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Keep your lid on

Southern Utah University's defensive tackle, Aaron Fernandez, loses his helmet while grasping Air Force quarterback, Shea Smith, during the season opener here Saturday. The Falcons dominated both sides of the ball, winning 41-7, and set a school record by recording two safeties in one game. The defense allowed only 7 yards rushing and 130 yards of offense. They begin Mountain West Conference play at Wyoming Saturday at 1:30 p.m. See more coverage on the game vs. SUU on Page 19.

CSAF defers heritage coat decision

By Master Sgt. Russell P. Petcoff
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz decided on Aug. 28 to defer a decision on the Air Force heritage coat until the summer of 2009 to address current uniform issues, according to a senior Air Force official.

"We are going to fix, improve and upgrade uniforms in our current inventory," said Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services.

The goal is to provide the best uniform and equipment to Airmen in order to allow them to best carry out their mission, he said.

The decision came as part of the senior

leader strategic summit at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., Aug. 27.

The service's top enlisted Airman applauded the decision.

"Our Airmen spend their hard-earned money on these uniforms, and we owe it to them to do the research, development and quality assurance necessary to guarantee every uniform item put on the shelf is right the first time," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley.

"We don't want to have to come back and fix something we've already fielded. I'm confident our efforts to improve physical training uniforms, the Airman Battle Uniform and ABU boots will yield satisfactory results," he said.

General Newton said making changes will take time.

"We continue to strive to provide our Airmen uniforms that are functional and practical all the while exuding the sense of pride that our Airmen have serving this great nation and our Air Force," General Newton said.

A few of the uniform concerns the service will look at are a lighter-weight



Photo by Dennis Rogers

Dana Jonas, a contractor from Battelle Memorial Institute, checks the Heritage Coat fit on Tech Sgt. Corey Blackburn. Sergeant Blackburn is among Academy personnel participating in the wear test that runs through October.

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Academy accreditation visit set for April

By Lt. Gen. John Regni
Superintendent

When this great institution was founded in the mid-1950s, there began a bit of a very important race to fully accredit the Academy so our first graduating class had accredited Bachelor degrees—and largely due to the efforts of our first Dean, Brig. Gen. Robert McDermott, the Academy was accredited just in time for the 1959 graduation.

Every 10 years the Academy

undergoes an extensive accreditation review — this is our “Higher Learning ORI—Operational Readiness Inspection.”

Our next accreditation visit is scheduled for April, 2009, but preparations in the form of a self-study are already underway.

You may soon be contacted by one of the team leaders to participate on a self-study team, or you may be asked to provide information needed to draft our self-study report. If you are asked for assistance, please give

your full cooperation.

Accreditation is not just an academic exercise performed within our faculty — it is essential to the entire Academy, and to the Air Force. All of us must be actively involved.

Thank you for your support and involvement in this most important effort!

And, thanks for making this Academy the leading showplace that it is as we develop leaders of character for the Air Force and the nation—great work all!



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Distinguished service

Retired Gen. James P. McCarthy, flanked by his wife Alice and Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni, receives the 2008 Distinguished Service Award at the Parents' Weekend Parade Aug. 29. First presented in 1999, the award recognizes an individual or organization whose contributions, not as part of their official duties, have had a distinct impact on the morale or well-being of the Academy. The so-called “Dean of the Distinguished Visiting Professors,” General McCarthy has been a member of the Academy's Department of Political Sciences for 15 years. Since 2002, he has served in volunteer status as the Academy Research and Development Institute Professor of National Security.

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Character Corner Old Habits Die Hard

By Col. John Norton

Center for Character Development

Behavioral scientists say it takes dozens of repetitions of doing something a new way to break a habit—this means it takes weeks, months, or even years to form a new habit, depending on the frequency of the behavior.

We all develop bad habits—perhaps out of laziness, a less-than ideal environment, or often because of a lack of accountability. Others, or more importantly ourselves, may not hold us to high standards, and we can end up slipping into shady behavior. This “slippery slope” is dangerous because the substandard behavior starts becoming routine, and then it becomes a bad habit. The

longer we do it, the more difficult it becomes to break.

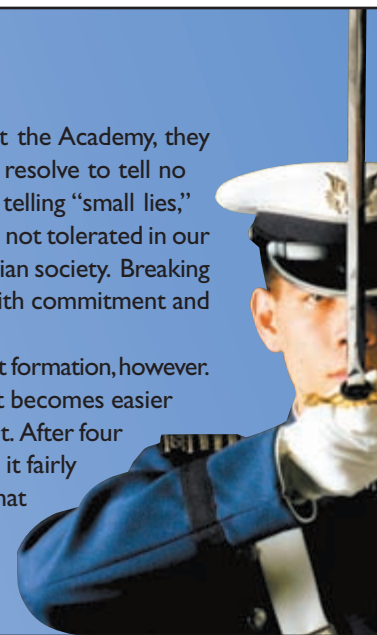
“Small lies” turning into “big lies” is a good example of this kind of bad habit formation. People sometimes start taking shortcuts and telling partial truths, leaving out important details, or telling “white lies” to avoid complex explanations or hurting other's feelings. They may think “this is no big deal” because “everyone does it.”

It is a big deal, because telling small lies forms a dangerous habit; making a habit out of dishonesty only makes it more tempting and easier to tell bigger lies later. Pretty soon, you find yourself telling whoppers without thinking too much about it. Talk about a dangerous habit!

When young adults arrive at the Academy, they commit to the Honor Code and resolve to tell no lies. If they were in the habit of telling “small lies,” they quickly learn such behavior is not tolerated in our profession like it is in much of civilian society. Breaking a bad habit like this is hard, but with commitment and determination, it can be done!

There is a positive side to habit formation, however. Once you start living honorably, it becomes easier and more automatic—a good habit. After four years of “practice,” graduates find it fairly easy to live honorably, because that has become a fundamental part of who they are.

Character Matters airs Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on KAFA radio, 97.7 FM.



Your biggest personal hope for the future?

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Cadet 2nd Class
Nick Flaute
Cadet Squadron 7

“I hope to have a healthy pregnancy with my daughter so she will grow up to be healthy and happy. And, so she will love her mom and dad and appreciate her life.”



Mellisa Cook
Air Force spouse

“As a mother and grandmother my biggest hope would be that my children and grandchildren are blessed with good health and strong moral character. We want them to be loyal Americans and full of love and compassion for all of mankind.”



Mrs. Carol Gaessher
Air Force retired
spouse

“I hope to be stationed somewhere with my husband someday.”



Capt. Jina El-Len
Pilot instructor





By Capt. Uriah Orland
Academy Public Affairs

Academy lays out strategy

Seven Strategic Goals

- Focus on character and leadership development
- Integrate institutional processes
- Strengthen our communications and reputation
- Prepare and motivate the workforce
- Produce highly educated and trained officers
- Secure and manage resources
- Enhance faculty, staff and cadet diversity

Sun Tzu wrote in *The Art of War*, “Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat.” Despite being written around 100 B.C., the words still ring true. The U.S. Air Force Academy has outlined the strategy that will carry it forward in its mission to “educate, train and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the U.S. Air Force in service to our nation.”

Volume 1 of the U.S. Air Force Academy Strategic Plan 2008-2013 was published in December 2007 and outlines seven strategic goals that reflect the Academy’s vision and are linked to the Air Force’s 2006 strategic goals and objectives. These goals are broad focus areas that, when achieved, will better enable the Academy to achieve its overall mission.

