De Luz
Nathaniel J. Douglas

Cory P. Duffy
Brooke F. Effland
Ashley L. Elliott
Christopher T. Finan
Miguel A. Garcia
Mark P. Graziano
Scott P. Handler

Justin L. Hohn
James T. Horne III
Gregory P. Huhmann
Laura S. Maher
Steven A. Marshall
Florimon J. Mendoza
Lamont C. Morrow



Nicholas G. Rutgers
Christopher J. Splees
Bryan E. Trinkle
Troy R. Voorhees
Jackson M. Whiting

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Pierre-Paul Alvarado
Brad J. Bashore
Eric C. Baugh
Jordan T. Bounds



Daniel J. Cruz
Jennifer L. DiCarlo
John D. Foy IV
Giuseppe E. Giadone
Christopher G. Gibbs
Erica M. Hamblin



Ryan A. Howland
Marc A. Kielkucki
Paul G. Mikula
Douglas J. Palagi
Sharonda L. Peake
Nathan J. Pifer



Nancy E. Rosenow
Jason M. Shane
Jacob W. Smith
Jeffrey P. Strange
Luke C. Sustman
Todd V. Tyler

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Kylie C. Adams
Leah B. Bennett
Joseph J. Borrell
Robert R. Burdge
Eric J. Carlo
Anthony L. Carson
Keegan K. Dougherty



Joseph W. Elam
Michael C. Erwin
Sherry L. Forbes
Edwin Gutierrez
Robert B. Johnson Jr.
Aleksandar Koccev
Jeffrey A. Lederhouse



Bryan D. McKay
David T. Merritt
Ted T. Northrop
Anta P. Plowden
Daniel D. Probert
Robert C. Rosebrough
David R. Siemion



Ryan L. Simpson
Ryan T. Smith
Robert E. Thompson
Erich G. Weller
Stephen J. Young
Kari L. Zeller

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 293

MIGHTY BARONS



AOC: Maj Thomas N. Nelson
MTL: MSgt Harold W. Hollis

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Randolph B. Witt (00)
Patrick W. Currie (01)

Welcome to the Baron's page! This has been a pretty good year for the Mighty Barons of twenty-six. We started this year fresh with a new AOC, two degrees, and four degrees. The new mixture of people fit together like pieces in a puzzle.

The MWR team worked hard to keep the squadron motivated. Before every football game, the MWR staff made sure there was plenty of food available set up the tailgates making sure there was food ready for the rest of us when we got there. As a motivator the MWR staff also set up a barbeque on a Friday before the SAMI as a way to relax and get to know each other. Once in while other activities in the evening were planned like the roommate game.

We improved a lot in marching, and the rooms have done well in the SAMIs. In intramurals both the softball team and ultimate frisbee team made it to group finals!

Things were going so well in twenty-six, when the T.V. in the SAR blew up. The unfortunate

event saddened the hearts of some of the Mighty Barons. But, we eventually received a new edition to our SAR: the ping pong table. Although we lost our T.V., we gained something even better! From reveille to TAPS, someone can always be found picking up a game.

There was a period where the CQ phone changed daily. It was exciting for the person sitting CQ to find out whether or not it was a good phone. The original phone had to be held in a certain way in order to hear the person on the other end.

The year ends on a good note. The Firsties are ready to move on, leaving the squadron in good hands. The two degrees are prepping to take over the squadron. The three degrees are anxious about going to their Operation bases and the move to the new squadrons. The four degrees are now thinking of the summer programs and what next year will be like, because it had to be better than this last one. Another year is gone, but we remain MIGHTY!

-Jennifer Beach



Lance M. Brenneke
Brian J. Budde
James M. Byrne
Robert S. Dunegan
Jon R. Friedman
Matthew E. Granger

Nicholas H. Hamilton
William M. Hardie III
Joy M. Harwood
Joshua J. Kloth
Jeremiah B. Laster
Ernest G. Mayfield III

Lindsay E. Nelson
Shannon L. Nielsen
Aaron C. Pifer
Diane M. Santos
William A. Sullivan
Aaron D. Walenga



Joshua A. Westby
Douglas W. White
Wesley A. Williams
Daniel A. Wright

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Julie A. Berger
Geoffrey R. Brasse



Jeffrey S. Chaperon
Paul A. Cristina
Brian D. De La Grange
James R. Farrow
Joshua R. Finch
Ryan J. Fleming



Jeremy W. Gingrich
Micah S. Goring
David F. John
Andrew P. Judkins
Charlene A. Mercado
Kevin M. Moffat



Alan J. Partridge
Jennifer L. Roatch
William R. Sosa
Ryan M. VanVeelen
Justin T. Watson
Kenneth J. Willson

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Joshua J. Coon
Casey S. Cox
Joseph M. Epperson
Erik S. Fisher



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Heather L. Guzik
Jerad M. Hand
Randall J. Heusser
Kevin A. Hill
Brad S. Huebinger
Matthew L. Kaercher



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Jacob U. Leonard
Kris T. Merritt
Christopher B. O'Connor
Ryan U. Olsen
Michelle M. Poeckes
Joseph W. Pugh



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Ryan C. Sullivan
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Christopher N. Vojta
Jay P. Welker

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 295

FABULOUS THUNDER- BIRDS



AOC: Maj Thomas J. Kauth
MTL: TSgt Robert J. Bayruns Jr.

Not Photographed:
Warren A. Hakes (00)

"It was the night 'for a SAMI, and all through the hall—not a T-bird was creepin', except Neanderthal (Morash). The beds set to SAMI with precision and care—in hopes that G-Lo would never be there. The Smacks lay carefully on top of their beds—while visions of BEAT DOWN danced in their heads. From out in the hall, a noise had arose—Voneida stumbled in, Hap's must've closed. Away to the SAR, Snyder flew like a flash—Batman and Robin, to take out the trash. First call was approaching, inspectors were near—Matlock and Corpening cost us Squad of the Year. With a new AOC, his hair high and tight—he sure was a stiff, but his wife was all right. With a little first sergeant, so lively and quick—we called her Big Money, her real name was Nic (ole). Rapid and fast, to the Shaft they all came—Livie hollered and shouted and called them by name. "Now Baldwin, now Abt, now El-Amin and Gard, and then there's

Wisniewski...wanna be Guard. On Simmons, on Medley, on young Danny Brown—who traded his rank for a night on the town. Heeeeeeeey Gaaaanng!!!! we heard down the hall, now run away, run away, run away all!

Now off to the T-20, there was a parade—Fariss is marching, be very afraid. As we stood in the sun, we started to bake—except for Hallada, a knee he did take. Pass in review, it finally came—the only thing left, was to stand at the game. On watch for young girls, at the front of the gate—Rozler was sure he'd find his first date. Along came Chris Smith, who wanders the hall (with a coffee mug)—he tried to explain the trajectory of the ball. "I disagree, that answer's not right!" —Mikerochip (Chiaramonte) explains into the night. It's the end of the weekend, the end of the show—but the Wing's restricted, no T-birds can go. So sit in our rooms, as we collect dust—just wait 'till next weekend, C-SPRINGS OR BUST!

—Camille Chigi



Sean M. Allen
Karrie M. Bracken
Daniel J. Brown
Richard P. Cullen
Kenneth S. DeGon
Nicole L. Drevet

Ryan E. Durham
Jonathan J. Elza
Frank B. Felton
Johnnie C. Green
Alexander A. Ham
William B. Hartman

William D. Humphrey II
Jeffrey R. LaFleur
David C. Lin
Sarah E. McGuane
Matthew R. Medley
Mike D. Parker

Brooke A. Rinehart
Paul A. Shamy
Jason W. Simmons
Christopher D. Smith
Rory M. Stein
Amity L. Tipton



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John R. Almeida
Marie N. Aloy
Bradley J. Ames
Margaret S. Becker



Michael V. Chiaramonte
Camille A. Chigi
Joshua R. Doty
Jonathan D. Fariss
Jason O. Harris
Stephen S. Jenkins
Kyle J. Johnston



Vincent B. Livie
Patrick R. Lowe
Shannon M. Merlo
Craig L. Morash
John L. Palumbo
John M. Perrin
Jessica E. Pierog



Xavier Rivera
Aaron S. Rosler
Eduard M. Ryba
Daniel J. Smith
John J. Tarczewski III
Iven M. Vian
William M. Wayman

02



Laura L. Abt
Miranda S. Baldwin
Hara Bastas
Joshua M. Biedermann
David A. Breitenbach
Shaun P. Brown
Joseph A. Corpening



Jeremy L. Dalcerni
Jason J. Davis
Charles R. DeLongchamp III
Darcel N. El-Amin
Amanda M. Gard
James H. George III
Joshua M. Hallada



Steve D. Koly
Jon C. Lee
Javier S. Matlock
Peter J. Mauro
Joel S. McKowan
David C. Morris
Eric M. Peterson



Gregory M. Pieratt
Matthew C. Roberts
Joshua K. Smith
Jesse D. Snyder
Kelly K. Sunderland
David A. Wisniewski
Jose L. Zambrano

SQUAD DROPS

Squadrons 297

BAID ASS BLACKBIRDS



AOC: Maj Liese A. Golden
MTL: TSgt Thomas A. Edwards

Not Photographed:
Mark L. Yarian (00)
Shane E. Swenson (02)

As the final class of the 1900's came into power and a new AOC brought her 'Golden rule' to the fifth floor, middle stairwell of Sijan Hall, squadron 28 appeared to begin the semester with much enthusiasm.

An outgoing group, (especially when it came to static grading) we excelled in many areas, however, let's be realistic, no one can be perfect. The list of outstanding individuals could possibly include the entire alpha roster, but who said that even *perfection* doesn't have their bad days. Not taking into consideration that we topped the Wing in Class C and D hits. Almost everyday we watched every other squadron march into Mitchell Hall before us, the Blackbirds will continue to believe that they were the ones who had the most fun.

Community service involvement proved to be popular with the Blackbirds, due to their tremendous devotion to the Colorado Springs community and a few pro-

bation requirements needing to be fulfilled. If you asked C2C Mark Yarian what he thought about the squadron, he would probably reply with, "Please, no more CO shifts!" And according to C1C Matt Brancato, he will "always be proud to be a Blackbird."

With the exception of a few unusual cases, the year flew by with ease. Well, maybe it didn't really fly by, but we survived it anyway. As this thing some call college comes to the end of another extraordinary year, we wonder how all the many changes will affect the Blackbirds. Even with the anticipation of a new Commandant, a new AOC, a new dorm area, less squadrons, fourth group instead of third, old ones moving on, and new ones coming in, the Blackbird tradition will never end. We wish our firsties (1999) the best of luck as they move onto a *real* life in the real Air Force. As for the rest of us, it is another year closer to our dreams and goals.

-Micaela Bentson



Micaela R. Bentson
Joseph M. Bonner
Dawn Casady
Michael S. Cornelius
Chesley L. Dycus
Jennifer A. Engh

Javier Esparza
Jeffrey T. Felton
Nathan D. Hagerman
Brendan P. Harrison
Joseph A. Ingram
Alan C. Kerkman

Jason E. Liska
Russell S. Magaziner
Adrienne N. Owens
Kevin M. Pulliam
Ryan J. Rensberger
Patrick M. Robinson

James M. Ryan IV
Jared M. Santos
Aaron H. St. Clair
Carolyn J. Walkotte



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Aaron B. Brown
Kevin M. Crofton
Hollie N. Diesselhorst
Andres B. Duran



Geoffrey W. Eaton
Chad M. Fairchild
Scott S. Fann
Michael S. Friebe
Christian P. Helms
Christopher L. Jessop
Dean D. Laansma



Stuart I. MacDiarmid
David L. McDonald
Ryan J. McLain
Ryan T. Menath
Sarah L. Metthe
Eric M. Music
Nannette B. Ohman



Jorge A. Pargas
Darius A. Phillips
Nicholas W. Sawruk
David A. Smith
Matthew T. Speer
Candace S. Staubitz
Markyves J. Valentin

02



Christopher D. Adams
James F. Arthur III
Jay P. Baer
Dear L. Beloved
Eric P. Bond
Stephen J. Brogan
David G. Burrows Jr.



Mark E. Carl
Lane A. Cook
Elizabeth A. Culbertson
Curtis W. Dougherty
Samuel J. Ensminger
Bradley S. Foster
Jason E. Green



Nathan N. Hillard
Matthew I. Horner
Christopher G. Jeffreys
Edward R. Knox
John H. Mahan
Gina N. Marino
David C. Martinez



Benjamin T. Miller
Luke H. Porsi
Brent R. Robbins
Sarah E. Sanders
Stephanie A. Spain
Dusten R. Weathers

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 299

100
FINE
TWO = NINE



AOC: Maj Scott M. Obermeyer

Not Photographed:
MTL: TSgt Leland D. Mullens Jr.
Todd A. Pike (00)
Michael B. Brophy (02)

Whether it is tearing up the terrazzo in marching or burning up the athletic fields, the Black Panthers are always on the job. From marching with style (if not the highest marks) to the many MWR events, the Black Panthers are always on the prowl for some fun. Just ask C4C Mai, who came out on top of the squadron Sumo Wrestling event.

The Black Panthers are, without a doubt, spirited. During the spirit week before the Air Force-Navy Game, the four degrees enjoyed nuking exchange squid in 29. What started as an innocent spirit mission involving 10 lbs. of raw

squid and the "borrowed" midshipman's uniforms degenerated into a hall brawl that left 29 smelling like squid for days.

At one MWR event, Drag Racing, an unidentified cadet could be heard to say "I don't know what's more disturbing: that C3C Adams is wearing a bra, or the fact that it fits him."

However, one must watch out for the infamous shower monkey when entering the halls of CS-29. A very elusive animal, the shower monkey's habitat is a steamy shower room where no one is safe from his gaze. No one knows its motives, and prefer not to ask.

—Andrew Beckett



Ryan F. Barrett
Rebecca L. Burdick
Joshua A. Cinq-Mars
Sarah C. Courtney
Daniel R. Courtright
Joseph P. Geaney III



Jennifer L. Haney
Eric R. Hansen
Travis J. Hazeltine
Brent C. Kruel
Lincoln S. McLeod
Keith C. Newton



Kirk M. Olson
Mark D. Porcella
Eric W. Schmidt
Wilbert F. Shaw
Derek L. Showers
Casey L. Tinianow



Luke M. Urish
David B. Wangen
Lindsey S. White
Paul B. Wurster



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Davidn W. Adams
Aaron B. Banks
Aaron D. Dailey
Kevin J. Davis



David R. Erpelding
Douglas J. Fike
Andrea S. Garner
William Hintz
Eric J. Joutet
Siegfried B. Jucknies II
Michael M. Kawan



Samuel P. Lilley
Aaron L. McEwen
Susan E. Newton
Erick Pacheco
Brian K. Perusse
William W. Phillips
Barry R. Rudd



Wesley R. Sides
Amy D. Snapp
Charles D. Solomon
Richard W. Swengros Jr.
Michael A. Vandermeiden
Julie A. Wass
Travis G. Willcox

02



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Aaron S. Celusta
John L. Chapman
Courtney P. Hamrick
Blaine M. Joersz
William F. Johnson III
Garrett W. Knowlan



James J. Lewis
Matthew C. Mai
Patrick M. McGarry
Samuel L. Meinrod
Molly N. Miller
Edward A. Munoz
Edward H. Palazzolo



Kevin L. Parsons
Jared D. Paslay
Gregory W. Patterson
Michael A. Prestridge
Jessica S. Roberts
Mark J. Saar
Jeremy B. Simmons



James D. Smith
Kevin J. Sousa
Ahmad A. Swan
Charles M. Trickey
Jonathon C. Waller
Nicole L. Winters

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 301

DIRTY THIRTY



AOC: Capt Kenneth G. Holliday
MTL: MSgt Cecelia A. McNeel

Not Photographed:
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Matthew J. Mihalick (01)



Isham F. Barrett
Eric M. Bissonette
Robert J. Brooks
Eric M. Carrano
Khristian A. Clark
Nathan E. Dillon

Alister F. Dopp
Matthew S. Earley
Jared D. Faison
Matthew H. Harting
H. Ann Hatley
Brandon E. Johnson

Jeffrey W. Johnston
Kevin R. Lee
Amber L. McKnight
Matthew J. Miller
Carissa M. Niemi
Jason J. O'Brien

Arthur L. Patek
Patrick J. Seipel
Logan B. Sisson
Robert M. Thweatt
John C. Velez
David R. Witt



Through the years, there has been one phrase synonymous with Cadet Squadron 30: Excellence in accountability! However, with the new additions of the second and fourth classes this past off-season ... marching is threatening to take over as the pride of those Dirty Knights.

The ability of C2C Rob Thweatt, fall semester first sergeant, to call out "spot corrections" while actually marching was a tremendous asset for the Knights. When C2C Thweatt was approached for a comment he offered, "Please quit talking and size forward." The dedication to his job displayed by this fine cadet is truly an inspiration to us all.

C1C Michael Cardona adds, "As if marching twice a day wasn't enough," referring to the cynical attitude towards marching held by everyone in the Cadet Wing, except Cadet Squadron 30.

"I only wish we could march to dinner too," said C3C Phillip Cole, guidon bearer.

The Knights soared to such a tremendously high degree of tal-

ent level this season, that they would often "throw the game." This allowed other squadrons to remain competitive with the Knights, and provided for an exciting game of "Who's gonna end up first this week?"

"It was just getting to be no fun when we would march first every week. We had to throw a few games ever now and then," said C2C Eric Johnson.

To the joy of the rest of Third Group, the Knights' dominance of marching will be facing a tremendous hurdle this coming off-season with the departure of the first and third classes.

It's an unmistakably emotional subject for C3C Timothy Skaar who says, "I began my marching career here, and I really wish I could work it out to where I would retire with the Dirty Knights."

Regardless of the imminent player losses they will incur, the Knights should continue to remain a contender ... and dare I say, "Go for the gold in Sydney!"

-Christopher Seaman

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Lisa M. Case
Phillip A. Cole
Frank N. Conn
Jachin M. Finch



Zane A. Holscher
David Huinker
Anthony J. Koury III
Seung H. Lee
Joshua C. Lyle
Aaron C. Martin



Mark D. Matzke
Neil E. McColgan
Albert A. Medina
Carl A. Metters
Byron D. Nicholson
Christopher S. Percy



Dylan M. Quinn
Christopher G. Seaman
E. Timothy Skaar
Geoffrey M. Steeves
Paul B. Strom
Douglas R. Villard

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Esther L. Babcock
Thorbjorn Bennedsen
Kathryn E. Boxmeyer
Andrew R. Bruce
Bryan A. Dalton
Alexander S. Datzman



Jason D. Depew
John R. Dobbins
Kevin J. Dormer
Jason M. Fowble
Derrick R. Franck Jr.
Heather M. Gagnon
Christopher J. Hubbard



Christopher S. Kleinhenz
Matthew C. Lande
William E. McDougall
Jason T. Monaco
Mario Y. Ochoa
Michelle L. Parr
Jared L. Payne



Shane M. Rueber
Timothy E. Scariano
Richard R. Smith II
Joel D. Thigpen
Jarek J. Thompson
Jennifer E. Vettese
John J. Wonnun-Pannia

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 303

FEAR THE READER



AOC: Maj William C. Demaso
MTL: SSgt Scott T. Wallick

A part from knowing who washes their hands after they go to the bathroom there are other benefits to living in the dorms (do we have 'dorms' on this campus?). Each of us has the opportunity to witness the activities of the year and then shape our respective perspectives on a sort-of conglomeration of 100 squad-mates' different opinions on the matters.

I asked a lot of people to explain to me a good thing that happened to them in the 31st Squad, but grew weary of waiting during the long pauses, or trying to twist our in-bred cynicism into something positive. So I began to ask "what do you think about most of the time?" or "what are you thinking about now."

Here are some of the responses: C1C Clymer "whether I want to go to the gym or go shopping;" C2C Barnes "nothing at all;" C2C Davis, "I was just wondering why Sporks haven't caught-on in more places like they have at Kentucky Fried Chicken." C4C Yocuum "my gosh, why doesn't this E-mail work?"

At this point in my interviews, I was still troubled by the general non-positive outlook on squad life. And then I thought of a game. First we need to find out what every class looks forward to during the next year (the responses came much easier). Then listen to what things the lower class finds exciting about being in your position. Finally, pretend you're still excited about the same things. Listen to these positive responses:

C3C Harris looks forward to "having a car and taking majors classes." C1C Ziegler is excited about "not having to wear flip-flops to the shower." C1C Chris Linberg "being able to have a messy desk." Thank goodness, we can be happy here.

So, I guess we didn't learn too much about the rich history of Squad 31, but we did learn some revealing things about some of our squad-members. And I heard somewhere that's what the Air Force is all about - the people.

-Nate Kartchner



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Vanessa C. Bartley
Jason R. Case
Scott S. Davis
Joshua T. Frakes
Fitz A. Glasgow

David C. Grimm
Jessica R. Gynn
Daniel S. Hoadley
Scott A. Hodges
Justin D. Johnson
Jessy R. Jones
Nathan Kartchner

Chris Keene
Brandon J. Lingle
Andrew C. Meudt
Diane L. Moerer
Jason K. Perez
Adam G. Ressler
Troy R. Saechao

Adam C. Schmidt
Brent J. Toth
Gloria A. Urcina
Reed W. Wangerud
Hyoung-Seoung Yang
Carrick O. Yaws



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ReAnn R. Caldwell
Eyyup Celik
Ryan P. Corrigan
Paul T. Davidson
Denny R. Davies
Jeffrey B. Donahue

Ryan P. Finnan
Andrew J. Gray
Jeremiah S. Guild
Neil J. Harris
Ryan A. Hart
Thomas P. Johnson III
Andrew J. Kenney

Athena L. Koller
Joe A. Lopez
Gregory N. Love
Christopher R. McAlear
Joshua T. Ney
Nathan P. Olsen
John J. Pantages

Bartholomew B. Robinson
Matthew P. Ross
Aran J. Stynes
Shane M. Terry
Thomas N. Turco
Steven D. Wald
Dalia J. Wenckus

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Travis S. Bell
Matthew W. Booth
Keith D. Boyea
Trygve C. Bundgaard
Christina A. Collins
Bradley G. Davis Jr.

John M. Dickens
Erin M. Farrell
Wyckliffe R. Furcron
Adonis C. Haynes
Denis V. Hryhorov
Douglas S. Hulse
Andrew W. Hunt

John M. Kopecky
Margaret M. Kucia
Troy D. McLaughlin
Travis J. Murphy
Miguel A. Perez III
Simon A. Reisert
Justin B. Rex

Armando R. Ruiz Jr.
Steven A. Schnobelen
Todd J. Springer
Anthony M. Straw
Gary E. Wells Jr.
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James R. Young

SQUADRON

Squadrons 305

RUTHLESS ROAD- RUNNERS



AOC: Maj Patrick R. Allen
MTL: TSgt Michael R. Howard

Not Photographed:
Aaron C. Lapp (00)
Rashad E. Howard (01)

In trying to come up with a unique aspect of what it means to be a Roadrunner one idea that comes to mind is the Air Force concept of choosing role models. As cadets at the Academy we are encouraged to choose role models and exemplify their behavior. Our MTL, TSgt Howard, along with the number one and two cadets in the class of 1999, C1C Ryan Space and C1C Pat Widhelm, give every Roadrunner a leader to model themselves after.

C1C Nate Atherley commented on the similarities among the three stating, "They all enjoy a good workout at the gym as well as a shared taste in films such as *Blade* and *The Matrix*." Not that they don't differ in certain areas as well, as C1C Space claims he "can drink TSgt Howard under the table!"

The most important similarities, however, are those which help young Roadrunners learn what it means to be an airman in our Air Force. Both C1C Space and C1C Widhelm served as the group commanders of fourth group and en-

courage a great duty concept within the squadron.

"C1C Ryan Space is everything I am looking for in a cadet leader," said C3C Jackie DeGrood.

"I was moved by TSgt Howard's phrase 'Sometimes it's cool to be a tool!'" said C4C Josh Fogle.

The Roadrunners have bonded so closely that they have actually developed their own particular cadet dialect which is often untranslatable outside of the squadron. For instance, a Roadrunner might relate a story such as this one: "Shortly after BGlon6 and TFranks7 moved to wing staff, Pants asked Newman and JB1 to inculcate the Roadrunner ethos by being pro-active and writing up Cooter and Salsa for various minutiae." Although the phrase appears to be nonsense to most, any Roadrunner would instantly identify with it.

With role models such as C1C Space, C1C Widhelm and TSgt Howard, they will meet the cause, ready for the 21st Century.

-Matt VanHook



Matthew P. Acer
Vanessa M. Anderson
Timothy J. Barnes
Mindaugas Butkus
Michael A. Contardo
Michael A. Decz

James J. Do
Christine P. Ellering
Douglas E. Foster
Nels H. Grafstrom
Aaron Hart
John J. Kelly IV

Daniel S. Lawrence
Frank Lusher
Travis J. Meidinger
Richard C. Moores
Peter J. Raber
Brian D. Randolph



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Jason S. Ang
Shaylor Billings
Mikel S. Daniel



Jacqueline R. De Grood
Nathan C. Dodd
Christle Flores
Stephen S. Garner
Michael R. Gosma
Matthew B. Hunt



Nicholas J. Jabara
Paul T. Killeen
Keegan S. McConaughy
Samuel L. McKinsey
Christopher J. Mercer
Anthony J. Posada



Jenna A. Sharp
Jesper R. Stubbendorff
John A. Talafuse
Matthew H. Weber
Timothy C. Wegner
Eric J. Zarybnisky

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Erin-Leanore S. Dacumos
Mustafa A. Danquah
Daniel O. Dorrance
Joshua A. Fogle
Eric D. Gardner



Lanourra L. Gillmaster
Thomas W. Haas
Mark W. Hanson
Jared C. Hill
Sarah S. Hoffmeier
Jason R. Homrig
Christopher L. Hoppin
George B. Houghton



Edwin E. Jackson III
Stephen G. Jones
Ryan M. Kaldahl
Kenneth M. Kirkpatrick
Frederic W. Lathrop
Lauren A. May
Paul M. Nistler
Erik P. Rathke



Nathan-Ryan Salas
Nicholas A. Slagle
Glory B. Smith
Alexander P. Thomas
Angela M. Wheatley

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 307

RATZ



AOC: Capt Pete R. Belmain
MTL: TSgt Thomas A. Johnson

This year brought a new meaning to the number 33; the \$.33 cent stamp, the 33rd Super Bowl, the VentureStar X-33 Program for NASA, the 33rd parallel no-fly zone for Iraq, and of course the Ratz of CS-33.

The Lords of the Cellar redefined what it means to strive. This squadron excels in all four pillars of the Academy: military performance, academics, athletics, and spirituality. Militarily, CS-33 consistently exceeds the standard in SAMIs, ORIs, and marching. The professionalism exhibited by the Ratz is visible at all times.

The Ratz continue to lead the way in academics, entering as #1 in the Wing. They perform superbly in athletics, both in intercollegiate and intramural competitions. The captain of the water polo team, the All-Service Academy 149 lbs Champion wrestler, and an undefeated (in the regular season) intramural football team are only a few examples of the Ratz's athletic excellence. Spiritually,

CS-33 is open to everyone. Weekly Bible Study along with a variety of community service projects gives all the cadets the opportunity to participate.

The spirit displayed by the King Ratz is unmatched by any other squadron. The tailgates before every football created squadron unity with the well-seasoned hamburgers and Mitch's brownies. The four degrees involved everyone, willing and unwilling, in their weekly nukings, as they rampaged the halls for innocent observers. And how they managed to get the banner on top of Fairchild will always be a secret, just ask the Comm what happened to the ceiling of his elevator...

So as this year quickly comes to an end; We say a sad goodbye to our friends. First to the Class of '01; Hope your next squad is just as fun. And to Capt. Belmain "Adios"; Wishes of good luck on England's coast. Finally, to the Class of '99; In our hearts, your gold will forever shine.

—Krissa Arn & Gina Hohman



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Thomas R. Bozung
Monica M. Campos
Scott M. Charlton
Christopher G. Clark

Justin R. Dean
Jude I. Gamel
Scott T. Gribben
Jerome R. Hudepohl
James W. Knapp
Gregory T. MacDonald

Jason P. Newham
Linda R. Newton
Brian J. O'Grady
Jeremy J. Reeve
Derek R. Rhinesmith
Michael R. Schroer



William J. Shnowske
Tracy K. Tinianow
Calen N. Wherry

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Todd J. Allison
Cory R. Barack
Erin E. Bjerke
Kenneth L. Cobb



Austin J. Cohen
Robert L. Diaz
Heather M. Furman
Jason P. Houston
Timothy J. Huxel
Matthew R. Johnston



Jonathan L. Kleve
Peeter Meos
James A. Mikes
Brian M. Mills
Mark D. Nyberg
Luke R. Porisch



Jennifer K. Reed
Bradley D. Sayre
Ernest R. Schmitt Jr.
Vip N. Tanticharoen
Brandon J. Tellez
Janet K. Vreuls

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Carlos J. Caceres
Anthony P. Campbell
Michael J. Culhane
Sean G. Demeter
India W. Donald



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Scott S. Frohardt
Chad D. Fuller
Thomas P. Gabriele Jr.
Michael D. Garrott
Deric B. Gray
Bryan J. Hammond



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Regina A. Hohman
Charles P. Kubik II
Christopher P. Martin
Jesse T. McLaughlin
Bradley P. Nelson Jr.



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Jason S. Rodgers
Allan C. Smith
Ryan R. Spodar
David R. Swaney

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 309

LOOSE HAWGS



AOC: Capt Brian T. Hoy
MTL: TSgt Richard D. Brant

Not Photographed:
Shelby D. Bowen (00)
Anthony J. Madland (00)

Cadet Squadron 34 is a six-minute walk from Mitchell Hall, a 10-minute walk to class, a 13-minute walk from the C-Store, 15 from the gymnasium and an aggravating 18-minute hike from the two degree lot. So, are there any benefits of living on the sixth floor, in the tower of Sijan Hall's "west-side"?

According to C3C Nelle Pirotte, the answer is yes, as she brightly points out that, "a remote location is key...I've never even seen a bird or a star up here!"

MWR has been essential in livening up our obscure locale, and

MWR clerk, C3C "REM" DaCosta has been the driving force behind the Loose Hawg program of Hooters' sponsored tailgates, afternoon fast food runs, roommate games and movie nights.

"We're about more than just stall-stuffing," C3C Broc Starrett explains, "up here we're family."

Even four degree hawglets are proud to be members of CS-34. They displayed that pride on the 34th day until recognition with a noon-formation flyby of four F-16s from Buckley ANGB and 4 CF-18s from Cold Lake RCAF.

According to Canadamerican C4C Aaron Ferguson, "those F-18's were pretty cool, aye."

-Diane Maye



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Casey J. Bartholomew
Christian M. Bergholdt
Tracey D. Beverly
Ryan A. Clark
Thomas M. Cooke

Patrick J. DuBe
Gregory R. Ebert
Megan L. Edmonds
James C. Hall
Alison M. Hamel
Kent A. Harris

Christopher M. Israel
Kevin M. Jamieson
Steven C. Jones
Aidas Kerutis
James D. Kreinbrink
Chad R. Lichty

Christopher R. Ott
Elsa M. Raaen
Phillip M. Sowada
Andrew P. Stockman
Duston E. Thompson
David T. Wright



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Kiwedini D. Cornell
Alex J. Cusack
Michael J. DaCosta

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Brian A. Elmerick
Gerrit A. Everson
John D. Fowler Jr.
Rylan D. Fraas
Justin H. Fronk

Daimon E. Geopfert
Adrian Gonzales
Thomas P. Harley
Diane L. Maye
Nelle C. Pirotte
Warren D. Riner

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Phillip A. Smith
Broc L. Starrett
Joshua B. Stierwalt
Stephen W. Wilson
Matthew J. Ziemann

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Merrill R. Anderson
Matthew T. Armstrong
Eric A. Ballew
Christopher S. Campbell
John B. Cortney
George M. Denehy
Mark H. Dithmer

Rodney E. Ellison Jr.
Yessenia Escobar
Aaron M. Ferguson
Kenneth N. Go
Warren M. Halle
Michael M. Helgeson
Patrick J. Howard

Philip V. Kohler
Nathan D. Koss
Karley L. Kroschel
Angela C. Luciano
Keegan K. Maple
Michael P. Mariotti
Joshua R. Neate

Jennifer N. Pulliam
Richard A. Roop
Robert D. Sickorez
Ryan R. Vaughn
Robert C. Vincent
Kevin R. Watry
Matthew L. Young

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 311

HUGE WILD WEASELS



AOC: Capt Derek A. Abeyta
MTL: TSgt Steven M. DeKrey

Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Those were the watchwords for the Weasels this year. From post-SAMI pizza parties to everybody's favorite squadron game, Assassin, the Weasels made the 1998-1999 school year a lot of fun.

