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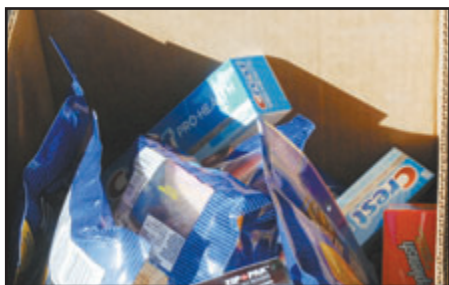
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Photo by Mike Kaplan

Shaved ice

Falcons forward Matt Fairchild
drives in close on a power
play against Bentley. The jun-
ior had one assist and one
shot on goal, helping the
Falcons sweep Bentley in a
home series and advance to
8-0. For more on the hockey
team's undefeated season,
see Page 15.

Quarterly award winners named

By Academy Spirit staff

The outstanding performance of base personnel was recognized by the Air Force Academy Superintendent, Lt. Gen. John Regni, during the Quarterly Awards Ceremony Oct. 30 in the Falcon Club.

Winners for the third quarter are:

- **Airman of the Quarter:** Senior Airman Natasha Coster, 10th Medical Support Squadron
- **NCO of the Quarter:** Staff Sgt. Michael

Duchesne, Academy Finance Office

- **Senior NCO of the Quarter:** Master Sgt. Steven Yoder, Academy Military Trainer for Cadet Squadron 34

- **Company Grade Officer of the Quarter:** 1st Lt. David Alaniz, 10th Medical Operations Squadron

- **Civilian of the Quarter:** Irene Klarich, Department of Physics

- **Senior Civilian of the Quarter:** Geren Fawver, 306th Operations Support Squadron

- **Manager/Supervisor Civilian of the Quarter:** David Lane, 10th Medical Support Squadron

- **Honor Guard Award Winners:** Airman 1st Class Sabrina Hibbens, 10th Aero Medical Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Kimmy Middleton, 10th Medical Support Squadron.

"All across the Academy the teamwork is evident and sincere, so thank you," said General Regni. "During Corona See AWARDS, Page 4

Class of 2011 selects exemplar

By Academy Spirit staff

There are a few things that made Brig. Gen. Robin Olds appealing as an exemplar to the Class of 2011.

His funeral service was held at the Academy the week the class in-processed in June 2007.

"It seemed fitting that the

class learned to march his missing man formation on the Terrazzo as F-4s flew over head," said Cadet Squadron 38's Cadet 3rd Class Joseph Bledsoe. "2011 embraced General Olds because we saw something different in him. We saw that he was a true leader and that he got the job done while taking care of his

people - 2011 in many ways is like that. We know when to have fun and we know when to work hard ... very much like General Olds did."

General Olds came to the Academy in 1967 to be the commandant of cadets, fresh off a combat tour flying F-4s over Southeast Asia.

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We are always accountable

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz
Commander,
Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Over the past few months, we've heard a lot about accountability in our Air Force. If you're a little unsure as to what people mean when they discuss "accountability," you're not alone.

Over the years, the word "accountability" has been associated with high-profile failures, including shooting down our own helicopters in Iraq, bombing friendly troops in Afghanistan, and failing to keep positive control over nuclear components. Closely related to this, "accountability" has also been associated with specific sanctions, including loss of rank, forced retirements, and documenting poor performance on fitness reports.

But focusing only on specific actions and sanctions misses the point. Accountability goes much deeper than that. Accountability is a matter of trust. Without accountability, we risk losing the trust of our fellow Airmen, our sister services, and the American people.

To be accountable is to be subject to the consequences of our choices. Whether we choose to do the right thing – to act with integrity, service, and excellence – or not, we have to be prepared to accept the consequences.

Even if others do not hold us accountable, we are all accountable – always. If we ever forget that as individual Airmen, we're headed down a very dangerous path. If we ever forget it as a service, we're headed toward extinction.

We are accountable for the choices

we make in our personal lives. The vast majority of choices that get people in trouble involve alcohol, sex, drugs, and/or money. Each year, some of us make wrong choices in these areas, and we are held accountable. Sometimes, careers are ruined as a result. More importantly, a bad choice hurts the people we love, especially our families, friends, and our fellow Airmen. If you have problems in these areas, go to someone you can trust and get help. If you know an Airman who is headed down a wrong path, help them before they make a bad choice.

We are also accountable for the choices we make as military professionals. We must adhere to the standards we learned when we first received our training. When an Airman cuts corners by failing to follow tech order guidance or violating a flying directive, we must hold them accountable. When you see people doing the wrong thing, correct them. We must police each other, because if we don't, small lapses will lead to bigger ones, and the entire Air Force family will eventually suffer.

Many of us throughout the Air Force are instructors. We teach and enforce the standards. It is also essential that we live by the standards. We must set the right example, otherwise we lose our credibility. We all remember teachers whose attitude was: "do as I say, not as I do." We cannot be like that. As we shape the future of our Air Force, we must hold ourselves to the highest standards of personal and professional conduct.

When you assume responsibility for others as a supervisor or commander, it is important to realize that you've taken

a big leap in accountability. Simply put, you are accountable for the choices your people make. That is why you must lead by example. Your people need to see that you set high standards and live according to those standards. You must also enforce standards within your unit. You should correct deficiencies at the lowest level before they grow into something bigger. Remember this – units with high standards have high morale. It's been that way throughout military history.

If we fail to hold ourselves accountable, we risk losing the trust that we have worked so hard to gain. Airmen will not trust a leader who does not consider themselves accountable for their actions. Just as importantly, the American people will not trust us with their sons and daughters – or their most destructive weapons – if we do not hold ourselves accountable. When things go wrong, our civilian authorities, our sister services, and the American people need to see that we take action to correct the problem and move forward, but assigning accountability is also critical for maintaining trust.

We do not want to return to a situation where the public doesn't trust us. I entered the Air Force during a time when public trust in the military was very low, and it was difficult on all of us. In the years after Vietnam, we built trust by setting high standards and holding ourselves accountable for meeting those standards. It was the right thing to do, and it worked. Now, we must maintain these high standards. As we make personal and professional choices, we must remember that we are all accountable – always.

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Character Corner MOH recipient talks to Class of 2012

By Capt. Dan Kenny
Center for Character Development

The Center for Character Development and the Class of 2012 welcomed Paul Bucha to the Academy for a presentation on honor and integrity recently.

Mr. Bucha is a 1965 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and a recipient of the Medal of Honor for heroism in combat in 1968 during the Vietnam War. He was a very powerful speaker and clearly feels great passion about his message.

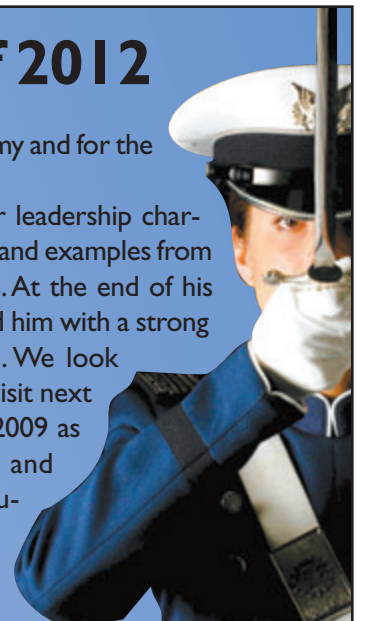
For almost an hour, Mr. Bucha spoke to the young men and women of 2012 on his five characteristics of leadership – integrity, confidence, competence, compassion, and humility; the most important one being integrity. There is a reason why our first Air Force Core Value is Integrity. It is the foundation of all character and leadership.