“It is critically important that everyone

read and understand our Strategic Plan,” Academy Superintendent, Lt. Gen. John Regni, said. “The most challenging item with any strategic plan is getting it off the coffee tables and into the hands—and minds—of all of our people. We’ve published a thin, easy-to-read version, and I encourage everyone assigned here to read it and think of how they can accomplish it. That is how it becomes a living document.”

Across the board, every person working at the Academy supports the development of the cadets, whether directly or indirectly.

“Not everyone is involved in all seven goals,” the general continued. “But, if you look closely at each goal, you will see that you do, in fact, contribute. For example, the first goal is about character development—our core values. Even if you never see cadets during your day, the cadets see you and your actions, and they see the core values as day-to-day actions.”

As future leaders of the Air Force and the nation, cadets must have the qualities necessary to meet the Air Force’s operational needs. They must be intelligent,

innovative, principled, disciplined and fit-to-fight. To fulfill these needs, the Academy fosters in its climate – and, therefore, will instill in its graduates — the Air Force Core Values: Integrity First; Service Before Self; and, Excellence in All We Do. From these core values, the Academy derives the three key cadet development outcomes centered on commissioning leaders of character: Leaders committed to societal, professional, and individual responsibilities; leaders empowered by integrated intellectual and warrior skills; and leaders grounded in essential knowledge of the profession of arms, and the human and physical worlds.

These outcomes ground everything everyone here does in responsibilities, skills and knowledge. Collectively, they outline a commitment to the core values; strong personal, interpersonal, team and organizational leadership abilities; and a foundation of knowledge and experiences that support further development at the operational and strategic leadership levels.

The strategic planning process is centered on the three key activities: assess,

plan and execute. Strategic performance measures are used to track the success in implementing the plan.

Volume 2 of the strategic plan, *The Initiatives*, will identify strategic mission element initiatives designed to achieve the strategic goals and objectives; it is scheduled to be published in October. It will also contain additional qualitative and quantitative measures for these objectives and their supporting strategic initiatives.

“The development of this plan was across the board,” said Col. Paul Ackerman, vice superintendent. “Everyone has had a voice in the plan and, now, they are contributing to its success.”

“The U.S. Air Force Academy already has a proud heritage of developing leaders of character for the Air Force and the nation; now, we honor and preserve that heritage by strategically planning for and investing in the future” — Air Force Academy Strategic Plan.

The U.S. Air Force Academy Strategic Plan 2008-2013 is available online at <http://www.usafa.af.mil/superintendent/xp/docs/xpp/USAF%20Academy%20Strategic%20Plan%202007.pdf>.

Editor’s Note: This is the first segment of an eight-part series about the strategic plan featuring the seven strategic goals. Look for more coverage on Goal #1 in next week’s issue.

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Spouse of the Year award accepting nominations

Military Spouse magazine recently announced it is now accepting nominations for its 2009 Military Spouse of the Year award, sponsored by USAA. The MSOY honoree represents the millions of military spouses who are unsung heroes maintaining the home-front, giving back selflessly to their communities, and providing support to our nation's troops. Often, these spouses also have full-time jobs and raise families.

In recognition of their countless contributions, *MSM* will honor one exemplary military spouse from each service branch and also select one overall winner. The 2009 MSOY will be announced and honored nationally in the June issue of *Military Spouse* magazine and at the second annual MSOY Awards Ceremony to be held during the week of May 4, 2009 in Washington, DC, in conjunction with National Military Spouse Appreciation Week. The winner will make additional public appearances, write a monthly column to appear in *Military Spouse* magazine, and maintain

a blog during his/her reign, which will last through May 2010.

MSM and its readers will select the winner based on his/her inspirational representation of all military spouses. Nominees must be the spouse of a current member of the U.S. armed forces. Criteria for selecting the recipient include: impact on community change, volunteerism, personal sacrifice, education and career pursuits and other military spouse-related efforts. Last year's award generated hundreds of nominations from across the country, culminating in the selection of Army wife Chelle Brewer as MSOY 2008 (www.milspouse.com/msoy2008).

MSM encourages individuals to submit a nomination for either themselves or an eligible nominee of their choice. To submit a nomination, individuals must complete the nomination form online at www.msoy.milspouse.com. The nomination period runs from today through Oct. 8. Judges will review all

submissions and select 10 finalists from each military service branch, after which readers will select one branch winner. Judges include a hand-selected portion of *MSM's* "Who's Who of Military Spouses," a list of influential military spouses.

"This award is *MSM's* opportunity to thank all military spouses for their invaluable contributions, in addition to recognizing them for the challenges they overcome every day," said Babette Maxwell, *Military Spouse* magazine co-founder and executive editor.

"The reason USAA exists is to help military families with their financial security and the peace of mind that brings — especially to the military spouse who shoulders so much responsibility," said Joe Robles, USAA's CEO and a retired major general. "I know I couldn't have done what I did for the Army if my wife, Patty hadn't taken care of everything else. Being the title sponsor of this award is a natural for us. We feel honored to honor military spouses."

Heritage Coat

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ABU for hot-weather climates, better-fitting PT clothing and a quieter material for the warm-up jacket and pants, General Newton said.

ABU boots are another uniform item the Air Force wants to get right. General Newton said the quality of boots is important to today's expeditionary Air Force and for the future.

Airmen are being tasked to do jobs that are different than previous missions required in years gone by, General Newton said.

The Air Force recently certified another manufacturer for ABU boots, said Ruth Ewalt, chief of Air Force Uniform Programs and Policy. Before certifying the company, Air Force officials considered the company's more than 40-year history of manufacturing boots, and that it had produced several types of boots for

the Army and Navy.

"Our acceptance of their product was also a result of positive feedback collected after extended wear by male and female cadets at the Air Force Academy," Ms. Ewalt said.

Issues considered by Air Force officials included blistering, contusions, sprains, swelling and general pain that may have been associated with the boots, she said.

"The boots are manufactured in sizes for both genders and will be issued to new basic trainees beginning no later than Oct. 1," Ms. Ewalt said.

"As a result of feedback from individuals in industrial environments — such as our aircraft maintainers and fuels experts — new stain-resistant materials are being tested for our boots," Ms. Ewalt said. "Once a new material is selected, boots made with that new material will not be available for approximately two years."

General Newton said the Air Force has

listened to the uniform concerns of its Airmen. It recently conducted the first-ever virtual uniform board.

The board considered 109 initiatives out of more than 900 received, many of which were duplications or already in the process of being resolved, Ms. Ewalt said. Others did not meet the criteria because no substantive solutions were provided.

The intent of the virtual uniform board is for Airmen to identify a problem and suggest an improvement, Ms. Ewalt said.

"Unlike an open forum board, it's an avenue to voice an input and recommend a solution to resolve the issue," Ms. Ewalt said. "It is an opportunity for everyone wearing the uniform to bring well thought out and substantive issues — along with solid recommendations to resolve those issues — to the attention of Air Force senior leadership."

No one knows better than Airmen serving today what uniform changes are

needed, General Newton said.

"We heard the feedback from the field and will continue to do so," General Newton said.

Airmen can provide uniform recommendations by going to the Air Force IDEA Program Web site at https://ipds.csd.disa.mil/IPDS/landing_page, Ms. Ewalt said. Airmen can access uniform information at the Air Force Portal, www.my.af.mil and typing in "uniform" in the search box in the page's upper right-hand corner.

The heritage coat wear test will continue until its scheduled Oct. 31 completion date. Air Force experts will then analyze wear test results and provide General Schwartz a comprehensive package on which to base his decision next year. There are 240 Airmen currently participating in wear tests at Maxwell AFB, Ala.; San Antonio; the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the Pentagon, Ms. Ewalt said.