First semester saw C1C Steve McDaniel and C2C Steve Fekete heading up the MWR campaign. They did a great job with tailgates at home Falcon football games. Although Steve and Steve missed out on the SAMIs and parades, they made up for it by cooking 800 hamburgers and 200 hotdogs.

Second semester's MWR effort was lead by C1C Hans Hilterman and C2C John Hougnon. Although there were no football games to prepare for, Hans and John kept busy in supporting squadron MWR.

Our squadron store was unparalleled. At least once a week, Hans or John could be found at Sam's Club stocking up.

In true cadet spirit, C2C Hougnon stated, "I'm really glad they built the new Sam's closer. It

cuts the driving time by an hour."

The highlight of second semester had to be Assassin. Assassin is a game that requires squadron members to "eliminate" one another by shooting their victim with water and saying the phrase, "There can be only one." Since no one knows who their stalker is, the game can take weeks to finish. In CS-35, the game lasted two and a half weeks.

Assassin was a lot of fun but as C4C Erin Reynolds said, "Some people took the game too seriously; I was one of those people." Erin was one of the last two assassins left at the end of the game but she was taken out by a nameless three degree.

If squadron life in CS-35 had to be remembered for anything this year, it would have to be MWR.

C1C Brad "Saber Diggity" Panton verbalized the spirit of our MWR program this year when he professed, "MWR is a beautiful thing. Through MWR, we are able to grow by remembering the past and anticipating the future."

-Bryan Jandorf

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Russell P. Allison
Eric R. Armentrout
Charles K. Best Jr.
Jonathan R. Comtois
Guillermo S. Dekat
Stephen T. Fekete
Steven J. Gadoury

Ronald V. Garcia
Joy L. Goddard
Gunnar J. Hankins
Houston B. Hodgkinson
Jonathan R. Hougnon
Matthew K. Johnson
Dang T. Le

John W. Pappas
Daniel J. Patak
Michael W. Pennington II
Jason J. Pfaffly
Paolo A. Rivera
Gregory J. Senkel
Marty T. Smith



Tim K. Souhrada
Christopher L. Spangenberg
Laura C. Terry
Damelsa D. White

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Vazeer D. Akbar
Tobin R. Allen
James R. Bales
Scott A. Becker



Heather A. Brown
James E. Calvert
Christopher R. Catalano
Jesus M. Cosme Jr.
Merle V. Craig
Garrett C. Fisher
Fredrick Gallegos



Benjamin M. Gensic
Robert G. Giovannetti
Kevin J. Jackson
Bryan D. Jandorf Jr.
Thomas S. McCaleb Jr.
Patrick K. McClintock
Janet L. McIntosh



James A. Muir
Amanda M. Myers
Benjamin M. Orton
Christopher J. Parker
Patrick W. Pearce-Percy
Jesse A. Pietz
David M. Thawley

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Kimberly K. Arsenault
Frank A. Biancardi II
Sarah R. Buegel
Paul J. Calhoun
Mathew J. Cidero
Seth P. Fowler
Eric S. Groover
Michael Y. Hanna
Edmund K. Harrington
William J. Harris Jr.
Armin P. Hoes Jr.
Nathan K. Hogan
Robert G. Jackson
Ryan P. Jones
Sven G. Lundberg
David E. Mather
Ryan M. McGuire
Keagan L. McLeese
Alec J. Menoni
Alicia C. Nathaniel
James M. Ortiz Jr.
James B. Post
Erin S. Reynolds
George A. Rothhaupt

Nicholas G. Rowe
Richard D. Sawyer
Benjamin C. Staats
Adam R. Wickes
Kristopher S. Wolfram

SQUADRON

Squadrons 313

PROUD PINK PANTHERS



AOC: Maj Sherri S. Galante
MTL: TSgt Ronald R. Cross

Not Photographed:
Brian C. Phillips (00)

The Proud Pink Panthers of CS-36 have tried to live the by the motto "Let the good times roll." The squadron under the leadership of the 99ers pushed for taking care of business as the first priority.

This year, the Pink Panthers found themselves among the top in rankings after first semester and attributed this to good leadership. C4C Andrew Clemmenson did an outstanding job in Doolie competitions, and C3Cs Mark Hanson and Josh Freibel made the Wings of Green, while C3C Timothy Spaulding was upgraded in soaring.

Intramural Warriors showed their stuff with Flickerball taking home a WING CHAMPIONSHIP. The Panthers had many intercollegiate representatives; Tryon Wright, basketball; Iwan Spolsky, football; Nate Drewry, men's gymnastics; Peter Schnobrich, lacrosse; Derek Argel, waterpolo; Bessie Fontenot, track & field and also

some from the men's rugby team.

After business was done, the Pink Panthers ensured that the fun never stopped. MWR events were heavily attended. Ms. Pink Panther honors went to C3C Aaron Huffman this year with his rendition of "Bad Spice" with C1C Pierce showing a strong second place finish. C1C Chad Holesko and C1C Joe Kennedy won everyone's favorite game "how much do you know about your roommate."

C3C Timothy Spaulding commented on the pageant as saying "It takes a big man to look Pretty in Pink."

Next year will be interesting as the Pink Panthers take on the roll of last squadron in the Wing but that does not seem to bother the atmosphere or attitudes portrayed in the squadron. The Panthers are Pink and Proud. If you think we jest, pay a visit to Sijan and follow the pink striped wall to Panther Country.

-Bessie Fontenot



David R. Adamson
Ryan W. Braman
Ryan L. Bunge
David M. Childress
Kristen E. DiScala
Aaron L. Edwards
Elizabeth G. Fontenot

Thomas O. Gifford
David J. Karlene
Joann N. Kenneally
Leopold H. Lemelson IV
Tony L. Marshall
John D. McMillen
Zensaku M. Munn

Michael P. Murphy
Tom R. Pina Jr.
Nathan A. Schauermaun
Peter J. Schnobrich
Richard S. Seymour
Iwan T. Spolsky
Shayne M. Sullivan



John P. Verbanick
Bartley J. Ward
Kristina A. Welde
Tracy L. Wilkerson
Tyron M. Wright

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Derek M. Argel
Tarek J. Awada
Charles J. Barton
Steven J. Bruce
Kelii H. Chock
William D. Daggett



Joshua S. Friebe
Mark A. Hanson
Aaron S. Huffman
Dustin R. Ireland
Katherine M. Kernan
Ryan J. Kohler



Justin P. Kuether
Elbridge G. Louthan
Daniel E. Mendoza
Jonathan D. Murphy
M. Kathleen O'Brien
Stephen D. Pouncey



Bradley A. Rueter
Matthew P. Shipstead
Timothy J. Spaulding
Lauren A. Wagner
Glendon C. Whelan
Michael J. Young

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Lucas D. Ball
Nathan S. Berg
Brian A. Brown
Dal N. Cho
Andrew G. Clemmensen
Christopher M. De Winne
Leslie M. Fowler
Mickey A. Friedrich



Joel D. Fritts
Neil R. Halonen
Robert W. Hamilton
Margaret E. Leupold
Adam D. Libby
Jessica A. Lotridge
Kenneth Y. Louie
Jonathan H. Magill



Matthew C. McCorkle
Meredith L. Milnes
Joshua H. Moynihan
Michael A. Myers
Chad D. Overton
Nathan J. Powell
Jose C. Rivera
Andrew D. Rule



Bright L. Small
Benjamin A. Stout
Virginia C. Stutes
Andrew J. Vail
Ryan B. Wartman

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 315

ANIMALISTIC SKYRAIDERS



AOC: Maj Daniel A. Nollette
MTL: TSgt Gwendolyn M. Boleware

Not Photographed:
Lewis M. Smith (02)

The sixth floor of the tower of Sijan Hall houses a squadron whose time has drawn to a close. Cadet Squadron 37, the Skyraiders, will cease to exist after the year 1999. No longer will the chant "Skyraiders, Skyraiders" be heard at knowledge bowls or marching into Mitchell Hall. Here is our last will and testament – so our memory lives on.

We, the last Skyraiders, do bequeath unto the following persons all the accumulated stuff of 30 years of collecting. To Cadet Squadron 34, we leave our microwave – which we think was yours originally. To the Class of 1999 of CS-37, we leave the sofa and all assorted wall decorations including the cannon. To Major Nollette, we leave the memories and paperwork associated with disbanding the

squadron. To TSGT Boleware, we leave the form 10's for messy rooms over break J. To Mitchell Hall, we leave our superb accountability. To AH, we leave nothing we decided to keep the intramural jerseys – what would you do with them anyway? To DF, we leave pain, anguish and heartache – it's all you ever gave us! To Willie, we leave the extra parking slots – all one of them. To Col. Jordan, we leave our stellar marching ability – may you always remember our stractness. And finally to BGen Lorenz, we leave our guidon, so you may always remember us and our pain.

As the doors close on the Skyraiders, we remember the good times, the bad times, and the really bad times. Please Remember Us – The Silent Squadron.

-Elizabeth Cherney



Douglas R. Alfar II
Benjamin F. Bennett
Matthew J. Berube
Eric D. Birch
Brian M. Bonelli
Elizabeth A. Cherney



John A. Enis
Clifford W. Flowers
Scott K. Gleason
Victor Hernandez
Thomas A. Hutton IV
Nathan C. Koran



Eric J. Lewantowicz
Kelly M. Marshall
Anthony P. Massett
Keith L. McDaniel
Jennifer K. Olsen
Richard J. Robins



Phillip Rose
Brett G. Shackelford
Tara R. Storch
William K. Swan Jr.
Jennifer A. Trevino
Justin D. White



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Raymond M. Aguilar
Bryan M. Bailey
Brian J. Delvaux



Brendan M. Epps
Patrick N. Giggy
Zachary G. Hall
Zachary B. Hickman
Bendick K. Hoeg
Isaac P. Humphrey



Nathaniel D. Kilian
Timothy L. Kurutz
Curtis D. Malcom
Stacie N. Pratt
Ryan S. Simms
Stephanie M. Soltis



Lance C. Vivion
John P. Wagemann Jr.
Joseph P. Watson
Kellen M. Williams
Christopher G. Wilson
Jason C. Zumwalt

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Allison M. Bergquist
John E. Boyd Jr.
Derrick W. Brewer
Brooke J. Carr
Ryan J. Deis
James Z. Demchak
Damon G. Field



Cassie M. Glasrud
Paul S. Golando
James M. Harrington
Marcelina B. Herner
Nikolai S. Jankovich
Jonathon M. Jiovani
Bradlee R. Kasprzak



Kathleen A. Kyper
Timothy J. Lambie
Timothy P. Menges
David W. Morlock
Johnathan J. Motley
Joshua M. Mower
Steven Norris



Kevin M. O'Keefe
Corey D. Perich
Jeffrey M. Provenzano
Zachary L. Sauerman
James S. Simmons Jr.
Shannon L. Young

SQUADRON

Squadrons 317

ALMIGHTY ALLSTARS



AOC: Capt Thomas M. Walker
MTL: TSgt Loretta S. Glasgow

Best and the brightest, the only words that could truly describe the cadets from CS-38. With the wheels and fledglings at the top of the Wing academically, and the firsties and four degrees in the top ten, you would think CS-38 was hurting for personality and flavor. When separated from the desks, however, the All-Stars partied like their name would lead you to believe.

From motivational moments in formation, to the SAR rats crowded around the pool table, to the Beer and Bowl escapades, CS-38 was always jumping. The bionic wonder Kevin Pritz and the redneck from PA, Vinnie "Hag Fan" Proffitt, led the All-Stars to a top ten ranking overall in the Wing under the watchful eye of Capt. Thomas Walker and TSgt Loretta Glasgow.

Highlights of the year included the four degrees frustration taken out on the firsties' room during 100's night. C1C Mark "Mouse" Bauman was the recipi-

ent of the newest addition to the All-Stars, a white mouse, and in his slightly inebriated state, spent most of the night trying to find out who was responsible for its introduction.

Reflecting back on the moment, C1C Bauman praised the four degrees for their ingenuity saying, "I still haven't found out who put that silly varmint in my room!"

The four degrees were also responsible for "borrowing" the white pot from Honor Guard. This was a common spirit mission among the doolies, but not for the weak of heart, or the weak of chin.

C4C Ewers, the cadet most responsible for the abduction said "I had the opportunity, so I took it, hoping to get a rise out of honor guard and motivate my class. It was like taking candy from a baby."

But alas, the decision was made to close down the CS-38. As painful as it is to see 38 shut down in its glory, the members, past and present find comfort in knowing once an All-Star, always an All-Star.

-Brian Stahl

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Eric W. Adcock
Cory C. Benton
Jimmie D. Bowyer II
Lloyd G. Child Jr.
Anthony J. DeGregoria
Rico C. Dy

Bobby A. Esposo
James S. Fleming
Zachery B. Jiron
Carmelyn H. Mamaril
Benjamin E. Matthews
Scott T. McEwan

David J. Noegel
Adrienne M. Ondrusek
Evan J. Reece
Ryan D. Romano
Patrick J. Shanahan
Jason M. Sharpe

Benton W. Shrewsbury
Brian T. Stahl
Michael M. Walsh
Ryan E. Wood



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Luke B. Casper
 Marcus A. Cunningham
 Melanie A. Econg
 Daniel J. Fortune



Oscar A. Garcia
 Ryan D. Garrison
 Yvonne J. Greathead
 Holly E. Huston
 Benjamin P. Iachini
 Nathaniel B. Jackson
 Samuel A. Kessler



Aaron D. Layman
 Laurel C. Lee
 Tavis J. McDevitt
 Clinton P. Mintz
 Andrew J. Mitchell
 Wilfred G. O'Reilly
 Matthew B. Obenchain



Shane W. Owen
 Matthew L. Pommer
 Chadwick M. Steipp
 Eric S. Vanley
 Jason P. Willey
 Billy R. Wilson II
 Richard E. Yon

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Jeffrey P. Andersen
 James J. Aragon
 Meredith A. Beavers
 Jason D. Bennett
 Jason P. Bianchi
 Louis C. Brothers
 Lee W. Bryant



Daniel A. Chacon
 Christie L. Cowart
 Peter J. Cusack
 James G. Duvall IV
 Anthony J. Ewers
 Brent A. Feldt
 Bryan R. Foley



Andrew B. Gilmer
 Nicole E. Green
 James A. Hamman
 Matthew T. McCoach
 Justin D. Parker
 Adam K. Roberts
 Eric D. Roehrkas



Christina K. Tanner
 Matthew B. Vickers
 Adam N. Waite
 Kevin Walsh
 Kristin E. Wenner
 Kevin E. White
 Jeffrey T. Zurick

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 319

COOL CAMERAS RAIDS



AOC: Maj Richard L. Burchfield
MTL: MSgt Michael R. Denham

Not Photographed:
Lamoni P. Yazzi (02)

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers." Nothing could be more true about the kids in 39, a bunch of troublemakers and some of the best people at the Academy, bar none. The cadets in 39 look out for each other more than any other squadron in the Wing, something that is envied by every cadet with a "D" class hit under their belt.

Despite receiving the bumper, having the wing spirit NCO as a First Sgt. (a friendly poodle on SPEED), setting off fire alarms and evacuating half the Wing (I swear that was an accident), despite having a squad comm that had just gotten out of bulldogs and always having an SP as an MTA (coincidence?) we made it. Just a word of advice; cadet rooms make interesting above ground pools, the terrazzo carts can corner like a

Porsche with the right driver, the view from the roof of the library is great, no the SDO is NOT a fast runner, and yes the water in the terrazzo fountains is COLD.

Just a few awards as a parting gesture: Biggest Clown - Mark Landez, Tallest Hermit - Josh Slade, Most Childish - Randy Klein, Most Interesting Scalp - Chauncy Krol, "Grandpa" - Thanh Huynh (22 as a sophomore), "Mr. Tuff" - Brian Healy/Wilson, Most Uncoordinated - Jen Glomb/Gerry Sanchez, "Mr. Dixie" - Jonathon Hayes/Matt Baker, Most Clueless - Kris Delcour, Biggest B*tch - Aubrie Rooney, GQ Coverboy - Brad Borron, Gentle Giant - "Big" Joe Cashman. To those that are coming in, you're lucky! To us leaving, Ladies and Gentleman all adieu, adieu, fairer winds will blow in brighter days. Friends, always.

-Micheal Mulligan

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Steven J. Ayre
Russell D. Bastian
Todd D. Bender
Kenneth J. Chandler
Cory A. Cooper
Charles B. Dishman
Patrick J. Doyle

Scott E. Foreman
Raymond W. Gamero
Philip K. Gulck
Kathleen M. Hasson
John P. Heffernan III
Jason A. Holbrook
Darcianne M. Hutchins

Eric J. Janski
Alex E. Krause
Benjamin J. Laubscher
Parker L. Marshall
Craig M. Mullaney
Alissa M. Ochoa
Stephanie L. Oldham



Julio E. Rodriguez
Benjamin J. Schill
Tremayne N. Teasley
Laura J. Williams
David E. Zeytoonjian

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John M. Baker
Michael A. Berruti
Timothy N. Bonnes
William B. Borron
Benjamin F. Brown



Kristi R. Delcour
Robert B. Dospoy
Gregory H. Elia
Angelinda D. Fedden
Jennifer M. Glomb
Jonathan J. Hayes
Brian P. Healy



Faith M. Hitchcock
Thanh T. Huynh
Chauncy C. Krol
Mark M. Landez
Douglas P. McHam
Michael L. Mulligan
Michael S. Pontius



Jeffrey J. Rivers
Aubrie D. Rooney
Brian J. Ross Jr.
Gerardo Sanchez
Joshua S. Slade
Lisa J. Vice
Jeremy D. Wimer

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Byron F. Batey
Ryan R. Bonig
Justin D. Bridges-Crawford
Timothy A. Chapman
Bret W. Collins
Lara J. Coppinger
Joshua S. Desfalvy



Luis E. Gonzalez
Rachel A. Haff
Joseph J. Harding
Paul B. Homan
Terence D. Hunt
Joshua D. Hutchins
Kirk C. Johnston



Scott A. Lewis
Adam L. Noble
Stewart J. Parker
Bryan K. Perna
James E. Roberts
Rozalyn S. Russ
Jason A. Shemchuk



Matthew D. Sherk
Seth W. Spanier
Britt L. Stephens
Derek J. Syswerda
Stephen M. Vance
Matthew W. Werner

SQUADRONS

Squadrons 321

HIGH FLYIN' D-40 WARHAWKS



AOC: Maj Donald L. Hudson
MTL: TSgt Chris P. Sandoval

Not Photographed:
Benjamin N. Britt (00)
Matthew R. Farmer (00)
Kip E. Johnson (00)
Daniel S. Lawrence (00)

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Mary K. Albin
Michael D. Belardo
Lindsey R. Bowers
Patrick L. Brady-Lee
John A. Camino
Judson D. Citrowske

Ricardo Cordova
Casey A. Cortese
Michael J. Dorrell
Eric E. Garcia
Russell D. Gohn
Herbert T. Green

Scott D. Lanker
Jennings B. Marshall
Joyceline Y. Param
Michael E. Pettibone
Robert P. Rayner
Michael R. Ryan

This year, 1999, is not only the end of a millennium, but it also marks the ending of a 30-year tradition at USAFA. The P-40 Warhawks will deactivate and close their doors for good. What was started in 1969 as Ali Baba, Squadron 40 graduated their first class in 1973. Among the cadets to graduate was John Christensen, a retired Lt. Col in the Air Force. After graduating from here, he later became a pilot and flew FB-111's and B-1's. Twenty-six years later C1C David Christensen, John's son, will be in the last class to ever graduate from CS-40. He too will fly and go on to Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training.

It's not just the military performance of the squadron that makes it a great organization. Many are upset about the decision to close the last four squadrons in the Wing. For one, it would decrease the number of leadership positions in the Wing.

C2C Rusty Gohn, Squadron Commander for CS-40 next year

remarks, "I'm going to miss the opportunity to lead my troops into noon meal battle."

C2C Mike Belardo another Squadron-Commander Select, added, "CS-40 was a microcosm of life in the operational Air Force."

Not everyone shares this opinion.

C1C TJ Crane remarks, "What is the big deal about shutting down Squadrons? If you relied on your Squadron for a sense of identity or belonging then you have bigger problems."

For the 99ers, it's no big deal seeing how they are graduating and leaving "the zoo." But for the class of 2002 and especially 2000, this will be a big adjustment.

When asked what is one thing you are going to miss about CS-40, C2C Scott Lanker responded, "The people. Everyone is cool."

Despite the accomplishments of the cadets and the camaraderie shared by all, like it or not around June of this year, Squadron 40 will no longer exist.

-Joy Param



Daniel J. Santoro
Jeffrey D. Smith
Walter J. Sorensen
Kristen M. Thomas

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Christopher B. Allen
 Carlin R. Bevan
 John A. Blase
 Christopher T. Bodley
 Scott R. Bradley

Constance R. Burbage
 Chris E. Carden
 Tara J. Copas
 Lyndsey E. Goodman
 Adam D. Grace
 Cherie N. Griffin

Benjamin D. Gunn
 David D. Huston
 Scott W. Leslie
 Jonathan S. Ma
 Armando J. Maldonado
 Taylor I. Petras-Yang

Michael P. Reilly
 Matthew J. Roles
 Richard W. Schafer III
 Matthew J. Vedder
 Darrell A. Walton
 Carl J. Wolfe

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Terrance M. Barreau
 Ross W. Branstetter IV
 Kevin F. Burns
 Christopher M. Carson
 Samantha N. Clifton
 Andrew S. Cosentino
 Roderick O. Faulk
 Javier M. Figueroa II

Travis C. Gaster
 Chad D. Grandell
 Robert A. Hansel
 Katharine R. Hurley
 Kory R. Klismith
 Christopher Ko
 Corbin G. Koepke
 Michael P. Kreuzer

Patrick T. Larsen
 Johan Y. Lee
 David R. Lehosit Jr.
 Ross D. LeVay
 Scott B. McCusker
 David J. Morales
 Robert W. Nichols Jr.
 Russell T. Peele

Zachary D. Richter
 Beth A. Robinson
 William N. Schwartz
 Shaun T. Southall
 Marc C. Trevetten
 Terrence M. Welliver
 Cyrena B. Wooster

SQUAD DRONS

Squadrons 323

FIRSTIES

"Sierra Hotel!" Each class that comes through the Academy has its own unique personality, and the Class of 1999 was no different. Over the previous three years, the cadets of this class displayed some of the most important traits of future officers: enthusiasm, pride, and resiliency. They have painted their path in gold...and scrubbed it clean again for others to follow.

In their final year, they took control of the Cadet Wing and led their fellow cadets in all four pillars of the Academy. They became squadron commanders, team captains, and club CICs. In addition to leading the Wing, firsties were cadets who knew how to effectively manage their time resulting in more time at Hap's Place.

With screen savers and toilet paper rolls counting the days to graduation, the optimism of each firstie grew. They knew that they were within a stone's throw of their biggest dream, toughest goal and proudest moment. They have been united from the first day of Basic Cadet Training and will continue to be united long after their caps fly. Their camaraderie will follow them into their future years as officers.



C1C Ryan Orfe, C1C Dallas Hills, and C1C Stuart Solomon relax on the deck of a Norwegian Cruise Line ship in the Gulf of Mexico. For many firsties, spring break would be the last vacation with many of their cadet friends. Photo by B. Brandow

C1C Ryan Orfe
C1C Dallas Hills
C1C Stuart Solomon
C1C Miguel
Lutman while
lifting free
weights. From
friendships built
at the Academy
will last forever.
Photo by B.
Brandow



C1C Cyril LeDoux and C1C Tom Mahoney pour the shots of Jagermeister at the end of the 100s Night Dining In. 100s Night was the one of the final milestones in a long cadet career. Photo by B. Brandow

Mighty Mach One



Joseph Edward Beauregard

Joe
Bedford, NH
Operation Research (Math/
French)

Mom, Dad, and Meg thanks for all the love and support you guys gave me through these years- I really couldn't have done it without you! To all my friends out there, especially Jose and Ben, you've made a difference in my life and I hope I've made one in yours. Go team!



Todd James Benson

Big Head, Old Man
Adna, WA
Geographical Sciences (Arabic)

I want to endlessly thank my Mother, Sister, and Grandparents, who were with me every step of the way - thank you. Everyone remember, when the money and cars go away, the only thing you have left are your family and friends: and these friendships are the best things you can get out of here. Spread the love; and if you're going to suck, look good doing it. PPT.



Brian Brandow

Pops
Fremont, CA
Social Sciences

Five years of higher education and the most important thing I really learned: the true meaning of friendship. To all those who made this place bearable, thank you. Mom, you never had to send me to military school; I went on my own free will. Grandpa/ma: thanks for the support. Remember- if you're still breathing, you still got a chance.



Marc Pierre Choisnard

Schwizz
Tulsa, OK
Basic Sciences

I think my time here would have been much easier had I been twice as big, twice as strong, and half as smart. Oh, well...



Blaine Heath Dungan

Austin, TX
Geography

To my God, my Mom, Jolie, and all my friends...I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for all of your prayers and support. Thank you for always being there through the good times and the bad, the thick and the thin. May God bless you in all that you do. Philippians 4:6-7



Jeffrey Graham Ernest

Big Ern
Newfane, NY
Biology

What a long strange trip it's been. I thought I was coming to the best place on earth, but it turned out to be hell. Off to bigger and better places! Thanks to all my family who supported me. Was Ted Ian!



John David Furr

Shreveport, LA
Astronautical Engineering (Math)

Thanks to all of you who have made my time here not only possible, but enjoyable. Let us remember that our true wealth is in the value of our relationships, not our bank accounts. Many thanks to those who have helped me develop personally while I was here, especially KLF and SD. Shine on!



Selicia Monique Gipson

Nikki
Panama City, FL
Political Science

Thank God and Mamma, I made it through. Also, thanks to my family and friends for their love and support, especially to my second family, the Kings, sorry about the washing machine, the ceramic rooster, the finger nail polish remover, etc. For the tough times, some one told me to always remember, "This too, shall pass."



Stephen R. Gwinn

Goeder
Wilmington, DE
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

It has definitely been worth it. Not because this place is inherently better than other schools but for the amazing friendships that are gained here. The biggest fraternity in the world. Thanks for everything fella's. Good luck with the beginning of a real life, with finding happiness and love. I'll never forget. Thanks to my family, without you I never would have made it. It's now time to start living.



David Allan Jones

Dave, Jonesy
Montgomery, AL
Physics (Math)

As my time comes to a close at Camp USAFA I find it almost funny how things are here. I can only thank my parents, Marc, and especially Sara for helping me keep my sanity. To those who are still here I can only tell you to always focus on graduation and develop the friendships that will last a lifetime.

"Quote the Raven, 'Eat my shorts'" -Bart Simpson on Poe



Michael Allen Klein

Mikey
Kimberly, WI
Electrical Engineering

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Jacob Charles Kunkle

Jake
Saginaw, MI
Chemistry

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Cyril Augustus LeDoux

Kantigi
Louisville, KY
Management

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Thomas Wescott Mahoney

Tom, Moe
Fairfax, VA
Biology (German)

SA, JL, MD, how'd we survive!! I would like to thank everyone that supported me, my parents, friends back home and most importantly my buddies here, couldn't have made it without y'all. In the infamous words of Sanger "It's time for a cold one!" God Bless you all, and best of luck in your endeavors.



Michael Ivan Mallory

Mike
Lauderhill, FL
Political Science

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Kristina Lynn Marty

Kris
Sioux Falls, SD
Human Factors Engineering

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Beau Dean Miller

Sonora, CA
Military History

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Dana Joo Moss

Lakeville, MN
Legal Studies

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Caleb Michael Nimmo

C-Mike
Blanchard, OK
General Engineering (Chinese)

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Christopher Allen Sample

Coweta, OK
Economics (Chinese)

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James Frederick Schneider

Jim

Ehrenberg, AZ
Management

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Guillermo Torres

Gil

Rialto, CA
Electrical Engineering

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Matthew Allen Shigley

Shigs

Eldersburg, MD
Management

What's the fastest way out of here? Sorry but don't expect to see me around here for a long time. But I'm not cynical at all. Linds thanks for all your love and support. You've always believed in me. I never would have made it through here without you. Everything in perspective-13th



Matthew Lee Watson

Wats

Phoenix, AZ
Management

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Stuart Matthew Solomon

Stu

Huntington Station, NY
History

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Scott A. Williams

Scotty A(irborne)

Baldwin, KS
Management

Griffins, I hope I taught you we really can Take Care of Our Own. Hold the standards, and fight the good fight MM1. To those who know me from Recondo, it is all a mind game, and only the strong will survive. Most importantly, to my team, I couldn't have made it without you. Remember, when the going gets tough, its all about the PLE Blue Skies... Huah PTWOB #131



Darcy Lynn Thorstenson

Wheaton, IL
Biology

"I've conquered my past
The future is here at last
I stand at the entrance
To a new world I can see
The ruins to the right of me
Will soon have lost sight of me
Love rescue me."

by Bono and Bob Dylan (U2)



Aggressors A-Flight

Delta Tau Deuce



Lee Michael Boedeker

Boed
Tulsa, OK
Humanities

Derelicts with misplaced loyalties, you're the only reason I graduated from this fine institution of higher learning. Maybe I'll appreciate it later. I'll never forget the Thanksgiving trips with you fools. Thanks for the memories. "We're not here for a long time, we're here for a good time" (Jimmy Buffet) I think we all know how fleeting this trip is. Pickles is pickles. We all miss you, Mike.



Robert Scott Bowshot

Scooter
Longview, TX
Civil Engineering

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Craig Stephen Brown

West Lafayette, OH
Management

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Thomas Richard Callen II

Sonny
Shalimar, FL
Basic Sciences

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Erik Timothy Conser

Falmouth, MA
Basic Sciences



Brian Fischer

Keller, TX
Meteorology

"What one man can do, another man
can do (easier)"



Dixon David Croft

Great Falls, VA
Math

"For there must needs be opposition
in all things...Thanks to everyone for
who has helped over the last seven
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always encouraged me to do new
things...It's been fun and it's time to
start a new chapter in life."



Edwin Becton Frazier, III

Ed, frED, Fatty
Rockwall, TX
Human Behaviors

"To thine own self be true and it must
follow... thou canst be false to any
man." Mom and Dad: Thank you for
helping me realize this dream: It's
been a long six years, but "He who
laughs, lasts." My best friend: BCT,
Two-Four SHOOT IT!, table 4, dip,
philosophy... let's drink! Cory: I love
you, Baby... you're the light
at the end of this tunnel.



Jennifer Anne Dolan

Seattle, WA
Management

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with our lives — its been an interest-
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Jason Matthew Golaboski

Gola
Severna Park, MD
Management

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Trisha Dee Eknes

TDE
Rock Valley, IA
Human Behavior (Spanish)

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Jeffrey Johnston Hicks

Jeff
Knoxville, IA
Political Science

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Janice LeeAnn Hughes

ZAP!, Thumper, Kamikaze
Columbia City, IN & Decatur, GA
Humanities

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Matthew Edward Jones

Matt
Scottsdale, AZ
Management

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Travis Dean Keenan

Keenspank, Keebrew
Arlington, TX
English

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Isobelle Lalimarmo

Ice
Sacramento, CA
Biochemistry

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Scott Crawford Morgan

Scottsdale, AZ
EngrMech

"Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you do criticize them, you'll be a mile away and you'll have their shoes."
—Unknown.



Patrick George Murray

Ft. Myers, FL
Biology

What, it's over????