As Mr. Bucha related to the cadets, without integrity there is no trust; without trust, no one follows you; and if no one is following, then you're not leading. He said, "Honor is the foundation of why you are here today. Honor is the foundation of

everything you do at this academy and for the rest of your life."

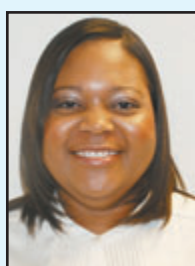
He covered the other four leadership characteristics with gripping stories and examples from his military and civilian careers. At the end of his speech, the fourth class thanked him with a strong and heartfelt standing ovation. We look forward to Mr. Bucha's return visit next May to speak to the Class of 2009 as they approach graduation and commissioning as second lieutenants.

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



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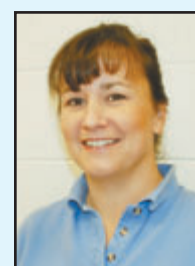
Veronica Wade
HQ USAFA

"Winter sports. I enjoy skiing and skating with my family."



Command Chief
Master Sgt.
Graham Smith
Cadet Wing

"The sunny days because the snow melts quickly. I came from Alaska where the snow never melts."



Holly Brower
10th Services
Squadron

"The beauty of Colorado. It looks like a Christmas card."



Cathy Wedo
HQ USAFA



“We Care” brightens life for deployed Airmen

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Deployed Air Force Academy members will soon receive a sampling of home.

For the last two weekends, volunteers from Operation We Care have been collecting non-perishable snacks and other items from Academy Base Exchange and commissary patrons to pack and ship to Airmen in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This weekend, volunteers from the First Sergeants Council and the Academy School District 20 Junior ROTC will continue to collect items at both locations Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“We want to remind folks there that we’re here and have not forgotten them,” Senior Master Sgt. Jack Ladley said. “We want them to know we will take care of them and their families while they’re gone.”

The goal is 200 packages to be shipped by Thanksgiving. The U.S. Post Office is contributing boxes.

Non-perishable food items could include beef jerky, candy bars, gum and mints, trail mix and nuts. Other items could include sun block, body lotion, magazines, music and video CDs, playing cards, razors, books, magazines, lip balm, toothbrushes and tooth paste and sunglasses. Also needed are single-serving dry drink mixes for water bottles.

Airman 1st Class Barbara Coddington, with the 10th Dental Squadron, said contributors might have other ideas for items to brighten the Airmen’s days overseas, such as puzzle books or games.

Used CDs and DVDs are also welcomed, and arrangements can be made for pick-up of bulk items outside the weekend hours.

Sergeant Ladley said Airmen’s needs depend on their deployed locations. Some locations may have BX facilities while Airmen in more austere locations may appreciate such simple items as soap and toiletries.

Retired Air Force member Rick Tomaselli, with the Health and Wellness Center, said the drive so far has been “going extremely well.” Teams collected more than 500 pounds of merchandise the first weekend alone.



Photos by Ann Patton

Keaton Lewis, 14, with Air Academy High School JROTC, teams up with Airman 1st Class Barbara Coddington, 10th Dental Squadron, to collect items for Operation We Care. Snacks and grooming items are among needed contributions.

Just as needful as food treats and other items is funding to ship the packages, estimated at \$3,000. Commissary and BX customers may make donations for shipping costs at those locations during the weekend drive.

“Our biggest challenge is to raise the money to get the packages out,” Sergeant Ladley said.

To arrange for a pick-up or make a cash donation, call 333-2139. Checks should be made out to the First Sergeants Council.

“It’s a great message to let our Airmen know we’re thinking of them,” Mr. Tomaselli said.



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Awards

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the senior leaders bragged about this installation, the escorts, the spirit and camaraderie and all the great things we are doing.”

Highlights of the awards include: Airman Coster, 10th MDSS, aggres-

sively engaged with the finance office to clear a backlog of invoices not scheduled for payment and cleared \$350,000 in delinquent invoices. She also updated 78 defense medical logistics standard support records, processed more than \$56,000 in prime vendor credits and increased 13 war readiness materiel and home station medical

response projects to 100 percent.

Sergeant Duchesne, FM, managed the 10th Air Base Wing's \$30.1 million budget, committing \$5.1 million within 24 hours, ensuring no disruptions to the wing's operations. He also filled the void during the NCO in charge's absence to oversee a \$50 million 10th Medical Group project. During the end of year closeout, Sergeant Duchesne de-obligated 27 outstanding travel orders, returning \$27,900 to the respective units, allowing them to fund other priorities.

Sergeant Yoder, CS-34, supervised nine senior NCOs during Combat Survival Training as the CST Training Support team leader, providing fuel, food and equipment for 220 cadets. His leadership was instrumental in CS-34 having the lowest number of discipline cases in 3rd Group and reduced probations in the squadron by 64 percent. Sergeant Yoder is also the NCO in charge of drill and ceremonies evaluations during Commandant's Challenge Nov. 23-24.

Lieutenant Alaniz, 10th MDOS, led a team at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, handling 236 operating room cases with a survival rate of 95 percent. He orchestrated patient flow for mass casualties, standardized the floor plan for an efficient and effective process to save lives, limbs and eyesight. As the neuro manager for the area, Lieutenant Alaniz identified shortfalls and procured more than \$1 million in critical supplies to fill them.

Irene Klarich, DFP, created and config-

ured just-in-time teaching “preflights” across the dean of faculty ensuring quizzes were set for 2,400 cadets and 100 faculty members at the first class. She fixed a software bug in the physics and chemistry courseware impacting more than 1,400 cadets, which was adopted by the software vendor for future fixes. In addition, her solution to a registry problem affecting 38 faculty members was adopted by the Academy Help Desk for the entire EDU network.

Geren Fawver, 306th OSS, was the focal point for the largest airfield revamp in Academy history, overseeing a \$4 million construction project that was finished one month early. He planned and supervised eight projects including building a new taxiway and repaving two runways and two taxiways. During an airfield certification inspection, Mr. Fawver was named the top performer on the Airfield Improvement Team, slashing discrepancies by 55 percent. Finally, he established new airfield boundaries improving airfield security and aircraft safety.

David Lane, 10th MDSS, managed the war reserve materiel program, garnering the Academy a 99.8 percent accountability rate during an Air Force Medical Operations Agency staff assistance visit. His logistician skills were highlighted by finding errors in the 2009 Health Services Inspection guide and driving two vital Air Force Medical Service-wide contract oversight changes.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Senior Airman Natasha Coster of the 10th Medical Support Squadron scans records. In addition to her regular duties, the Academy's newest Airman of the Quarter is an Angel Heart volunteer, SCUBA instructor and works to finish her Community College of the Air Force degree.

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Engineering Accreditation Commission visits

By Capt. Uriah Orland
Academy Public Affairs

Ten Academy majors programs were found to be exemplary during an ABET, Inc., visit Sunday through Tuesday here.

“The findings of an external accreditation team were huge – as they validated the esteem in which the Academy, the Air Force, and other sources hold our engineering and computer science programs,” said Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born. “Although we were confident that we have first-rate programs, it is very encouraging to find other professionals come to that same conclusion when viewing the programs through a very objective evaluation prism.”