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Cadet learns character, respect from great grandfather

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

No trumpets sounded, no drum-rolls beat as World War II ace and Korean War prisoner of War retired Lt. Col. Albert Seaver visited his great-great grandson Cadet 4th Class John Seaver during Parents Weekend.

The cadet was born in San Angelo, Texas, and moved to Whitesboro at age 4.

"I call Whitesboro home and I plan to raise a family there when the time comes," said the Cadet Squadron 34 member.



Courtesy Photo
Cadet 4th Class John Seaver's great grandfather, then Maj. Albert Seaver, administers the swearing in oath to the cadet's great uncle, David Seaver.

Cadet Seaver was very close to his great-grandfather, who lives in San Antonio, Texas.

"My entire life my family and I visited him and my great-grandmother often," said Cadet Seaver. "We lived in San Antonio for a brief time before moving to Whitesboro, so he had a lot of impact on my younger years. His stories of the bombing missions in WWII and his great character and morals are what inspired me to want to pursue the life of an Air Force officer and attend the Academy."

Colonel Seaver drove to Colorado for Parents Weekend.

"I would say the most important thing he taught me was character and respect for my fellow man, peer or subordinate," the cadet said. "The man is a great role model, and radiates integrity and character."

For as long as he can remember, the cadet from the Lone Star state has wanted to be a fighter pilot. The discovery he is color blind dashed that hope.

"Now I want to be a special tactics officer or combat rescue officer, rescuing downed pilots," Cadet Seaver said. "My grandfather was shot down over the Yalu River in Korea and was a POW of the Chinese for nine months. I think this is what has inspired my new dream.

My Dad, John A. Seaver, always put



Courtesy Photo

Left to right are Cadet 4th Class John Seaver's father, John A. Seaver, his great grandfather, Lt. Col.(retired) Albert Seaver, Cadet Seaver and grandfather, Albert Seaver Jr.

huge emphasis on time management and self discipline growing up. He definitely helped me prepare for the Academy."

His father was never in the military, but the family has always had a strict military discipline atmosphere.

"I have several close relatives in the military, including my uncle Will Seaver, who is in the Coast Guard, my cousin, Jonathon Hardy, who is an Army green beret, and another uncle, Mark Tidwell, who was in the Marines," Cadet Seaver said.

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Academy honors warriors both coming and going



Master Sgt. Todd Fenske looks at the special interest table with son, Jacob.

Story and photos by Ken Carter
Editor

Nearly 30 recently deployed Academy members and another approximately 50 about to deploy all gathered at the Milazzo Club Tuesday evening for families to interact with one another and with Academy leaders.

According to Tech. Sgt. Lisa Taylor, Academy readiness NCO, in the past, these return home and send off events have been held separately. "We determined it would be an excellent opportunity for members to network with one another if we combined the events," she said. "If someone is deploying to Djibouti, for example, who better to get him or her connected with than someone who's been there, done

that? It gives members and their families an excellent opportunity to discuss their deployment experiences and gain information from one another."

Those who've attended previous meetings have gained confidence in the Academy's ability to help. "We've gotten accolades from deploying members, their families and staff during the event and once it's complete," Sergeant Taylor said. "Many have said they have peace of mind after discussing their concerns and emotions."

Among those deploying soon is Staff Sgt. Brent Ritchie whose wife Steffanie and their child were at the hail and farewell event along with many other families. Sergeant Ritchie serves the Academy as a help desk technician for the 10th Communications Squadron and he's headed for Afghanistan for 120 days

starting on the anniversary of 9/11. The seven-year Air Force veteran, who's been at the Academy since 2005, said he's "honored to serve a host nation and to do his job for his country." He also noted it will be tough, however, being gone over all major holidays through New Years.

Staff Sgt. Erin Ward from the 10th Aerospace Medical Squad said, "I'm excited to be going to Iraq Monday." Also a seven-year veteran, she refers to herself as a "Jack of all trades," and is thrilled to be able to do the job she's been trained to do. "It's the purpose we exist," the medical technician said.

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Staff Sgt. Brent Ritchie visits with Al Holland during the hail and farewell event Tuesday evening.



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Warriors

From previous page

Master Sgt. Todd Fenske has been identified to deploy to Djibouti for 179 days, however, his departure date has not been determined. "There are worse places I could be sent," said the senior NCO about to deploy for the third time and who's approaching 19 years time in service. Sergeant Fenske also represents the 10th CS.

"Helping agencies for the new and improved gathering at the Millazzo Club included: Airman & Family Readiness Center, Family advocacy/mental health, chapel, youth services, YMCA, Home Front Cares and various volunteers and sponsors," Sergeant Taylor said.

Wednesday morning those scheduled to depart soon for Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti and numerous other locations gathered for mobility processing at 0800 sharp, barely 12 hours following the informative social the evening before.

"The main objective of conducting a processing line is to ensure our war fighters have been organized, trained and equipped to conduct their mission in a forward deployed location," said Capt. Elizabeth Walker, officer in charge of the personnel processing line. "We had many different base agencies represented. By bringing them together we gained efficiencies and ensured our AEF 5/6 members deploying were ready and cleared hot for the duty that awaits them."

Tech Sgt. James Krahl, nco-in-charge of the personnel processing line also has a clear focus ... to make the transition for those deploying as smooth as possible.

"Our office conducts the last review for Academy deploying personnel," he said. "In addition to arranging the processing line, we work closely with leadership at locations throughout many different AORs to facilitate smooth transitions between AEF Airmen coming



Photo by Ken Carter

Stressing the importance of staying in touch with family by writing letters was among 10th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Jimmy McMillian's key points to those about to deploy.

home and their replacements. This is serious business, our joint leaders have identified requirements, either in equipment or personnel, and it's our job to fill them."

The 10th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Jimmy McMillian, met the deploying members Wednesday morning during processing and offered both words of encouragement and advice. "Show the rest of the

armed forces how good the Air Force really is," he said. "And, don't forget to write letters - to your children, to your spouse or significant other, and to your parents. We've lost the art of letter writing - use letters to tell them you're ok and tell them not to be caught up in the (television) news coverage."

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Maxwell officials provide shelter for Gustav evacuees

By Christine Harrison
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFP) — When Hurricane Gustav made landfall early Monday along the Louisiana coast, 658 individuals from the Gulf Coast region were safely out of harm's way in temporary facilities here.

Maxwell Air Force Base is a designated National Logistical Support Area for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and people and pets found safe harbor at the south central Alabama base over the Labor Day weekend. The base remained open as a safe haven until evacuated areas were officially reopened Wednesday.

Members of the Maxwell community reacted to the effects of the Category 2 storm long before it made landfall. The evacuee reception center stood up early Sunday, and those who arrived at Maxwell before its opening were given shelter and food.

"With less than 24 hours notice, we were able to provide four times the normal number of meals at our dining facilities," said Sandra Kobelia, deputy director of the 42nd Services Division.

Officials at the reception center placed 34 evacuees in the homes of volunteers on and off base, and only a handful of people were placed in the



Staff members from the 42nd Air Base Wing base chapel serve lunch Sept. 1 to Hurricane Gustav evacuees staying on Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The chapel staff served food to about 150 of the more than 650 military and family members and government employees who evacuated to Maxwell from the Gulf Coast.

Photo by Jamie Pilcher

base shelters.

"At the peak, we had evacuees in lodging and airmen dormitories, and the shelters were the last means," said Maj. Kathryn Brown, chief of the 42nd Services Division.