Sean Barrett Neitzke

Nitz
Hopkins, MN
Engineering Mechanics

It's been long, it's been hard, it's even been fun sometimes, but most of all it's over! I've had a blast with everyone I've met here. Remember, this is just the beginning, I'll see you out there! Thank you Mom, Dad, and Craig. I never would have made it through here without all of your love and support!



Jason Eugene O'Brien

OB
Canyon Lake, TX
Computer Science

"WHY; because, I have learned... learned about life's real freedom; about genuine sacrifice, authentic achievement, and unquestionable accomplishment. I have learned about myself." "WHO; I am a [graduate] of the United States Air Force Academy. I have no reason to ever doubt my direction, myself, or my potential again." You wrote these words to help guide me through my first year here. Thank you, mom and dad, for everything.



Brian Kyle Phillips*Phil*Indianapolis, IN
Humanities

"All I wanted was to get out of here, to get away from everybody. I wanted to be back in the mountains where I belonged. Here I was, just passin' through... Well, I had my gear and I was going to ride on and keep riding."

Louis L'Amour, *Passin' Through*

**Tyler Jacob Smith***Smoker*Philomath, OR
Environmental Engineering

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**Mark Robey***Reggie, Robey-one*
San Diego, CA
Management

"God give us men! A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands. Men who possess opinions and a will. Men who have honor—men who will not lie. Men who can stand before a demagogue and damn his treacherous flatteries without winking! Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog in public duty, and in private thinking."—Josiah

Gilbert Holland

**Bradley Owen Summers***Brad, Hoz*Springfield, VA
Meteorology (German)

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**Kareem Omari Shaw***Reem*Detroit, MI
Operations Research

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**Marc William Summers**Springfield, VA
Foreign Area Studies- Western Europe (German)

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**David Ryan Sheller**Torrington, WY
Management Major

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**James Robert Taggart***Tags*West Bloomfield, MI
Electrical Engineering (Math)

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Heidi Ann Triggs

Boulder, CO
Management

"It takes a big man to cry, but it takes a bigger man to laugh at that man." - Jack Handey
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Donald Joseph Wittich, III D.J. Birmingham, AL Aeronautical Engineering

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Cereberus



Justin Frank Adams

Samuel
Galena Park, TX
Legal Studies

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James Gary Alexander Fam Camp CIC Richmond, VA History-War Studies

Well all I'm saying is I just wanna look back and say that I did it the best I could while I was stuck in this place. Had as much fun as I could when I was stuck in this place. Played as hard as I could when I was stuck in this place. Dogged as many chicks as I could when I was stuck in this place. Der-69.



Matthew Scott Allen

Matty
Fairfax, VA
Foreign Area Studies, Latin
America (Spanish)

"Give thanks and praise to the Lord
and it will be alright." Bob Marley.
To God, to my family and to my
friends, thanks. You have given me
all the strength, love, and laughter
anyone could ask for. You have made
me into who I am today. Live with
no regrets, never stop
dreaming.



Heath Armstrong

Katy, TX
History

Adapt, improvise, overcome.... If life
hands you a lemon, don't make lem-
onade; get the biggest hammer you
have and smash it to pulp. Above
all, be yourself, because if you aren't
yourself, who are you?



Justin Nolan Bachmann

Fatty Bach
Dauphin Island, AL
Legal Studies (Chinese)

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college. I thank my Madre and Pa-
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Sandra Lee Bitteker

Sandy
Acton, MA
Political Science (Spanish)

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Barry Jo Burton

Bo
Richmond, KY
General Engineering (Math)

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love you all.



Jeffrey Scott Cain

Cainer, Dog
Grand Island, NE
Management

I wish I had something to say that was
smart, deep, and cut right to the heart
of matters. But I don't, plus no one
would read it anyway. I just want to
thank my parents for putting up with
me for the past 22 years. Without
them and my best friends in the world
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glad to be leaving this
dump.



George Paul Choung

Jorge
Beavercreek, OH
Math/Physics

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Steven John Clark

Glen Ellyn, IL
Operations Research

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Coleman Brent Cobb

Cole

Anniston, AL

Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Kevin Sinclair Eastler

Mechler

Farmington, ME

Mechanical Engineering

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William Ernest Mukul Fields

Johnson City, TN

Biochemistry

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Christopher Vernon Hand

OOMPA, Vern

Daytona Beach, FL

Military History

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Paul Benjamin Hilfer

International Falls, MN

Biology

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Justin Paul Kieffer

Snake

Brainerd, MN

Operations Research

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Jason Russell Kirkland

Kirk, J

Mt. Pleasant, SC

Environmental Engineering

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Erich John Kring

Washington, MI

Materials Science (Math)

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Katherine Love

Katie, Dr. Love
Torrance, CA
Biology

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Jeremy Robert Lushnat

Lush
Standish, MI
Engineering Mechanics (Spanish)

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Courtney Lynn Skalko

Burke, VA
English

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Patrick Vincent Wnetrzak

Trick
Dearborn, MI
Aeronautical Engineering

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Robert Preston Robison

Robbie Rob
Phoenix, AZ
Biology

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Fatih Yilmaz

Crazy Turk
Ankara, Turkey
Aeronautical/ Mechanical
Engineering (Math)

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Jose Miguel Sarduy

Jose
Miami, FL
Aeronautical Engineering

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Aggressors B-Flight

Fightin' Fourth



Matthew James Ayers

Matty
Ellensburg, WA
Management

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Nathan Thomas Boyd Benn

Nate
Denver, PA
Computer Science

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John William Blocher

Disco, Bloke
Germantown, MD
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18. Fourteen, Fire it up! Danny G Love and Special Sauce, E-Fresh, Clinton, Jamie, Keith, and everyone- Thanks, and I love you all! Thank you Mom, Dad, Becky, and Jesse for your unconditional love and support. No Regrets!!!



Stephanie Lynn Breske

Colorado Springs, CO
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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James Eugene Brunner

Jimmy
Sterling, CO
Biology

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Keith Carson

Kid
Olmsted Falls, OH
Physics

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Mathieu Léon Albin Dorne

TiTi
Guilherand-Granges (Ardeche,
France)

The year is 1998 A.D. America is entirely occupied by the Americans. Well not entirely! One small group of indomitable Gauls still holds out against the invaders. And life is not easy for the American cadets who garrison the fortified camps of Sijan, Vandenberg, Mitchell and Fairchild...



John Stratton Flynn

Big Head, Johnny Ballgame
Irvine, CA
Human Factors Engineering

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Corrine Renee Gadus

Cory, Baby Gads, Gadii
Macedonia, OH
Western European Studies (French)

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Aaron Dwayne Gibson

Gibby
Pikeville, KY
Management

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Jamie Lee Hatch

Yorktown, VA
Geography (Russian)

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Scott William Hebbeler

Fort Wayne, IN
Management (Spanish)

"He who never sacrificed a present to a future good or a personal to a general one can speak of happiness only as the blind do of colors."

-Olympia Brown

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Stacey Lyn Hertlein

Stace
Port St. Lucie, FL
Biology

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Otis Martin Hooper

Hoop, OT, Big-O
Newport News, VA
Management

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Morgan Parker Hurt

Snooch, Mo
Annapolis, MD
Human Factors Engineering

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Andrew Joseph Kamataris

Kam, Dino
Cohasset, MA
Engineering Mechanics

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Christopher Brian Lee

Chris
Uniondale Long Island, NY
European Area Studies (Spanish)

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Robert Nedelko Mishev

Sampras, Za
Bowie, MD
Management

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Bryan Christopher Morris

B-MO
Lawton, OK
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Jason Terrence Nalepa

Canton, MI
Basic Sciences

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Juan Eliezer Nieves
Snowman
Bayamón, PR
General Engineering

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David Raphael Solomon
Little D
El Paso, TX
Biology

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Russell Norio Suzuki
Russ
Las Vegas, NV
Management

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Rye Mires Whitehead

Missoula, MT
Foreign Area Studies (Russian)

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Kris G. Wood
Woody, Woodrow, Stock
Tracy, CA
Legal Studies

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Aggressors C-Flight



Aggressors D-Flight

Wolfpack Five



Amen-Ra Buckley

Buck

Los Angeles, CA
Basic Sciences (Computer Science)

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Brian Albert Crozier

Croz, Pops

Melcher, IA
General Engineering (Math)

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Seth Richard Deam

Deamer

Sheffield, IA
Operations Research (Math/ Russian)

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Paul Dorsey

Cold Spring, MN
General Engineering



Ana Karina Tolentino Emhof

Huntington Beach, CA
Management

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Robert C. Giles, Jr.

Rob
Union, SC
Management

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Marcas Edward Maltby

Random
Katy, TX
Astronautical Engineering

"Two Roads Diverged in a yellow wood. I took the one less Traveled by and that has made all the difference."

-Robert Frost



Kevin Christopher Marsden Jr.

Thousand Oaks, CA
Economics

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Scott Christopher Mills

Scotty
MidWest City, OK
Operations Research (Math)

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Matthew Michael

Nicklos Paroda
Roda, The Box
Clarksburg, WV
Social Science

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Craig David Prather

Deacon
Charlotte, NC
History (MDOS)

Ours is Honor from the unnoticed freedom that those posses but do not understand. Living and growing without worry, but they do not or choose not to see those that assured their day. We cannot seek glory from them but take it from the ungrasped honor and nobility of providing the unappreciated but essential service to freedom's maintenance. So do not blame them for they know not better.



Nathan Eric Ragan

Nate
Columbia, MD
History

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Katrina Elizabeth Smith

Katie
Piney Point, MD
Economics

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Stephen Paul Snow

Steve, Snowman
Amity, OR
Computer Science

Talk is cheap.



Steven William Speares

Steve
Rochester, NY
Astronautical Engineering (Math)

Thank you to my family and to God for giving me the strength to endure and succeed. To my friends here I wish you the best of luck wherever you go and in whatever you do. "Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you will live forever." Ad Astra.



Jason Edward Strickler

Stric
Dallas, TX
Political Science

Well Folks Hell finally froze! Mom & Dad, THANK YOU. To the Boys of DLD: what a long strange ride its been. To my friends, you really are "Such stuff as dreams are made of", remember "Life tis a tale told by an idiot full of sound and fury signifying nothing" don't take it too seriously, just enjoy it! Long live the Valk! Cheers and God Bless.



Lawrence Timothy Sullivan

Larry
Lexington, MA
BioChemistry

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Tomasz Tarnawski

Tamey
Szczecin, Poland
Computer Science (Russian)

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A chair, moreover...



Carol Jane Weber

carolj
Fairview, NC
Legal Studies/Philosophy

There is a place where the sidewalk ends, And before the street begins, There the grass grows soft and white, And there the sun burns crimson bright. Let's leave this place where the smoke blows black And the dark street winds and bends. 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. -S.S.



Jeremy Paul Wieder

Jay, Weed
Houston, TX
Biology

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Bull Six

Ραγινγ Βουλ 6 Χλασσ οφ 99



Kurt Jacob Alickson

Kurtis
Dover, DE
Management

I wear the ring and now find myself all at once enclosed in a fraternity for life. All my life I have been a detached man, but I am detached no more. Mom, Dad: thanx for always believing in me. Michelle, thanx & love. C-Squad! The Lord giveth and taketh away but never the memories. "The sturdy seedling with arched body comes shouldering its way and shedding the earth crumbs."



Sean Patrick Baerman

#126
Colorado Springs, CO
Biology

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-Elvis Presley



Michael John Battle, IV

Mickey
Winter Haven, FL
Biochemistry

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Michelle Marie Baugus

Flower Mound, TX
Foreign Area Studies- Europe

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James Michael Blanton, Jr.

Beaumont, TX
Political Science

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James W. Busch

Shrub
San Diego, CA
Political Science (Russian)

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Brian Joseph Christ

BC
San Bernardino, CA
Environmental Engineering

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Daniel Christopher Diehl

Manteo, NC
Biology

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Christopher Jason Garnett

G-Net
Charlotte, NC
Meteorology

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Marquis Rochaud Greene

Quis
Atwater, CA/Everett, WA
Aeronautical Engineering

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Bryan Daniel Habas

Louisville, KY
Human Factors Engineering

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Arthur Thomas Harmon III

Tom
Orlando, FL
Human Factors Engineering

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Basic Sciences- Biology

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Jacob Bradly Lacock

Porthos
Orofino, ID
General Sciences

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Clinton James Land

Topeka, KS
Physics



Anthony G. Loicano III

Loco
Bowdon, GA
Geography

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Patrick Michael McDonough

Pat, Patty, Tricky
Fayetteville, NC
Biology

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James Christopher McFarland

Chris
Mooresville, NC
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

"The character of a man is determined by how he reacts to adverse situations." No man is an island, especially at this place. I would like to thank God, my family, and all my good friends here who I now call family for helping me make it through these four years of "adverse situations."



Andrew John Miller

Andy, Miller-Time, Big Milla
Orlando, FL
Social Science

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Dax Anthony Presuto

Citrus Heights, CA.
Foreign Area Studies (Japanese)

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James Joseph Quigley

Quigs, Traveler
Brooklyn, NY
Military History

Merrily, Merrily, Merrily, Merrily
Life is but a dream.



Alexandria Kathryn Smith

Dria
Whiteland, IN
Political Science (Arabic)

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Michelle Ann Quitugua

Q, Little Beaver
Huntsville, AL/Mannheim, Germany
Political Science (French)

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Silke Anne Tietje

Medford, NY
Human Behavior

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Kerry Patrick Redmann III

Tiger
New Orleans, LA
Management

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John Robert Tuite

Tweet
Long Island, NY
Operations Research

I thank my family for their love and support my friends for the memories, and my God for dealing me in over and again. I graduate knowing I have taken more from this place than it's ever taken from me. Believe in yourself, an identity, remembering a spark can set the forest ablaze. You are important! So, when the cards don't come as you wish, ante up because, "sometime nuth'in is a pretty cool hand." PW2; You are not forgotten!



Carl Clark Schluckebier

Schluck
Seward, NE
General Engineering

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Justin Lynn Walworth

Mitchell, NE
Political Science

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Shadow Seven



Matthew Douglas Allen

Bellingham, WA
Operations Research

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Peter Kim Braxton

Pete
Rome, NY
Biology (Philosophy)

"The race is neither to the swift nor the strong, but to he who endureth to the end." Thanks to my family for guidance and support, helping me focus on what's important. I've lived on experience, and learned to always believe in myself. Life is bittersweet and should be lived with a genuine thirst for truth. Learn to love, have faith... believe in the journey. Thanks Chico and Kirk-



Benjamin Joseph Buller

B
Shasta Lake City, CA
Civil Engineering

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Anthony James Cagle

AJ
Hymera, IN
Biology

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Kenneth Paul Cates**Kenn**Villa Ridge, MO
Aeronautical Engineering

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**Brian Christopher Healy****B**Bangor, ME
Aeronautical Engineering

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**Sarah Catharine Cooper****Red**Woodstock, VA
Aerospace Physiology

"Two roads diverged in a wood" ...four in the inferno, Forrest, SWMBO, my rock, I saw the big tent, hope to make you proud. My best buds, impossible without you: contracts, Winterpark, Thai Orchid, rhubarb love, Ice candy, ultimate dress, gold laces, cowboy hats, Cassanova Maniac, sooooo buff, Monty Python, sports camp girlies, Bomber kids, and COOKIE CUTTERS! Creatures, let's get the huah outta here. This place is dead anyway.

**Wade Raymond Holen****Bronco**Loomis, NE
Management

College looked like a lot more fun in Animal House.

**Nolan Charles Malabanan****Diestro****Dice, Nole**Pensacola, FL
Basic Sciences/Biology

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**Jonathan Frederick Laatsch****Slosh**Arlington, WI
Engineering Sciences—Controls
(German/ Russian/ Math)

A challenge is what you make it. Some people make it torture, others make it fun. You can enjoy the challenge of the Academy, or suffer through it. It's your choice. 1 John 4:9-10

**Omar Ebarb****Rhubarb, Fast Eddie**San Antonio, TX
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**Brian Langford****Lungard**Yreka, CA
Biology

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Corpus Christi, TX
Engineering Mechanics (Math)

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Ben
Gilbert, AZ
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Mongo, Monge, Dickie
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Basic Science- Space

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Raphael J. E. Nal

Ralph
Dijon, France

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Rich
Mesa, AZ
Biology/Biochemistry (Math/
Spanish)

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Appleton, WI
Physics

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Kathleen McKenna Quigley

Katie, Quigdog
Columbus, OH
Management

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Operations Research (German/
Math)

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Operations Research

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Fallon, NV
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Scott James Duane Zeller

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Castle Rock, CO
Management

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Dave
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Management

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Eagle Eight



Byron Russell Bone

T-Bone
Melrose, FL
Geography

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Bonnie Lynn Brings

St. Paul, MN
Basic Sciences

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Craner
Cleveland, OH
Management

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Nathan Lee Davidson

Nate
Frankfort, IL
Math/Operations Research
(French)

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Michelle Renee Dugan

Dugie
Lake Wylie, SC
Legal Studies

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Matthew Garret Eckles

Chuckles
Norman, OK
Human Factors

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Jason Robert Greenleaf

Leaf, Hojaverde, JR, B-Boy
Wells, ME
Latin American Studies (Spanish)

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Aaron Matthew Hatch

Hatchet Man
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Management

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Helena, AR
Biology

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Wilford Lael Kauffman

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Albuquerque, NM
Computer Science (Math)

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Kenneth Timothy Kline

Tim, Timo, Klinefeld
Owensboro, KY
Foreign Area Studies (German)

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Joanne McCarthy

Jo

Wilmington, NC
Behavioral Sciences

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Darrick Mosley

D

Victorville, CA
Foreign Area Studies- Europe (French)

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Daryl Vincent Myers

D, Uncle Ray, Old Man, Grandpa
Spencer, OH
Meteorology

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Lucas Joseph Osborne

Luke

Billings, MT
Civil Engineering

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Christopher Paul Papa

Pappy

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Human Factors Engineering

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James William Serra

Guido

Port Townsend, WA
Legal Studies major, (Philosophy)

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Margaret Marie Stohlmann

Meg

Santa Rosa, CA
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Ryan Christopher Trueman
Shroom, True-dog
 Denver, CO
 Astronautical Engineering (Math)

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Loren Michael Werner
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 Operations Research (Japanese)

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Travis Daniel Walters
Grandpa, TD, Trav, Country
 Lavergne, TN
 Military History

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Barbarians B-Flight

Viking Nine



Gregory Edgar Barasch

G. Edgar
Shelby Twp, MI
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Gabriel Adam Cantu

Marshall, TX
BioChem

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Lucas Eugene Bindreiff

Luke
Vancouver, Washington
Economics

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Patric David Coggin

Cogs
Westfield, MA
Geography

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Robert William Boll, Jr.

Dirt Boll
Boston, MA
Operations Research

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Kevin Culliney

Dufus
Grafton, WI
Economics

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Andrew George Boston

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Political Science (Chinese)

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Richard James Giglio
Gigs
Tewksbury, MA
Legal Studies

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Marie Guynn

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General Engineering (Arabic)

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Timothy Joseph Hofman
Tim
Campbell, CA
Geography

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*Married
1-17 Month
Dyck*



Robert J. Hutt
Bobby, Jabba
Sanford, FL
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

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Benjamin Robert Jonsson
Ben
Plymouth, MN
Political Science (Spanish)

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Nicholas Charles Mossing

Swanton, OH
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Joel Eric Nelson
Bonus
Grand Forks, ND
Physics

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Material Science (French)

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Joseph Phillip Thomas

JT, Joe
Frankfort, KY
English

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Matthew Neil Waszak

Waz
Boulder, CO
Environmental Engineering

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Ryan Matthew Petersen

Pete
Minden, NE
European Area Studies (German)

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Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Julie Ann Whittingham

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Human Factors Engineering

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Ronald Matthew Schoch

Ron
Dunkirk, MD
Engineering Mechanics

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Merrimack, NH
Political Science (MDOS)

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Tiger Ten



Jason Paul Brown
Shamus Yoder
Lenoir City, TN
Basic Sciences- Physics

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Matthew Thomas Galvagni
Moolie
Corpus Christi, TX
Operations Research

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Christian Dean Garber
Garbs
Miami, OK
Environmental Engineering

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Christel Anne Gilbert
Lulu
Jackson, GA
History-War Studies

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Naviere Kerling Hall
Viere
 Woodbridge, VA
 Social Sciences (Chinese)

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Erik John Jacobson
EJ
 Shakopee, MN
 War Studies

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Paul Christopher Jeffords
Paulie
 Roscoe, IL
 Environmental Engineering

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Eric Duane Larson
Eric "D"
 Mountain Home, AR
 English

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Chris
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 Aeronautical Engineering

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Brent John Manbeck
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 Round Rock, TX
 Basic Sciences

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Brent



Adam Mirek Mankowski
 Long Grove, IL
 Electrical Engineering/Physics

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Manuel Angel Martinez

Ponch
Tampa, FL
Economics (Spanish)

"There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate; when he can't afford it, and when he can" (Mark Twain). I disagree. Life is all about taking risks. That is why those who fail come closer to success than those who fail to try. I would like to thank my family and God for their support.



Daniel C. McBroom

Cruise
Ft. Worth, TX
Social Science

Life challenges you all the time, keep your friends close, never stop fighting, and anything is possible. 4+1



Nathan Andrew McClure

Nate, CoolGuy
Hagerstown, MD
Engineering Sciences-Astro (Math)

Phil. 4:13, Psalm 23, Eph. 2:8-9 Praise God! Mom, Dad, and family, thanks for your love and support. Lisa, you're awesome and I love you!!!! Mark, Doug, and Chip, we've been through a lot together. Shiners, Wagies, Barnabi, and friends, thanks for everything! Cannibals and Tigers, best of luck in the "real" Air Force! "Sir, whose big idea was this?" Push it up 28!!! Excalibur, mount up! Stand...in the door!



Mark Daniel Michalek

MD
Grand Blanc, MI
Human Behavior

"I know I'm leavin' here a better man
For knowin' you this way
Things I couldn't do before, now I know I can
And I'm leavin' here a better man"
— Clint Black

Thank you Mom, Dad, and my fan club upstairs for keeping me strong and on track. Finally, it's time to get out of this 4-year holding pattern and enjoy life!



Brian Mottola

Bri
Warwick, RI
Foreign Area Studies (Japanese)

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Jason Stephen Ohrenberger

J, Jay-O, Pookie
Bridgewater, MA
Geography (Spanish)

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WT Stille IV

Teddy
Philadelphia, PA
English

For constant companions, you may not be blood but you are my brothers. For my unexpected companion, whatever happens- For both... Even now I know that I have savored the hot taste of life, lifting green cups and gold at the great feast. Just for a small and forgotten time I have had full in my eyes from off my girl, the whitest pouring of eternal light. I won't forget.



Matthew Gallimore Taylor

Sykesville, MD
Meteorology

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Sandra Jo Wilson
Sandy
San Antonio, TX
Engineering Sciences (Math)

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Alexander Enrique Wright
Alex
Miami, FL
Foreign Area Studies—Latin America (Spanish)

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Rebel Eleven



Amanda Carol Blair
Mandy
Ft. Washington, MD
Environmental Engineering

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Matthew Wilson Caudell
Matty, Walt, Whiskey Delta, Fatty,
PTWOB #139
Mitchell, IN
Civil Engineering

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Timothy James Curry

T.C.
Seattle, WA
Social Sciences

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Jonathan William Graham

Fatboy, Butterbean, Kilo
Abilene, TX
War Studies/MDOS

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Joseph Morrison Dickens

Jody
Oak Ridge, TN
Chemistry

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Laura Jean Harding

Lakewood, CO
Human Behavior

"We all have possibilities we don't know about. We can do things we don't even dream we can do." — Dale Carnegie Terra, Polly, Lex, Katie, D'Anne, I couldn't have done it with out you guys. Our memories will be with me always. Mom, Dad, Erin Jerry, Barb, I love you all. Thanks for the encouragement, you believed in me more than even I could believe. Co-bras, Rebels- later



D'Anne Marie Emmett

Biff
Huntsville, TX
Chemistry

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Kevin Francis Janasiewicz

Juice, Yana, KJ, Tippy
Raleigh, NC
Space Physics (Math)

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Adrian Hsu Galang

San Diego, CA
Electrical Engineering (Mathematics/ Chinese)

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Robert Thomas Jertberg

Jerty
Tallahassee, FL
Computer Science

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Andrew Lundquist

Virginia Beach, VA
Computer Science

Sometimes, I guess there just aren't enough rocks.



David Michael Martinez

Huston, TX
Civil Engineering

"La la la
.....la la la la
la la la la."

- The Fat Lady



Jonathon Scott Miller

Mill
Colorado Springs, CO
Biology

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Erin Joseph Montague

Romeo
Plano, TX
Operations Research (Math)

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Rebecca Ryan Neel

Becki
Las Vegas, NV
Basic Science- Comp Sci

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Marie Stefanie Altea Nocum

Nokie
Las Angeles, CA
Social Sciences

One day you may absentmindedly start thinking about your past-your teenage years...full of FEAR AND POSSIBILITY...or when life was about climbing to the next higher branch and getting back down by yourself. You'll realize the ADVENTURE your life's been. Maybe-for a second- you'll wish you were a KID AGAIN, taking a first move once more. Remember-not long from now this will be ONE OF THOSE DAYS. Make it WORTH REMEMBERING.



Jacob Samuel Panter

Jake, Cooter, My Panties
Emory TX
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

Los Panteros - not enough space to thank you. Puttyface - keep dancing. PRC and OCF- God bless. Dusty bottoms and Montag - thanks. To "the group" - keep in touch. I'd write more, but I have some homework to do...



Luke David Savoie

Skywalker
McAllen, TX
Basic Sciences (Philosophy)

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Stanley R. Seegars
Stan
 Rock Hill, SC
 General Engineering

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Arnold G. Werschky III
AG
 Mill Valley, CA
 Computer Science

I came for a simple, selfish reason - to seek the best; I learned the purpose of life is not to live, but to exercise the human heart. To all that kept me sane, my friendship, to all who never cared, my pity. Welcome to the real world.



Epan Gerald Taku
Mister T
 Pinyin-Bamenda, Cameroon
 Electrical Engineering (Math)

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Joshua J. Zaker
Zake
 Denver, CO
 Mathematics

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Sean Matthew Townsend
Fatty, Tizowns, Jerky
 Nashua, NH
 Aeronautical Engineering

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Dirty Dozen



David Andrew Buchanan

Dave
Council Grove, KS
English

"Was it worth it? Talk to me in five years. To the fellas: We only have two speeds, Reverse and Give 'er hell."



Matthew John Charles

Chuck
Los Alamos, NM
Biology

I hate this place. I can only hope that someday it will be worth all the junk I have had to put up with. To all the jokers that made this place semi-worthwhile: Thanks. To all the idiots that made it harder than it had to be: Bite me. That's about all I have to say about that. I hate this place.



Catherine Kennedy Cone

Lawrenceburg, TN
Economics

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Joshua David Fagan

Josh
Wrightwood, CA
General Engineering

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John Daron Fortenbery

Fort
Charlotte, NC
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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John Reffyling Ives IV

Junior
Missouri City, TX
Math (Japanese)

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William Joseph Free

Bill
Elk Grove Village, IL
Behavioral Science

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Devlin A. Kostal

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War Studies (Military Doctrine, Operations, and Strategy)

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Dustin Reese Hiers

Dustinos
Moultrie, GA
Operations Research

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Michael Bryant McGuire

Mac
Anchorage, AK
Basic Science

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Travis Vance Higbee

Bee
Hiko, NV
Computer Science

For of him unto whom much is given, much is required!
— Doctrine and Covenants 82:3
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Michael John Mirowski

Locke
Oak Forest, IL
Astronautical Engineering

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David Michael Morey

Dave
Placentia, CA
Management

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Daniel Salvador Rios

Dangerous
Aurora, IL
Legal Studies

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James Timothy Olden

JimmyJames
Fairhaven, MA
Math/French

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Mark Aaron Rodemoyer

Rodie
West Middlesex, PA
Meteorology

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Matthew John Patrick

MattyP a.k.a Slurr
Albuquerque, NM
Human Factors Engineering

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Scott Michael Seigfried

Seig, Smiggles
Wilton, CT
Management

"Buy the ticket, take the ride and if it occasionally gets a little heavier than what you had in mind, well, maybe chalk it off to forced consciousness expansion." "There are two types of people here, us and them. If you don't know what I'm talking about, your one of them." "Thanks to family and friends for all your love and support." "Play hard, Lax." "PW2: You are not forgotten."



Cody C. Rasmussen

Rasmusance
Salt Lake City, UT
Engineering Mechanics

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Jason Michael Stremel

Strem
Midland, MI
Management

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Bull Dawgs



David Christopher Backus

Chris
Coppell, TX
Legal Studies (Chinese)

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Spencer Alan Burkhalter

Mango
Friendswood, TX
Management (Russian)

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Timothy Addison Feely

Feels
Wataga, IL
Human Factors

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James Scott Fuller

Baytown, TX
Geography

In this world you either have to be oh so smart or oh so pleasant. For years I was smart but I recommend pleasant.



Jason John Glynn

J. Glynn
Sanger, CA
Civil Engineering

Thanks to God for giving me the strength to persevere over all challenges. Thanks to the fellas for keeping it real...I'll always cherish the memories. To all the dirties, good luck and remember where it started. Lisa, keep your head up, I know you'll be great someday. To all, keep the fight in you and never give up. Peace, JG



Chad Jeremy Hillberg

Hillby
El Paso, TX
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

"Psalm 27, Praise God for His strength getting me through here. Thank you to my family, my sponsors, and my roommate. 4+1, you are the best friends I have ever had, I love you guys. To the baseball team: keep swingin' hard, remember what "Crash" Davis believes, soon things will improve. To all, "There is nothing so strong as gentleness, there must be nothing so gentle as strength." - Geronimo.



Andrew Trevor Jacobson

Arlington, TX
Biochemistry

Well, guess I slipped through the cracks again! Thanks to everyone who's been there for me along the way, I couldn't have done it without you. To all the dirties, it's been real! Thanks for making the place fun and giving me some great stories to tell. Jim, hope you can keep the girls outta the drawers without me. Well, I'm off, if anyone asks, I'm here for DI!



Eugene Paul Jones

Mean Gene
Latrobe, PA
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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David Joshua Kern

RoboDave, Colonel, and "The guy that had that thing on his head"
Albuquerque, NM
Electrical Engineering (Math)

"The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride." Thank you Jesus, for a temporary halo and eternal life! Thanks Dad - you're an inspiration. Thanks Mom - (standing) you are blessed. OCFers, I love you all, but especially you Barnabi and Shiners. Remember the good times, let the rest fade away. Good flying ... This is the great adventure!



Jesung Kim

Lil' Kim
Richardson, TX
Electrical Engineering (Math)

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Christopher Richard Kopacek

Kope
Ankeny, IA
Management

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Hans Joseph Larsen

Oak Harbor, WA
English

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Coby Reid Leslie
Cobiathan, Cobes
Marion, IN
English

"There is a Catskill eagle in some souls that can alike dive down into the blackest gorges, and soar out of them again and become invisible in the sunny spaces. And even if he forever flies within the gorge, that gorge is in the mountains; so that even in his lowest swoop the mountain eagle is still higher than other birds upon the plain, even though they soar."



Miles Dison Marshall
Milo, Mick
Fremont, CA
Law (Philosophy)

This is for everyone that disenrollment has taken. Mom and dad they missed me! Thanks to all of the dirty kids out there... WOPper, I love ya kid, how'd they miss us? To all of the Playboys of 19 and the Dawgs of 13: When I make it to the bottom of my next bottle I hope to find you there.



Christopher Kyle McClernon
Chris, Mick, Marmot
Springfield, MO
Human Factors Engineering

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James Richard Nolan
James
Athens, WV
Basic Sciences

"Adam felt that men might be and men are that they might have joy (2 Nephi 2:25)" I'd like to thank everyone that helped me to work harder. Having said that, I'd also like to congratulate you on internalizing the Academy values. To do that is to truly become one with the mission. For everyone else, keep trying, you'll get it eventually. Peace be with you all.