The Engineering Accreditation Commission evaluated the Aeronautical, Astronautical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Environmental, and Mechanical Engineering, and Engineering Mechanics programs for reaccreditation and the Systems Engineering program for initial accreditation. The Computing Accreditation Commission evaluated the Computer Science program for reaccreditation.

“We evaluate the programs based on nine criteria ranging from students to program educational objectives, program outcomes, continuous improvement, curriculum, faculty and facilities,” said the EAC team chair, whose name is not releasable. “Following our visit we’ll write our reports about what we find and they will be forwarded to the respective commissions for their meetings in July.”

During the final briefing to Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni, each evaluator read a prepared state-



Photo by Joel Strayer

Cadets putting academic theory to the test with practical applications was among the practices noted during the accreditation visit, including this work during the Field Engineering Readiness Laboratory class taught by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

ment about their findings. The EAC team chair highlighted institutional strengths including faculty orientation and training, course development methods, increased tour length from 3 to 4 years for military professors to ensure better continuity, and identifying possible faculty members in the graduating class. Other strengths included the accessibility of professors and the extensive hands-on training provided to cadets.

The EAC team chief also highlighted the cadet and faculty relationships in the departments. Specifically he cited that cadets and faculty believe that faculty accessibility is integral to their educational success. In addition, the extensive hands-on training in the programs

provides better learning opportunities and gives Academy graduates abilities that are directly applicable after graduation.

The narratives read by the evaluators showcased the availability of professors and the outstanding teaching methods employed during capstone research programs. The evaluators also keyed in on the modern facilities, calling them state of the art and an excellent research opportunity for students and faculty.

The CAC team chief criticized the availability and accessibility of network systems as an issue that has had negative effects on cadets, courses and faculty. He did point out that the most serious effects have been mitigated; but, reacting to problems as they arise does not create stability in the network.

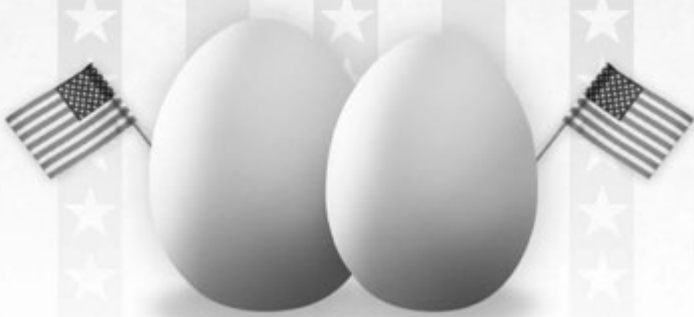
The Academy has been working in earnest to solve network issues. To help lead these efforts, General Regni created the director, communication and information position, and selected Col. David Gibson, head of the Department of Computer Science, to fill the seat.

The Academy will receive the final results from the ABET in August or September 2009.

“Our goal is for all of our engineering and computer science programs to earn complete accreditation,” said General Born.

The Dean and faculty continue to prepare for an April visit by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. That visit will provide institutional accreditation and will accredit the Bachelor of Science degree every graduate receives.

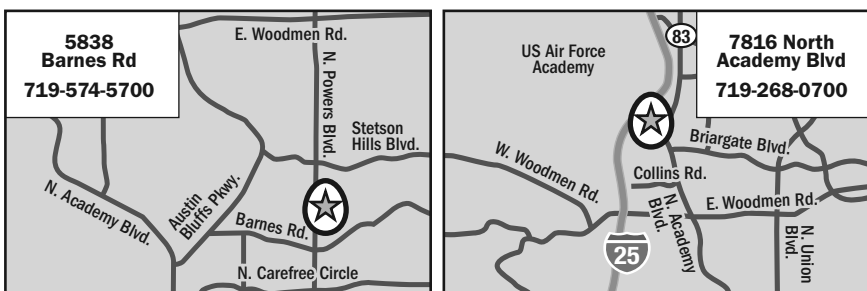
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High Country Inn open during holidays



Photos by Dave Arner

The High Country Inn dining facility will be open to retirees and enlisted Airmen and their immediate family members with ID cards (dependent ID card holders must be accompanied by their sponsor), for a limited time during the upcoming holidays while Prep School students are gone.

The holiday meal dates are Nov. 25-30 and Dec. 20-Jan. 4, and the special meal hours are:

- Breakfast: 7 - 8 a.m. (breakfast and lunch are not offered on Nov. 25 and Dec. 20).
- Lunch: noon - 1 p.m.
- Dinner: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (dinner is not offered on Nov. 30 and Jan. 4).

On Thanksgiving and Christmas days, the traditional meal, served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., will include several culinary displays provided by the dining facility culinary team.

All meals will be a la carte, at low fees. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Lou Moya at 333-2825 or Danielle Behrman at 333-4730. Please RSVP five days in advance for the holiday meals.

Officials announce 2009 retired, annuitant pay adjustments

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - There will be a cost-of-living adjustment increase for retired pay and Survivor Benefit Plan annuities effective Dec. 1, according to Pentagon officials.

Based on the increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index, retirees being paid on an account where the retiree first became a member of the uniformed services before Sept. 8, 1980, and retired before Jan. 1, 2008, will receive the full COLA increase of 5.8 percent.

Retirees being paid on an account where the retiree first became a member of the uniformed services before Sept. 8, 1980, and retired Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2008, will receive a COLA increase of up to 5 percent.

The COLA increase for retirees being paid on an account where the retiree first became a member of the uniformed services on or after Sept. 8, 1980, will be as follows:

- 5.8 percent for those retiring before Jan. 1, 2008
- 5 percent for those retiring in the first quarter of calendar 2008
- 3.8 percent for those retiring in

the second quarter of calendar 2008

— 1.2 percent for those retiring in the third quarter of calendar 2008

— No increase for those retiring in the fourth quarter of calendar 2008

Retirees who first became a member of the uniformed services on or after Aug. 1, 1986, elected to receive a Career Status Bonus, and retired before Jan. 1, 2008, will receive a COLA as follows:

— 4.8 percent for those retiring before Jan. 1, 2008

— 4.2 percent for those retiring in the first quarter of calendar 2008

— 3.3 percent for those retiring in the second quarter of calendar 2008

— 1 percent increase for those retiring in the third quarter of calendar 2008

— No increase for those retiring in the fourth quarter of calendar 2008

The COLA increase will be reflected in the Jan. 2 payment.

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Academy team works to develop USAFA Outcomes

By Dr. Steve Jones
Director of Academic Assessment

Since 2003, the Academy's Officer Development System has defined character-based leadership and the desired outcomes toward which all developmental activities here are focused. Recently, however, an important component of this system was revised to include an integrated set of responsibilities, skills, and knowledge required of newly commissioned officers.

The USAFA Outcomes reflect the combined influence of both the U.S. Air Force Officer Competencies and a multi-year effort by the Association of American Colleges and Universities to "turn a spotlight on the kinds of knowledge, skills, and values that are needed to prepare today's students for an era of greater expectation in every sphere of life." In short, they represent the characteristics that cadets should have upon graduation from the Academy.

Developing these outcomes in cadets is obviously an enormous task, and, increasingly, the mission elements are working together to do it in an integrated way. For example, the Academy has recently created interdisciplinary "outcome teams," each of which is responsible for overseeing the cadet development of one Academy outcome. Each team consists of 5-10 staff and faculty members. Their job is to work together to foster cadet development of their outcome across cadets' four-year experience.