Staff members from the 42nd Services Division and the Airman and Family Readiness Center established the

evacuee reception center to coordinate shelter. Medical assistance and personal counseling were also available there.

Col. Jim Spence, a retired Marine pilot who lives in New Orleans, evacuated to Maxwell Saturday with his wife and 90-year-old mother. They were immediately placed in a lodging room.

"We really couldn't be more pleased

with our stay here," he said. "The staff has been courteous, professional and very attentive across the board. We are kind of vagabonds at the moment, but I want to emphasize the good treatment and courtesy we are receiving here."

Twenty-six families volunteered to open their homes to evacuees, said John Harris of Maxwell's Airman and Family Readiness Center. "Our first adopted family was in place at 3 p.m. Sunday."

There also were arrangements for evacuating pets at the base veterinary clinic.

People from several government agencies involved in the main FEMA distribution site worked out of Maxwell. These agencies included the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Forest Service, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Alabama National Guard. Officials with Homeland Security Protective Services and members of Headquarters 2nd Air Force were in evacuation status and continued operations out of Maxwell into Tuesday, according to Senior Master Sgt. Henderson, Maxwell's FEMA liaison.

With three new tropical storms stacked up in the Atlantic and headed west — Hanna, Ike and Josephine — officials at Maxwell continue to remain vigilant.

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Forest City updates renovation, construction info

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff writer

Residents in Academy housing met with Forest City Residential Management and Academy leadership Aug. 20 in the Community Center ballroom for an update on renovation and construction projects.

"I'm pleased," Brunetta Harris, Forest City community manager said of progress. "I think it's going well."

She said the first phase, set for completion in December, is on track.

About 70 families attended the meeting.

"It was nice the Academy leadership was there to show support of our partnership," Ms. Harris said.

Last May the Academy transitioned a total of 1,207 homes to privatized housing. FC-Hunt, a partnership between Forest City Military Communities and Hunt Building Companies, is heading up the revamp of Academy housing.

Plans call for 34 new homes, demolition of 811 homes and renovation of 301 homes. A total of 92 homes required no work. When construction and renovations are completed, the Academy will have 427 homes available for occupancy.

Renovated homes will have new appliances, among other improvements.



Community Manager Brunetta Harris of Forest City addresses Academy housing residents' concerns during a fourm Aug. 20 in the Community Center ballroom.

Renovation completion is anticipated to be next July and the first of new home construction projects in September.

In addition to housing projects, the partnership will begin construction next summer. The 6,000-plus square-foot facility in Douglass Valley will house the neighborhood welcome center and

offices for civilian government staff and Forest City.

The center will also offer a fitness center, social lounge, business center and multi-purpose room.

Preceding the business meeting, representatives from Forest City presented Lt. Col. Deborah McMurtry, 10th Civil Engineer Squadron

commander, with a gift basket for her efforts on behalf of the projects.

Residents expressed concerns for a variety of issues, including responsibility for cable television and telephone lines, fencing, outside lighting, the need to secure dumpsters at night, gophers, window well covers, electrical issues and the seeding of new lawns.

A detailed list of questions and answers presented at the meeting is available online at www.usafaliving.com.

"We ask you to be exceptionally patient with us," Ms. Harris told housing residents. "Those doing the construction are going to do everything they can to make this a success."

Forest City will host a haunted house Oct. 24, a December holiday lights competition and a November movie night.

Plans are in the works to form a residential advisory board with representatives of the Academy, construction, maintenance and residents. It will be scheduled to meet monthly.

Residents were reminded they can earn a \$300 bonus for recruiting new residents who live in Academy housing for 30 days or more. There is no limit for referrals.

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Bronze Star awarded for philosophy instructor's nation building

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

It is no surprise that Academy associate philosophy professor Carl Bertha received this nation's Bronze Star Medal for his work in Afghanistan.

The resident engineer for the Gardez Resident Office in the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan's Salerno Area Office led more than 30 civilian, military and local national engineers and quality assurance reps in construction contract administration. He managed more than 32 construction contracts worth \$91 million spread across 60 construction sites.

This may sound a bit out of the norm for a philosophy instructor.

Not this one; the Reserve major also has knowledge of engineering, construction and project management.

"We didn't so much service the people as we did a region," said the major who grew up in Caracas, Venezuela, attended undergraduate and graduate school in Tampa, Fla., and has lived in Colorado Springs since 2000. "The office is responsible for construction projects in the three provinces in the southeast region of Afghanistan. It is made up of a resident engineer officer in charge, the position I occupied, and a staff of 10 engineers and construction representatives."

He had overall responsibility for construction projects funded and awarded by the Corps of Engineers in his region. He ensured projects stayed on schedule, met with contractors and conducted construction inspections and safety assessments. Furthermore, he managed both the staff of engineers and construction representatives, both military and civilian, and coordinated

military movement missions required to go to the construction sites.

"In my tenure, we completed a very important bridge in the city of Gardez, important for local commerce, an Afghan Border Patrol Battalion Headquarters facility, an ammunition supply point for the Afghan National Army and other projects," he said.

It was a big job in a war-torn land.

"My challenge was to enforce a minimum level of quality in the construction taking place there," he said. "Be it because crews simply didn't have construction know-how, or because contractors often wanted to cut corners to increase profits, it was a constant battle (no pun intended) to get a quality product built."

"Though not so much my challenge, the environment made it extremely difficult for anyone involved in the construction there to stay on task," he said. "Transportation of materials was always a problem, and quality of materials was very low."

There were project management hurdles to be overcome as well.

"Except for a lull in the winter months, the biggest hurdle was to stay on top of the many construction projects with a staff that is constantly turning over with tours of duty typically varying between six months to a year."

When he was out on a project, he went armed.

"I never got personally involved with troops in contact, but our convoys to and from project sites sometimes took small arms fire, which, given our mission, we did not return," the major said. "Our base was sometimes subject to mortar attacks. At least in one case, when I was in Forward Observation Base Salerno



Courtesy photo

Academy associate philosophy professor Carl Bertha received this nation's Bronze Star Medal for his work in Afghanistan. He works above with a local-national quality assurance engineer named Rahmatullah.

filling in as the area engineer, the FOB was mortared and six rockets fell inside the perimeter. But no one was injured nor was there structural damage to any buildings."

Through it all, there were big bucks to be handled.

"The total amount of the contracts under my supervision as \$91 million; \$15 million was the subset of that completed under my tenure," Major Bertha said. "All our projects were either in support of the Afghan National Army Ammo Supply Point or the Afghan National Police headquarters buildings and logistical centers. We also had a few road and infrastructure construction projects in the mix, such as the Gardez Bridge. I am proud to have contributed to improving the lives of the people in my region, and of the infrastructure of a war-torn country like Afghanistan."

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Behind the Scenes

Cadet personnel improves customer service

By Senior Master Sgt. Gayle Elliott
Chief, Senior Officer Matters

The recently renovated Academy Cadet Personnel Customer Support Center is just one of many initiatives to improve customer service to cadets. The cadet personnel division strives to ensure the best interests of cadets are always represented.

While the personnel career field Air Force-wide undergoes changes through personnel service delivery transformation, the cadet personnel division maintains a unique role incorporating cadet personnel processes into mainstream Air Force personnel processes. The recently renovated ID card and customer support center serves as the focal point for cadet personnel service delivery.

One simple, but important, feature of the renovation was to redesign the basic layout of the center.

"The new layout improves efficiency and provides a dedicated staff member for customer intake," said Tech Sgt. Leonida Dotson, NCO-in-charge of cadet personnel customer service.