Bradley James Pristelski
Ski

Marinette, WI
Legal Studies/Philosophy (Japanese)

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Eric Carl Puels

South Pasadena, CA
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Edelmiro Rivera
Big Ed, Big Tuna
Brooklyn, NY
Aeronautical Engineering

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Christopher Todd Rust
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Waring, TX
Environmental Engineering

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Kasia Lynn Ann Singer

Colorado Springs, CO
General History

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Joseph Aaron Starr

Moreno Valley, CA
Management

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Polly Kay Van Ess

Gertrude
San Antonio, Texas
Biology

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Killer Cobras



Brock Clinton Bentz
B-Rock
West Lawn, PA
Geography

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Matthew Howard Beverly
Bev
Monument, CO
Civil Engineering

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Brandon David Bly
B, Mumbles
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

"Another day in which to excel!"



Jonathan David Busch
Portland, OR
Computer Science (Math)

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Jonathon Eric Byrnes

JB, The Colonel
Springfield, MA
Civil Engineering

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Timothy Rey Candelaria

Tim
El Paso, TX
Social Sciences

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Dennis Lee Drake

BUCK
Las Vegas, NV
Computer Science

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John William Fenwick

Minnetonka, MN
Physics (Math)

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Eric Lynn Fryar

Reserve, NM
Civil Engineering

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David James Hale

Nineveh, IN
Operations Research

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DeAnna Kay Haylett

D
Orlando, FL
Human Factors Engineering

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Henry Allen Lasher, III

Ben
Weaverville, NC
Biology

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Douglas William Leonard

Doug
Elk Grove Village, IL
European History (French)

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**Christian Paul Leonhard**

Chris
Troy, OH
Meteorology

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Radcliff, KY
Computer Science

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**Richard Luke Millard**

Rich, Paco
Spokane, WA
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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For Steph. Philippians 4:6-9

**Damani K. Mitchell**

DK
Ellicott City, MD
Basic Sciences

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Corydon, IA
Biology

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Chunk, Scroats
San Antonio, TX
Human Factors Engineering

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Joanie Bug
Lockhart, TX
Humanities

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Lauren J. Schuman

Marietta, GA
Biochemistry

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Michael Casey Sere

FA, Chew
Tucson, AZ
Operations Research (Math)

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Rob
Fargo, ND
Chemistry (Philosophy)

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S. Londonderry, VT
Basic Sciences- Biology

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Cliffy
Oxnard, CA
Aeronautical Engineering

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Danielle Marie Tutt

D-Train
Spokane, WA
Basic Sciences - Biology

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Cobras B-Flight

Wareagles



Jeremy Brandon Alexander
B
Biloxi, MS
Meteorology

"Let us not forget that what we do
with love always brings peace."
— Mother Teresa



Sarah Elizabeth Alholm
sars
Minneapolis, MN
Biology (Spanish)

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Timothy Scott Baumgartner
T.S., Baum
Westerville, OH
Environmental Engineering

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Charles Perry Bris-Bois III
Chuck
Winston-Salem NC
Political Science

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Jon
Beaver Falls, PA
Economics

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John A. Cancellara

JC, Sheriff, Goat, Jr.
East Northport, NY
Law/Philosophy

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Steven Troy Cappelli

Capp
Dallas, TX
Behavioral Science- HB (Love)

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Joshua Enrique Danforth

Little Rock, AR
General Engineering (Math)

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Nathan Toliver Day

Tater
Phoenix, AZ
Civil Engineering

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Meghan Suzanne Demma

Washington D.C.
Human Behaviors

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Carl David Devemark

Dave
Woodland Hills, CA
Aeronautical Engineering (Spanish)

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Daniel Joseph Dorson

Spaz
Richmond, RI
Foreign Area Studies (French)

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Craig David Fisher

Fish
Hinsdale, IL
Management

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Gregory John Freeman

Greg
Round Rock, TX
Electrical Engineering (Math)

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Eduardo Nocon Guevara, Jr.

Ed, Lil' Kai, Special Ed
San Diego, CA
Computer Science

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Michael David Hartson

Mike, Mustang
Tulsa, OK
History-War Studies

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Joseph Timothy Jimmerson

Ranger Joe
Ft. Collins, CO
History

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Joshua Paul Kolarcik

Louisville, KY
Social Sciences

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Todd Jeffrey Kreutzer

TJ.
Cleveland, OH
Behavioral Science

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Donald Lewis Landgrebe, Jr.

Don, Grubby, Fuzzy Teddy Bear
Somers, NY
Mechanical Engineering

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Slavko Majcen

Sly
Rihtarovci, Slovenia
Physics (Math)

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Shad Michael Strother

Moxee, WA
Operations Research



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Swayz
Westchester, IL
Computer Science

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William Franklin Pendleton IV

Ft. Worth, TX
Behavioral Science-Human Factors
Engineering

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Kelly Ann Roxburgh

Rox
Arlington, TX
Biology

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Cobras C-Flight



Cobras D-Flight

Chickenhawks



Benjamin Wayne Auville

Ben
Washington, WV
Biology (Russian)

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Jesse Brian Bogart

Bogie, Humphrey
Grand Ledge, MI
Human Factors Engineering

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Julie Anne Balduf

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Raja Jon Vurputoor Chari

Chaki, Chari-Chari, Viva
Cedar Falls, IA
Astronautical Engineering/
Engineering Sciences (Mathematics)

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Jaime Clare Ciesielski

Ma
Greenfield, WI
Foreign Area Studies

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Aaron James Cooper

Coop
Colby, KS
Political Science

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Stanley Scott Fowler

Scooter
Clarksville, PA
Operations Research (Math)

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Joshua Ellis Frey

Josh, Brow
Millersville, PA
Geography (Spanish)

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Andrew Todd Harkreader

Sparky, Sparkplug
Broken Arrow, OK
Social Sciences

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Scott Frederick Karl

Scott
Pelham, NH
Astronautical Engineering (Japanese)

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Corey Joseph Klopstein

C.J., Klop, Kloppler, Kloppey, Kraut, Steiner
St. Louis, MO
Management

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Jeffrey Winfield Liegl

Lygle, Tailspin
Avon, OH
Space Operations (Math)

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Luis Carlos Martinez

Lou

Houston, TX
Chemistry (Math)

"What a long, strange trip its been."
I would like to thank my family first.
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Jase

St. Louis, MO
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Political Science (French)

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Human Factors Engineering

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Christopher Lynn Paulhamus

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Montoursville, PA
Meteorology

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Shug Averie

Clarksville, TN
Meteorology

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place, otherwise I would have gone
crazy. Oh yeah, Marquis you ARE
crazy. I made it.



Cliff Thomas Reimer

Cliff

Festus, MO
Civil Engineering

I love my friends, you know who you
are. You guys are the thing that has
really made this place worth it. Ev-
erybody I shared a smile, laugh, ath-
letic event, or tough time with: you're
welcome at my place anytime, I'd do
anything for you. Jennifer - thanks
for loving me through this place, I truly
love you. My family -
thanks for making me who
I am, you're the best!



Ryan Edward Robinson

Robbie

Nashua, NH
Environmental Engineering

"It was tough for me...SO BACK
OFF!!" I thank Mom, Dad, Shelley,
and Ry for listening to me gripe and
always supporting me. Hey Dad,
looks like I'm getting my Star upon
Thar. For you Grampy. The friends
I've made in 19, 16, and elsewhere
will last forever. Good times, boys,
good times. I love all you fat
kids and trouble-makers.
Toss 'em high, fellas. Go
Pats!



Teresa Ann Sobolewski

Blaine, MN
Environmental Engineering

I can't believe I'm the last girl from Ratz left! I never thought I'd still be here and I'm sure nobody else did either! Thanks to Mom and Dad for listening to all the whining, and to Dennis and Joette for a second home for two years! You definitely helped make it tolerable! To the ski team, keep up the tradition (hot tubs, truck rides from Utah...)



Michael Scott Whitacre

Whitty
San Antonio, TX
Biology

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Stephen Lawrence Webber

Scooby, Wedge, Webster
Seattle, WA
Geography

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Stalags



Nathan Paul Aysta

Nasta
St. Cloud, MN
Political Science

"Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it..." Although the 10% was bad, we made the other 90% bearable. Thanks Hawks for partying hard and helping me make it by this place. Mom, Dad, Mark, and Lou-thanks for the support you've given me through the years. Guys from Sota, thanks and we'll hit the press soon. I'm out of here.



Matthew Charles Crowell

Rat Boy
Turpin, OK
Civil Engineering

Well, I guess I made it... Thanks to God. to my family: Mom, Dad, Christina, John, Mark. (eye on the eagle...). to my friends: Lush, Kelly, Stack, Jeff, Joe, Lisa, Dave, Kev, Nasta. (never forget: the sixpak, Mexico, chopping trees and camping, campfires, cookouts, OSU and the EZE, and especially the blue blazer!). to the ruggers: (it was great). Thanks for all the memories. Valhalla, and yes it was!



Paul Norman Brown

Norm
Duncanville, TX
Geography

Well, this is a nice place to be from. Thanks to the Absolute Skydiving Team and Front Range Skydivers for showing me how to really fly. Dicky, you've always been there to help when stuff broke - hey, now that makes sense! Spin/Acro '99: Loop, Hormone, Naystaman, Youngster, George, Jack Daniel's Allen - thanks for the inverted memories. Can't forget Mom, Dad, and my USAFA brothers. Blue Skies and Tailwinds. N987PB.



Tisha Lindley David

Tish
Tucson, AZ
English (Spanish)

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Dale Joseph Donckels

Thousand Oaks, CA
Mechanical Engineering

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Nicole Flores

Nicki
San Antonio, TX
General Engineering

4 years doing hard time, 5-8 years parole. All it takes is determination, a little luck, and a lot of good friends. Best wishes for the future, but don't forget the past. Keep in touch.



Tea Galinec

"T"
Massillon, OH
History (Russian)

Mom: Thank you for everything, I never would have made it without you! Brandon: Is that TSH? You kept me smiling and most important, put up with my insanity. Nate and Quigs: Well I'm alive thanks to you listening to me although I can't vouch for my mind.



James Robert Lacey

Jim
Laceyville, PA
Physics

Thanks to God, Carolyn, Dad, Mom and Nate for all your love and support. This place had its good times and its bad times, but all of you were always there. The friendships I made here will last a lifetime. Carolyn, I love you and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you!



Scott Michael Malloch

Sterling Heights, MI
Physics (Math)

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Francis Marion Mindrup

Frank
Parker, CO
Social Sciences



Jeffrey Michael Montgomery

Jeff
Poquoson, VA
Political Science

It is completely by the grace and love of God that this time has finally come. I'm ever grateful to my family and friends—ya'll have been more of a blessing than you will ever know. If nothing else, I leave here with the comfort that if you "Cast your cares on the Lord He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall" (Psalms 55:22).



Cory James Naddy

Natty-Lite, Nads
Valparaiso, IN
Physics

Thanks to my family for all the support and love you've given me. I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks Mike and Judi for making me part of your family...you'll never know what it's meant. To Mach One...it was the best time of my life, always take care of your own! Stalag...we were friends from the beginning, and will be until the end. Haas...pick up the cameras, it's time to go.



Joshua Teal Parvin

Parv
Rocky Mount, NC
Management

Mom, Dad, thanks so much for your love/support over the years, XXOO. Without friends you have nothing. To the retards I call friends, admit nothing, deny everything, and always counter accuse. Who says we have to follow the rules? This is the best of times. Zoomies, never forget good times. "For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother". Remember, "she don't have to be pretty..."



Matthew William Pearson

Matt
Sturgis, MI
History (Russian)

To those who made this place more bearable, thanks. To those who helped me to improve in any way, thanks. To those who sacrificed their time just to help me scrape by, thanks again. To those who must endure more years at USAFA, good luck. To those who are graduating with me, it's about time.



David Seaburn Peters

Maryville, TN
Economics

"It is simply the grace of God that brought me here and the grace of God has seen me through. Most significantly, He has blessed me with a wonderful family - mom, dad, and Katherine I love you! "Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1



Michael Alan Thomas

Mike
Springfield, OH
Astronautical Engineering

Thanks to all that have helped shape who I am. Its been a long journey, not without its stumbling blocks, but I thank God for His help and for the wonderful family and friends he provided me with. "A brave man is not the one without fear, but the one that does what he must, despite being afraid."



Jeffrey Steven Vail

Woodland, CA
European History

"I guess it wasn't too bad, except when I was here. At least that wasn't too often. What a way to waste the government's money..."



Richard Henry Waggoner

Dickwag, Dickie
Falls City, NE
Basic Sciences

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Jason. I couldn't have done it alone. Thanks DP, Steve, Cathy, TJ, Jeff, Paul, and Chavez.



Brian Patrick Walsh

Atlanta, GA
Behavioral Sciences

What's the difference, as long as we get over the river! Clark W. Griswold. I send my sincerest thanks to my loving parents. Without their constant support, none of this would have ever been possible. I thank my family and friends for always being there. Remember, "Every man dies, not every man truly lives." But those who wait on the Lord...will soar on wings like eagles. -Isaiah 40:31



Aaron Michael Weiner

Granite Bay, CA
Chemistry

Well I guess I have finally made it. It has been a long road, but I have had some great experiences over the past four years. Elizabeth, you mean so much to me, spending the rest of my life with you will be the greatest thing I have ever done. Brandon, Mom, Dad, and Ting, you guys have helped me get through and I love you for it.



Scott Paul Weyermuller
Baller
 Las Vegas, NV
 Engineering Sciences-Astro (Math)

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Aaron Alan Wirtz
Wirtzy
 Parma, OH
 Civil Engineering

The affair is over and a new one shall begin. Hopefully the years ahead will bring more happiness than the preceding. I have survived the "Academy experience" with the help of my God, my loving and listening parents, and the good friends of mine. I will always remember the people who made me smile as I did once upon a time. Remember today; true happiness is just a dream away.



Nightriders



Ben Johnson Aronhime
BJ
 Louisville, KY
 Aeronautical Engineering

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Sean Robert Barr
pSyChO
 Clawson, MI
 Political Science (German)

"I can't wait to finally be "from" this place and remember... It's good for 'ya, builds character."



Michael John Boomsma

Boomer
Anaheim, CA
Civil Engineering (Math)

Well it's been real and it's been fun... Phil 4:13, I couldn't have done it without Him. Elana, WE made it, thank you for loving me even when I didn't deserve it. To my family, thanks for all your prayers and support. 4+1, best friends forever, thanks for pulling me through. Blane and Mel, to much fun. Baseball team, keep pullin... Let me know if you ever find my towel.



Charles Bourmorck Cain

C.B.
Danville, IL
Aeronautical Engineering

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Kelli Nicole Caudill

Kel
Greenwood, IN
Basic Sciences- Biology

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Skylar Ryan Clark

Cadet
Newport Beach, CA
Legal Studies

Rode bike to school. Put in Mighty Mach. OTF First probation. Casa Daunt's. Rum Bongs. Fat Teenager. Shower fight. Swedish letters. Keys. Bobby, Snake, and me volunteered. Wakeboarding with Gar. We almost died. AWOL. Second probation. O'malley's that night. 69 DET. Listerine. Dive School. 50 yard line. PCB Police. Fam Camp. Mexico. Those were huge. Third Probation. Met the right girl. This bird wasn't meant to be caged.



Taira Marie Curtis

Roseburg, OR
Operations Research (Math/ German)

Attitude is everything! I want to thank God most of all for using these four years to teach me something. I also want to thank my family for all of the encouragement. Thanks to all my friends...without all of you, I would have had an uneventful ride. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you..." -Jeremiah 29:11



Brian Edward Earp

Ted
Louisville, KY
Aeronautical Engineering (Mathematics)

First of all, thank you Mom, Dad, and Lisa. Without your love and support I don't know if I would've wanted to make it. To my friends, your presence was a major portion of my journey through this place. I don't know who originally said it, but I got it from a 97 grad and I think it still applies, "I'm so well rounded I no longer have a point."



Wesley Raymond Hales

Wes
Richland, WA
Operations Research (Math/ French)

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Heather Anne Healy

St. Augustine, FL
Political Science

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Sonny John Hignite

Sonny
Clarksville, AR
Civil Engineering

"The education has been anything but free. I did get a boot though..."



Ludovick Hostaux

Valenciennes, France
4th brigade (French AFA)

Hi,
I really had a good time here despite the "rude and smelly Americans". However I really appreciated the efforts made by anyone who tried to put up with me... I wish my stay here lasted more than one semester.

Thank you all, Ludo.



Jeremy M Jarvis

Tacoma, WA
Geography

Interesting place this academy. Thanks Mom and Dad for sticking with me through all my wavering decisions. Jami and Jani, thanks for your love and letters. John, your a great friend, I'll see you down the road a bit. Louis and Jives, well what can I say? Are we going to Europe or what? Rooster... go fly!



Theodore Ashmead Langstroth IV

Ted
Morgan Hill, CA
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

Thanks to everyone who helped me get through four years here: Mom and Dad, Ed, and all my friends both at home and over here. I never could have made it without you. There have been a lot of good times and a lot of bad times, but now it's all over. See you around...



Robert Duane McAllister

Preach, Rob
Shiloh, IL
Civil Engineering

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Joseph James McConnell

JJ
Plano, TX
History

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Daniel Elias Melville

Bossier City, LA
Biology

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James Crawford Melvin II

Mel, Mex
San Diego, CA
Environmental Engineering

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Scott Lee Meng

Slim
Lexington, VA
Mechanical Engineering

"Run in such a way as to get the prize." 1 Corinthians 9:24. Attack everything in life with your whole heart. Have Faith in God and seek Him always. Thanks to my family and friends who have supported me through my struggles, but most of all, I thank God for His help and guidance in my life. Good Luck in your future endeavors and God Bless.



Blane Scott Morgan

Dirty
Dallas, TX
Social Sciences

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Gerad Raymond Riester

Rooster, Caveman
Crowley, TX
History-War Studies

"It is better to die on your feet, than live on your knees". "If you get knocked down 100 times get up 101." Thanks: God. Mom for being momX10. Dad: helping me to "slip the surely bonds". Missy: being my best friend. Justin and Robbin: being partners in crime...may you enjoy my successes tenfold. Lou and John: putting up with me-keep in touch. Everyone else thanks and love.



Christopher Allen Rouse

Chris, Crouse, Roustifer
Biology (Philosophy)
Cincinnati, OH

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Michael Brandon Roy

WAAAAA
Paris, KY
Basic Sciences- Pre-Med

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Jeffrey Edward McNeal Shuck

Big'un
Taft, CA
Physics

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Louis George Stewart

Lou
Houston, TX
Management

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James Barrett Wills

J.B.
Tawas City, MI
Social Science

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Wolverines



Matthew D Allen

Matt
Gallatin, TN
Economics

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Michael Eugene Barron

Mike
Belleville, IL
Biology

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Jerry Wayne Catt Jr.

J.W.
West Memphis, AR
Chemistry

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Charles Edgar Csoboth

Chip
Wilmington, DE
Biology

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Benjamin Arthur Dahlke

Ben
Menomonie, WI
Biology

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Mark William Ellis

E-DAWG
Rapid City, SD
Electrical Engineering (Math)

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John Douglas Galloway Jr.

Doug
Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Aeronautical Engineering

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Daniel Gordon Hendrix

Dan
Oxnard, CA
Military History

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Jovan Terrell Hollins

Von
Federal Way, WA
Human Factors

To The Family, much love and handle your business. J-Roux you and Matt El get the pinky ring, wear it with pride. To my people, thanks for standing behind me on this one. Hoop squad nuttin but love for my ratz. To Rob, Joe, & Mark: Whoo! I'm so tired. To the geekies, "Uniform of the Day BDU's"



Jerrad Allen Krapp

J
Pingree, ND
Mechanical Engineering

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Charles Michael Law

Claw
Allen, TX
Geography (German)

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Stephen Daniel Leggiero

Leggs
Melbourne, FL
Mechanical Engineering

"to all our friends that didn't make it"



Kristen C. Mitchell

Kacy
Raleigh, North Carolina
Biology (Math)

Smile and the world smiles with you.



Radoslaw Andrew

Prosewicz

Slaw

Santa Clarita, CA
Political Science

"Black Raven, this is Red Sparrow
returning to nest."



Michael Morales

Mike
San Juan, PR
Legal Studies

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Jennifer Suzanne Schweer

Jenn
Burnsville, MN
Legal Studies

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thing to say...Always...



Rosemary Corinne Nelson

Roses
O'Fallon/Dongola, IL
Human Factors Engineering

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ber "The worst fear is the
fear of living." -Roosevelt



Chad Travis Searle

Swirly
Glasgow, MT
Engineering Sciences

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everyday as if it were the
last and don't look back".



Adam George Ochs

Duxbury, MA
English

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Hope I graduate. PW2



Brian David Sherry

Uncle B
Tuckerton, NJ
Legal Studies/ Philosophy

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shut up and play the game."



Michael Dean Stoddard
Stods
 Thornton, CO
 Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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David Colin Walker
D-Dub
 Snow Hill, MD
 Environmental Engineering

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Mike, VIG
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 Management

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Steve
 Indianapolis, IN
 Computer Science

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Demons C-Flight

Tough Twenty Trolls



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World History

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The Bruce
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Phatty
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Aaron L. Davis

Dirty
Jefferson City, MO
General Engineering

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Jimmy, J-HOP, Nutsack, Juice, Figgity
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 Legal Studies (Spanish/ Philosophy)

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David Edward Lane
 Barrington, RI
 Math/ Physics

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Matty
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Thomas Frank Lessner Jr.
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Humanities (Spanish)

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Chris
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Jeremy Michael Lukowski
Jer
Gainesville, FL
Operations Research

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Sutton, NE
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Cheverly, MD
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Zerk
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Demons E-Flight

Demons D-Flight

Blackjacks



Michael P. Bittenbender

Bitt

Stuart, FL
Physics (Math)

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Katherine Martha Dehne

Kat

Springfield, OR
Civil Engineering

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Ryan MacGregor Fish

Kinshasa, Rep. of Zaire
General Engineering

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Michael Scott Foster

Crash

Cleveland, MS
Physics (Mathematics)

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Management (Philosophy)

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Tom

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Elycia Hall

Big E

Grass Lake, MI
Biology

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Chuck

Fort Walton Beach, FL
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

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Carmel Valley, CA
Social Sciences- Rackademiks

Blah blah blah.



Felix Rayburn Johnson II

Bass

Dry Prong, LA
General Engineering

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Nathan John Leap

Nate

Johnstown, PA
Operations Research (Math)

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Eugeniu Bogdan Lungulescu
Bo
Râmnicu-Vâlcea, România
Computer Science (Math/Spanish)

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(words to live by as a Comp Sci major :))



Dennis Maynard Phillips, Jr.
Greenville, AL
Management

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Jonathan Henry Smith
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Environmental Engineering

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Harmony Brooke Andrews

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Ol' Man
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Management

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Mary Elizabeth Stewart

Harker Heights, TX
Management

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Pahala, HI
Environmental Engineering

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Barnstormin' 2-3



Wesley M. Abadie

Wes
Dallas, TX
Biology

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Morgan Clifford Andrews

Morg
Elk, WA
Geography

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Joseph Samuel Barbare

Joe Hoebag
Trenton, SC
Operations Research

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Kathleen Maron Burke

Naperville, IL
Environmental Engineering

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Rusty Travis Byrd

Birdog
Gray, TN
Management

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Yohann Derrien

Yo
Rocheport-sur-mer, France

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Timothy James Dodd

Dirty Dodd
San Diego, CA
History/Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

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Nicholas Brian Evans

Nick
Simi Valley, CA
Military History

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Matthew James Fiechtner

Fic, Louie
Fargo, ND
Biology

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- Mark Twain.



Brandon Robert Fleck

Flecko
Springfield, VA
Political Science

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Tim Foster

Foz
Hockessin, DE
General Engineering

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DMB



Dallas Parker Hills

Jackson, MS
Biology

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Jamie
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Behavioral Science

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Sang Won Kim

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Math)

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Joseph Kyle Kramer

Jo Jo
Fenton, MI
Operations Research

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Kim-Leong Lee

Joey
Dover, Rep. of Singapore
Economics

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Matthew Christopher Martin

Matt
Pekin, IL
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Grant Austin Mizell

Missile
Mission Viejo, CA
Operations Research (Math)

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Justin Patrick Mokrovich

Mok
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Aerospace Physiology

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Civil Engineering

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Georgetown, Guyana
Operations Research (Math)

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2 Cor. 4: 17-18. Phil. 4: 11-13.



Sarah Erin Pierson

Sarah
Springfield, OH
Biology

When G-Lo gets angry, Mr. Bigglesworth gets upset; and when Mr. Bigglesworth gets upset, people....DIE!



Mackenzie Beth Rohl

Mac
Aberdeen, SD
Biology

my OH my can you believe it!
mother, father, kari...you made me who I am
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this girl is outta here!



Francis Xavier Rurka IV

Brett, franny, fat-boy
Baltimore, MD
Human factors engineering

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Alexis Smith Simollardes

Harvard, MA
Biology

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Matthew Jay Wolf

Mission Viejo, CA
Biochemistry

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Executioners A-Flight

Hard Core 2-4



David Lawrence Brodeur
Brodie
Auburn, MA
Political Science

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Joshua Alton Christenson
Davis

Gilroy, CA
Mathematics

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William Dickson Donehue
Charleston, SC
American History

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James Tan Dunlap
J.T.
Lexington, OK
Biochemistry

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Nambia Marisa Fagan

Bessemer, AL
Social Sciences

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Monique Lizbeth Farness

Moe, Moo
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Steven Allan Frodsham

Frods
Waverly, NY
Environmental Engineering

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Eric Thomas Haas

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Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Aaron Yutaek Han

Yutes
Chicago, IL
Biology

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Curtis J. Hayes

Curt
Colorado Springs, CO
Biochemistry

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Scott Everett Hudson

Scotto, Big Dogg
Raleigh, NC
Operations Research (Math)

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Rodney Karl Keller

Stitch
Toledo, OH
English

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David Michael Kendall

Dave
Dyer, IN
Ops Research/Economics (Math)

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Robert Christopher Lance

Lancer
Adairsville, GA
Mechanical Engineering

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Cory Tyson Lane

Tyson
Edmond, OK
Physics (Math/French)

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Joseph Herbert Ludwig

Joe, Dumpy, STUDwig
Watertown, MN
Mathematical Sciences

Here's to all the good times (I hope I can forget the bad): I'm so bloated! You guys disappeared! Shut your cake-hole. The cloak. Loafers with no socks. DQ in Colby. The Flag pole. It's Go Time! Rug Burn. The barber shop legend continues. Big Head. Stitch. Cardboard box. Does anyone have a bandaide? Bringing it to the table... Barstoolers, mount up!!!



Brian Christopher Mack

Big Mack
Wichita, KS
Humanities

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Robert E. Mattivi

Robby
Yorba Linda, CA
Management

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Joel Michael Neeb

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Operations Research (Math/Japanese)

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Dylan Kane Newman

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San Clemente, CA
Legal Studies

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Onnie Retkofsky

O, Rachinsky, Onnie the dinosaur
Wichita, KS
Economics

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Lex José Parker Sosa

Lexito
San Miguel, ES
Aeronautical Engineering

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David William Shevchik Jr.

Dave, Shevy
Essex Junction, VT
Biochemistry

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Nathan Richard Stackhouse

Stack
Xenia, OH
Political Science

We're inseparable now, yet not through fraternity; The investment we've made is one for eternity. With this in mind, I leave behind, one lasting admonition; For on this rests, the test of tests, a most humbling decision. Choose you this day whom you will serve; Care not to be in man's favor. For the essence of life comes not from this world But from Jesus Christ as your Savior. Pals.



Borislav Todorov Sirakov

Bobby
Sofia, Bulgaria
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Christopher George Zeppos

Zep
Wyomissing, PA
Biology

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David Andrew Sloat

Sloater
Annapolis, MD
Military History

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Executioners B-Flight

Redeye



Angela - Maria Yi Arredondo

San Antonio, TX
English (Spanish)

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Roger Vernon Buckner Jr.

Charlotte, NC
American History

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Matthew Cowley Caldwell

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Douglas Carl Dickson

Doug
Murrieta, CA
Astronautical Engineering

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Alfredo Nathaniel Foster Jr.

Lacey, WA
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

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Rob, Frenchy
Boca Raton, FL
Computer Science

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Joshua Thomas Gaghen

Josh
Potosi, MO
Civil Engineering

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Justin Perry Hendricks

Jupe
Richmond Hill, GA
Astronautical Engineering (Math)

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Joshua Jens Jensen

Josh
Sturgeon Lake, MN
Operations Research

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Edward Alan King

Eduardo
Mechanic Falls, ME
Humanities (Military Doctrine, Operations, and Strategy)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. -Proverbs 3:5-8



Kiro Genov Kirov

Plovdiv, Bulgaria
Biology

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Columbia, MO
Computer Science

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Hatch

Idaho Falls, ID
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Catherine Amy Majauskas

Cathy, Majik

San Antonio, TX
Political Science

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Meteorology

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Jeffry David Moffitt, II

Asheville, NC
Operations Research

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Samuel James Noland

Sam, Jaws, Sammy
North Hills, CA
Political Science

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Brad Edward Orgeron

Total Package, Orgy

Yorktown, VA
Aeronautical Engineering

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Matt, Peety
White Bear Lake, MN
Legal Studies

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Timothy Benjamin Rezac

Reez
Lonsdale, MN
Material Science

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Barons



Elizabeth Ann Adams

Liz
Cedar Rapids, IA
Social Sciences

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Courtney Demetrius Anderson

Shorty Duop
Hattiesburg, MS
Social Sciences

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Thomas Edward Burke III

Tommy, T B
Mountain Top, PA
Human Behavior/ Human Factors
Engineering

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Connie Marie Cann

Fair Oaks, CA
Management

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Matthew Paul Carmody
Carm
Algoma, WI
Economics

"My mother always told me that if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."



Kacey Lyn Coacher
KC
Sturgis, SD
English

Mom and Dad: "They both loved me..." - Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Richie: "So to intergraft our hands, as yet / Was all our means to make us one" - John Donne. English majors: "A mixture of a lie doth ever add pleasure." - Francis Bacon. D, Joan and all: "No man may indeed become wise before he has had his share of winters in this world's kingdom." - Anon.



Jason Michael Corbett
Corb, Corbay, JC, Jay
Minot, ND
Biology

It's finally over. This has been the longest and most difficult four years of my life. I don't know why the Lord saw fit to carry me through it, but He did. Thank you to all who helped me out and kept me semi-sane. I love you all. Remember Philipians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Mom, Dad, Britania: All my love.



Nigel Hudgens Crisp
Nige
Mountville, SC
Management

Adversity breaks some men but some men go out and break records! Academics were arduous, but I made it. I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for giving me the strength to endure. Katina, the last two years have been seemingly endless, but you've always been there for me. . . I love you. Biggest thanks to Mom, Dad, and family for your support and prayers. I wouldn't have made it otherwise.



Ross Patrick Franquemont
Little Bear
Lenoir, NC
Physics

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Matthew Johnson French
Frenchie, Hawg
Knoxville, TN
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Taris Scott Hawkins
T-Rex
Union, KY
Basic Sciences

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Benjamin Craig Holland
Craig
Pascagoula, MS
Basic Sciences- Biology

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Matthew Barrett Jackson

Action
Griffin, GA
Operations Research

"Thanks Mom and Dad for everything during the good times and the bad... and there were PLENTY of both. To my friends, new and old: Y'all have truly pulled me through. I will carry the Loyalty, Trust, and Respect I have been taught each day of my life. To those that follow me: Stand Strong, always. Above all, I thank God for his guiding light every step of the way."



Ryan Elliott Larson

Lar
Clovis, CA
Economics

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William Donald Middleswart

Bill
Gibbon, NE
Human Factors Engineering

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James Douglas Mitchell

Jimmy
Louisville, KY
Physics

Thanks Mom and Dad for listening to four years of complaining. Thanks to all my friends who made the last few years into some good memories. Al Brown is in this mug. To all the original Ratz: keep it real! Big ups to the physics majors. What a long, strange trip it's been.



Ryan Thomas Moon

Liberty, IN
Social Sciences

Somewhere along the line you discover that it is not the money, excitement or career opportunities that keep you here, it is the people. I have been fortunate to know so many remarkable people.