Much of the promise of the outcome teams stems from the fact that they are fully integrated, fostering collaborations across all parts of the Academy.

"Outcome teams represent one of the most creative and powerful approaches I've seen anywhere in the country. They will help assure that the 'whole' of a cadet's experience at the Academy truly does add up to even more than the sum of its already outstanding parts," said Dr. Rich Hughes, the USAFA Transformation Chair who is overseeing the outcome teams work.

To complete their mission, each outcome team fulfills three closely related roles with regard to their

outcome. First, they represent the Academy's institutional expertise about the outcome. The members of each outcome team are the same people who teach courses and oversee training of cadets. Therefore, their educational and professional backgrounds make them especially well-qualified to guide cadet development in that area. Within their teams, they work to make connections – spanning across the institution – between the different courses and programs cadets experience.

The second role of each outcome team is one of institutional stewardship. Each team is responsible for overseeing the Academy's efforts to assess cadets' accomplishment of their outcome. Are the cadets demonstrating critical thinking at the levels we would expect? Are they treating one another with respect for human dignity? Are they building the knowledge necessary to become an officer of character? And how can the Academy improve in areas where cadets might be falling short? These are the kinds of questions the



teams are asked to confront.

The final role of the outcome teams is one of institutional ambassadorship. Put simply, the outcome teams are institutional spokespersons for their outcomes. It is in this final role that readers of the Academy Spirit will be introduced to these teams over the next few months.

Starting next week, each issue of the Academy Spirit will feature a short description of one of the outcomes, both as a way to introduce readers to each outcome and as a way to update readers on some of the exciting things the outcome teams have been doing around the Academy. Importantly, these descriptions will be written by the outcome teams themselves – the very same people who foster the development of the outcomes in cadets. Readers can look forward to learning much more about their important work in the weeks and months to come.

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Exemplar

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"In a time of war General Olds knew how to motivate his warriors ... he was dealing with the Vietnam War like we deal with the Global War on Terror," said the cadet. "I feel like we look to his mottos and dogma for inspiration in a time of war."

The flamboyant general's daughter had met cadets with great emotion; then introduced her father's wingman, retired Col. J.B. Stone as the guest speaker.



Courtesy photos

Then-Col. Robin Olds tests out his commandant's chair, upon arrival at the Academy after a combat tour in Southeast Asia. Prior to his arrival, the chair was personalized with the four red stars, signifying the four MiGs that made the mistake of crossing his path.

"Brigadier General Olds was known for his audacity, focus and zeal as stated on the Exemplar coins presented at the Exemplar Dinner," said Maj. Laura Johnson, course director for the History Department. "Apparently General Olds once said: 'There are pilots ... and then there are pilots. With the good ones - it is inborn. You can't teach it. If you are a fighter pilot, you have to be willing to take risks.'"

The History Department-sponsored exemplar program is to give each class the chance to select an aerospace leader whose actions, accomplishments and life demonstrate the qualities that cadets strive to achieve, said the major.

The process starts during the four degrees' fall semester, when an exemplar committee is formed.

"An exemplar is an airpower figure who becomes a role model for the class," said Cadet 3rd Class Justin Lennon, CS-23. "Someone for the class to strive to emulate and match in all areas of performance. Also it is a source of pride for the class. The class exemplar is announced after recognition and the right to have an exemplar is something that must be earned. The exemplar is someone's legacy that the entire class can rally behind."

General Olds' legacy started at West Point, where he was an all-American tackle on the football team, and graduated in 1943. After completing pilot training, he was assigned to the European theater of operations. He began his combat flying in a P-38 Lightning named "Scat 1" during World War II, and at the end of the war he was flying "Scat VII," a P-51 Mustang, and was credited with 107 combat missions and 24.5 victories, 12 aircraft shot down and 11 1/2 aircraft destroyed on the ground.

He returned to combat operation during the Vietnam War, flying F-4 Phantoms. During Vietnam he completed 152 combat missions, including 105 over North Vietnam. Utilizing air-to-air missiles, he shot down two MiG-17 and two MiG-21 aircraft over North Vietnam - two of



Col. Robin Olds preflights his F-4C Phantom before a mission in Southeast Asia. He was the commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing based out of Ubon Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, from 1966-67, where he flew 152 combat missions, including 105 over North Vietnam.

these on one mission. He ended his Vietnam tour as a triple ace, with 17 total kills, and brought his warrior mentality with him to the Academy as commandant of cadets from 1967 to 1971.

"General Olds was voted as our class exemplar by all the members of the class," said Cadet Lennon. "In choosing General Olds as our exemplar, our class chose to be extraordinary. Robin Olds was an incredible man and his selection by our class is a testament to our commitment to being an extraordinary class. General Olds was an excellent leader and a true, true warrior, two things every member of our class wants to achieve."

General Olds retired in 1973 and died in 2007.

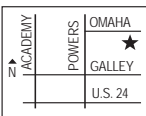
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Dusk, dawn most active times for deer, elk

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Deer and elk are as much a treasured part of the Academy's lush landscape as its forests and meadows.

Academy national resources planner Brian Mihlbachler said, contrary to some notions, deer and elk along the Front Range don't "move down the mountain" in anticipation of winter weather.

"They are residents here at any given time," he said. "They are here to stay."

One explanation could be that because of the shortened daylight hours of fall and winter, sightings may become

more frequent because deer and elk are most active at dawn and dusk, times when humans are going and coming.

The Academy's estimated herd of 35 elk tends to move more frequently, usually north to south and vice versa, from near Pine Valley to private land north of the Academy.

"Deer are more localized," Mr. Mihlbachler said. "They tend to live in smaller groups and have smaller ranges. Some fawns may spend their entire lives in the range where they were born."

Aerial and ground surveys, both consistent in estimated numbers this year, revealed the Academy is home to

between 250 and 300 mule deer.

White tail deer also make their home here, generally in more easterly locations of the Academy.

Humans, for the safety of wildlife and themselves, need to be vigilant when driving on the Academy, Mr. Mihlbachler said.

"These animals are unpredictable," he said.

Drivers should scan roadsides, as well as the road for the presence of wildlife, particularly at dawn and dusk, and warn other drivers with flashing headlights.

There is good reason for drivers to be wildlife aware. Depending on age and sex, a deer can weight from 100 pounds for a doe to 170 pounds for big bucks. An elk can weigh between 300 pounds for a female up to 1,500 pounds for a large bull elk. For both species, that's plenty of stopping power for any vehicle.

Traffic accidents involving wildlife on the Academy have ranged from fender benders to destruction of total vehicles. Animals may run into the side of a vehicle, hit it head on or shatter a windshield with a full body hit.

Last year 32 vehicle accidents on base were reported to the Academy's Department of Natural Resources. So far this year, only seven accidents have been reported.

That number may go up before the

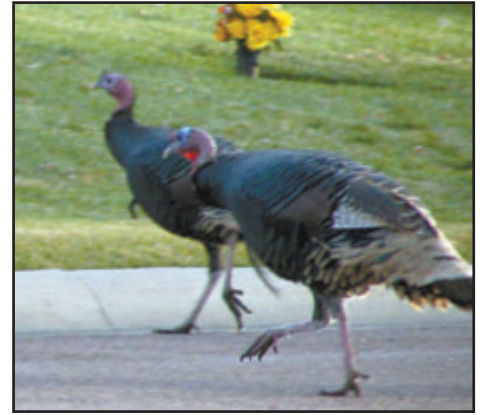


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The Academy's estimated 80 turkeys enjoy hanging out on the golf course, cemetery and in housing areas.

end of the year because of the rutting season when deer and elk are very active. While elk have finished their rut, the deer are just beginning, according to Greg Speights, Academy fish and wildlife technician.