Personnel experts have worked for two years ensuring that Academy cadets will be included when the Defense Integrated Manpower and Human Resources System becomes operational. Academy personnel representatives



Photo by Dave Romero

Cadet Personnel staff members preform status checks on the systems in the new Central Issuing Facility.

participated in developmental teams and will engage in future field testing for DIMHRS cadet capabilities.

The non-rated line officer accession conference is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel Center Monday through Thursday. The outcome will establish targets for Air Force specialties available for the Class of 2010. Representatives from all accession sources, as well as Air Staff and career field functional advisors, will participate in the conference. Targets are distributed using a fair share allocation among all accession sources

including the Air Force Academy, ROTC and Officer Training School. These targets are established based on the needs of the Air Force and represent the projected officer needs for future career field sustainment. Staffers from the Academy's Cadet Personnel Office will attend.

This year, Superintendent of Cadet Personnel, Master Sgt. Tim Cummings, adopted a proactive approach to assess the Academy's production capability. For the first time, Academy representatives will advocate based on a preliminary review of the Class of 2010's preferences.

In the past, projections were made based on degree requirements to match specific Air Force specialties and historical Academy production, without consideration for the preferences of the cadet class. This approach balances the needs of the Air Force and degree qualifications, while factoring in cadet preferences.

Airman 1st Class Nate Bell, cadet customer service specialist, finds the most exciting thing about working in the cadet personnel division to be, "seeing them go from cadets to becoming pilots." The Class of 2010 will be given another opportunity to submit preferences based on the actual outcome of the conference and the allocation of targets for non-rated AFSCs.

According to Staff Sgt. Earl Taylor, assistant NCOIC, officer accessions, knowing the role they play in creating officers for the Air Force is one of the most rewarding aspects of his job.

Through the transformation process, the cadet personnel division strives to develop cadet personnel programs which mirror Air Force programs and uphold the directorate's mission to provide exceptional manpower and personnel services which develop, support and maintain a ready, skilled and productive work force for today and for the future.

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Canines put on the dog for trials

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Working dogs from four Air Force bases and a civilian security company put their best paws forward during the Rocky Mountain Canine Trials here, Aug. 21-22.

Dogs and their handlers came from as far away as Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and Laughlin AFB, Texas, to take on the Academy and Peterson AFB and Alliance K-9 Detection Services.

"All events went smoothly," said Chris Jakubin, Academy kennel master. "The dogs looked good. They need a little polish but did very well."

Donja, a Belgian Malinois from the kennels at Peterson, captured the top prize for five of the nine two-day trials. Handled by Staff Sgt. Joseph Villalobos, she scored first in detection, obstacle course, area search, handler protection and top patrol dog.

"She was a handful," Sergeant Villalobos said before the trial results were tabulated. "A little off task but she did well in the new environment."

Except for two Dutch shepherds and one Labrador retriever, all the competitors were Belgian Malinois.

Fastest dog honors went to Rocky, from the Academy and handled by Staff Sgt. John Havlik. Rocky was clocked at 28 mph.

Also from the Academy, Staff Sgt. James Trimble and Kelly, a Dutch shepherd, topped the pack for the building-search competition.

Xavier, handled by Senior Airman

Ryan Troester from Elmendorf AFB, proved top tough guy with a first-place win as the hardest hitting dog in the two-decoy trial.

The judges, all present or former canine handlers, picked Alliance's Greg Johnson and Dutch shepherd Gage, and Nikki Gorden and her Labrador retriever, Desi, for first and third places respectively for the drug-only detection contest. Alliance also sponsored the hardest-hitting dog competition.

Staff Sgt. Todge Smith and Benga from the Academy took second in drug detection.

Staff Sgt. Kurt Lugar was proud of Dino for working well, despite the heat and elevation, an environment far different than his home in Alaska.

"I'm pretty happy how he did," Sergeant Lugar said. "He was really put to the test."

Dino placed third in detection.

Sergeant Lugar especially relished the chance to participate.

"This is a very rare opportunity. It's awesome," he said.

He appreciated the opportunity as a learning experience.

"The more things we do, the more we learn. Every trainer has different learning," he said, and added the handlers will no doubt run into each other again.

For all the benefits of affection, companionship, skills and loyalty working dogs generously dish out, Sergeant Lugar pointed out life as a military working dog handler is not easy.

"The ops tempo for the career field is rough," he said. Long hours and total care



Photo by Ann Patton

Ready, set, charge. Kelly, an Academy Dutch shepherd, makes her move against volunteer decoy Staff Sgt. Amy Lane.

of the dogs, including feeding, grooming, training, veterinarian appointments, cleaning and even occasional bites on handlers who serve as decoys, all make for a lot of work.

But like Sergeant Lugar, Sergeant Villalobos is happy with his career field.

"I love my job. It's the best job in the Air Force," he said. "It's definitely one I don't have to force myself out of bed for every morning."

Academy handler Staff Sgt. Patrick Felice said the handler and dog are closely connected.

"Everything rolls up and down the leash," he said.

As for his dog Roxy, "I love her to

death. She's my little princess."

Besides winning second in handler protection and third place in top patrol dog competition, Roxy earned an extra award good-naturedly presented by the decoys — "Most Barks Per Minute" for her vocal performance during trials.

They also awarded King the "Turtle Award" for his swiftness and Dino the "Which Way Did He Go?" award for his tracking skills. King is handled by Staff Sgt. Robbie Fowler from Peterson AFB.

Staff Sgt. Amy Lane, a trials volunteer and former dog handler stationed at Cannon AFB, N.M., received the "Man Down Award" for a knee injury she received as a decoy.



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Cadets immerse into Korean culture

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By Lt. Col. Nancy Rower
Department of Political Science

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With Cadet 1st Class Raymond Zhang, Cadets 2nd Class Jay Beesemeyer, Brock Logan and Thomas Sukut, began their trip in Seoul - a bustling city of more than 14 million, high-rise buildings, eclectic art districts, open-air markets and an overwhelming amount of neon lights written in Hangeul, the official Korean writing.

Seemingly, the only sanctuaries from city-life are the five grand palaces preserved from the Joseon Dynasty. After passing through the front gate of the walled fortress, these palaces are a complex of temples with exquisitely painted roofs, ancestral shrines and peaceful lotus garden ponds.

Sixty miles north of Seoul is the DMZ. The cadets toured the DMZ area, visited a North Korean infiltration tunnel, and stood side-by-side next to a six-foot-tall North Korean soldier in Panmunjom.

Korea is a land of contrasts. Here dancers in traditional garb perform a dance.



"Though the DMZ area seems nerve-racking, it is overshadowed by the thought of nuclear weapons so close to Seoul," Cadet Xhang said.

The group also experienced customs, courtesies, language and lifestyle by touring national museums and parks, as well as meeting and dining with Koreans. While the first couple of meals caused the cadets' hands to cramp from using the metal chopsticks, they caught on and a preference developed for the chopsticks even when eating scrambled eggs. After spending five days in Seoul, the cadets traveled extensively throughout the country from an East Sea fishing village to the mountainous center of Korea where the preserved 15th century villages and tranquil Buddhist mountain temples are found.

A trip highlight was the Temple-Stay program where they stayed overnight at Haien-sa temple and participated in the rituals and daily life of a Buddhist monk.

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Parents' Weekend: Serves as annual highlight for generations



Photo by Ken Carter

Visiting parents explored Academy organizational displays and spoke with unit representatives early in the Arnold Hall ballroom Aug. 29 as the 2008 Parents' Weekend activities kicked off. An estimated 15,000 guests turned out to get even a clearer picture of cadet life through a parade, visits to academic areas and the dorms, as well as attending the season opening football game versus Southern Utah.