Brett Wesley Paradis

Marquise, TN
Biology

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John William Powell

Piggity, Pigs, Kentucky, etc...
Somerset, KY
Biochemistry

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Ryan David Sawyer

Kermit
East Grand Rapids, MI
Aeronautical Engineering
(Mathematics)

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A Long Stream since he was
born on the team, we truly
loved him. And now, we have
lost our most treasured and colorful
member. Your dad has been
truly found God, and his
life. Special thanks to Mary-
Anne, and the family for their
love and support through all
rough times, and the friends
for food and hospital.

Terry Jon Blakemore

Casper, WY
Economics

Praise God, I'm finally done! To my brother's in Christ: thanks for challenging and teaching me so much, I look forward to serving Christ with you. To DeLinda, you are my great reward! I long to cherish and love you as God has prepared me to do! Mom and Dad, thanks for your Godly parenting and your endless encouragement. I love you all deeply. Joshua 24:15



Erin Agnes Brennan

St. Louis, MO
Environmental Engineering

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Benjamin Lee Crossley

Shepard
Council, ID
Electrical Engineering (Japanese/
Math)

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— Thomas S. Monson.



Judson Ernest Darrow

Judd
Geneva, NY
American History

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Geoffrey Son Fukumoto

Fuk
Killeen, TX
Operations Research (Math)

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Allegra C. Gregory

Ann Arbor, MI
Political Science/Humanities (German)

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Benjamin Foss Griffith

Vashon Island, WA
Operations Research (Math)

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Kendra Colleen Jackson

KJ
Arlington Heights, IL
Environmental Engineering

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David Alanen Jokinen
Joker
Rome, NY
Environmental Engineering

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Stella Marie Kennedy
Ridgecrest, CA
Biology

Let us get our instruments tightly strung and our melodies sweetly sung. Let us not die with our music still in us. —Spencer W. Kimball I thank our Heavenly Father for this wonderful opportunity- I can only pray that I have not wasted it! Thank you, Adam, for your strength and love. Thanks to my family for their support. For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God. (Alma 34: 32)



Jacob Arthur Kremmel
Jake, Bird-Dog
Red Bud, IL
Civil Engineering

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Valery Andre LeMaire
Val
Delcambre, LA
Mechanical Engineering

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Samuel Franklin Payne Jr.
Sam, Champagne, Sammy Smuv
Columbus, OH
Civil Engineering

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Timothy Wayne Pesek
General
El Campo, TX
Aeronautical Engineering

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Ian Scot Ramage
Bugsy
Brooksville, FL
Human Factors Engineering

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Eric C. Schmidt
Schmidty
Clearwater, FL
Management

Brave men who work while others sleep, Who dare while others fly- They build a nation's pillars deep, And lift them to the sky. Ralph Waldo Emerson
I owe everything to my Savior Jesus Christ. Heather, thanks for your love and support; now we can finally begin our life together! Dad, Mom, and Court - you're a great family. To God be the glory...



Mark Richard Stevens

Bellevue, NE
Environmental Engineering

"Thanks. Miles of Trials, Trials of Miles."



Erwin Vargas

The Varg
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." - Sir Winston Churchill. It's been a long road and I couldn't have made it without the support of my friends and family. Stay true to yourself and never lose sight of your dreams. Michelle, thanks for believing in me and caring, and thanks to all my boys for memories I don't remember.



Ryan Michael Voneida

Rhino
Waco, TX
Political Science (Chinese)

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Michael John Whitted

Skippy
Tulare, CA
Economics

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Blackbirds



Zachary B. Arnt
Ziggy-B
Lincoln, NE
Social Sciences

Actions speak louder than words.



Ian James Brown
G-ian, JJ, Big E, E-dog
Asbury Park, NJ
Computer Science

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Dan Ming Au
Bubakar
New Orleans, LA
Management

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Vincent G. Danna Jr.
Vinny, Longdongo, Gimp, Dego
Baltimore, MD
General Engineering

If it feels good, do it. Stop looking, and she will find you; Laura. Family always first. Val Hala forever. NMML kids: finally over. The predator is right behind you; luv you bro. Phil, Slim, Papa, Nate; brothers, see you at the wedding. A special thanks to my family, but especially to you, Mom and Dad, you are the best. I love you. Yeah, you too Millie and Bill.



Shawn Jeffrey Barry
Brauny, S.B.
Wheeling, WV
Management

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Christina Lynn Deibel
Chrissy
Bamberg, SC
Legal Studies

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Matthew Grant Brancato
Bronco
Aurora, IL
General Engineering

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Sara C. Freeman
Snow White
West Plains, MO
Economics (German)

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Scott Adrian Gatto*Scott, Buck, Richard*

Hamburg, PA

European Area Studies (German)

It's over. Maybe I just slid through, but hey, give me a break, I had to put up with all the stupid stuff, too. Thanks to my savior Jesus Christ for giving me hope beyond hope. What's up Mom, Dad, brothers, and sis? To all of you who are still inmates, "If at first you don't succeed, lower your standards!" Peace, I'm out.

**Ronald Killins, Jr.***Harrisburg, PA*

Electrical Engineering

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**Michael Matthew Harmon***Haknon*

Eagle River, AK

Management

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**Timothy Gordon Miller***Tim*

Shelton, CT

Basic Sciences- Computer Science

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**Daniel Mark Hasley***Dan*

Mobile, AL

Engineering Mechanics

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**Frank John Oktavec III***Franky*

Midland, NC

Humanities

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**John Richard Jochum***JOC*

Salina, KS

Electrical Engineering

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**Benjamin Saul Robins***Scroggins, Habib*

Fairborn, OH

History-War Studies

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Celeste Rodriguez
Kid
Corpus Christi, TX
English (Spanish)

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Donald Alan Rynkowski
Ryno, Hey Yo Donny!
Buffalo, NY
Space Operations

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Adam Michael Schultz
Gyrat
Beaver Dam, WI
Electrical Engineering (Chinese)

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Scott Edward Shelton
Shelly
Anchorage, AK
American History

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William Eric Swartzwelder
Welder, Swartz
Laplata, MD
Environmental Engineering

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Joshua Ulep Taburaza
LuvBeast(SP)
Fremont, CA
Management

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Jason Michael Trew
J-Trew, TrewDawg
Covington, LA
Russian Area Studies/Legal Studies
(Russian/Philosophy)

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David Michael Wrazen
A.C.E., Crazy
Orchard Park, NY
Astronautical Engineering

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Garrett Christian Zindel
Z
Flower Mound, TX
Social Sciences

A long four years gone in a hurry. To the team, what a joy to play the game I love with great friends. GO BIRDS! Buddies, I am sure we will see each other later on, nothing seems to keep us apart, "The road goes on forever and the party never ends!" To my family and my girl, nothing less than all my love. God, thank you for guiding me.



Executioners E-Flight

Black Panthers



David Michael Bergin
Pooh
Greenfield, WI
Operations Research/Economics

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James Michael Burgener
Burgs
Boulder, CO
Economics

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Jorge Carrera

Queens, NY
Human Factors Engineering

Hey, life is so short to be worrying about that.



John W. Demory, Jr.

Johnny
Sterling, IL
Mathematics

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Dan Sung-Ho Catlin

La Porte, TX
Political Science

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Brent Stephen Gaylord

Sioux Falls, SD
Material Science

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James Joseph Chapa

San Antonio, TX
Electrical Engineering

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Charles Edward Gilliam II

Spanky
Lonoke, AR
Operations Research (Math)

My Goal: To act as a sun ray in this environment of darkness. I did not do this alone. Thanks to God, my family, my love, and my brothers for making sure that I had everything I needed to survive. I know I couldn't have made it without your love and support. You helped me to realize, "I can do all things" "by any means necessary." To all those I leave behind, never give up!



Kevin Kai-Wei Chen

The Asian, PTWOB #128
Highland, IL
Legal Studies

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Adam Robert Grayson

St. Louis, MO
Computer Science

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Ryan Heath Harris

Victoria, TX
Operations Research/Economics
(Math)

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James Michael Jordan

Fatty J
Avondale, AZ
Basic Science

Remember, "Simple, clear purpose and principles give rise to complex, intelligent behavior. Complex rules and regulations give rise to simple, stupid behavior" -Dee Hock, former CEO of Visa International Oh yeah...I finally figured out the reason God helped me through this place...sej.



Tammer Helmy Mahdy

Liege, Belgium
Foreign Area Studies (French)

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Lisa Lynn Meier

Louisville, CO.
War Studies (French)

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Shlomo Daniel Menashi

Danny
New Rochelle, NY
Political Science

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Kerry Sinead Quinn

Wilmette, IL
Mathematical Sciences

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Mark Aaron Redfern

Fatboy
Kasson, MN
Operations Research

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Wilberto Manuel Sanchez

Wil
Orlando, FL
Astro (Math)

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Jennifer Joy Schiessler
Jen
Denver, CO
Legal Studies (Philosophy)

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Christopher Ernest Schlachter
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Orlando, FL
Legal Studies

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Kevin Martin Wiley
Wally
Oak Park, IL
Aeronautical Engineering

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Flying Tigers A-Flight

Flying Tigers B-Flight

Knights of Thirt



Wesley E. Adams III

Trey
Bristol, TN
General Engineering

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David George Allen

Dave, Allenwitz
Rosemont, IL
Legal Studies

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Michael John Anderson

Mike, Spock, Mooch, Capt'n
Columbia, SC
Astronautical Engineering

Life is but a journey, many of the steps you take along the way may be precarious, difficult or easy, but never forget you only get out of life what you put into it . . . live life to the fullest and you will never regret having done so. Thanks Mom, Dad, and my many friends for the support and encouragement throughout the years.



Jarod Paul Blecher

Panama City, FL
Management

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Robert Meade Bryant
Bob
 Brea, CA
 Management

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Michael Louis Cardona
Mike, Burrito, Brooklyn
 Brooklyn, NY
 Management

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Brian Richard Colby
Colbs
 Agawam, MA.
 History- War Studies

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Daniel Paul Crump
DttC
 Dallas, TX
 Operations Research (Math)

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Jefferson Ryan Shih DeBerry
Coach
 Bossier City, LA
 Operations Research (Math)

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James Stephen Dentice
Jimmy D
 San Diego, CA
 Legal Studies (Philosophy)

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Patty, P to the E, VP of the SPA
 Bowie, MD
 Engineering Mechanics

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Evan Jay Gallegos

Glendale, AZ
Aeronautical Engineering

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Ronnie Davose Hawkins III

dBone
San Angelo, TX
Political Science

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Michael Stephen Hurt, Jr.

Steve
Boones Mill, VA
Civil Engineering

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Daniel Joseph Kaercher

Deli
Billings, MT
Aeronautical Engineering (Math)

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Jaclyn Reagan Malerba

Jackie
Long Island, NY
Biology

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Felisa Michelle Marsh

Felis
Lakewood, CO.
Social Sciences

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Aaron Michael Mihaljevich

Braw
Chicago, IL
Operations Research

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Jennifer Yvonne Ortiz

Jenn
Melbourne, FL
Legal Studies (Spanish)

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Andrew Michael Quinn

Andy
Enumclaw, WA
Behavioral Science

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William Joseph Riordan

Will Dogg
Syracuse, NY
Management

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Byron Rodenburg Jr.

Conroe, TX
Foreign Area Studies (Russian)

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Melissa Anne Rozman

Missy, Roz
Williamsburg, VA
English

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Kevin Matthew Schlitz

Fremont, CA
Economics

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Christopher Gregory Vecchione

Vecc, Vetch
Schodack, NY
American History

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Charlton Lamar Warren

Pimp C
Atlanta, GA
Human Factors

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David Jon Wilson

DAve,
Cloquet, MN
Humanities (Philosophy/Arabic)

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Grim Reapers



Andrew Philip Beitz
Sloth
Strasburg, IL
Human Factors

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Ericka Cázares
The Mexican
El Paso, TX
Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

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Sarah Elizabeth Clymer
Sparkplug
Canton, OH
Operations Research

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Jason Rae Eaton
Eatz
Denver, CO
Political Science

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Christopher Norman Garcia

Chris
Danville, IN
Human Factors

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Marc Eastin Johnson

Marky Marc
Hammond, LA
Management

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Matthew Shinichiro Komatsu

Duluth, MN
Humanities

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Glenn M. Gonzales

Houston, TX
Human Factors

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Benjamin William Heslin

Bruno
Westminster, MD
History

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Aaron Neil Lamb

Garner, IA
Computer Science

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Blake Prescott Johnson

Midland, TX
Mechanical Engineering

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Christopher Jon Linberg

Chris
Fairfield, OH
Biology

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Perry Robert Marshall

Pluv
Chadron, NE
Management

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Matan Tzafir Meyer

Matas, Hammer
Baltimore, MD
Political Science

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Bradley Robert Opp

O.P.P
Glen Ullin, ND
General Engineering

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Lyndon Joseph Ramsey

Joe
Leeper, PA
Electrical Engineering

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John Michael Ross

Pops
Biology
Macedonia, OH

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Craig Michael Swierzbis

Chewie
Toms River, NJ
Political Science

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Pryor Sinclair Tiffany

Tiff
Frankford, DE
Bio-chemistry

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Eric Keven Woodring

Wood
Littleton, CO
Civil Engineering

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Natasha Lisette Ziegler
Tasha
Mesa, AZ
Political Science (Spanish)

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Flying Tigers C-Flight

Road Runners



Erica Kathleen Andren
Eri
Casper, WY
Space Physics (French)

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Nathan Atherley
Salt Lake City, UT
Economics (Japanese)

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Kenneth Spencer Bode

Ken
Tampa, FL
BioChemistry

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Matthew John Dooley

"Tbone, I wanna be called Tbone!"
Lisle, IL
Operations Research (Math)

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Alan Ross Driver

Driggs
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Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Michael Andrew Edmondson

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East Moline, IL
Operations Research

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Anthony James Franks

Tony
Lexington, SC
Management

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Ben, BGLon
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Chemistry

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Kris
Centerville, OH
Economics

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Mark Andrew Kasayka

Fat Sayka, Sayks
Cleveland, OH
Management

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Josh
Tallahassee, FL
Environmental Engineering

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Lotty
El Paso, TX
Computer Science

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Allison Rhea Maupin

Enid, OK
Human Behaviors

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Justin Trevor Mayfield

Buddha
Indianapolis, IN
Geography

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officers now! God, mom & dad,
Chris...thanks for everything, I love
you! To my boys...we shared the good
times that made us forget, and made
the best of the bad. To all fellow
skydivers, snowboarders, and creatures
that were destined to fly...Fly High!
To everyone else..."don't be
afraid of death so much as
an inadequate life." Hasta



Richard Clay Pantusa

Pants
San Antonio, TX
Electrical Engineering

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alone in this life, and that
all things are possible with
God. Proverbs 3:5-6.



Abraham Scott Perras

Avi
Orlando, FL
Political Science

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Edwin Julian Sligar Jr.

ED
Seoul, South Korea
Human Factors Engineering

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Korean and my trips up north.
"...wait, I got a friend there..." Hey,
lets go out and have ka-go-gi some-
time (I wonder where Hildy and
Hidie went). MM1-it was fun, lets
keep it going. To the others...piss off.
"Home is neither here nor there.
Home is within you, or home
is nowhere at all"—H. Hesse



Thomas Ryan Space

Ryan
Pittsburgh, PA
Chemistry (Chinese)

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prayers are with you. Remember that
"success flourishes only in
perseverance - ceaseless, rest-
less perseverance." - The
Red Baron



Matthew Stewart Van Hook
 Hood
 Orange County, CA
 Political Science (Philosophy)

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Jasmine Spring Watford
 Jazz, Grandma
 Copperas Cove, TX
 Foreign Area Studies (Spanish)

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Patrick Joseph Widhelm
 Lincoln, NE
 Management

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Flying Tigers D-Flight

Rats



Dory Marie Apgar

Thousand Oaks, CA
Biochemistry

"...we lean forward to the next crazy venture beneath the skies." —Jack Kerouac

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James Eric Ferrell

Inverness, FL
Human Behaviors



Mark William Buchholz

Bucky
Columbus, GA
Human Factors

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Matthew John Ghormley

D'Gom, Ghorms
Oak Ridge, TN
Western European Area Studies

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Allyne Briones Castillo

Jacksonville, FL
Biology

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Kari Anne Hamilton

Frogg Creek, WV
Behavioral Science

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Alaná Jemina Grillier Eiland

Laná
Anaheim, CA
Management

To Strive, To Seek, To Find, and Not Yield—This is the Academy To God: Thank You for guiding my Way, To Mom & Dad: Thank you for being there—I Love You To Tim: Thank you for your love To Nambia: Thanks for the times To my Ladies: A Sister is Not a Sister...To my Brothers: Stay Strong, To the Track Team: Thanks for the Friendships To '99: We made it!



Mark Henry Jones Jr.

Doctor Jones, Ma-ke
Downingtown, PA
Mathematics (Chinese)

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KYBITON

Deane Robert Konowicz

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European History/German

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Jeffrey Alan Lampert

Funky
Sacramento, CA
Management

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Eric Charles McFarland "E"

Electrical Engineering

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Aaron Robert Miner

Rock
Grand Junction, CO
Computer Science

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Thomas Daniel Moon

Moon
Erie, PA
Chemistry (Russian)

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Jason Ryan Nolting

Nolt
Clayton, CA
Environmental Engineering

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Omar Stewart Pradhan

Big - O
Stafford, VA
Geography

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Jacob Brian Raser

Snake
Escondido, CA
Civil Engineering

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— J. Buffett



Chad Allen Simpson

Simp
Walters, OK
Legal Studies

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Kristoffer Robert Smith

Kris, Smitty
Las Vegas, NV
Engineering Mechanics (Math)

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Timothy James Stevens

Tianbao
Kailua, HI
Mechanical Engineering

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Thomas Hao Tieu

Worthington, OH
Operations Research (Math)

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Stephen Adam Vukovich

Vuko
Henderson, NV
Geography (Chinese)

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Joseph William Whitehead

Joe
Collinsville, IL
Political Science

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Jason Edward Young

Schultz
Lake Pleasant, AZ
Engineering Mechanics (Math)

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Flying Tigers E-Flight

Loose Hawgs



Gayle Ann Apolonio

Apple

Williamsburg, VA
Basic Sciences- Math

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Kevan Arthur Barry

Kevaaaaaaaan

Ithaca, NY
Aeronautical Engineering

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Nathan Thomas Bercel

Mt. Clemens, MI
Engineering Mechanics

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Arnaud Michel Paul Bouilland

Bouille
Servon, France

USA-Today, France Tomorrow, Air Force For Ever.

Michael Edward Bullard

Mike
Crofton, MD
Meteorology

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Phillip Andrew Caldwell

Phil, Zippy
Philadelphia, PA
Computer Science

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Brian Thomas Deas

Deaso
Fort Worth, TX
Physics

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Bryce Alexander Fisher

Nips
Renton, WA
Management

Brothers, we finally did it, and they couldn't keep all of us from making it! Remember, we're NO LIMIT forever!



Sara Michelle Fortna

Littleton, CO
Biology

Here's to the next century 99! Big T: We've shared so many things, I wouldn't have made it without you buddy. Guys: Kabins with a "k" - need I say more? You're the best. Team: Eat, sleep, play basketball - that's what it's all about (and big pants!). CC: How did I get so lucky? Mom & Dad: You're what made this all possible. I love you! 2Corin4:16-18.



Brent John Fritzing

Fritz
San Antonio, TX
Civil Engineering

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Aaron Kozel Hale

Lunger
Minot, ND
Economics/Philosophy

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Ryan David Kappedal

Kappy
Thompson, ND
Operations Research (Chinese/
Mathematics)

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Kyle Joseph Larson

Conyers, GA
Mechanical Engineering



Brian Edward McKiernan

Frump
Elmhurst, IL
Management



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David Henry Marten

Shaky
Sunrise, FL
Engineering Mechanics



Scott Charles Michalowski

Spider
Greenlawn, NY
Social Sciences



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Timothy John McCann

Tim
Winsted, CT
English



Tony Muro III

Tbash, La Mera Paipa, The 34th FTW
Bakersfield, CA
Social Sciences



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William Arthur McClelland

Billy
Gilroy, CA
Aeronautical Engineering



Karian New

Smiley
Highlands Ranch, CO
Astronautical Engineering



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Benjamin Charles Recker

Ottawa, OH
Environmental Engineering

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Philip Richard Robichaud

Perm, Chode, Flectus
Las Vegas, NV
Legal Studies

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Kimberly Ayn Roman

Kimmie
Torrance, CA
Environmental Engineering

"Damn the man Save the Empire"-
Empire Records
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Remember- "Don't let the man get you down," Blessed Be.



Jesus Soto

Santana
El Paso, TX
Humanities (French)

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Tharon Sperry

West Valley, UT
History (Russian)

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Ryan Douglas Sullivan

Sully
Hamilton, MI
Biology

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Proverbs 16:3



Guts A-Flight

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Huge Wild Weasels



Kyle David Armstrong
Pk, Fatboy, Strongarm
Lancaster, OH
Chemistry

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- Pink Floyd



Joe Augustine
Joey
Oregon City, OR
Interior Design

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Benjamin Andrew Bartlett
Red Nuts, S. Tooth
Miami, FL
Aeronautical Engineering

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Psalm 27:1-3



Justin Laron Bybee
Jackson, WY
General Engineering (Spanish)

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Christopher Ronald Caredeo

Tough Guy

North Andover, MA
Foreign Area Studies (Arabic)

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Alexander Joel Chumpitaz

Alex, AJ, Chump, Taz, Ponch

Hawthorne, NJ
Engineering (Mathematics) &
Graduation [5-Yr Plan]

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Jeffrey David Dillon

Jeff

Sandy, UT
Biochemistry (Chinese)

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Kristi Lynn Hanson

Dirty

Palmdale, CA
Management (French)

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Hans Jonathan Hilterman

Friar

Carlisle, PA
History (Japanese)

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Huy Hoang Huynh

San Jose, CA

Electrical Engineering (Math)

4 years, done. I'm never gonna see so much Imax for the rest of my life. Thanks to all my family and friends for all the support. Shouts out to all my boys that made life here at camp USAFA tolerable. For the rest of you, don't ever let the man hold you down.....One!



Brent Alan Larson

Fort Dodge, IA
Management

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Stephen Lee McDaniel

Steve

Olathe, KS
Latin American Studies (Spanish)

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James Larry Menke, Jr.

Jim
Richardson, TX
Management

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Amy Marie Nesbitt

Amers
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
Operations Research (Math)

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Valancy Dawn Nielsen

Val
Everywhere!
Human Behavior

"Now they had never fought, yet they did not fear death; and they did think more upon the liberty of their fathers than they did upon their lives; yea, they had been taught by their mothers, that if they did not doubt, God would deliver them." Alma 56:47 A pilot may decide the battle, but it's a mother who transforms society. Both are important, but the latter is my dream.



Bradley Clarke Pantan

LGP
Arlington, TX
Operations Research

Too much has happened these past few years. I have jumped out of a plane, earned a college degree, fell in and out of love, met my very close friend Joe, and lost my precious brother O.J.. It excites me that I have experienced so much in the past four years and I am looking forward to the years that I have left. I love you Mom, Dad, David, and Jeannie. . . ONE!



Joseph Michael Petrosky

Petro
The Woodlands, TX
Social Sciences

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Ryan Christopher Principi

Worm
Rancho Santa Fe, CA
Political Science

Dad, Mom, Tony, John, and Bo, I love you all very much. Fellas, its been a very wild ride. AFA Lacrosse will always be close to my heart. Wouldn't have made it without all you guys. PW2: You are not forgotten.



Jason Allen Purdy

Three Rivers, TX
War Studies

Yes, it's finally over. I came, I saw, I'm sore, I survived. Thanks to my friends and family I kept up the strength to graduate and even have a good time, almost. It's all good!



William Anthony Reynolds

PTWOB #132, L.P.
Omaha, NE
Math

Ultimately, everything that I've accomplished in life is a direct result of God's grace and the blessings that He has given me. I would like to thank Him for his control over my life and for giving me my family, my friends back home, my friends here, and my everfaithful PTWOBs. My love goes out to all of you...keep your eyes upward and focused on the Blue Skies!



Theresa Lynne Siegel
 "T", Tree
 San Antonio, TX
 Biochemistry

Nathan, iloveyou. Ladies, you will all be "creative counterparts" someday, especially you Taira. Crazy Crusaders, swing on! Fellas, lunch has been an experience. Thanks for the turkey. "Do everything without complaining or arguing so the you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you SHINE like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life" Philippians 2:14-16.



Andrew Lee Sincok
 Andy
 Chino, CA
 Engineering Mechanics (Math)

I thank Jesus for everything that I have. May all glory be given to Him.



Douglas Anthony Vetrano
 Fresh, Sunshine
 Manhasset, NY
 Management

To my family: Thanks for your love and support. AFA LAX: "May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, rest, food, and drink on your travels, and the road downhill all the way to your door." Remember: it is better to have lost playing lacrosse than to have ever been a cadet at large. PW2: You are not forgotten.



Kevin Michael Webster
 Kev
 Puyallup, WA
 Management (German)

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Guts B-Flight

Guts C-Flight

Proud Pink Panthers



Christopher George Batterton
CBAT
Malden, MA
Legal Studies

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Matthew Gordon Brown
Matt
Norwalk, OH
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to everyone that has helped me through this place: my parents, my sponsors, my friends, and my neighbors. Remember not to believe anyone who says you can't. Unless you fail yourself, you can be the one who can make it happen. Dream big, know no limits, and shine on warriors.



Eric Wilhelm Bucheit Jr.
Bu
Erie, PA
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

Thanks to everyone that helped me out so much, especially my family and close friends. Had a great time with most of the people here. Ruggers: games and trips were a blast, if I didn't play rugby I would have missed being a part of the best team I may ever be a part of, from the friendships to the winning to the partying, it was just incredible. What else can I say. 3D-76...cap off....



Jayme Scott Carter
Jayme
Camarillo, CA
Biology

First I have to thank God, for I wouldn't be here otherwise. To Mom, Dad, and family, thank you for believing in me, I couldn't have done it without you. To my friends Josh, Sean, Bucky, Steve, and everyone... SMD forever! Finally, to the one who means everything to me... I did it all for you. "What a long, strange trip it's been..." and it only gets better.



Samuel Douglas Chanoski
Sammy, Chinook
 Jeannette, PA
 Computer Science/ Operations
 Research

"... what a long strange trip it's been." I have to thank Mom, Dad, Jon and God for getting me through this place. PTWOBs, I love you all, thanks for everything. Panthers, Eagles and everyone else, it's been real so take care of yourselves. To those that come after, think of why you came, not how bad it is. Remember Buffett - "If we couldn't laugh we would all go insane."



George Michael Crowley
Geo
 Milton, MA
 Operations Research

The best semester I had here wasn't spent here. I thank what ever is up there for my mom and my grandparents, they give more support and love than I deserve. Don't be afraid to try new things, have fun, take chances and laugh. "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we'll die." "The only one who can tell you you can't is you, and you don't have to listen."



Jason Andrew Davis
Dog
 Moore, OK
 Social Sciences

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Nathan Oaks Drewry
Nato, Oaks
 Lawrence, KS
 Civil Engineering

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32,33
 Love and thanks to Mom, Dad, and sister Anna, "Nothing gold can stay". To the team: keep up the Friday practice traditions. Lastly, to all the clean leg hooskernannies that seemed to ignore or avoid me, "thanks for nothing".



Amy Elizabeth Fitch
Fiyatch
 Orlando, FL
 Engineering Mechanics (Russian/
 Math)

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Dennison Koji Frasier
Doc, Doc the Rock
 Summerville, SC
 Biology

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Nicole Leigh Fuller
Nic
 Maryville, MO
 Human Behavior

Thank you Mom, Dad, Kevin, Bethany and Sean (I love you!) for all of your support. We finally made it to the end of the road only to find the beginning of a new one. Let's hope the next leg of the journey is a lot easier than this one with many more good times. I love you all more than anything :) Take care!!



Nichole Marie Hartman
Ottawa, IL
 Management

Tri-Life



Matthew Lea Hartzog**'Zog**Port Lavaca, TX
Computer ScienceMom, Dad, and Anna: Ephesians 1:16.
Fellaz: Proverbs 27:17.

You all mean the world to me, and I hope these two words are enough...Thank You. To the Academy and those that made this place into what it is today: "Here's a dollar twenty-five..."

**Franklin Burke Layo****Closet Monster**
Chicago, IL
Chemistry

"If you are gonna be a bear, be a grizzly." Thanks to myself for making it thru this great college. Being able to recite the five tenets of airpower kept me focused on the mission. If you complained about not having fun in college, you obviously didn't know me, and therefore you are a geek and I feel no pity. To the synegog, keep it real. NUTS.

**Chad Eric Holesko****Holocaust**Stillwater, OK
Economics

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**Claudia Sonja Marshall**Sierra Vista, AZ
Civil Engineering (German)

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift I treasure. So here it is, I thank myself for making it through all this and thanks mom and pop for all your love and support!

**Joseph Ryan Kennedy****Tug**Ft. Worth, TX
Management

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**Timothy Edward Pierce****Timmy, TimmyE, PZO, Stu**
Spokane, WA
Military History

"Thanks to GOD, MOM, DAD and CHRIS, I could not have done it without you. To 99-24 thanks. To the PPP, keep it real and see ya on the outside! To HG: Never let up, Stand tall and Don't let standards drop! To HG99, my brothers and closest friends, through the roughest times to the greatest times of all, you were there to the end! HONOR GUARD 99!"

**Kelly Lynn Landstrom****White Lake, MI**
Management

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**Christopher Michael Sheffield****Sheff**Billings, MT
Foreign Area Studies- Latin America (Spanish)

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Richard Hayden Shertzer
Rich
Hummelstown, PA
Engineering Mechanics

Summarize the Academy experience...I recall an appropriate response to an assignment some time ago: school is too long and recess is too short! Things haven't gotten easier since then, but enormous satisfaction has accompanied the challenges. My dreams are still evolving but I will never forget how I arrived at my current station. I owe my world to a loving family and the best friends I've ever had!



Andrew Jacob Wiker
Andy
Orangeburg, SC
Civil Engineering

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Thomas Walter Staley
T-Dub
Iowa City, IA
Biochemistry

Inprocessing day felt like fat camp. Schlachter, Fish, and other meatheads filled the bus I rode to the BOR. I didn't appreciate their obnoxious behavior that day, but I now consider them my best friends. It's funny how things change. Ryno, Samplestein, Lay-O, Garro, you weren't roses but you were great roommates. Nasty: someday you'll find a girl. Keep it real and keep in touch. Every-



Guts D-Flight

Guts E-Flight

Dayton, OH
Electrical Engineering

If can read this, I graduated! I'd like to thank Mom and Dad for their love, support, advice, etc. There are things which must cause you to lose your reason or you have none to lose. Reality is that which, once you stop believing in it, doesn't go away. The map is not the territory. PTWOBS, it has been a blast and don't forget, you can always jump. Blue Skies. PTWOB #140.



Guy
Boca Raton , FL
Operations Research

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Guy

Barthhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh
here!



AC
Longmont, CO
Social Sciences

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Mt. Vernon, OH
Electrical Engineering



Braintree, MA
Economics/ Operations Research
(Math)

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Dustin
Wallace, NC
Biochemistry

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DeKohr
Colorado Springs, CO
Operations Research (Math)

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El Fern, Ferrrrnaaaandoooo, Nando
Brownsville, TX
Management

"Wow, we're finally outta here! Old eagle-eighters: I love you all. Stephanie Pollard-We'll always remember you. Ruben, I finally beat you, I'm off ac pro!! Preppies: I guess the five-year plan paid off, I'll miss all of you. Skyriders: I can't think of a better group to spend my last 2 years with. Santana, Nalgon, Aplaudaso, Malpase: "Vamos a hooters!" God: Thank you for turning my life around- You're the best! Bueno, bye!"



Basic Sciences(formerly Computer Science)

I do not mean to offend but if you do not know me do not read this and if you do, it will probably be over your head... The purple lobster of happiness once chortled while dreaming of soft angelic white bunnies toting hippopotami beneath his corset. Lacking all seriousness, be it known that it is not the experience that dictates the personality but the personality that creates the experiences.