In addition to deer and elk, about 80 turkeys call the Academy home, and drivers should watch out for them as well. Mr. Mihlbachler said he personally has seen turkeys almost run down by careless drivers.

He added traffic accidents involving deer have been reported even in the housing areas where the speed limit is 25 m.p.h.

"There is no excuse for hitting something in the housing areas," he said. "Deer are the least of our problems."



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A group of mule deer feast on the grass outside Harmon Hall. The deer number between 250 and 300 on the Academy.

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Iraqi, American firefighters combine forces

By Master Sgt. Brian Davidson
447th Air Expeditionary Group

NEW AL MUTHANA AIR BASE, Iraq – As senior government leaders hammer-out a new Status of Forces Agreement that will set the path for future American and Iraqi military policies, a group of American and Iraqi firefighters have already developed a working relationship that creates ties and also helps protect people, structures and aircraft at Baghdad International Airport. U.S. Air Force firefighters from the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron at Sather Air Base and Iraqi air force firefighters from New al Muthana Air Base are learning how to work together to protect life and property in the event of any type of ground or in-flight emergency.

The most recent training paired the American and Iraqi firefighters in an exercise where they practiced the procedures for rescuing the flight crew from a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft in the event of a fire in the cargo hold.

The training began with the firefighters meeting for a briefing to discuss the objectives of the exercise including aircrew egress procedures and how to integrate their rescue and firefighting processes.

"We used an Iraqi air force C-130 for the training, and the Iraqi firefighters took the lead in entering the aircraft," explained Chief Master Sgt. John Cinquemani, 447th ECES fire chief. "It's important to learn about each other's capabilities and become familiar with the different equipment that's used so we can integrate into one team in the event of any type of emergency. We have to have one common goal and one common process in order to save lives and get the job done."

Chief Cinquemani explained that working firefighting activities at an airport offers a unique set of challenges and dangers as compared to a regular city fire department. He is deployed from the 105th



Photo by Master Sgt. Brian Davidson

Iraqi air force firefighters respond to a simulated fire in the cargo hold of an Iraqi C-130 Hercules transport aircraft. The exercise was conducted along with U.S. Air Force firefighters from the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

Airlift Wing at Stewart Air National Guard Base in New York, where he serves as the full-time fire chief for the Guard base as well as Stewart International Airport. With more than 37 years as a firefighter and 23 years as a fire chief, he understands those challenges and dangers, and pushes both the American and Iraqi firefighters to learn how to work together.

To that end, the chief is planning weekly training and exercises that will encompass a vast range of crisis scenarios and push the firefighters to perform as a seamless team. "If we have an emergency on the Iraqi air force side of the airfield or involving an Iraqi aircraft, then they will take the lead and we will back them up," he said. "If it involves an American aircraft, they have our backs—and it takes constant training be ready."

When the training began, the call went out over the radio announcing an emergency response to a simulated fire aboard the Iraqi aircraft. The Iraqi and American fire trucks rolled out across the taxiway and took staggered positions around the aircraft.

With the Americans wearing silver protective suits and the Iraqis wearing black, they worked together to pull hoses off of the Iraqi trucks and prepare to enter the aircraft.

The Iraqis manned the hoses and stood by as American firefighters counted down and then yanked open the aircraft door. The Iraqis immediately pushed through the opening with their hoses and began clearing procedures, followed by their American back-up.

Once the aircraft was cleared, the teams gathered to discuss what they did well, and what they could do better. "We still have to overcome the language barrier and do better in coordinating our actions so we all move and act together," said Staff Sgt. Jason Ankenbauer, 447th ECES firefighter, who is

deployed from the 144th Fighter Wing at Fresno Air National Guard Base, Calif.

"When you are dealing with an aircraft fire, there are lots of other things to consider including the fact that you have to work very quickly—not only to save lives but because it's a three-dimensional environment and there are always going to be other activities around the emergency area and multiple aircraft overhead that are waiting to land." Sergeant Ankenbauer also said that their training will allow them to be better prepared to assist the civilian Iraqi firefighters on the Baghdad International Airport side of the flightline in the event of a major civilian aircraft crash, fire or mass-casualty incident.

Chief Cinquemani praised the firefighters for staying focused on their task, and doing their best to move as a team. He then explained that he is working on a project to make sure all American and Iraqi firefighters get the same self-contained breathing equipment so they can more effectively team-up while working and training together.



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Twins – a constant support system

By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

Soccer was not the only thing that drew Cadet 4th Class Amber Sikora and her twin sister Ashley all the way from their Vancouver, Wash., home to the Academy.

“I was mostly drawn to the academy to play soccer, but other reasons for coming here are that a clear future is planned and it is an active school where health is a big issue,” Amber said. “I really enjoyed Basic Cadet Training in Jacks Valley. I liked the courses and the rough atmosphere. I enjoy soccer, which is another highlight.”

The twins see each other every day either at soccer or when they work out.

“We always work out with each other,” Amber said. “We have been workout buddies since about seventh grade. My sister and I are huge movie buffs too. We enjoy watching movies – especially scary movies.”

She has been playing soccer since she was four years old. She also scored more than 450 on the cadet physical fitness test.

There doesn't seem to be many downsides to

having a twin sister at the Academy, “but since we are four degrees and we look alike, I get yelled at by her upperclassman in her squadron and she gets yelled at or talked to by upperclassman in my squadron. But that doesn't really bother us,” said Amber, who plans to major in management.

“Being a twin here is really good because I always have a support system,” Amber said.

“There are a few other sets of twins at the Academy,” said Ashley. “It is difficult to spot twins because if they are not right next to each other, then people think they are the same person.”

Cases of mistaken identity are commonplace.

“It happens every day,” said Ashley, a management or human resources major hopeful. “During basic training over the summer, upperclassman got my sister and I mixed up. I would get yelled at by her cadre and she would get yelled at by my cadre. During the day, I will have random cadets coming up to me thinking I am my sister and begin to talk to me.”

“But we are use to it,” she continued. “There is also always constant competition between the two of us because we are both very competitive.”

The highlight at the Academy so far? “Just being able to play soccer with my sister and all the friends I have made on the soccer team. We are all family now. [Amber and I] actually get to see each other every day during soccer or when we go to the gym to work out. Other than that, we are pretty much confined to our squads,” Ashley said. “She is in Cadet Squadron 38 and I am in CS-9, so they definitely managed to split us up nicely.”

Ashley says it is incredible how many people from around her area got selected for the Academy.

Cadet 4th Class Judy Baumgardner, another Skyview High School grad who they played high school soccer with, was also drawn to the Academy. In addition to Cadet Baumgardner, Cadets 4th Class Ariana Green and Kristin Connell chose the Academy.

What work do they hope to do in the Air Force? “I am not sure what I would specifically like to do in the Air Force but I would like to do something



Photos by Rachel Boettcher

Defender/midfield Ashley Sikora, left, talks with her twin Amber, during the Oct. 31 Air Force-Utah soccer game.

with management,” said Ashley. “Luckily I have some time to figure it out.”