By Ken Carter
Editor

The meaning of life? To vote Republican or Democrat? Scrambled or over easy?

There are so many questions at times, and, so few answers. Yet, there's at least one more question.

One has to ask if renaming "Parents' Weekend" has ever been considered.

Parents may constitute the majority of Academy guests each year over Labor Day weekend ... or, maybe not. They may be the most vocal, most proud, most influential ... but there's more to life than loud and proud.

Talking politics can, in and of itself, be politically incorrect.

As for the eggs, during Parents Weekend, sunny side up is the only option.

Sunny side up best describes the smiling faces of nieces, nephews, cousins, siblings, grandparents, boyfriends, girlfriends ... and yes, even parents, during the Labor Day event which provided many opportunities for guests to get a better feel for cadet life as whole.

Whether at the parade field, attending a chapel service, at Falcon Stadium for the season opener, in an academic setting, or attending the Colorado Balloon Classic downtown, the support group for cadets clearly extended for generations above and beyond parents. Grandparents, even great grandparents, were behind the scenes cheering on "their" cadets with great support and enthusiasm ... just with fewer decibels resulting from less available oxygen than back "home."

With beautiful weather all weekend and myriad activities for all ages, (including the home game where the Falcons trounced Southern Utah University), 2008 Parents' Weekend, once again, drew many thousands of cadet supporters.

The underlying question remains, however. Is the event's title the best choice?

Informal polls among unbiased groups have led to suggestions of renaming the weekend with titles like: "Family Frenzy" and "The Almost Perfect Storm."

Regardless of what the weekend is called, every year families depart knowing more about the Academy than when they arrived. That, after all, is key to cadets getting needed support from home which contributes to the institution producing officers second to none year after year.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

The Falcons' season opener vs. Southern Utah University was attended by thousands of family members and guests in town for Parents' Weekend.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Cadets stand in parade formation as a KC-135 passes overhead during Parents' Weekend.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Cadet 2nd Class Jessica Schafer holds her newborn niece, Lily Schafer, and is joined by her mother, Jeanne McLaren, and grandmother, Yvonne Dunson ... creating a four-generation memory during Parents' Weekend.



Photo by Ken Carter

A pair of hot-air balloons drift along the front range Sunday morning, the final day of the Colorado Balloon Classic, the largest hot air balloon festival in the Rocky Mountain region. Spectators from across the nation converged on Memorial Park Aug. 29, Saturday and Sunday for the launches and evening glows that have drawn as many as 250,000 people over the course of Labor Day weekend. Hundreds of Academy families attended, as the event coincides with Parents' Weekend each year.

Korea

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The day began with the chants of a monk breaking silence to announce the pre-dawn ceremonial service that includes the rhythmic beating of drums, ringing of gongs and a prayer ritual with 108 bows. The day is then followed by meditation, a tea ceremony, disciplined dining rituals and the teachings of Buddha.

Cadets were also introduced to the United States and Republic of Korea alliance structure that served as the foundation for regional peace and stabilization on the Korean Peninsula and East Asia since the signing of the 1953 armistice. The division between North and South Korea and the resulting cultural, political, military and economic challenges are paramount to understanding South Korean culture and strategic outlook.

The 1953 armistice left a war-torn country divided and both Koreas among the world's poorest countries. The last 50-plus years has seen South Korea's integration into the high-tech modern world economy with an incredible record of growth placing it among the top income producing nations of the world. By contrast, North Korea's economy has disintegrated to a

reliance on foreign aid and the government has isolated itself from international norms by possessing nuclear weapons.

The cadets were introduced to how both the success of South Korea and the threat of North Korea have shaped South Korean domestic politics and international agendas.

Through this immersion trip, they experienced the beauty and culture of both modern city life and the serenity of country-side Confucian hamlets. They gained an appreciation for richness of the Korean culture as well as the current security predicament of North Korea.

The Olmsted Foundation summer program to Korea provided a thorough cultural and political understanding for this select group of future Air Force officers to become future leaders in the dynamics of Korean and international affairs.

"I'm so thankful that the Olmsted Foundation gave me the opportunity to experience Korean culture" Cadet Beesemyer said. "Their geniality, nationalism, massive cities, respect for others, their food, and their language has changed me. I learned to do more to understand the complexities of other countries, cultures and issues."

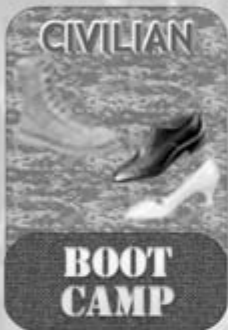


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Assignment JAG Iraq: challenging, exciting but not daunting

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

The Academy law professor recently just completed two and one half weeks of Advanced Contingency Skills Training at Ft. Dix, N.J., part of the largest class ever with more than 300 personnel.

Maj. Chad Austin will deploy as an Air Force Reserve major, having transferred from the Naval



Reserves about two years ago.

He has learned about military operations in urban terrain, convoy driving, improvised explosive device recognition, hand-to-hand combat, nighttime operations, combat tactics, field medical care and lots of practice with weapons.

"Hopefully, I will never have to use those skills but the training gave me an immense appreciation for the men and women who undertake those type of operations on a daily basis," said the law department associate professor from Chicago, Ill.

Assignment to the Law and Order Task Force, Bagdad, for 179 days late this fall sounds a mite daunting and overwhelming.

"Challenging and exciting but not daunting or overwhelming," said Professor Austin.

The Judge Advocate General Corps has prepared me to handle just about any legal situation that comes my way. I know it's going to be a tough assignment but I look forward to making a contribution and becoming a better officer and lawyer from the experience."

He hasn't been assigned an official title yet but knows he will working in the judicial arm of the task force.

"Our primary mission is to mentor Iraqi judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys on the rule of law," he said. "The Iraqis are responsible for the actual trials but we are assisting in

rebuilding a formerly corrupt judicial system and introducing American notions of fairness and due process. Our mission is unique in that we work directly with the Iraqis and coalition partners. As a lawyer, nothing could be more rewarding than returning the citizenry's faith in justice."

He expects to be part of a task force located in Forward Operating Base Shield which is next to Sadr City.

"I imagine the situation on the ground will be 'interesting' around the U.S. election," said the law professor. "Shield is a relatively bare bones base so there aren't any creature comforts of home like a McDonalds but they do have a gym."

Contingency training taught him that the number one threat to coalition forces is convoys and I.E.D.s.

"I may have to go outside the wire on occasion and I'll hope my number isn't up," the professor said. "My exposure to danger is far less than the soldiers who are on the ground kicking in doors and I am there to support the war fighters and Iraqis."

It is this Reservist's hope to have a meaningful impact on the attorneys he will be working with, the ones who are the pioneers in rebuilding their justice system.

"I hope to gain a deeper appreciation for the challenges our forces face and I hope to be able to share that perspective with my students when I return," he said. "Many of my students have answered the call and I feel it is my duty to do the same."



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Professor and Reservist Maj. Chad Austin visits a park in Moscow, Russia.



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Falcons tally two safeties in 41-7 rout

By Capt. Uriah Orland
Academy Public Affairs

Two defensive scores by one of the youngest teams in school history led the Air Force Falcons to a 41-7 rout over Southern Utah University in the season opener here Saturday.