Tacoma, WA
Legal Studies

Well it's been an experience. I would like to thank my friends and family for literally dragging me through. I've learned more through football than I could have ever learned from waking up early or putting my room in *ami*. But I guess I graduated so I got that going for me, which is nice, oooh, oooh.



Charleston, WV
Mechanical Engineering

Many thanks to God, Mom and Dad, Amber, and Nikki. Your love and care allowed me to accept and beat the challenges of the Academy. Now off to the real Air Force...can't wait to fly!



Hanford, CA
Management

Philippians 3:13-14
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 Anthony Jordan

Central Point, OR
History (Spanish)

Ursula LeGuinn once wrote: "It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters, in the end." Thanks to everyone for making my journey a good one!



Matthew John Moneymaker

Money
Southington, CT
Social Sciences

It appears that another chapter of life has ended, but definitely not forgotten. Life is full of choices, some were good, some bad, others unfortunate, but in the end all is well. No regrets...well maybe just one. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Junior for your guidance, love, and most of all your support. To the Williams and the boys, I love you all and I couldn't have made it without you.



Craig Derek Lindstrom

Beresford, SD
Operations Research (Math)

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace" Acts 20:24. To Jesus Christ goes all the glory and honor. To Mom & Dad, Chad, Curtis, and John: you are the greatest. Brothers - I'll see you out there.



Abraham Mark Payton

Mark
Aurora, CO
Astronomy Physics (Math)

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Mary Supee Long

Billerica, MA
Political Science (Spanish)

Psalm 105: 1-5. To my Creator and First Love I give all my thanks. It is He Who has given me all that I love and appreciate: my life, my family, Mark, my friends, my opportunities, my memories, and most important: His love through His Son. Thank you Lord Jesus! Oh, and what have I learned at USAFA? Live life! You can sleep when you die!



Eric Alan Queddeng

Q-Dog, Edek
Valdez, AK
Environmental Engineering

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John Stanley Mackow

Roselle, IL
Astro Engineering

The spirit of the 60's is still alive and well! After inhaling the fumes from 8 bottles of edge dressing simultaneously, I realized that shining shoes, brown-nosing, and yelling at others really do make me feel groovy. Thanks go out to my family and friends...you helped me through quite a unique experience.



Matthew Christopher

Lundgren Stanley
Matt, Stan
Camp Point, IL
Electrical Engineering (Math)

Thanks to all of my family and friends—the best. I would not have made it without you. I won't miss USAFA, but I'll always miss the friends and good times. Go make your country and family proud. "Sierra Hotel!" "If you cannot—in the longrun—tell everyone what you have been doing, your doing has been worthless." -Erwin Schrödinger "Your greatest satisfactions come from your greatest sacrifices."



Terra Marie States

Littleton, CO
Basic Sciences

What an adventure its been, and now its come to an end. But with every ending comes a new beginning. I have everything I need, a perfect family (I love you), wonderful friends (near & far), and a man that I can share my heart with (4-eva William)! Thank you to everyone who has played a part in my life no matter how big or small. I look forward to the next adventure because of you!



Tracy Amber Strickland

Dothan, AL
Human Behavior

"Two are better than one...If one falls down, his friend can help him up but pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up....!" Ecclesiastes 4:9-10. Thanks Mom, Dad, Annika, and Christy for always believing in me. I couldn't have made it through this place without your love and support. Although I won't miss this place, I'll miss the friends I have made here. To God be the glory!



Sean Edward Tucker

Huntington Beach, CA
Operations Research (Math/ Spanish)

And isn't it ironic sometimes? The things we take for granted are what we wanted before we knew why. Four years have come and gone. Thanks to those that have stayed true- you know who you are. "There must be some way out of here," said the joker to the thief, "There's too much confusion, I can't get no relief."

-Bob Dylan



Jeffrey Brian Westphal

Jeff
Fullerton, CA
Basic Sciences

"Never tire of doing what is right." -
II Thessalonians 3:13



Helcats A-Flight



Helcats B-Flight

All-Mighty All-Stars



Mark Daniel Bauman

Mouse
Strongsville, OH
Management (German)

Are we there yet? Mom and Dad, without your love, support, and encouragement I would've never made it. To Kristen and Nikki, GEEE! Joan and Chuck, thanks for all of you love and guidance. Mex and the rest, where all of the corruption began, thanks for letting Little-B tag along. Words of Wisdom: Always be ready to take one for the team and Be the Ball! Via con Dios, Dan!



Cassandra Celeste Benavides

Cas
Houston, TX
Humanites (Philosophy)

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Patrick John Comiskey

Pimp
Denton, TX
Management (Sleep)

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Frank Raymond Cowan, IV

Fritz
Pelham Manor, NY
War Studies (Russian)

"A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly. Specialization is for insects." - Robert Heinlein.



Jeff Doyle Curtis

O'Donnell, TX
Basic Sciences

Above all, thanks to my family and friends. I owe you Redeye, thanks for putting up with me. Let me never forget the sea of faces that have gone before me and died for their country. I am tired now after this four year journey, and to quote Robert Frost, "But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep."



Christopher R. DiNote

Dino
Philadelphia, PA
History - Area Studies (Russian)

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Thanh Nguyen Dinh

Tino
Houston, TX
Foreign Area Studies (Chinese)

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Michelle Marin Edberg

Napa Valley, CA
Biology (Spanish)

"To laugh often and love much; to win respect of people and the affection of children; to appreciate beauty and find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child or a garden patch; to know even one life breathed easier because you have lived—this is to have succeeded"—Emerson. I thank my family for their help and support and Nate for this quote.



Gloria Nicole Field

Glo, Squashy, Noid
Dalhart, TX
Behavioral Science-Human Behavior

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Bertrand Jean-Marie

Joseph Gallois
Bebert
Entressen (Provence, France)
Deuxième brigade (French Air Force Academy)

Once upon a time, not really in the West, there were a few French people who came here to experience the "American way of life". And this year, I am one of them. I had a really good time here, except there is one thing that I'd really like to know: why do you play football only with your...hands?



Matthew Thomas Garrison

Matty G, C.W.
Lewisville, TX
Biology

I'm thankful to God for hearing my family's prayers. To my mother for listening, my father for motivation, my sisters for encouragement and my friends for being the greatest meatheads around. Zoomies: pump left, go right. Hawks: now there are none. Keith, Z and Wes: more than words fellas. Everyone: Thanks for graduating the same person you came in as. "The road goes on forever and the party never ends."



Julius Pratt Hubbard III

Jay
Paris, TN
Political Science

I thank my family, friends, and God for never letting me give up and reminding me of why I came to the Academy.



Anthony Gabriel Langford

Weed
Weed, CA
General Engineering

Is it really over!? Graduation isn't here yet, but if this is in the yearbook I must be done. Couldn't have done it without you Mom, Dad. Can't forget the rest of the family Zahra, CJ, Dolly. Wow five years on lockdown...I mean in school. To all my boys this is Weedman, let's be out.

**Jeff John Mrazik**

Mazik, Maz
Dudley, MA
Foreign Area Studies - Europe (French)

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**Jeremy Eugene Learned**

Jerry
Buckner, IL
Computer Science

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**Stefanie Suzanne Myers**

Stef
Fairfield, CA
Political Science (Chinese)

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**Rawley Mack Mims**

Mack, Raw-Dog, PTWOB #119
Stanton, TX
Political Science

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**Martin James O'Brien**

OB
Morristown, NJ
Management

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**Daniel Adam Morris**

Dan
Placentia, CA
Meteorology

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**Justin Henry Philip Pautler**

Judd
Alden, NY
Social Science

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Charles Brock Polomsky
Marco, Polo
Lee's Summit, MO
Mechanical Engineering (Math)

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Kevin M. Pritz

Huntsville, TX
History

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Vincent Anthony Proffitt
Vinnie
Pittsburgh, PA
Foreign Area Studies (French)

Some of the best people in the world have come through this place with me...and they're actually gonna graduate us! The one thing I've learned at USAFA time and time again is "You've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything. You've got to be your own man, not a puppet on a string" (Aaron Tippin). Thanks to all that helped me get through here...I won't forget it.



Quaid Hasan Quadri Jr.
Q
Las Vegas, NV
Management (Spanish)

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Daniel Todd Schmitt
Dan
Waterford, MI
Computer Science (Math)

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Matthew Wesley Stewart
Stew
Selma, Alabama
Human Factors Engineering

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Shawna Lee Wartner
Pam
Lakewood, CO
Biology

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Martin Wade Weeks III
Marty, Rexx
Alexandria, VA
Human Factors Engineering

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Jason Antoni Zarb-Cousin
Zarb
Colorado Springs, CO
Basic Sciences

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." Thanks to my family and friends! Keep it Real.



Hellcats C-Flight

Cool Campus Rads



Jason Michael Caiafa
Jay, Wopper
East Granby, CT
Management

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Joseph Matthew Cashman
Big Joe
Anderson, SC
Political Science

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Adam Stewart Coffman

Valley Center, KS
Political Science

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Ryan Joseph Dahlin

Rooster
Eugene, OR
Management

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Daniel M. Davies

Dangerous
Sioux City, IA
Management

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Jana Rose Day

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History - Area Studies of Asia
(Chinese)

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Jonathan Craig Dowty

Ladson, SC
Aeronautical Engineering

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Shawn Christopher Hatch

Snatch
Manassas, VA
Astronautical Engineering

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Lisa Kay Helmberger

Lis
Corpus Christi, TX
Biochemistry

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Nathan Larry James

Colorado Springs, CO
Management

"They taught us how to not lead!"



Jason Duane Jensen
Double J, JJ, Fingers, Jota, Josan
Des Moines, IA
Mechanical Engineering

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Peter Kims Kim
Pete
Aurora, CO
Human Factors

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Randall Wayne Klein
Randy
Anaheim, CA
Electrical Engineering

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Miguel Angel Bonomini
Lutman
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Pembroke Pines, FL
Mechanical Engineering

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(Math)

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Christian Tyler Miller
Ty
Twin Falls, ID
Social Sciences

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Coreen Rene Mueller

Oshkosh, WI
Management

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Donald Kyle Perry
Don
Cincinnati, OH
Electrical Engineering

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Douglas Patrick Pierre
Frenchy
 Tullahoma, TN
 Aeronautical Engineering

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Shanna Raquel Strickland
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Joshua Jesse Liberty Randall
Junior, Randall T
 Mound City, KS
 Materials Science

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Jason Lee Tranum
Jay
 Bristol, TN
 English

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Preston Frederick Rufe
 Upper Black Eddy, PA
 Civil Engineering

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Brian William Wilson
Bri, BW
 Carterville, IL
 History-American

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Jeff Alan Simmons
Bama, Jefe
 Millbrook, AL
 Human Factors

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Hellicats D-Flight

P-40 Warhawks



Gregory Andrew Amig
Amiggidy, Gringo
 Burnham, PA
 Humanities

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Sergio E. Anaya Jr.
The Mexican
 Mexico City, Mexico
 Basic Academics (Math/Spanish)

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 GAMBARE!



Michael Lawrence Anderson
 Corvallis, OR
 Mechanical Engineering/Engineering Sciences (Math)

Doh!

To the Jericho Mile



Jason Harold Barlow
 BNutz
 Madison, MS
 Biology

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John Alexander Brown

Louisville, KY
Operations Research (Math)

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James Paul Colbert

Jim
Jackson, NJ
Management

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Austin Francis Burrill

Austin Powers
Truckee, CA
Management

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Clyde Carleton Crane IV

TJ
Reed City, MI
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Political Science

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Henry Jules Delay IV

Jules
Harwinton, CT
Human Factors Engineering

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David John Christensen

Dave
Rapid City, SD
Computer Science

"...your hands and feet are mangos, but you're going to be a genius anyway..."



Robert Anthony Farina

Bobby
Lindenhurst, IL
Management

Fare thee well now.
Let your life proceed by its own design.
Nothing to tell now.
Let the words be yours,
I'm done with mine.
- The Grateful Dead



Paul Joseph Ferguson

~p
Mission Viejo, CA
Military History

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Michael Adam Haack

Mike
Primghar, IA
Engineering Mechanics

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Ryan Lee Hill

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Robyn Hinchey

Scrunchy
Guymon, OK
Legal Studies

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Jennifer J. Kabat

Jenny
Las Vegas, NV
Biology

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Todd Alan Moenster

Eddie
Dittmer, MO
Political Science

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Rheo Castillo Ofalsa

Mililani, HI
Civil 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.
~ Robert Frost
I was never a product of my own making.
My thanks to those who've helped define me.
You know who you are.



Anthony Brandon Paulson
Tony, Slim
Grass Valley, CA

Why did I come here,
why did I stay?
Why am I working
so hard every day?
Where am I headed,
will this get me there?
Should I be worried
that I don't even care?
It must be okay,
this path can't be wrong.
For you Lord know best
where I belong.



Jemal David Singleton

San Antonio, TX
Social Sciences

No matter what challenges face us,
we have the strength to over come
them. We have put up with crap for
four years, some of us more, and nothing
will be more challenging than what
we have already conquered. Class of
99 1/2



Brian David Tipton
Notpit
Edna, TX
General Engineering

Matty, Greg, Mexican, and Dirty
OldMan—I love you guys.



Jeffrey Vale Updyke
Jeff
Temecula, CA
General Engineering

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my life was to come here. I didn't
know any better. I'm pretty surprised
that I made it. Now that it's over, I'm
glad I did it. I gotta thank my friends
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around.



Matthew Kenika Williams
Kenika
Aiea, HI
General Engineering (Russian)

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friends, both new and old, everyone
who's touched my life in one way or
another, and most of all I
thank God... 'cause it's all
over.



Robert Wayne Patrick Wolfe
Bobby, Wolfie
Ontario, CA
Geography

"Then he waited, marshaling his
thoughts and brooding over his still
untested powers. For though he was
master of the world, he was not quite
sure what to do next. But he would
think of something." Arthur C. Clarke
Mom and Dad, thank you for all your
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sons. To the Thanksgiving ski crew,
vaulters, hurdlers, Team Fatz and my
roomies. Thanks for all the
memories that will last a life-
time. I'll see you on the flip
side.



Helcats E-Flight

JUNE WEEK

The Class of 2000 strolled across the terrazzo that morning with a certain mystique, knowing that in a few short hours they would officially take over the leadership of the Cadet Wing. The Class of 2000 received their class rings on the night of May 28, 1999. The ring dining out and the accompanying ring dance are two of the more memorable moments a cadet will ever know. With their rings in hand that morning, the Class of 2000 was indeed ready to lead the Cadet Wing "Into The Next Millennium."

There was a look of both joy and sorrow in the Class of 1999 as they walked across the terrazzo to prepare for the trip to Falcon Stadium. To the firstclass cadets, June Week was the culminating point of a four-year journey that began on June 29, 1995. A journey that saw people come and go, but more importantly friendships that developed and will last a lifetime.

Commissioning took place early that morning for most squadrons, and the new second lieutenants could not wait to cap off their Academy experience at Falcon Stadium. With a crisp salute to the President, and for some a ceremonial cigar, the Class of 1999 was prepared for their final dismissal . . . THE greatest change they have ever experienced.

These members of the Class of '99 celebrate after receiving their diplomas. Though warned against excessive celebration, cadets could hardly contain their joy. Photo by B. Lingle



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tradition after
the final
dismissal.
Photo by E.
Koby



C1C Stephen Hurt shakes the hand of his AOC. Squadrons each chose a location for commissioning that they considered special. Photo by C. Seaman

Ring Dance

Ceremony Marks 42
Years of Tradition

A Celebration Like No Other

As I filled my champagne glass with my ring in it, I remembered every "flame session" I went through, every night I stayed up late to work on a project, and every time I thought I was not going to make it this far. I thought about all my friends who didn't make it with me to this day. As my date slipped the ring on my finger, I especially thought of all the people in my past that constantly told me I would never grow to see a ring on my finger. Most importantly, it was that moment that truly proved to me that I could accomplish anything and everything I set my mind to.

The Ring Dance is a major stepping stone for Academy cadets. It serves as a reminder to cadets that graduates of the Air Force Academy are all part of a brotherhood that lasts for

eternity. It reminds cadets of their commitment to the Core Values of the Air Force, and of their commitment to live by a code of honor that many today cannot imagine upholding.

"It was the highlight of my cadet career. It was as if no one could bring me down at that point," said C2C Philip Rose.

Members of the Class of 2000 will now enter the Air Force upon graduating the Academy, and will look upon each other with a special bond that only other graduates can truly understand. The ring signifies more than its face value. It represents the blood, sweat, and tears we spent trying to push ourselves to limits we never thought we could achieve. It makes us a part of a family of strivers and achievers. Finally, it's a reminder to you that no one can ever take away your Academy experience.

by Miguel "Fudge"
Rivera



These cadets from Mach One celebrate with a toast. Being in the same squadron can form bonds which will last for a lifetime. Photo by B. Brandow



C2C Kevin Lee shows off his fiancée's ring while she, DeeDee Kinsley, smiles. Class rings weren't the only rings on display. Photo by C. Seaman

These cadets place their class rings on each others hands. Many cadets spent the evening together, making it memorable for both parties. Photo by B. Brandow



These class rings are being christened in champagne. Cadets were given the option of using champagne, sparkling grape juice, or water. Photo by B. Brandow



C2C Matthew Early holds up his champagne glass with his dates silent approval. Many cadets flew in their dates from all over the United States. Photo by C. Seaman

C2C Matthew Astroth attempts to catch his ring in his teeth. The Ring Dance evening is filled with Academy tradition. Photo by C. Seaman

C1C French turns over command of the Wing. C2C Jon Friedman, spring semester wing superintendent, accepts the command. Photo by C. Seaman



Spring semester wing commander C1C Matt French leads the Cadet Wing down the "Bring Me Men" ramp at the start of graduation parade. The graduation parade is the final parade of the academic year. Photo by C. Seaman

These two cadets are thrilled to have USAFA parades part of their past. Hugs are prevalent among firsties at the end of graduation parade. Photo by R. Marshall



The class of 1999 exits the Cadet Wing by forming the "flying wedge." The cadets came into the Wing by forming the "inverted flying wedge." Photo by B. Nickel

When given the "officers front!" command, squadron commanders, guidon bearers and unit color bearers gather in the center. Photo by C. Seaman



Firsties celebrate their last parade

The Last March ~ The last parade

The graduation parade is unlike any other for firstclass cadets who are within hours of the actual Graduation Ceremony. It is the one parade firsties do not mind participating in. Come rain or shine, these "graduates to be" actually look forward to marching in this final parade.

The grad parade is special because firsties are given the opportunity to share this joyous moment with family members and close friends. Outside of receiving their diplomas, the parade is the pinnacle of a cadet's career.

For some cadets, the emotions do not take over until well into the parade.

"When we first formed up, I wasn't feeling much yet," said C1C Tony Muro III.

This changes in a hurry when the firsties get to the parade field and begin to form the "flying wedge." It's hard for most to deny the incredible sense of accomplishment when it comes to preparing for this final parade.

Forming the flying wedge symbolizes the firstclass cadets permanent exit from the Cadet Wing. The flying wedge heads directly toward the parade stands where family and friends can voice congratulatory hoots, hollers, and thunderous applause to the upcoming graduates.

"When we were told to form the wedge, I started to feel the significance of this parade," said C1C Muro. "Once I started walking away from the Cadet Wing, my cadet career flashed before my eyes."

The parade is a change of command ceremony as well. After all, when the firsties separate themselves from the Wing, secondclassmen are charged with commanding their squadrons. Their first official act is to lead the way during the pass in review.

As the squadrons marched off the parade field and up the "Bring Me Men" ramp, they were greeted with the Class of 2000's class song--a new firstie class was in charge.

Facing the rest of the Cadet Wing, these graduates-to-be prepare to salute during the pass in review. Following the pass in review, the class is dismissed to celebrate with family and friends. Photo by C. Seaman



Commissioning

Taking an Oath of Office - Commissioning

The Start of a Career

For many of the Class of 1999, their last day as a cadet was almost as long as their first day of inprocessing on June 29th, 1995—beginning at the crack of dawn. This time however, the day began not by saying goodbye to parents, but by officially becoming a lieutenant with the individual squadron commissioning ceremonies.

These ceremonies were held all over the Academy grounds and Colorado Springs, including the Chapel, Visitor's Center, Field House, and Library. Unfortunately they also took place at o'dark early in the morning. Not one cadet would be complaining on this particular day because they had to get up so early.

The firsties finally pinned on their shiny new gold bars promoting them not only in rank, but also in pay. Most cadets had their family and close friends at the commissioning ceremony. Often a father or mother of the cadet would place the gold bars on their uniform.

A handful of cadets were fortunate enough to be selected as officers in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corp as well, and were also commissioned at private ceremonies by their respective services.

Finally, as the sun climbed overhead on the Hill, the morning brought with it the exchange of 944 sets of firstie shoulder boards for newly commissioned officer boards.



C1C John Tuíte can hardly contain his excitement. Pinning on was a special occasion not only for cadets, but friends and family as well. Photo by B. Brandow



C1C Michael Cardona signs his commissioning forms under the watchful eye of the MTL. Once the forms are signed, cadets incur at least a five year commitment upon graduation. Photo by C. Seaman

C1C James Dentice hugs a family member after taking the oath of allegiance. Family members play a big part in helping a cadet complete his Academy career. Photo by C. Seaman



C1C Jarod Blecher proudly salutes his commissioning officer. Cadets were able to choose the officer who administered the oath of allegiance. Photo by C. Seaman

C1C Michael Anderson receives the oath of allegiance from his father. Many cadets chose to have a parent or sibling perform this special ceremony. Photo by C. Seaman



C1C Stephen Hurt inspects his new rank. Looking upon the gold bars for the first time is a memorable moment for cadets. Photo by C. Seaman

C1C Matt Jones, C1C Matt French, and C1C James Busch present President Clinton with a memento of his visit. Photo by BJ Lingle



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These graduates have reached the end of the row. They eagerly await the conclusion of the ceremony signifying the end of a long road. Photo by R. Marshall

President Clinton is escorted to the stage by LtGen Oelstrom for the commencement of graduation exercises. This was the second time President Clinton attended the Air Force Academy graduation exercises. Photo by E. Bixby



March on for the last time.

The Last March

FINALLY, the big day was here. After four long years, 208 weeks, over 1300 days, and hundreds of GRs, finals, papers and projects, that one day each cadet has painstakingly been waiting for had come-GRADUATION.

Following commissioning came a whirlwind change from mess dress into parade dress, and a rush to the stadium where the graduation ceremony was to take place.

Many firsties placed money in their hat for good luck, including 99¢, in keeping with the tradition of including as much change in the hat as the graduating class year.

This year's speaker was the Commander in Chief and President, the Honorable William Clinton, so unlike ceremonies from years past, this year's graduates (as well as some parents seated in the stands) also had to pass through metal

detectors and searches for security reasons.

When the President finally arrived, a short ceremony was held at Doolittle Hall in which the President awarded the Commander in Chief trophy to the Wing honoring their defeat over the Army and Navy football teams this fall. This was the sixth time in the last seven years the trophy had been presented by President Clinton, an event that has become almost a yearly tradition at the Academy.

Finally the big moment came, as the graduates lined up to march one last time through the tunnel and into the stadium grounds. Cheers and loud applause could be heard rolling through the tunnel as parents overhead eagerly tried to catch a glimpse of their cadet marching in.

One cadet was overhead saying in line, "I think this is the best march on I've ever done, because it's the last one ever!"

With looks of satisfaction, the Class of 1999 marches into the stadium for graduation ceremonies. Graduation marked the end of the June week festivities, and years of hard work for these new 2Lts. Photo by B.J. Lingle



"Present, Arms!" President Clinton, LtGen Oelstrom, and the Wing Superintendent stand for the National Anthem. Photo by B.J. Lingle

The Class of 1999 marches in the stadium for the final stage of their cadet career. March-in signifies the final display of order and regimen learned at the Academy. Photo by E. Bixby

Graduation

President Clinton speaks
at Commencement

A Ceremonious Celebration

Once seated, the Wing rose as "Hail to the Chief" was played and President Clinton entered along with the Superintendent, Lt General Tad Oelstrom.

President Clinton also introduced two Academy graduates currently flying missions over Kosovo, who were given a standing ovation by the crowd. At the end of the speech, the fall and spring wing commanders, along with the class president, presented a special painting to the Commander in Chief, showing Air Force One as it flew over the stadium.

The moment all had been waiting for (especially the graduates) had come – receiving that well-deserved diploma. This year's graduating class included 97 distinguished graduates, who received their diplomas first, followed by the forty squad-

rons. As cadets filed up one by one, each received their diploma and shook hands with the President-and for many, it was a once in a lifetime experience.

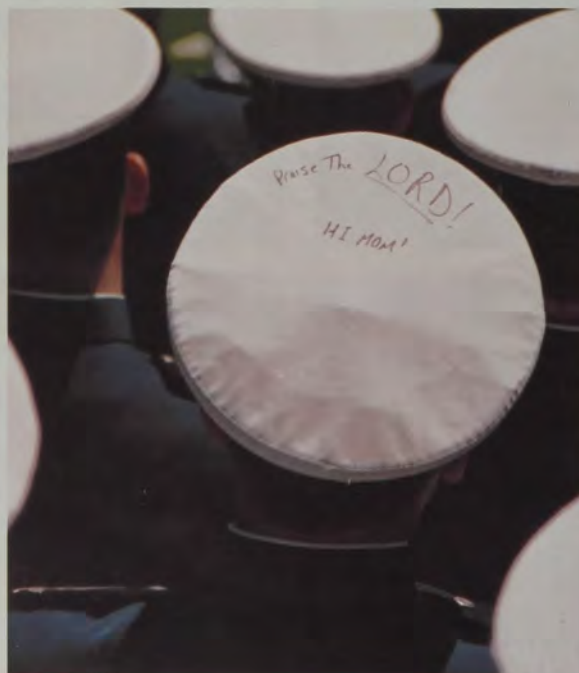
One cadet was overheard saying, "I'm the only one in my family now who has shaken hands with the President, and I don't even remember what he said to me!"

After saluting their classmate at the bottom of the ramp, many graduates were greeted with hugs and high-fives by other classmates and squadronmates.

The ceremony was also a bitter-sweet one for the members of the last four squadrons. Due to an overall draw down in the Wing next year, this was the last time members of squadrons 37, 38, 39 and 40 walked across the stage.



This new 2nd Lt shakes hands with President Clinton. The President shook hands with all of the 944 graduates as they walked across the stage. Photo by BJ. Lingle.



This graduate uses his cap to thank his mother and the Almighty. Many cadets attribute surviving the Academy to a higher power. Photo by C. Seaman

CIC Scott Gatto shows off his diploma, with a smile of satisfaction. Unlike most civilian colleges, cadets received their actual diploma on stage. Photo by B. Scharton





2nd Lt Justin Walworth and 2nd Lt John Tuite salute their classmates after receiving their diplomas. It is traditional for new 2nd Lt to be saluted for the first time. Photo by C. Seaman

This 2nd Lt shows his exuberance at finally receiving his diploma. Becoming a 2nd Lt displays all types of behavior from former cadets. Photo by BJ. Lingle



This 2nd Lt gives a fellow 99'er a bear hug. Emotions ran high for the graduate after finally receiving their diploma. Photo by BJ. Lingle



This 2nd Lt gives his diploma some graduate lovin'! Inside the box was the plaque which all graduates had worked for. Photo by BJ. Lingle

"I've done it!" 2nd Lt Kirsten Veatch gives the crowd and her class a huge "thumbs up" as she walks away with her diploma. Photo by R. Marshall



"Off we go!" Hats fly and graduates celebrate as the Thunderbirds perform their signature flyby at graduation. Photos by R. Marshall



This cadet holds his little sister while celebrating his graduation. Family and friends were allowed onto the field following dismissal and the hat toss. Photo by R. Marshall



Graduation

Cigars, champagne and
tears of joy.

A Toss of The Hat

As each squadron was called up, the cheers grew louder and louder, until the last name in squadron 40 was read.

With 944 anxious and eager graduates (now officially lieutenants) ready to celebrate, the Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Stephen Lorenz administered the oath of office one last time, as the graduates responded eagerly with a loud and energetic "I do." As his last act as Commandant of the Class of 1999, Gen. Lorenz uttered the words all had been waiting for the last four years, "Class of 1999, you are dismissed".

This was followed by hundreds of white hats being thrown into the air, and the Thunderbirds screaming overhead, officially ending not only graduation, but also the end of the Academy experience for 944 cadets.

In the hours that followed, many graduates celebrated with cigars and hugs from family and friends.

It also marked the beginning of sixty days of a much-deserved and much-needed vacation for each graduate. At the end of the summer, the graduates will find themselves spread to all parts of the country as well as overseas.

Each new graduate will remember as the last class of this century that this day will always be one of their best and brightest moments.

As the day drew to a close over USAFA, many of the graduates could be seen leaving the gate one last time. Each 2nd Lt grasping their hard-earned diplomas in one hand while proudly wearing their gold bars on their shoulders, proving for the members of the Class of 1999, on June 2nd, the Gold did finally Shine.



Jennifer Ortiz and Jaclyn Malerba celebrate with a couple of stooges. Cigars and champagne are the traditional ways of celebrating graduation. Photo by R. Marshall

This 2nd Lt celebrates the end of a long, hard road with a classmate. Hugs and high-fives were exchanged among the new 2Lts. Photo by Polaris Staff.

In Closing...



C2C **Matt Bush** takes over the role of a firstie and performs his duties as the Student Officer of the Day. At the end of the school year responsibilities are being passed from one class to the next. Photo by B. Brandow

With the end of another school year comes an immense amount of change. Not only are the firsties ready to begin their officer careers but the entire Cadet Wing graduates to a new position. Shoulderboards are exchanged and with them the responsibilities of new and higher positions in the Cadet Wing.

There will always be similarities from one class to another. Those who come here will always strive for the best, push harder for excellence and leave the Academy with a stronger spirit. But no matter what the similarities that graduates share, each cadet is unique, each class is different and the world that they enter into is always changing.