“I am not totally sure what I want to do in the Air Force, I guess anything is fine with me as of right now,” Amber said.



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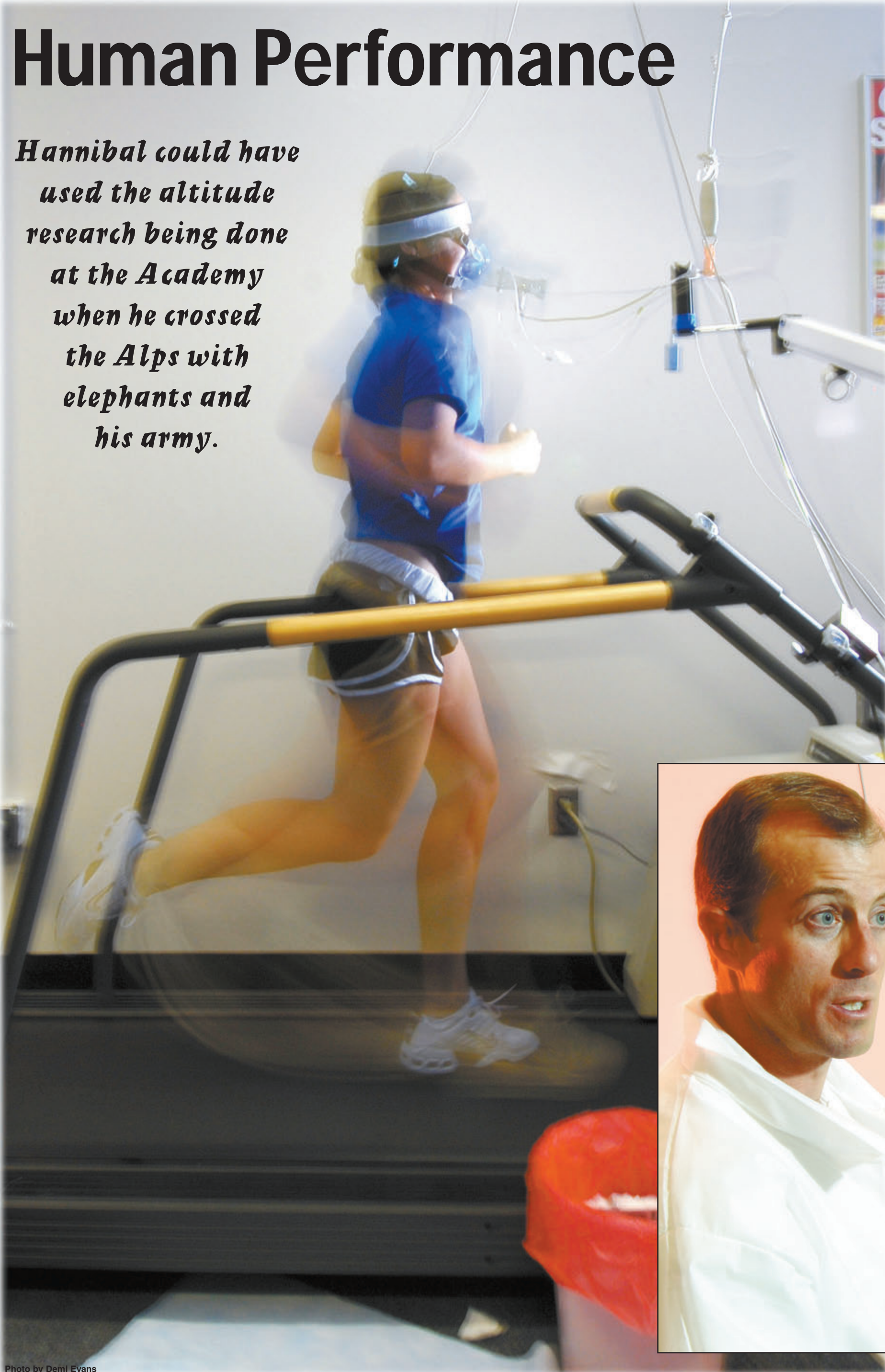

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Human Performance

Hannibal could have used the altitude research being done at the Academy when he crossed the Alps with elephants and his army.



By Butch Wehry
Academy Spirit staff

Special ops and other organizations can use the research being done in the Human Performance Laboratory's high altitude study in the lab beneath the Cadet Gymnasium to determine which people are best suited to be landed on a 12,000 feet Afghanistan mountaintop.

"We've used this and the previous studies results to track our female and freshmen male athletes from sea level to ensure they have sufficient iron values to successfully adapt to the Academy's moderate altitude and work with the 10th Medical Group to get them dietary counseling and iron supplements when they are low," said Maj. Michael Brothers, of the Athletic Department's Human Performance Lab. "We've had several athletes who, due to this screening, have had potential issues caught early enough to prevent future problems. At least two athletes went on to the Olympic trials or set new Academy records following our screening and iron supplementation last year."

With full-time assistant Dr. Jeff Nelson, hired by the lab to help with this study, and numerous part-time assistants, results of the research about proper preparation prior to moderate altitude deployments to places like northern Iraq and Afghanistan, have reached the ears of numerous agencies.

"The most recent briefing was two weeks ago in our lab to a group of Navy SEALs just returning from Afghanistan," said Major Brothers, who is no stranger to high altitude.

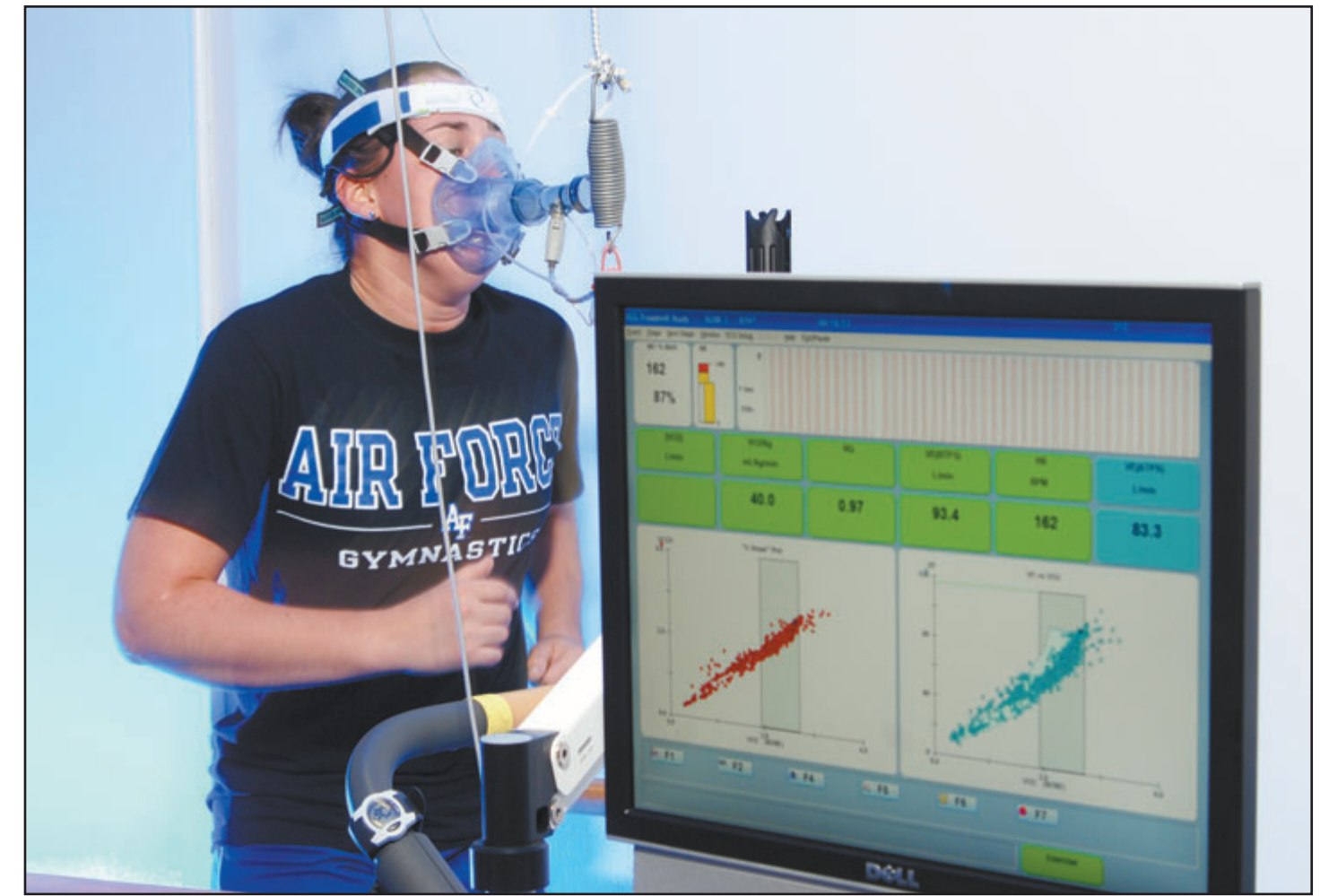
The 1994 Academy graduate hails from Laramie, Wyo., which sits at 7,165 feet, equal in altitude to the Academy lab where he's studying freshman cadet's adaptation to the thin air here.