Returning only eight starters from last year, the Falcons looked to an experienced defensive line to control the game. Leading the fight were senior defensive ends Jake Paulson and Ryan Kemp, who combined for a safety, a forced and recovered fumble, three sacks, and eight tackles, four for a loss, as the Falcon defense held SUU to 130 yards of offense and only seven yards rushing. Senior inside linebacker Brandon Reese also recorded a safety; marking the first time in school history the Falcons recorded two safeties.

In the Falcon's opening drive, second year Head Coach Troy Calhoun pushed for a fourth-and-goal conversion from the 1-yard line, however, the offense was unable to punch it in. The defense knew points were only inches away and stuffed the Thunderbirds for no gain on first down. On second down, Reese powered through and tackled running back Kenny Apilli for the game's first safety.

Air Force fumbled the free kick, but the defense forced another three and out to give the Falcons the ball on their own 45. Quarterback Shea Smith led the Falcons down the field and scored his first rushing touchdown, a 1-yard strike to put the Falcons up 9-0.

Despite pre-game chatter of Coach Calhoun using two quarterbacks, Smith was clearly the choice of the day.

"I felt like there was some good continuity when Shea was out there and with a young team I felt we needed that," the coach said. "I think (he) played solid. He did some things where he got the play and he looked over the sideline and checked the call. That part is what you want as a quarterback. The thing he does is make good decisions and he's got to do that."

Each side was forced to punt and the Thunderbirds were backed up on their own 6-yard line. Paulson broke through and wrapped up SUU quarterback Cody Stone in the end zone to put Air Force up 11-0.

Smith again charged the Falcons down the field, throwing the first touchdown pass of his career, a 14-yard strike to sophomore tight end Keith Madsen.

To close out the half, Smith led a 12-play, 63-yard drive that ended with a 30-yard field goal by Ryan Harrison as time expired and gave the Falcons a 21-0 lead.

Air Force continued to run over the Thunderbirds to start the third quarter. Z-wide receiver, Kyle Halderman, capped the drive with the first touchdown of his Falcons career, a 48-yard run, making it 28-0. He also recovered a Falcon fumble the play before to keep the drive alive.

The Falcon defense continued to pressure SUU and recorded two fumble recoveries by linebacker Ken Lamendola and defensive end Ryan Kemp. Harrison capped each turnover with two field goals from 42 and 32 yards to make the score 34-0.

At eight minutes into the third quarter the Falcon defense had allowed a total of 28 yards by the SUU offense.



Photo by John Van Winkle

Senior defensive end Jake Paulson sacks Southern Utah University quarterback Cody Stone for the second safety of the day. Air Force recorded a school-record two safeties in the game.

However, SUU came alive and drove 80 yards, scoring on a 31-yard touchdown pass from Stone to Nick Miller.

That was the only life seen by SUU as the Falcons shut down any further drives and added seven more points as Jonathan Warzeka scored his first touchdown as a Falcon on a 14-yard run.

Next week the Air Force Falcons travel to Laramie, Wyo., to battle the Wyoming Cowboys in their conference

opener, Saturday, 6 at 1:30 p.m. MST.

Air Force is 8-1 all-time in Mountain West Conference openers dating back to 1999. The Air Force-Wyoming series is the oldest and one of the closest series in school history. The Falcons hold a 23-20-3 series edge, including a 14-13 mark in conference games. Air Force has won the last two games in the series, including a 31-24 victory the last time the two played in Laramie.



Photo by Dave Armer



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Above: Tight end Keith Madsen catches the game's second touchdown. Quarterback Shea Smith led the Falcons in a 41-7 rout of Southern Utah University, scoring his first career rushing and passing touchdowns.

Left: Kyle Halderman pounds his way for tough yardage down the sidelines.

Mile High Sports Radio Network Named Denver flagship for Falcons

Mile High Sports Radio Network AM 1510, recently announced it has extended its agreement for two more years as the Denver affiliate station for Air Force Academy football and basketball games. The agreement also includes airing weekly coach's shows for the respective sports.

Dr. Hans Mueh, Director of Athletics at the Air Force Academy, explains that the relationship is important for the future, "This gives us a great opportunity to tell our story to the Denver area, which is very important to us as we continue to grow Falcon Athletics. We're very excited about our partnership with Mile High Sports and AM 1510."

Kevin Medina, Mile High Sports CEO, was thrilled with announcement saying,

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Newcomers shine for Air Force in Wyoming



Courtesy Photo

Dan Castle was the Academy's top men's performer in the Wyoming competition finishing 7th at 22:46.

By Valerie Perkin
Athletic communications

The Air Force cross country team opened the 2008 campaign at the annual Wyoming Invitational Aug. 29 in Laramie, Wyo. With many new faces on its lineup and several of its top returning runners from last year not competing, the Falcon men and women ran to matching third-place finishes against its conference foes from Colorado State and Wyoming.

Despite not having a single returning athlete on the race course, the women's team shined with the performances of their newest runners. Freshman Auriele Fain was the Falcons' top finisher, clocking a time of 15:27 to place sixth. Classmate Elyse Willard finished 14th in 16:16, while fellow freshman Meghan Prinkey placed 16th with a time of 16:30.

Freshman Phaelen French clocked a 20th-place time of 16:53, while junior Becca Burditt rounded out the scoring runners for Air Force. Burditt, who is beginning her first season as a member of the cross country team, clocked a time of 17:07 to finish 25th. Freshmen Katherine

Carroll (26th, 17:14) and Alexa Ramsier (27th, 17:37) also had strong debuts for the Falcons.

Although the men didn't feature a squad of newcomers like the women, it was a vastly different team than the one that took to Jacoby Golf Course last year. In fact, three of the five scoring runners for Air Force were returning to the team after a year's absence.

Senior Justin Mason paced the field with a sixth-place time of 22:45. Mason was one of three Falcons to finish within the top-10. Classmate Daniel Castle finished seventh with a time of 22:46, while sophomore Justin Tyner clocked a ninth-place finish after crossing the line in 22:47.

Senior Kyle Jones nearly cracked the top-10, placing 11th with a time of 22:56. Classmate Scott Balcao clocked a time of 23:10 to finish 14th and round out the Falcons' scoring runners.

In addition to the scoring runners, 15 other runners made their season debut on Friday night. Freshman James Walmsley and senior Sebastian Ortiz finished within the top 20, as Walmsley placed 16th (23:23) and Ortiz took 18th (23:31). Senior Brad

Chronister, who joined the Falcons' program this year, placed 21st with a time of 23:49. Freshman Jonathan Rock clocked a time of 23:53 to place 22nd.

Junior John Oliphint posted a time of 24:16 to place 24th, while sophomore Tyler Small timed in at 24:29 to finish 28th. Freshman Alex Zubey and junior Andy Schweitzer clocked respective finishes of 29th (24:51) and 30th (24:51). A trio of Falcon freshmen crossed the finish line in consecutive order, as Chase Welch (24:55), Jacob Fulton (24:56) and Ryan Del Grosso (25:03) finished 32nd, 33rd and 34th.

Junior Conor Murphy and freshman Nick White finished 37th (25:21) and 38th (25:27), while freshmen Matthew Cain (25:47) and Zachary Marx (25:56) rounded out the Air Force contingent with respective finishes of 41st and 42nd.

The Falcons are off until Sept. 13, when its 'A' squad travels to San Diego, Calif., for the annual Aztec Invitational. The meet will give Air Force a taste of running in that city, as the Aztecs are the host institution of the 2008 MWC Championships in November.

Women's soccer team struggles

By Nick Arseniak
Athletic Communications

The Air Force women's soccer team dropped a 1-0 match to Idaho State Aug. 29 at the Cadet Soccer Stadium. The Falcons drop to 0-2 on the season while the Bengals improved to 2-0.