By Brian Brandow

Winners

Military

1st Place – Eric Bixby

2nd Place – Patrick Giggy

Nature

1st Place – Austin Burrill

2nd Place – Joseph Jimmerson

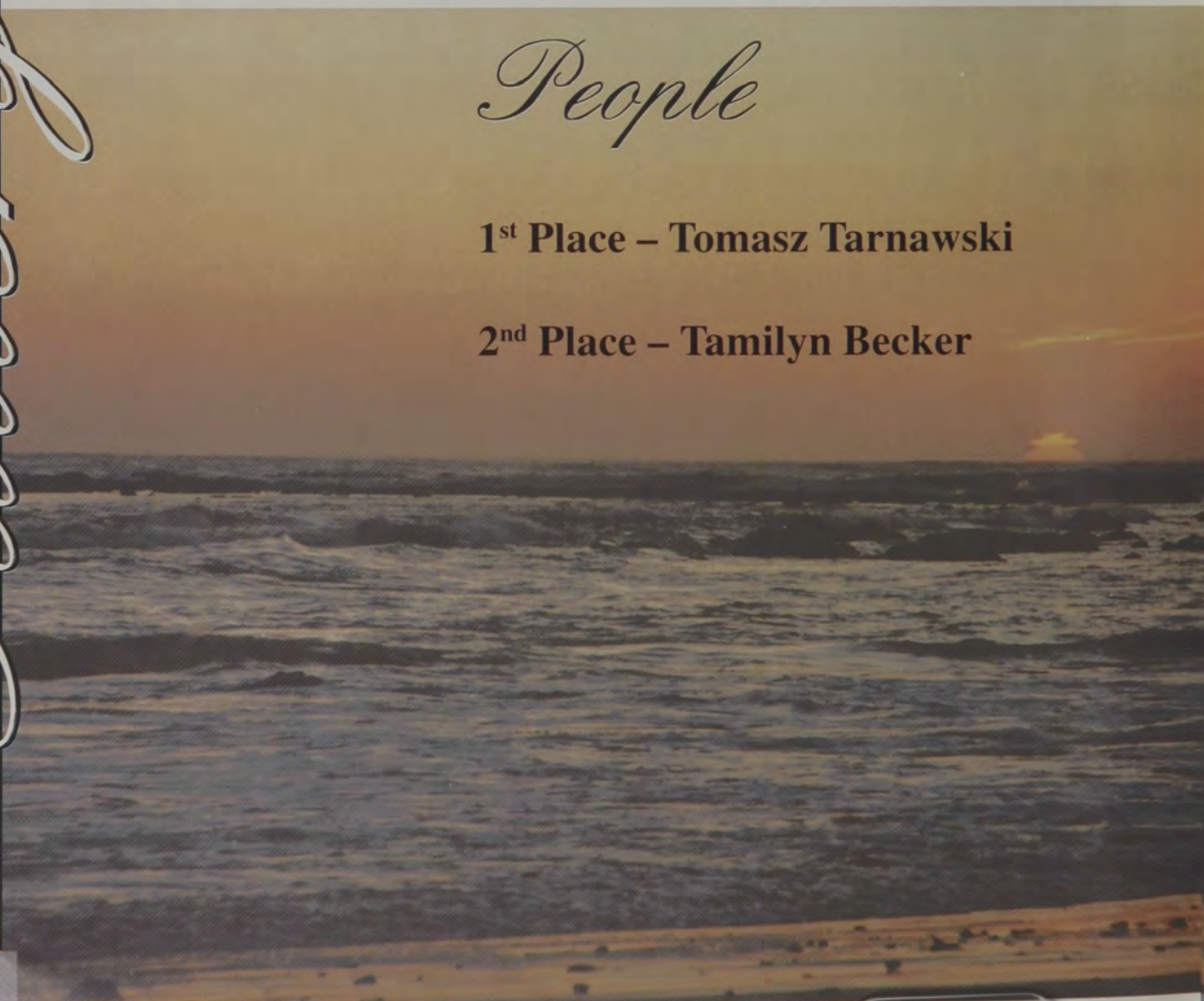
3rd Place – Jonathan Shaffer

People

1st Place – Tomasz Tarnawski

2nd Place – Tamilyn Becker

Gallery





Sports

1st Place – Jay Geaney

2nd Place – Eric Bixby

3rd Place – Mike Anderson

Black & White

1st Place – Eric Bixby

2nd Place – Tamilyn Becker

Other

1st Place – Tamilyn Becker

2nd Place – Tomasz Tarnawski

3rd Place – Jeff Liang

Nature

Gallery

494 Gallery

Third Place



Jonathan Shaffer

Second Place



Joseph Jimmerson

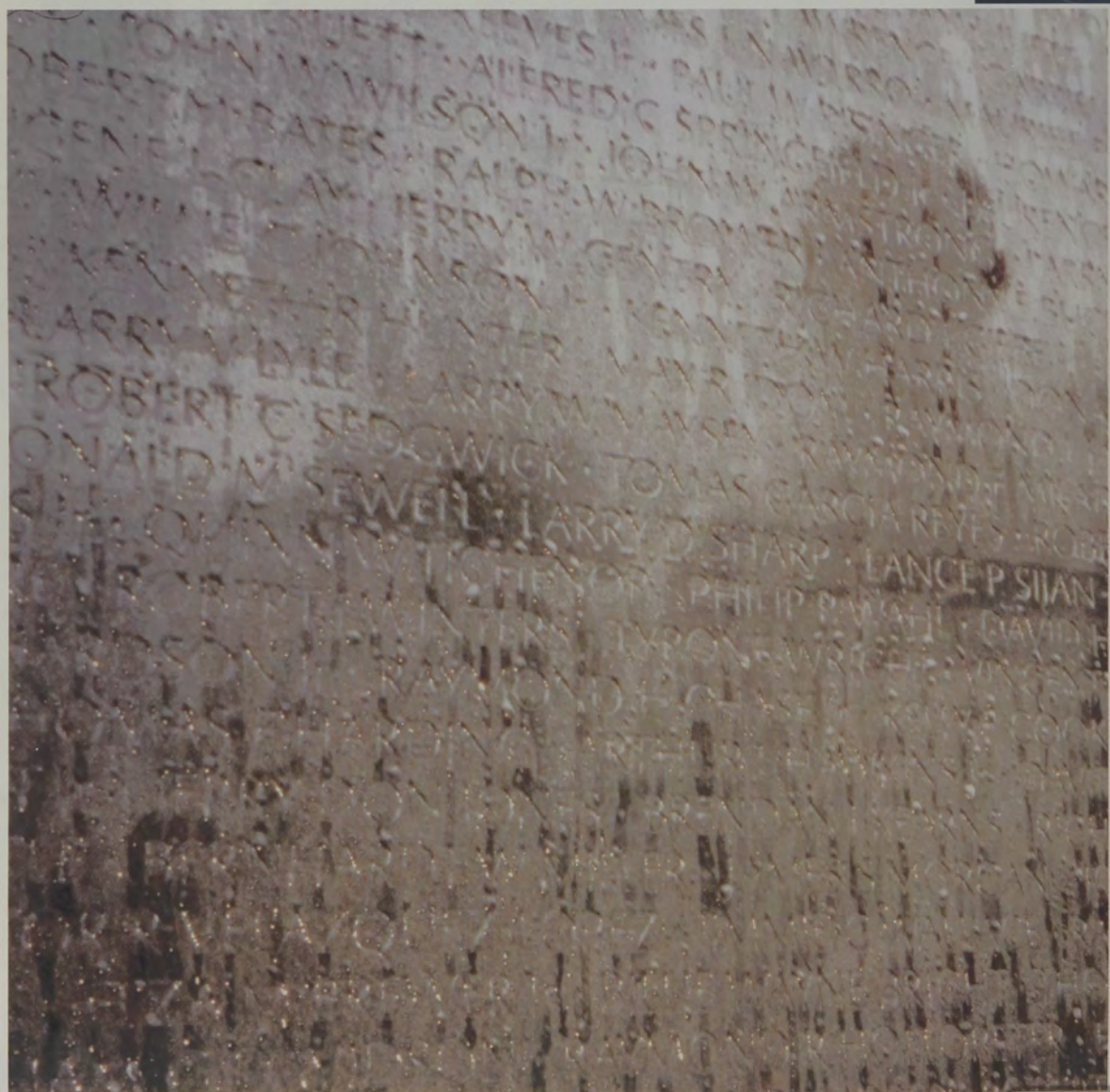
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First Place

Austin Burrill

Patrick Giggy



Second Place



Military

Sally

First Place

Eric Bixby



People

Tomasz Tarnawski

First Place



Tarnowski



Familyn Becker

Second Place



Gallery 499

Mike Anderson

Third Place



Second Place



Eric Bixby

Leanne

Snorts

Jay Geaney



First Place

Gallery

Gallery 501

B & M

Eric Bixby



First Place

Gallery

Familyn Becker



Second Place

Tamilyn Becker

First Place



Second Place



Tomasz Tarnawski



Other

Jeff Liang



Third Place

Gallery

Gallery 505

Families, Friends and Supporters of Cadets send a special message....

Over the years, the Polaris staff has 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 yet another avenue to let their cadets and graduates know how proud they are of their accomplishments at the Air Force Academy. The following pages are a combination of Parents' Club ads and family and friends' messages. The family, friends and supporter messages are in alphabetical order.

Enjoy!

A
HOLLY ADAMS-YOU WORK SO
HARD & WE ARE SO PROUD!
LOVE, MOM KEN & SISTERS

Paul J Adams II, Have and you will
succeed. Love Grandpa &
Grandma

2nd Lt Paul J Adams II, Continue
to soar to new heights, Love
Dad&Mom

DANNA REACH HI, FOR STARS
LIE HIDDEN IN YOUR SOUL
LOVE YA MOM DAD WILL

SARAH GREAT JOB! WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU
MOMPOPDOROTHY

Brandon you are special. We love
you. Mom & Dad

DOUG-WHAT'S UP DOC?
SHANE-KEEP ON GAINING ! WE
LUVYOU-DAD MOM
TONI&GMA

You did it you had a dream &
followed it we are very proud of
you © M&D

MIKE, The climb was tough but
you reached the top-new adven-
tures await

MAY All Your Dreams Come
True! AIM HIGH We Love You
Mom&Dad "BIG MIKE"

Harm From Marathon to FreeFall
You Gave Your All! GREAT JOB-
STAND TALL

Dory - ONE OF A KIND IN '99!
LOVE MOM, DAD & MONICA
Num 6:24-26

BRAVO WE SALUTE YOU
GAYLE A VERY PROUD DAD
MOM SIS

Kyle, We're so proud of your
dedication & sacrifices! Love, The
A's

ARONHIME-WAY TO GO
SKYWALKER-LOVE MOM AND
BARRY

B
Abram, Congratulations! OBJ
MAB ZALB.GO FOR THE GOLD
YEAR 2000!

Miranda, You Made It Through
The Toughest Year!

The POWER is within you! You
did it! Love, MOM&DAD

Go Bryce Continue to believe in
GOD & Self Pridefully The Ballous

We are very proud of you Joe!
Love Mom Dad & John

MYKES FIVE WONDERFUL
YEARS FILLED WITH A MIL-
LION MEMORIES
DADMUMOL&OMI

We are proud of you Chris! Love
Mom Dad & Justin

Byron, we are proud of you. Stand
fast. XO Dad Mom&Joe

Jeff, Proverbs 3: 1,3,5 are
fulfilling 2,4,6. Te amamos, Mom
& Dad

ANDY, BlueSkies, Blessings, & Love,
Mom, Amy, & the Cooks

Lt Benson We are so proud of
you! Love, Mom & Tami

BROCK, IT'S TIME FOR YOU
TO FLY! LOVE MOM, BOBBI
AND GRANDMA

We're all so proud, Brock. NEVER
STOP DREAMING!

JULIE ANN-MAY ALL YOUR
DREAMS COME TRUE.
LOVE, MOM, DAD, JENN, JACKIE, JOHN

DAVID-1999-YES! YOUR BEST!
LOVE, G., A., D., BERGIN

DOUG, YOU'RE DOING WELL.
KEEP THE FAITH. LOVE,
MOM & DAD

Finally The 4th Round
Jordan.. You're our champ ! Love
Dad & Barbara

BRI, YOU ARE HALF WAY
THERE! WE ARE PROUD!
LOVE! MOM & KATHY

LUKE, YOU DID IT! WE'RE ALL
PROUD OF YOU-LOVE MOM

ROBERT WE ARE VERY PROUD
OF YOU! LOVE MOM & DAD
BITTNER

TWO DOWN TWO TO GO! WE
LOVE YOU ERIN YOUR
FAMILY!! JJ

AC way to go! We're so proud of
you! GOD BLESS YOU! Love
M&D&Courtney

Dave-Keep dreaming that dream
& soaring 4 God so proud of you
M, D&Katy

Congratulations Mike-We are so
proud of you! Love,
Mom, Dad & Kath Boomsma

Joe You are living Your Dream We
are Proud of You! Borrell & Kelly
Clans

PROUD GRANDPARENTS OF
BRIAN BRANDOW '99

WAY TO GO ROSS! We are very
proud of you! LOVE MOM DAD
AND KRISTY

Ben, we praise God for his work
in you. We're proud of you! Mom
& Dad

DAVID BRUCE '99, THE SKY'S
THE LIMIT! KEEP LOOKING
UP!! LOVE M&D, K&J

GRASSHOPPER WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU LOVE ALWAYS
MOM & DAD

MD

DE

The National Capital Area Parents' Association

Proudly Salutes
Our Club's Newest
Second Lieutenants

VA

DC

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 1999

Matthew S. Allen

Jorma D. Huhtala

Nathan E. Ragan

Amanda C. Blair

Thomas W. Mahoney

Brett Rurka

John W. Blocher

Matan T. Meyer

Carl C. Schluckebier

Michael E. Bullard

Robert N. Mishev

Ronald M. Schoch

Sarah C. Cooper

Damani K. Mitchell

Matthew A. Shigley

Dixon Croft

Rebecca R. Neel

David A. Sloat

Vincent G. Danna, Jr.

Mary E. Stewart

Meghan S. Demma

Jason E. Strickler

Timothy J. Foster

W. Eric Swartzwelder

Naviere K. Hall

Matthew G. Taylor

Shawn C. Hatch

Erykka Y. Thompson

Benjamin W. Heslin

Martin W. Weeks, III



LEE-BRYANT-PROUD-OF-YOU-
A-STEP-CLOSER-TO-THE-
DREAM ELON-MILITIA-RULES!!

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!
GREAT JOB! WELL DONE!
LOVE MOM GARY & GRAM

LEAH KEEP REACHING FOR
THE STARS ! LOVE
MOM&DAD

BEN, WITH GOD'S STRENGTH
YOU'VE SOARED &
SUCCEEDED GREAT! LUV MOM
& DAD

CONGRATULATIONS ROB WE
ARE SO PROUD OF YOU LOVE
MOM DAD ERINE.

Jeff the future belongs to those
who believe in the power of
dreams!

We are SO proud of you! Love,
MJM & Dad, AB, DA, and R, and
N & G

KATE IT MADE YOU STRON-
GER ! GOD BLESS YOU AND
KEEP YOU
SAFE.LOVEYOUBEST

TOMMY KEEP SOARING.WE'RE
PROUD OF YOU. LOVE MOM
DAD JOHN & JAMES BURKE

BLAIR2002 ON YOUR WAY TO
FLYING HIGH1 DOWN 3 TO
GO@@MOM DAD VAL BRAD

ANTHONY,Dreams Really Do
Come TRUE!Mom,Dad&Lorinda
RECALL ISAIAH 40:31

Way to go BUNS! Love Mom,
Dad, Mark, BK, Kelly, Jeff, &
Muffin

BIG DAVE:The toughest year is
behind you! YOU DID IT!
LOVE,MOM,DAD& ASH

WAY TO GO TROY! You passed
the stars this time LOVE Mom
Dad Ry & Brit

MICHAEL 99 YOUR DREAMS
ARE THERE FOR THE TAKING.
RUN WITH THEM LOVE U
MOM

CHRIS CAREDEO WITH PRIDE
& HONOR WE WATCHED YOU
BECOME AN OFFICER

Brian. Outstanding Year! You are
awesome! Mom/Dad

Congratulations, C3C Carson! 1st
year is over! We're very proud of
you

Jayme, You have made us
PROUD! We believe in You! Love,
Your Family

Lisa we are very proud of you!
Love MOM & DAD Case

Kenn, now the dream gets even
better! Love, Dad

JAMES,YOU'VE ACHIEVED
BOTH "SPIRIT & FLIGHT"
NOW!!
LOVE,DAD,MOM,CELESTE

Dad is smiling down on you Brian
You did it! We are so proud of you
Mom

WEAREPROUDOFYOUALEXYOU
DIDITLOVEMOMDADANDKAT

MDC'02 Congrats you did it with
pizzazz! Love MD&C

BDC'00 We're super proud! One
& Done! Love MD&Cali

C4C Robert, there are NO LIMITS
as you "AIM HIGH IN HIS
NAME."Isa40:31

Sarah, Proverbs 16:3 is a reality!
Love, Mom & Dad

Cole you're the top dog Love
Mom Dad Tory GG & Erin

ANDY COLEMAN-WE ARE
VERY PROUD OF YOU! WE
LOVE YOU. MOM, DAD &
SUSAN

Lane, the toughest year is behind
you! Great job! Love, mom and
dad

Congratulations John on a great
first year! Love, the Cortney
Family

CONGRATULATIONS YOU DID
IT FRANK! LOVE MOM & DAD

We are proud of you Ben! Love
Mom & Dad Cox

CONGRATULATIONS;YOU
MADE IT;WE'RE PROUD OF
YOU! LOVE
MON&DAD,JNHC&CBRW

The Eastern Michigan Parents Club extends its congratulations to our New Second Lieutenants of the Class of 1999



Gregory Barasch * Sean R. Barr * Allegra C. Gregory
Elycia Hall * Joseph K. Kramer * Erich J. Kring
Jacob C. Kunkle * Kelly Landstrom * Justin Loosvelt
Scott M. Malloch * Mark Michalek * Jason T. Nalepa
Daniel T. Schmitt * Kareem O. Shaw * Jason M. Stremel
James R. Taggart * James B. Wills * Patrick V. Wnetrzak



David: 2 down 2 to go! We are so proud of you! Love you! Mom & Dad

We are proud of you David! Love Mom & Steven Dameron

JOHN DAMRON 01 OUTSTANDING JOB CONGRATS SQUAD 3 LOVEMOM DAD TARA JENNY

Vince D Jr - Hold fast to dreams Love Danna Family

KEVIN, BE TOUGH, PERSEVERE, SUCCEED. LOVE, MOM, DAD & BRIAN

SRD From a boy to a man in 4 yr. What an awesome Journey! Our Love M&D

BTd - PS. 16:3. You continue to make us proud. We love you Mom and Dad

BTd - ECC 12:12 Congratulations! We are so proud of you. L & C

BTd - I'm counting the days until July 1999. I love you. K

BTd - Ecc 8:1 The result of a USAFA education!

MED. SQUIDS TOAST, FLY HIGH, DREAM, AND BELIEVE. LOVE YOU, DAD & DEB

Congrats on AWESOME year! Yeah Love ya, Mom & Dad

THREE DOWN & ONE TO GO LOVE MOM & DAD DE IN PC FL

Congratulations Chrissy May faith & determination always guide you! ©© Mom/Dad

SO VERY PROUD OF YOU, CHRISSY GOOD LUCK G-MA & G-PA

MEGHAN! I KNOW MOM IS PROUD AND SO ARE WE. LOVE, DAD, PHYLLIS & FAMILY

Peach, the sky is the limit! Godspeed, the Discalas

Malia, You've surpassed all our dreams! Now, go live yours! Mom & Dad

GREAT JOB! DICKSON DONEHUE LOVE YOU AND SO PROUD! MOM, DAD, AND BRIAN

Dan, you'll always be part of our family. Godspeed! The Arnetts

KEEGAN - No Limits! Faith & HARDWORK ARE A MIGHTY SWORD! LOVE, DAD & CHRISTINE

Jonathan, you are our doughty hero! Love MUM & DAD

Dennis, trust in the Lord with all your heart. Love, Grandma & Grandpa

WAY TO GO DENNIS, WE COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD!

KURT, YOU'RE HALF WAY THERE! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. LOVE, MOM & DAD

KSE, ALL-AMERICAN IN SO MANY WAYS! CONGRATULATIONS!

Way to go, Jason! You have made us very proud parents. Love Mom & Dad

GREG, U AMAZE US IN CLASS, H2O POLO & AS SQUAD LEADER. YUR FAM'S PROUD OF U

CONGRATS Matthew! onward & upward! Love, MOM MERF & Warren

WILLIAM ECKLEY CLEAN YOUR PLATE! YOU'RE TOO SKINNY

MICHELLE, WE ARE SO PROUD! LOVE, MOM, DAVID, ASHLEY, DAD, GRANDAD & CHARLENE

Another great year Drew! We are proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom, Erin

REACH FOR THE STARS FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS YOU HAVE MAINTAINED INTEGRITY & STRENGTH LOVE & PRAYERS DAD & GRANDMA

PROUD FAMILY OF BRIAN ELMERICK 01

LT STEVE ENGBERG-WAY TO GO! FLY HIGH! LOVE MOM DAD JEFF & LIZ

Lars, you have what it takes: God-given fortitude & faith. We love you. MDad

Congratulations Bobby! We are so proud of you! Love Mom Dad Kari Kelli

PAUL, YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE AUG 96. WITH PRIDE & LOVE, DAD & MOM

Dan - You exemplify the best in all of us & make us Proud! Love You! M&D

BILL, CONGRATULATIONS! GREAT JOB! LOVE, MOM & DAD FIELDS

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU SON! LOVE MOM & DAD. YOU DID IT GREAT JOB JAVIER M.

FLASH, HALFWAY! SO PROUD OF YOU. LOVE MUM & DAD, P, G & D

BRIAN, YOU DID IT! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU, MOM & DAD.

WISHING YOU GREAT SUCCESS IN YOUR LIFE! MR MS JONES

Bryce, Congrats! You have the spirit of a champ. Love the Allgoods

HE is best who is trained in the severest discipline King Archd Sparta

ALLENANDRO! PERSEVERANCE HAS TAKEN YOU DOWN A ROAD THAT LEADS 2 SUCCESS

The Nebraska Parents' Association Congratulates the USAFA Class of 1999

Zach Arnt
Jeff Cain
Wade Holen
Perry Marshall
Eric Pauls

Joel Pauls
Ryan Petersen
Will Reynolds
Mark Stevens
Pat Widhelm

The West Los Angeles Parents' Club

Congratulates The Class of 1999

Amen-Ra Buckley
Randall Klein
Katherine Love
Michael Stevens

B.A.Fish PSALM 23 Under God'S
Guidance And Protection LOVE
DIANA B MOM

CONGRATS CRAIG! OUR PRIDE
& CHEERS EXCEEDED ONLY
BY MEL LOVE MOM & FAM

JIMMY, YOU DID IT! WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU. LOVE MOM
DAVE AND JOHN

Congratulations, Justin! We love
you. Mom & John

Sharon-Lives enriched because
you were born. We are proud &
love you M&D

KNOCK SNOT !

YOU DID IT! WE'RE PROUD!
LOVE MOM, DAD, & TIFFANY

FOWLER-EXXXCELLENT!
GOOD LUCK AT FL TR-REACH
FOR THE STARS(5) PROV 3:6

CONGRATULATIONS DENNIS!
YOU MADE IT THROUGH.
DAD, MOM, RON AND JESSICA.

BILLY, WE ARE SO PROUD OF
YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!
LOVE, MOM AND DAD

CADET FRY-YOU'RE OUR
GUY! GREAT JOB-MOM, DAD, &
MEG

We salute you, Rob! Mom, Dad,
Sarah, Chris French

Josh, we are proud of you! Love
Dad, Mom & Nate

Way to go Brent Fritzing '99!
From your proud family. We love
you!

Eric Fryar '99, you did it! Be
proud, we are! Love U! Mom, Dad
& Brothers

BUD KEEP STRIVING FOR THE
TOP LOVE MOM & DAD

Our Eagle continues to soar! Well
done Doug! Love Mom & Dad
Galloway

JOEY, YOU ARE MY TREASURE
AND I LOVE YOU LOVE, MOM

Mandy Mouse: (We're proud of
you)^2 We hope you're proud of
you too MDE

We are proud of you Philip. Love
Sarah Adrian, Melissa, Mom & Dad
Gause

CONGRATULATIONS, SHAUN!
1 DOWN - 3 TO GO! LOVE,
MOM, DAD, BRETT & RYAN

We are Proud of you Will! Love
Mom & Dad Gettys

YOU'RE ALMOST THERE!
CONGRATULATIONS RUSTY!

MIKEY-GRAMPY & I ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU-GOD BLESS
YOU-ALWAYS. LOVE-GRAMMY

Mike-Only you could do it and you
did! We love you so much! Mom &
Dad B

ROSS, WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU! LOVE, DAD, MOM,
HUDSON

Jamie, we are so proud of you!
Love Mom Dad Jana

Blue Skies Casey! Love Mom, Dad
& Andie

KRISTINA, TOUGHEST YEAR IS
OVER & YOU DID A GREAT
JOB WE'RE SO PROUD ©M&D

BRYAN, OUR HEARTS ARE
FILLED With PRIDE, LOVE MIKE,
MOM & PAUL

Christopher, Only one year to go.
We are so very Proud of you!
DAD+MOM

COLLEEN-THE GOAL NOW IN
SIGHT, THE DREAM ALMOST A
REALITY. SO PROUD OF U

Neil, You made it! we're proud!
MOM, Dad & 3 Bros.

JARED HANSEN "Simply the
Best" Enough Said Mom&Dad

Congratulations Kristi! We are all
proud of you! Love, Mom & Roger

ERIC, BE VERY PROUD OF
YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WE
ARE! LOVE DAD, MOM, & KELLY

CHALLENGE MET! THE DREAM
IS NOW REALITY

Alli-3 down 1 to go. We are very
proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad

You GO CURT! God bless you.
With love from the fam

FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE
BEGINNING OF WISDOM-SOAR
LIKE AN EAGLE, JASON H

Go Get'em Heather
Love, Mom, Frank, Dave +
Grandma

KBH22: God blessed me, son,
with you + you with kindness +
truth!" Mom

Your hard work is paying off We
are so proud of you Love MOM
& DAD

Holly, Keep the dreams alive!
L.Y.M.M. MOM + DAD

Stacey, Goals in your Heart
Dreams you Pursue Life's Desire,
Mom + Dad

Benor Bruno! We love you either
way! Mom, Charlie, Katy Nan

Randy, What a tremendous Doolie
year! Love, Mom+Dad Heusser
GO AIR FORCE!

DALLAS, YOU MATCHED THE
MOUNTAINS. WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU! MOM & DAD

BUCK, WE LOVE YOU!
MOM, DAD & CHARISSE

JMHolcomb The steps of a good
man are ordered by the Lord
Ps37:23 M+DH

We are so proud of you, Craig.
We Love You Mom & Dad

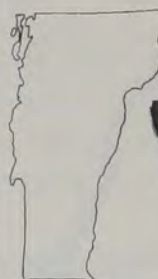
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF '99

- Michael Cardona
- Frank R. Cowan
- Donald Landgrebe, Jr.
- Jessen Malathu
- Daniel Menashi
- Ed Rivera



From The Greater New York Parents Club

VERMONT "The Green Mountain State"



Congratulations
DAVID W. SHEVCHIK, JR.
KRISTIAN S. THIELE
ANNEMARIA H. WAIBEL

From the Vermont Parents Club
and their Cadets

JONATHAN A. COMTOIS
JUSTIN P. EASTMAN
ALLISON M. BERGQUIST
KENDA M. BLAIR
DANIEL M. GEORGE
NATHANIEL T. PIOTROWSKI

'00
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Chris, Another goal reached! We are very proud of you. Love, MDKB & S.

SCOTT HUDSON We're so proud of you! Love Always! MOM&DAD, JILL&JOHN

Heather, Keep hanging tough! We're proud of you. Love Dad, Mom & Hill

WJensen Our pride of you is only surpassed by our love for you MomDad

Cortney, sharing in your happiness! Love Mom&Dad

HOLD FAST TO YOUR DREAMS! CONGRATULATIONS ERIC&MOM

Evan we are extremely proud of you! Phil 1:6 Love Mom dad Marg & Drew

Mark Jr-Thanks for your loving labor + outstanding results! Mom & Dad

GREAT 1st YEAR RY WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU LOVE MOM DAD & MANDY

We are proud of you YOU DID it James Jordan Love Mom + Dad Eph3:16-22

Juice! 3DOWN 1TO GO YOUR A ROCK LOVE MOM&DAD, SCOTT

LUCAS-Two down, two to go! You're the best! Mom

Way to go, Dave. We're proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Steve, & Terri

Off you go, Dave! Isaiah 40:31. Love & Prayers from Mom, Dad, & Sarah

Congratulations Marc on a record setting year!

PT GREAT JOB! WE LOVE YOU! MOM, DAD & MARK

NE&USAFA01=AWESOME DUDE! We love you & are very proud of you! Mom & Dad

Matt, We are very proud of you. Love DAD, MOM, DUSTIN AND KORI

Kelly We are proud of you! Love Mama & Poppi Kitchens

By God's grace, you've excelled! Way to go, Tim! Love you lots, DMKSGCD

JOSHUA - WE ARE 8! ALL PRAISE TO OUR FAITHFUL GOD! LOVE, DAD, MOM, & FAM!

You have been faithful to God, TJ He WILL bless you Love, Mom, Dad, bro's

CHUCK, CONGRATS ON YOUR 1ST YEAR WE ARE PROUD LOVE, MOMDAD CHRIS&KEVIN

I am proud of you Kevin Congratulations! Love, Mom

Chris you made it! We are proud of you. Mom, Dad, Phoebe, Richard, Erin

Clint, Congrats! The future is yours. Love, Mom, Dad, Adam & Kate Land

Lt Ted, Fly to God & your 2 goals! Love, Mom & Dad

WITH GOD'S HELP DREAMS DO COME TRUE WE ARE PROUD OF YOU LOVE MOM, DAD

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU JOE LOVE MOM AND DAD

GREAT JOB LT CHRIS LEONARD YOU SET YOUR GOAL AND FOLLOWED YOU DREAM

Great job Lauren! Reach for the stars, Love Mom&Dad

CONGRATS! WITH GREAT LOVE & PRIDE POPS MOM & KRISTEN

Great job David! We're so proud of you. Love Mom, Dad and Dena

Judge your success by what you gave to get it. Love, Mom&David

Jeremy we are pRoud keep tHe Faith Love mom DAD

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MIGUEL,APPLAUSE TO
YOU.SEED GOD'S WISDOM
ALWAYS! MOM & DAD
LUTMAN

MIGUEL-WE ARE SO PROUD
OF ALL YOU'VE ACCOM-
PLISHED LOVE GERMAINE &
GREG

One more down, Audra! Love
Mom, Ed, Mike + Jerome

Congratulations No 1 Son Per-
spective Rules! Love MM

MAHONEY, TOM-Congratula-
tions! We are so proud! LOVE,
M,D,C&D

GREAT job Jonathan We are
PROUD of you Mom and Dad

CONGRATUALTIONS JACLYN...
WOW! WHAT A JOURNEY!!!!

Mason,you are our hero and
inspiration!We love you!
Mom,Dad&Brittain

ADAM MANKOWSKI,IT IS
GREAT TO SEE YOU GOING TO
GRADUATE
SCHOOL,MOM&DAD

Michael,A marathon starts with
the first step.Yours was well taken.

Miles, Nose up - Fly higher and
mach out baby!

DAVID MARTEN WE'RE PROUD
OF YOU. YOU OWN THE SKY.
PUNCH A HOLE IN IT.

GAAZERO, May your environ-
ments always be target rich. Proud
2B MOM/DAD.

Hey Sweet Pea, We are proud of
you! Love, Mom Dad Matt Marley
Grandad

Jon Mensing, keep smiling!
You've done well, son!

RYAN MENATH You are the
BEST! LOVE You! Mom, DAD,
Jacob, SCOTT.

CONGRATS T-SMOOTH! 1
DOWN 3 TO GO LOVE, YOUR
FAMILY

Smooth Tim, We are all so proud
in Easton, Md.

MATAN ALWAYS KNEW YOU
WOULD SUCCEED!YOU HAVE
RIGHT STUFF!PROUD OF YOU!

Scott,you did it! You are the best!
Love,Mom,Dad,John & Dee.

WAY TO GO BRITT! THERE'S
NO LIMIT ON YOU NOW! M&D

Ben, You kicked some geek butt!
Love Mom,Dad,Jon

GREAT SCOTT '99! HONOR-
ABLE LEADER AND SCHOLAR.
LOVE, YOUR PROUD DAD'59

Rawley, The dream of a little boy
is now reality All our love,Dad &
Mom

HARD WORK PAYS OFF,GREAT
JOB ANDREW!LOVE YOU
4EVER MAMA,DAD,JENNY &
OMA

DAMANI '99 Fantastic Job!
You're the Best! On to UPT! Love:
Mom Dad Kim

Todd Alan, May all your dreams
come true! We love you! Mom &
Dad

Sir Wil, You made it! We are so
proud of you! FOL

HALFWAY THERE! LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AND AMY

David, '99-we are so proud of you
all our love, Mom & Dad

DAVID, PROUD OF YOU WITH
GOD'S HELP YOU MADE IT
GRAM

RYAN YOUR DREAM HAS
BECOME A REALITY JUMP FO
SUCCESS LOVE MOM & DAD

Congratulations, Susan Murphy '0
Very Nice! Love, Mom, Dad, &
Jessica

FOLLOW YOUR DREAM, MIKE
GOD HAS YOU IN THE PALM
OF HIS HANDS! LOVE YOU

Greg McCann The journey is ha
over. Love, Mom

Tim McCann You have wings! I
love you. Mom

YOU CLIMBED THE MOUN-
TAIN, BILLY. WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU! LOVE,
MOM&DAD

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JEREMY, WE ARE PROUD OF YOU. HANG TUFF AND KEEP THE FAITH. LOVE MOM&DAD

Daniel
Onemoreyeartogo!Proudfyou
LoveMom&Dad

U, BE WISE. CHOOSE GOD'S WAY-CHOOSE EXCELLENCE! OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

KIRK, Keep your eyes on the prize! Phil. 3:14 Love, Dad, Mom, & Kids

Aaron-2 DOWN/2 TO GO. Proud of YOU!!! Keep the Faith!!! Love Mom & Dad

Doug, Congrats on 2 years! Shoot for the moon! Loving pride, Dad & Mom

The light's in sight, Bart. Hurray! Love, Dad, Mom & Bill

Tobin! You got it! Love Dorothy, George, Josh, Candice

CONGRATS, BRIAN! GO 34! LOVE, DAD, MOM, CATE, TOM

ERES UN DEL CASTILLO DE SANGRE GUERRERA COMO TAL CONQUISTA TUS SUENOS

DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE! WE LOVE YOU BECKA! MOM&DAD FULLERTON

KAREN, WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU! YOUR JOY & GRIT HAVE SEEN YOU THROUGH!