"We measure carbon dioxide," said Major Brothers. "The more red blood cells the more there is a lack of oxygen in Colorado."

Major Brothers knows that iron is needed to produce more red blood cells.

The Academy team has 10 years of experience and shares findings with the University of Colorado at Boulder, the U.S. Navy, and other participating organizations.

Why can it take a military person from along Virginia's



Computers measure and record the oxygen consumption of Cadet 4th Class Colby Chaputof, Cadet Squadron 12.

coast a week to several months to adjust to the altitude of Pikes Peak?

"That's one of the things we're tracking," said Major Brothers. "There's been a lot of high altitude research. We have data showing it can take some people much longer to adjust to high altitudes. At 9,000 feet the human body does have to adjust."

The Academy provides a place where participants sleep at a high altitude. Common physical conditions, diets and other factors make it an ideal location for this research.



"By the end of a year, cadets from sea level use more energy," Major Brothers said.

The study uses the volunteer efforts of 79 cadets who find time to participate.

"We often get 12-hour work days on Saturdays and Sundays," the major said. "The cadets do it for the future. Altitude physiology has been studied for well over a

century, and we continue to learn more and more — especially recently as we can examine the potential genetic underpinnings of altitude adaptation and acclimatization and its role in explaining the tremendous individual variability seen to date, so I probably won't be out of a job any time soon!"

One of the cadets participating in the study is Cadet Squadron 17's Cadet 4th Class Christopher Chorney, from Clifton, Va., which sits at 336 feet above sea level.

"Back in high school, I ran track and my coach and I would always talk about training, and quite often, altitude training would come up," said Cadet Chorney. "Given the opportunity to come to Colorado Springs and go to school here, I was eager to come train while I was here. Then came the opportunity to do the study here, which would be a way to measure my training. It sounded really good. So I decided to participate."

Cadet Chorney gives blood and breathes through a tube about once a month. There is an exercise test he has done once, and is scheduled for another test today. He takes a supplement every morning.

"I think about myself as a test subject," the cadet said. "Being in good shape, I think of myself as an outlier on a graph of the results and the researchers saying 'whoa that kid is really good.' But really it's about getting good results, so I focus on doing exactly what Major Brothers needs."

The cadet has a clear and elevating purpose. "Whatever they can learn from me hopefully can be put to use on Airmen and Soldiers who also have to deal with altitude changes," he said. "It's very important to be effective in a combat environment, and the strains put on them caused by something as trivial as location should not be a cause for a more dangerous situation than they may already be in. The goal here is to become a better, more capable combat force."

Opposing page: Cadet 4th Class Megumi Voight of Cadet Squadron 12 works out on the treadmill in the Human Performance Laboratory.

Left: Maj. Micheal Brothers explains the data collection procedures to one of his volunteer test subjects.



Photos by Dennis Rogers and Demi Evans

Falcons top Army in 16-7 slugfest

By Maj. Don Kerr
Academy Public Affairs

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AFPN) – Riding the strong leg of kicker Ryan Harrison, Air Force outlasted Army 16-7 in a defensive battle Saturday that saw two of the nation's top ten rushing offenses held to 100 yards below their average.

With the eighth and fourth-ranked rushing attacks in the country respectively, the Army and Air Force ground games often came to a screeching halt on a day dominated by defense.

Both offenses struggled to get any momentum going in this year's service academy brawl between the Black Knights and Fighting Falcons.

But it was the Air Force defense who made just enough plays at the right times, to help preserve a 9-point win.

"You can't take anything away from Air Force," Army coach Stan Brock said. "They have a defense that can play."

But on a beautiful fall day on the Hudson River in front of a sellout crowd of 37, 409 at Michie Stadium, it was Army who struck first in the opening quarter, when wide receiver Damian Hunter took a short pass from quarterback Chip Bowden in the flat and raced 47 yards for a touchdown on the game's third play. After Harrison connected on a 21-yard field goal at the end of the first quarter, both defenses tightened, holding each of their opponent's offenses under 150 total yards for the half.

When it appeared both squads were headed to the locker room content with a 7-3 Army lead, the Falcons' Reggie Rembert took a punt at his own 16-yard-line and weaved through defenders all the way to the Black Knight 49. Army was flagged for a personal foul on the punt return, resulting in a 1st and 10 for the Falcons at



Photos by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Chad McNeeley

Falcon quarterback Tim Jefferson keeps the football and attempts to run for a first down.

the Army 34, and breathing new life into the Falcons' attack. After a nifty 21-yard hookup on the next play from Air Force freshman quarterback Tim Jefferson to receiver Ty Paffett, Jefferson barreled in over the right side for his second rushing touchdown of the season, giving his team a 3-point halftime lead.

"You just have two phenomenal institutions, and all of the guys that were involved in this game today have class," said Air Force coach Troy Calhoun. "Army fought

their guts out and our kids did too. It was just a good, hard, tough football game."

The second half belonged to kicker/punter and Lou Groza award semifinalist Harrison. He backed up his selection earlier this week for the annual award that recognizes the top kicker in the nation, by booting a 32-yard field goal in the third quarter and then icing the game with a 48-yard bomb with 1:42 to play in the game. But it was his precision punting that kept Air Force out of trouble and Army deep in their own territory for much of the afternoon. After placing three punts inside the 20-yard-line in the first half, Harrison continued his reliability on fourth down, booming a 54-yarder in the fourth quarter from his own 24 and then putting Army at their own seven with less than nine minutes to play.