Photo by Rachel Boettcher

Opponents battle it out to gain possession of the ball.

Benicia Brogan scored the lone goal of the match at the 46:25 mark to help Idaho State to the win.

It was a game of tough breaks for Air Force, as it was on the offensive for most of the night. The Falcons out-shot the Bengals 8-6 and spent most of the night making strong runs into the ISU back-field.

Air Force was able to attack the Idaho state defense but got some tough breaks on great scoring chances. Just minutes into the match, the Falcons got a shot past the goalkeeper, but an Idaho State defender was there for the team save. Senior Roni Yadlin had a sure-goal bounce off the left post in the 67th minute. Minutes later, freshmen Bridgett Murphy took a well-fed, blind cross-pass into the middle of box by Kelly Bieber and headed the ball right into ISU goalkeeper Bailey Williams' hands.

Murphy was a bright spot for the Falcons, showcasing a nose for the ball and the ability to slip past her defender on almost every touch. She led the way for the Falcons, taking five shots on goal.

Erin Wallace took the loss in goal for the Falcons, recording one save. Williams had four saves.

The youth movement is in full effect for Air Force, as head coach Marty Buckley started five freshmen in the match.



Photo by Demi Evans

Grass roots ...

Cadet Candidate Paul Gaski kicks off for the Huskies who suffered a disappointing loss to Snow College, 56-17, Aug. 29. The day also included a field dedication ceremony with the theme being "50 Years of Excellence—Leaders ... Past and Present 1958-2008." Honorary officials included former Husky coaches, athletic directors and a team physician. The new field's state-of-the-art all-weather surface mimics the root structure of real grass but with better performance when wet since it eliminates sod ripping resulting in pulled muscles. The eco-friendly and low-maintenance turf also has adequate "give" or cushion to prevent knee injuries when planting and twisting. Construction began in March and was completed in May this year at a cost of \$748,000.

Water Polo Player Honored with Memorial Dedication

The Academy will honor two 2001 graduates, Capt. Derek Argel and Capt. Jeremy Fresques, in a memorial dedication today at 12:50 p.m.

On Memorial Day 2005, during a deployment to

Afghanistan and Iraq, Argel and Fresques, who were assigned as Special Tactics Officers (Combat Controllers) upon graduating from the Academy, died when the small Iraqi plane they were riding in crashed in the Diyala Province.

To honor their memory, the Academy will install memorial display cases in Cadet Squadron 02 and CS-29, the

squadrons Argel and Fresques were assigned to during their time at the Academy. The displays will be the first at the Academy honoring Air Force Combat Controllers.

Argel was a four-year letter-winner for the Falcons' water polo team from 1997-2000. An all-conference honoree in his senior season, Argel was also an inaugural member of the

Falcon Club, which recognizes the team's elite athletes. Also in his senior year, Argel tried out for the boxing team, advancing to the heavyweight finals in the annual Wing Open.

The 2005 water polo season marked the conception of the Capt. Derek Argel Memorial Award, given annually at the team's awards banquet.

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Wednesday

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Sunday

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Friday

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Wednesday

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Mass - 4 p.m.

Sunday

Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Religious Formation - 10:45 a.m.
(September - May)

Tuesday-Friday

Mass - 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Live - 6 p.m.
Fellowship followed by Religious Education (September - May)

Saturday

Contemporary - 6 p.m.

Sunday

Traditional - 8 a.m.
Gospel - 11:15 a.m.

Paganism/Earth-centered Spirituality:

Call 333-6178 or E-mail Robert.Longcrier@usafa.edu for more information.

Cultural display

A Korean cultural exhibition is now on display at the McDermott Library. Lt. Col. Nancy Rower and Cadets 2nd Class Clark Beesemyer, Brock Logan, Thomas Sukut along with Cadet 1st Class Raymond Zhang have created an exhibition from their Olmsted program to South Korea. The exhibition of photos taken by the cadets, Korean pottery, traditional clothing and other Korean cultural items will be on display through October. For more information, call Colonel Rower at 333-2567.

Triathlon to honor cadet

The Falcon Groundspeed Foundation, established in 2008 by alumni of the Academy Triathlon Team, will host the Lindsay Brown Memorial Triathlon at the Academy Sept. 27. This is a short distance triathlon (750m swim, 14.69 mi bike, 5km run), that includes individuals, as well as relay teams. All proceeds will go to the Rando charity-assists cadets who have lost parents or for attendance of any cadets that pass while attending USAFA. Cadet 3rd Class Lindsay Brown was a member of Cadet Squadron 05, an intercollegiate swimmer and a member of the Academy's triathlon team. Cadet Brown was killed in a car accident in Florida Dec. 21, 2007, only four days after she returned home on leave. Lindsay lived every day to the fullest and never had any regrets. She was reading a book at the time of her death in which she wrote a quote while taking notes: "It's time to get out of my seat and get going!" That quote shows her determination and will to try new things. Perhaps you'd be willing to try a new thing - a triathlon! For more information about the upcoming event, see www.falcongroundspeed.com, or call Maj. James Thompson at 238-9274.

Guided tours

The Cadet Chapel staff is now

conducting four daily public guided tours weekdays at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., excluding holidays. The 30-minute tours are designed to provide visitors with more in-depth knowledge of the Chapel. Reservations are not necessary. Interested visitors should arrive a few minutes early.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center will be hosting the following classes this month:

Sponsorship Training

Tuesday; 8 to 9 a.m.

This class is for those who have been assigned to sponsor a newcomer to the area. Contact your unit sponsorship monitor for details.

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Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This workshop provides information for military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher.

SCORE

Sept. 12; 9 a.m. to noon

Have you ever thought about owning your own business, but you are not sure how to start! Then this workshop is for you!

DAV Medical Records Review

Sept. 15 and 29; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Must pre-register)

Individuals within 180 days of retirement or separation can have the DAV review their medical records.

Mock Interviewing Workshop

Sept. 16; 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Are you preparing for your next career move but feeling a little rusty on your interviewing skills? Know what to expect on your next interview. Mock interviewing with real HR representatives!

Newcomer's Orientation & Information Fair

Sept. 18; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mandatory orientation for all newly assigned Academy personnel. Spouses

are welcome to attend at the Milazzo Center.

TAP Seminar

Sept. 23-26; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Separating in a year or retiring in two years or less? Call now to reserve your spot in the next available TAP class.

Newcomer's Red Carpet Base Tour

Sept. 26; 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An informative, fun filled base tour that gives insight into the Academy mission and reveals all there is to see and do at the Academy.

Contact the A&FRC at 333-3444 for any questions and/or registration.

Military Appreciation Day

Academy Ice Arena military appreciation day is set for 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday. Skate for free, Win prizes and learn about "Learn to Skate" programs. The arena is located in the Cadet Field House. The program is based on the U.S. Figure Skating Association Skate with US, basic skills program. Military personnel, family members and accompanied guests and government civilian employees are welcomed. For more information, call 333-0389.



Mother and son night

Join the Southeast Armed Services YMCA along with Peterson, Schriever, Academy A&FRCs and Fort Carson's ACS for an evening of food, fun, "Flick n Float," bounce house, games, climbing wall and photos from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 20 at 2190 Jet Wing Drive. Call 622-9622 to register. Cost: Technical sergeants and above \$15, staffs and below \$10 per mother and son(s).



Potential danger

This bear cub was recently spotted (and photographed) by DenMar photographer Mike Kaplan near the Academy's B-52 display. As cute as they might be, cubs are often under the watchful eye of their mothers and should not be approached.