Sean your aspirations are your possibilities congrats! Mom, Dad & Craig

Rose-Welcome to the Real World! We're proud of you!! Love, Your Family

CONGRATULATIONS DYLAN! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU LOVE ALYAWS YOUR PARENTS

CONGRATULATIONS! THE DREAM COMES TRUE!

HEY MATT! CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUPERB MPA

"WAY TO GO, "Punkin"- the sky's the limit! Love, Mom & James

Congratulations Marty We are proud of you Mom Dad

LT. MEEPZOR, CONGRATULATIONS! WRITE ON! LOVE, MOM

ATTA BOY, ADAM! WE ARE SO PROUD. GO GET 'EM! LOVE, MOM, DAD, JOHN, DAN

CONGRATULATIONS JASON! WE'RE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU! FLY HIGH! LOVE, MOME

GREAT JOB, ADE & A REASON TO SING! ¾ DONE, A NEW CAR & SHINY RING!

Brad '99, You Will Always Be Flying Hi! Luv U! Mom, Dad & Brian

JENN, YOU "DREAMED THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM" 2LT! LOVE MOM, DAD, LIZ & VIV

Kedric J. Osborne '00, We are proud of you! God bless, Love, Mom & Dad

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU LEIGH! LOVE- MOM&DAD OTTATI

Chad, The toughest year is behind you! You did it! Love Dad & Mom O

Halftime & you're ahead Nate! Good Luck, Mom & Dad

One down, three to go. We are proud of you Chris! Love Mom & Dad Pace

Play it again, Brooke page!! OH, FOR JOY!!! "BACH" in "MIGHTY MACH"!!

RAN OUT OF GAS TRADED LAMBORGHINI FOR VET. "G" AND SHORTY BIG BIRD.

Christine we are proud of you love mom & dan & Juan

JORGE, Great Job! We are very proud!! Luv Mom + JAY

Blessed by Lex; the "Favorite Son"! ENJOY THE VIEW! GOD BLESS

Keep soaring Anthony Parrille! LOVE, your Family

YOU DID IT! I am so proud of you! ¡Te quiero! xxoo

THE BEST IS YET TO COME! WE LOVE YOU BID! LOVE, MOM, DAD, MAR, BRIG, MATT

WEEN, YOU DREAMED IT, ACHIEVED IT & WE'RE PROUD OF YOU! LOVE, MOM & DAD

Blessed are we to have Eric! BORN TO FLY! GOD BLESS

Blessed are we to have Joel! EMBRACE THE SKY! GOD BLESS

DAP: Man of integrity, character, courage. More proud than ever, Dad, Mom

Justin, CONGRATULATIONS! We knew you could do it!!

JUSTIN CONGRATULATIONS! We knew YOU COULD DO IT!! LOVE MOM DAD JEFF DAN

"but those who hope in the Lord will Renew their strength" to you Linds

YOU DID IT! MARK, YOUR HARD WORK WAS WORTH IT! WE LOVE YOU, MOM & DAD

William IV is #1 to Mom&Dad. Wings of Honor are yours. Keep your Aim High

Mian, Even muddy water settles into clear. We love you, Mom Dad Adria

CONGRATULATIONS DON PERRY 99 THE BEST IS YET TO BE

Putzer Says Good Job. We Are Proud Of You Andy. God Bless You! Your Boring Family

BRIAN, ONE MORE YEAR! YOU MAKE US PROUD! WE LOVE YOU! MOM, DAD AND DEAN

LT. Matt Peterson '99 We're so proud God Bless you! Love Always from WBL

DAVID, KEEP YOUR HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE LOVE M&D

Way to go, Pete! Love Mom&Dad, Mark, Brook, Carissa

Stephen, Forgetabooout-it! Love, Mom, Dad & Jackie

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Deane R. Konowicz
Jason S. Ohrenberger



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You have showed great courage
love MOM & DAD

CRAIG, CONGRATULATIONS!
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF
YOU. LOVE, MOM & MIKE

MIKE, YOUR DETERMINATION
IS INCREDIBLE LOVE MOM
AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY

KEVIN, BE STRONG & COURAGEOUS!
WE LOVE YOU!
THE PRITZ FAMILY

Jug! Now you will have a point!
Love, Mom & Dad

Kerry G: Congrats LT! I knew You
could do it!! Love-your Big Sis
Kelly

Congratulations Kerry Quinn! You
are Grandma's favorite USAF 2nd
Lt.

Kerry Quinn "You're Golden &
your spirit shines through!
Love, Mom & Dad

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU
MICHELLE! LOVE YOU DAD,
MOM & JOSIE QUITUGUA

You did it Kevin! We love you,
Mom & Dad

SPOOK-ONCE AGAIN A MOUNTAIN
CONQUERED—
RASMUSSEN =77+00+02 TRUE
BLUE

1st YEAR DONE! THREE ADVENTUROUS
YEARS AHEAD

Erik-Per Ardua Ad Astra.
Love, Mom, Dad & Christina

Simon We Are Proud of your Accomplishments
GREAT Job on your 1st YR!
Love your FAMILY

CHRIS, We're so proud of your
triumphs this though year! LUV
MOM & DAD

Ickle Rickle You're half way there
Love MDSRDBGJPR

WILL, CONGRATULATIONS! WE
ALWAYS KNEW YOU'D FLY
HIGH! LOVE-DAD, MOM, MEG

GREAT JOB, TIM R GOOD
LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE
PLANS

KEEP SPRINTING 27 & YOU
TOO BROOKE LOVE MOM &
DAD

Josh Becoming A Man is Not Easy
But You Are Doing A Fine Job—
"Do Fight" Love M&D

GREAT JOB ED! WE'RE SO
PROUD OF YOU, LOVE MOM &
DAD
NO MORE TIME IT'S 99

We are proud of you Ryan! Love
Mom, Dad and Jon

HANG IN THERE JENN R 2
DOWN 2 2 GO ALL PROUD OF
YOU LOVE MA AND PA

Ryan Robinson, You fill our lives
with pride. Keep reaching for your
goals. Love Mom & Dad

ANDY, OUR HERO, YOU'VE
INSPIRED US ALL! LOVE MOM
& DAD, NENE & TIMS

THANK YOU TONY FOR BEING
SUCH A GOOD SON LOVE
DAD & MAMAN

TANK ROMERO – HARD
WORK, FAMILY + MOM LOOK-
ING DOWN ON YOU! YOU DID
IT!

You Are The Best of the Best. We
Are so PROUD OF YOU

YOU'RE 1/2 WAY THERE BRAD.
WE'RE SO PROUD DAD MOM +
LINDSEY

ELWAY, ONE DOWN THREE TO
GO! LOVE, MOM AND DAD

Matthew: We are very proud of
you! Mom & Dad "R"

RYNO-YOU WENT THE EXTRA
MILE. CONGRATULATIONS!
LOVE YOU. MOM & DAD

C1C SALMI-Great! One year to
go! GOD be with you Brad. Love,
Mom & Dad

Justin, your determination &
stubbornness got you thru. Good
job M&D

ZACH, THE TOUGHEST YEAR
IS BEHIND YOU GREAT JOB
SON!

The force is with you Luke, We are
proud of you Love Dad Mom Mark
Sarah

GREAT JOB BRAD! LOVE MOM
& KEVIN

PHILIP, TO FLY TO FLY TO
FLY TO FLY TO FLY

HOWIE, GREAT THIRD YEAR.
ONE MORE FOR FUN! KJS

YOUR DEDICATION BEGINS
OUR JOURNEY TO "SOAR ON
EAGLES WINGS" FY, HETH

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU
ERIC! LOVE & GOD
BLESS, MOM, DAD & COURT.
COL. 2:7

STEVE, You made it thru the
toughest year! LOVE MOM &
DAD SCHNOEBELEN

Tyson- With wings as an eagle! We
are so proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad

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GREAT YEARS WE LOVE YOU
MOM & DAD

Jason, The adventure has
begun. LIVE IT TO THE
BONE! Love, Pop, Mom & Drew.

Brian, Oshkosh Red to Wings of
Blue-Follow your dreams. Mom,
Pop, Kirk

FACE THE FUTURE WITH
CONFIDENCE PROV 16:3,9,16
LOVE MOM, DAD & EMILY

We are proud of you, David! You
made your dream a reality!
MOM, KENT, DAD

Derek, one more year! Here's to
2000. Love, Mom & Dad Showers

AARON HALF WAY THERE. THE
FORCE IS WITH YOU LOVE
MOM FRED AND FAMILY

WE R FOREVER PROUD OF U
EDWIN! LOVE MOM & DAD
SLIGAR

Tom, we are so proud of you!
Tenacity! Love Dad, Mom, Jack and
Cassie

Andy, YOU Made it. yea. Fly High.
We are proud of you. Mom, Dad &
Squirt

YOU DID A GRAT JOB, CHRIS!
LOVE MOM & DAD SMITH

BRANDON WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU LOVE DAD SHONNI
LYNSEY

We're Proud of You Tim, Awe-
some Job! Love Mom & Dad

STU'99, YOU DID IT! BLUE
SKIES ARE WAITING FOR YOU.

JONATHAN, LIVE YOUR
DREAMS! MOM & DAD

Great job Shaun Determination
pays! Love Mom & Dad

SETH, LIFE IS A
JOURNEY... TAKE YOUR
DREAMS ALONG. WE LUV YOU
MOM & DAD

STEVE-AD ASTRA! WE'RE
PROUD OF
YOU! MOM, JED, OMA & OPA

YOU'VE MADE IT! LOVE YA!
MAIA STAHN 99

TIFF you have honored us with
your faith in GOD trust in yourself
MAPA

To our favorite vacationer! We are
so very proud

Strick, Carpe Diem with Honor et
Libertas! Love Mom & Dad

Brad and Marc, We're so proud of
you! We love you! Mom, Dad and
Diane

WE LOVE YOU AHMAD!
MOM & DAD

"I believe I can fly ... touch the
sky." Matt, you are! Love, Mom &
Dad

LT CRAIG: ACHIEVEMENT,
LEADERSHIP, VISION. WOW!
MOM, DAD AND FUZ'N

BUD KEEP STRIVING FOR THE
TOP LOVE MOM & DAD

PAUL, THE BEST IS YET TO
COME. GOD'S SPEED TO 2002.

MATT TARABORELLI WE ARE
SO PROUD OF YOU! LOVE
MOM & DAD & LT. MICHAEL

Andy The first year is already
completed! Time flies with the Air
Force

BRYCE, STELLAR JOB! AIM
FOR THE 12, BUT WATCH
YOUR 6. HAPPY SKIES DAD &
MOM

Kristian '99 congratulations, we are
so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad &
Gabby

KRISTEN, you're almost at the
beginning. Your spirit carries you!
PMLD

Levi keep setting those records we
are proud of you! Mom Dad and
Cory

KLT YOU ARE IN THE HOME
STRECH 2000 IS NEAR
LOVEUS

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU
MARC! LOVE MOM DAD
CHRISTINA

Ry, Ur there! with God's help, u did it.
werso proud. Luv, Mom Dad, JM
IS. 40:31.

ERIKA V, ONE DOWN THREE
TO GO GOOD JOB WE LOVE
YOU MOM DAD AUD KIRSTIN

YEAH YOU MADE IT! WE ARE
SO PROUD OF YOU! LOVE
YOU DAD MOM and IAN

CONGRATULATIONS, DOUG! WE
ARE SO PROUD OF
YOU. LOVE—ALL THE
VETRANO'S

Congrats Rob on a great first year
- we're very proud. Love, Mom &
Dad

DAVID VIZURRAGA, WE BE-
LIEVE!

Annemaria Waibel '99' Outstand-
ing! Immensely proud of you! We
could not have hoped for a better
daughter. Love, Mom, Dad, Erwin
& Grandma

DAVE- Never gave up, rose to the
challenge! Aim High! Great Job!
Brady

DAVID WALKER- You're our #1
We Couldn't Be Prouder-
MOM, DAD, BRADY, HAPPY

YOU ARE THE GREATEST!
LOVE MOM DAD & CHRIS

Claire One Year Down You Made
it happen SC Family

GOD BLESS OUR PRIDE AND
JOY CHRIS. DAD, MOM &
ZACK

Congrats we share pride in your
dedication WartFam

We are so proud of you Julie Keep
that Positive Attitude It's Fabulous

KEVIN- YOU'VE DONE GREAT!
THREE MORE TO GO! LOVE,
MOM & DAD

WEBSTER 3DOWN ONE TO GO
SWEET PEA FINISH STRONG!

YOU MAKE US PROUD IN ALL
YOU DO!! THANKS KEVIN
LOVE MOM, DAD & FAMILY

Loren MW YOU AIMED
HIGH & MADE IT! God's blessings
always. Love Mom & Dad

Jeff, GOD had a plan and you are
the man! Luv Mom & Dad

Congrats, Lt. Mike! Soar high &
follow your dreams. Love Mom,
Dad, & Jeff

CONGRATS DANIEL! WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU. YOU DA
MAN!

GOOD JOB TORREE! WE ARE
SO PROUD LOVE MOM & DAD

TWIGGINS THANK U 4 THE
JOURNEY WE RODE ON YOUR
WINGS WITH SO MUCH PRIDE

PATRICK WIDHELM WE ARE
PROUD OF YOU LOVE-
PRAYERS DAD MOM MEL
MARY SOPH

Every noble work is at first
impossible. TAKE JOY KEVIN!
Mom + Dad Willey

Kev Wiley, Vaya con dios and take
love. Jen

Dreams come true. Success is
yours. We're prout of you Brad.
Mom + Dad

Sandy, We are very proud of you!
Love Mom and Jim

SW Wilson: Loose Hawg, half way
there. DAD, MEG, LAUREN

RANDOLPH: AGAIN, YOU HAVE
HAD ANTHOTHER SUCCESS-
FUL YEAR. LOVE, MOM & DAD

THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE,
PATRICK! GOD BLESS YOU!
LOVE, MOM & DAD & ALL

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU
KEN! IS 40:31 TO GOD BE THE
GLORY! LOVE MOM & DAD

You did it Josh! God Bless! Love
Mom & Dad Zaker

FERNANDO WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU! WE LOVE
YOU! MOM AND RICKY

Have a great time in Israel and
good luck at CST.

KEENER A VERY LONG TRIP A
STAR ALL THE WAY DAD SAYS
GOTCHA LOVE LOTS Z

They save the BEST for last-
Garrett- you fill my heart with
candy! Ma

Matt- Way to Go! The Force be
with you! Luv, The Fam.

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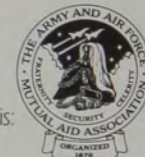
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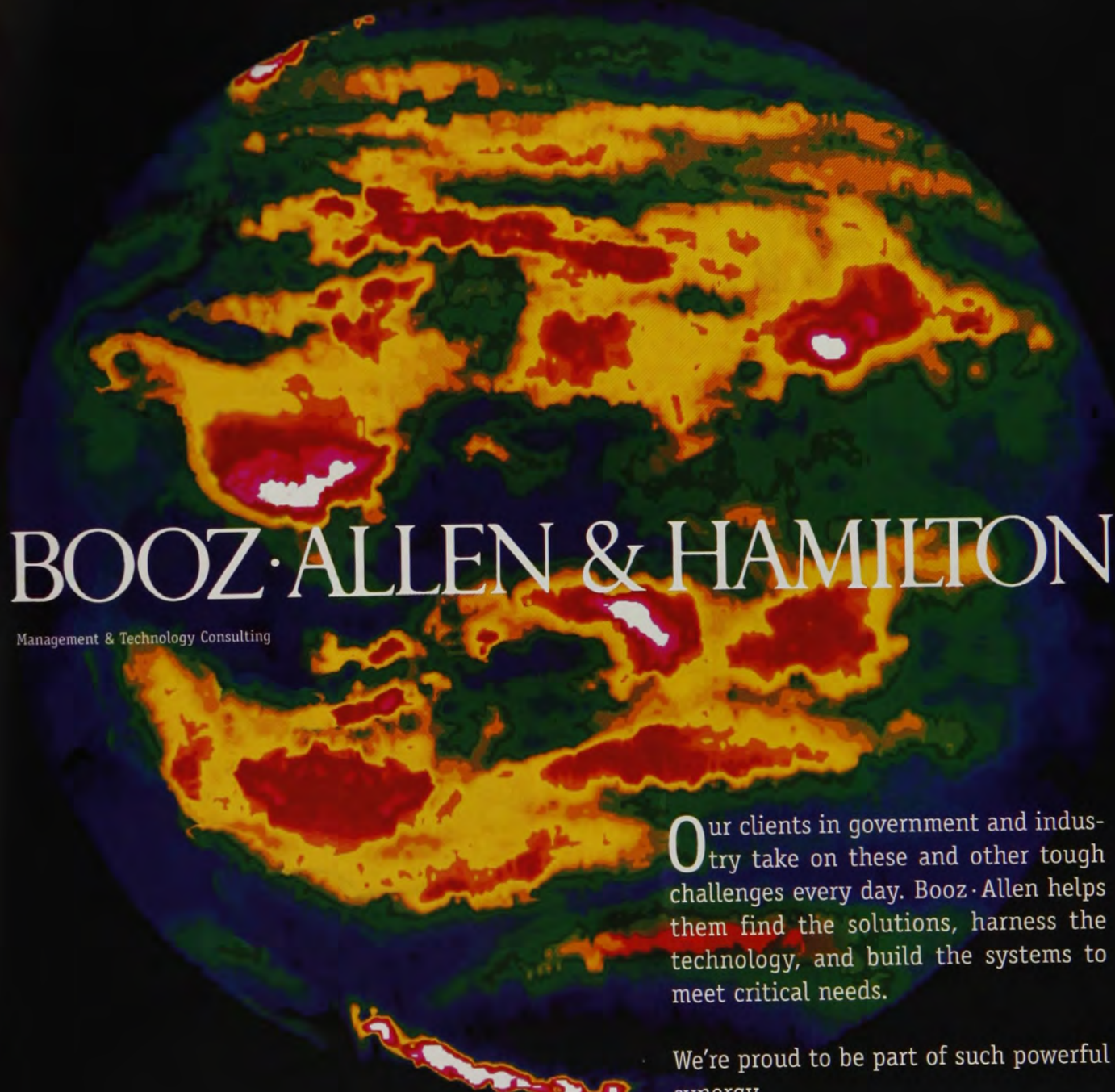
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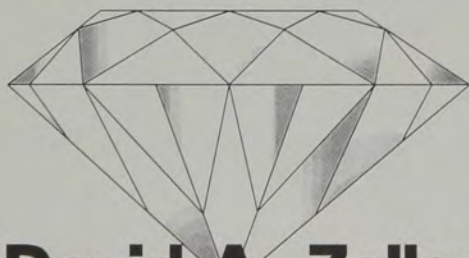
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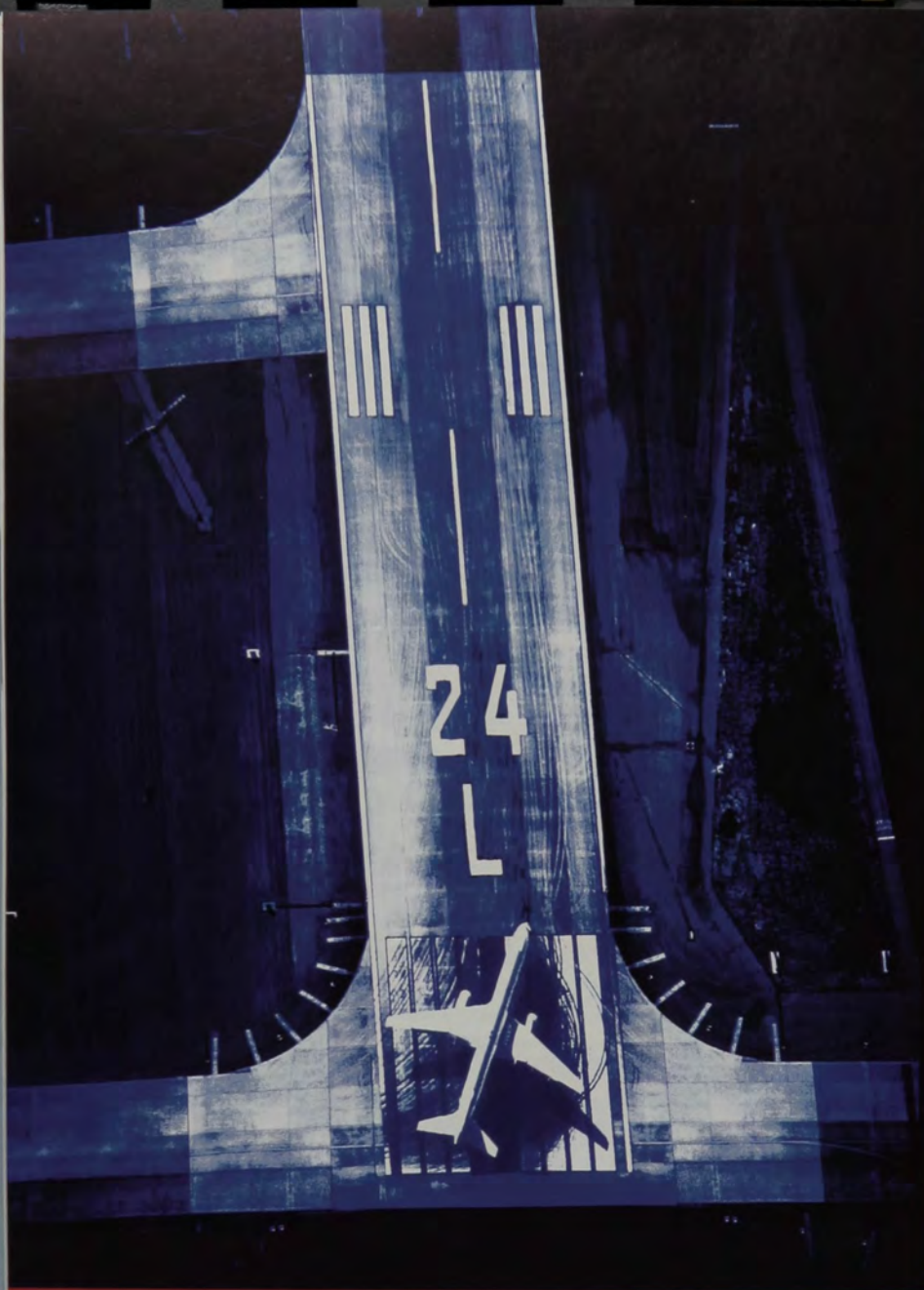


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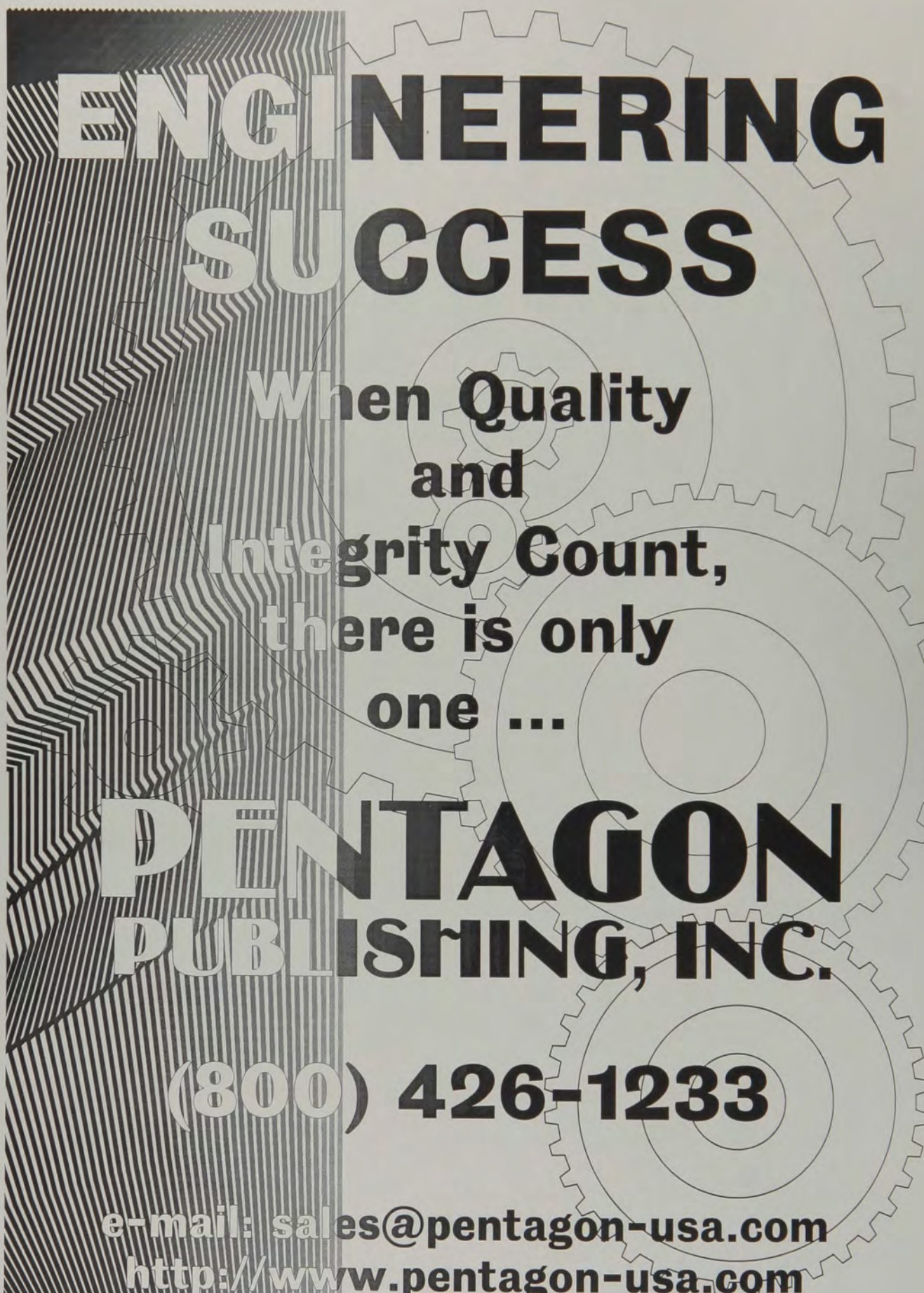
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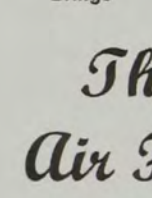
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To the Cadets of 1999, 2000, 2001 & 2002,

I started the adventure of Editor-in-Chief of the 1999 Polaris in June of 1998. It started with the Class of 2002 in Basic Cadet Training and the Class of 2001 in Combat Survival Training. Now, I am four days from graduation. I am trying to ponder a few inspiring words to leave you with, but since I am not known for saying anything inspiring, this is going to be a new experience for me.

I have tried many times to explain to my family and friends what Basic Training was like or what it was like to stay up all night working on a class project only to get up thirty minutes later for morning formation. Unfortunately, I always seem to fall short of the true experience. I hope your Polaris will be some type of Rosette Stone; so, it can help you tell the story of what it is like to be a cadet. Show it to your mothers and fathers and use it to tell that story. Show it to your future husband or wife and explain that this place helped shape who you are. Finally, show it to your children and explain to them that there is no place more demanding of a young adult than the United States Air Force Academy. My goal when I started this job was to deliver a yearbook to 4,000 cadets; instead, I am leaving you all with a little bit of me. This is how I saw my Academy experience, and I hope it is similar to yours.

Lastly, I hope that this book as well as your other three Polaris yearbooks will sit on your bookshelves and serve as gateways into the past. Take a moment every so often to pull them out, thumb through them and relish the moments of a cadet. Remember your first day of Beast, remember your first free fall and remember the day your parade cap fell to the stadium ground. For once you have left the Academy, you can never really return. Many will return to be teachers, AOCs or even a Commandant of Cadets. However, none of us can return and be a cadet again. The only way to relive the adventure is through our memories, and I hope that this book will be a spark for those memories. So please remember your lessons learned and the hard battles fought. Most importantly, remember the friends you made because you can never do it again.

Thank you,
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Colophon

Since most "normal" people have no clue what colophon means, every year I offer this brief definition. According to Webster, colophon means an inscription at the end of the book giving the publication facts.

The More Things Change was the theme decided upon by the 1998-99 staff. The cover was primarily designed by the editor-in-chief with some assistance from Pagemaker 6.0 and Photoshop 6.0. The cover is a four color litho cover with a Brite gold hot foil and the endsheets are 90lb white endleaf. All pages in the book are 80 pound signature gloss. The book is made up of 35 signatures, all of them are printed four color except for the Family, Friends and Supporter section and the Index which are grayscale.

All of the sections of the book were designed in Pagemaker with additional designs made in Corel Draw and Photoshop. The background designs in most sections are either a scanned paper or a choice of Pantone colors.

Each staff member chooses varies fonts for their section but the body copy is the same throughout the book. The body copy is Southern 10 point. This year each section editor chose their own font for captions and they were linked throughout the book by the first 3 letters in bold type.

Here are a list of sections and the fonts each incorporated: Military - Frankenstein, Centaur, ZurichCalligraphic; Academic - Inovator, Good Enough; Clubs - Elegance, Fast, Footlight; Sports - Bangkok, Casablanca, Cancun, Palette; Cadet Life - Mush, Arial, Switzerland; Mini Mag - Times New Roman, Rachel, Touch, White, Stake, Return, Reserved, About, Aboriginai; Squadrons - Backbone; Firsties - Yellow, Goudy Old style; June Week - Beta, Soutane; Gallery - Formal Script, Times New Roman.

Final Words from the Adviser.....

Well, I have completed my first full academic year at the United States Air Force Academy as adviser of the *Polaris* 1999 yearbook. I am especially proud and nervous about this year's book, since I was involved from start to finish. But this paragraph really is not about me - it is about the amazing staff that puts together YOUR yearbook. Many dedicated hours are spent creating this masterpiece called POLARIS. And this is the perfect time to thank each and everyone of you.

First and foremost immeasurable thanks goes out to the editor-in-chief, Brian Brandow. Without his determination, organization, commitment and pride *Polaris* 1999 would not have been possible. Brian gave all of his free time and a large part of himself in creating this yearbook. Secondly, but certainly not second rate was the assistant editor and firstie editor, Gayle Apolonio. Gayle was always consistent and committed to the book and the staff. Her patience, kind words, careful instruction and insights helped to mold each and everyone of us as well as a great publication. Celeste, you were a great copy editor and wonderful person to spend time with. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and talents with *Polaris*.

To the section editors - Erik and Janene, you showed your creativity, strength and spirit to accomplish what I am sure you feel is the best military section ever! You brought me many smiles. Jennifer, even though I did not see you very often, when I did it was always enlightening and FUN. Tweet, what can I say a firstie who joins yearbook - you were entertaining, educating and full of life, I wish the very best one can have now that you have cross commissioned into the NAVY. Seaman, Seaman, Seaman - I am glad team Seaman is taken care of. I got your co-editor of the yearbook right here. Can't wait till next year! Jeremy, a splash of dirty red _ _ _ _ gets them every time - Eric, squadrons has a new look thanks to your creativity. Thanks for all your hard work and take more pictures! Reteneller, as a four degree you showed how much free time a fourthclass cadet really does have - we will expect more now.

Many, many thanks to all the photographers and writers who worked on the 1999 *Polaris*. Each of you possesses a special talent that is engrained in each member of the Cadet Wing's yearbook. Stand proud. And as always till next year - Shine bright *Polaris* Shine bright.

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