Air Force held the Black Knights to 143 yards rushing, their lowest output of the season. The Falcons also forced three turnovers and one fumble, and intercepted Bowden two times on the day. Three Army defenders led the game with six tackles, while five Air Force defenders registered four tackles apiece. The Falcons' Jake Paulson led Air Force with 2.5 tackles for loss. Paulson leads the Falcons and is among the Mountain West Conference and national leaders on the season with 13.5 tackles for loss for a total of 67 yards.

"I had a hunch coming in that it would be exactly like this," said Calhoun. "You look at it all season long and you think there would not be a whole lot of points scored just because Army has been involved in a lot of low-scoring games recently."

With the win over Army, Air Force improves their season marks to 7-2 overall and 4-1 in the Mountain West Conference. This was also Air Force's third straight win over Army.

Air Force returns to Mountain West Conference action Saturday, against Colorado State University. Kickoff is 4 p.m. at Falcon Stadium.



Falcon tailback Asher Clark attempts to avoid a tackle by Army defensive back Lowell Garthwaite.

Mens gymnastics

With a preseason ranking of No. 13, the Air Force men's gymnastics team collected their best forecast ever in the GymInfo Men's Pre-Season Coaches Poll, which was recently released. Not only is it the Falcons best preseason ranking ever, it is the first time since 2004 that they have received a mention in the annual October poll, when it was ranked 15th. The Falcons officially open the season

on Jan. 10, when they host the annual Rocky Mountain Open in the Cadet West Gym.

Football

Air Force senior Ryan Harrison was one of three kickers awarded the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award "Stars of the Week" honor for his performance Saturday at Army. College football's top kicking award, The Groza Award "Stars of the Week" recognizes the three top kickers from

Division I schools who have made outstanding contributions during the past week. Harrison scored on kicks of 20, 29 and 48 yards in the Falcons' 16-7 victory at West Point, N.Y., Saturday. Harrison's stats improved to 19 of 21 field goals made on the year, which ties him for the national lead in field goals made.

Cross Country

Three members of the Air Force men's cross country team

were named to the all-conference team at the conclusion of the Mountain West Conference Championships Saturday in San Diego. The runners' placement on either the first- or second-team was determined by their finish at the annual meet at Mission Bay Park. Senior co-captain Sean Houseworth received all-Mountain West Conference first-team honors after placing seventh in the 8K event with a time of 24:51.

Classmate Matt Williams, the Falcons' other captain, was chosen for the second-team after an eighth-place finish in 24:52. Junior Zach Nordahl was named to the second-team with his 14th-place time of 25:06. This was the third career honor for Williams and the first such accolade for Houseworth and Nordahl. Williams was named to the all-conference first-team last year and to the all-conference second-team in 2006.

AFA beats Bentley, remains perfect at 8-

By Dave Toller
Athletic Communications

Air Force remains perfect at 8-0 this season with an 8-2 win over Bentley College in an Atlantic Hockey Association game Saturday, at the Academy's Cadet Ice Arena.

The 8-0 start ties the school record set in 1971-72. The eight straight Division I victories is a new school record. Air Force is the only undefeated, untied team in the nation that has played more than one game this season. Air Force is in first place in the AHA with 12 league points and an unblemished 6-0 record. Bentley fell to 1-3-0 overall and 0-2 in the AHA.

Sophomore center Jacques Lamoureux had a hat trick and an assist in the game. Linemate Brent Olson tied his career high with three assists and goaltender Andrew Volkening made a season-high 29 saves for Air Force.

Air Force again scored first as sophomore Derrick Burnett scored from Jeff Hajner and Matt Fairchild. Fairchild sped down the right wing and centered a pass for Burnett who scored his second of series and third of the season. With 1:12 left in the first period, Lamoureux scored his first of the game on the power play. Brad Sellers passed to his defensive partner Greg Flynn at the left point. Flynn's slap shot was tipped in by Lamoureux at the top of the crease.

Senior captain Mike Phillipich added a power-play goal 43 seconds in to the second period. Flynn made a



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Goalie Andrew Volkening defends against a shot on goal for one of his 22 saves in the Oct. 31 victory over Bentley. Volkening was named goaltender of the month by the Atlantic Hockey Association.

long outlet pass from one blue line to the other to spring Phillipich free. Freshman Scott Mathis also assisted on the play. Four minutes later, Air Force had a 4-0 lead

as freshman Paul Weisgarber scored from Greg Burgdoerfer and Kevin Wright. Wright started the rush from his own end and Weisgarber put back Burgdoerfer's rebound at 4:29. Bentley got on the board at 5:52 on a rebound goal by Aaron Stonacek from Erik Peterson and Pat Percella.

The Falcons answered as Josh Frider netted his seventh of the season at the 10:20 mark from linemates Lamoureux and Olson. Olson made a pass from behind the net to Frider right in front. Lamoureux's second of the game came on the power play at the 14:50 mark from Olson and Michael Mayra. On the rush, Olson fed Lamoureux just inside the blue line who skated in uncontested on goaltender Joe Calvi for a 6-1 lead.

Bentley opened the scoring in the third period as Marc Menzione redirected a shot by Ryan Kayfes at the 7:12 mark. Air Force answered with two more goals. Sean Bertsch's first goal of the season came at 12:42. Fairchild kept the puck in the zone, skated down the left side and centered the puck to Bertsch who put back his own rebound. With 2:41 left, Lamoureux tallied his first career hat trick and the first by an Air Force player since Matt Fairchild last season vs. Denver. Olson found Lamoureux skating down the slot and the center from Grand Forks, N.D., made a move to get Calvi down on the ice. From a tough angle at the goal line on the left side, Lamoureux scored his nation's-best 11th goal of the season.

Air Force is off this week with the next series being at Holy Cross, Nov. 14-15, in Worcester, Mass.

Fort Carson edges F.E. Warren in final seconds

By Dave Castilla
Intramural Director

A last-ditch pass lifted Fort Carson over F.E. Warren Air Force Base and made the soldiers two-time champions of the 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Military Flag Football championships here, Nov. 1.

The tournament brought together intramural base champions from the Academy, Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever AFB, Buckley AFB and F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

Last year's defending champions Fort Carson pulled out a thriller by nipping the 90th Security Forces Squadron of F.E. Warren 19-13 as Army quarterback Nathaniel Sonnier found Dedrick Applewhite on a 7-yard scoring pass, with 6.5 seconds left on the clock.

F.E. Warren and Fort Carson were both playing their fourth game of the day when the championship game began. In the first half, both teams' defenses dominated and kept things scoreless, until an F.E. Warren defender intercepted a Sonnier pass and brought it to the 28-yard line, with four minutes left in the half. F.E. Warren quarterback Pedro Cantu then found a receiver in the end zone to put F.E. Warren ahead. Gregory Paa added the extra point, putting F.E. Warren up 7-0.

In the second half, a fumbled snap moved Fort Carson back to their 15-yard line, but Sonnier then hooked up with John Spaulding on a 65-yard touchdown and just that quick, Fort Carson was back in it. The soldiers missed the extra point and were down 7-6.

Fort Carson took the lead on a later possession when Sonnier threw a 12-

yard strike to Dedrick Applewhite. Spaulding added the extra point, making the score 13-7.

The score remained unchanged until late in the fourth quarter when Cantu marched his Airmen down the field with two minutes remaining. On a fourth and seven from the 27-yard line, Cantu hooked up with Eric Champion to get the first down and move the chains to the 20. Cantu then connected with James Akin for a 16-yard gain and then threw a four-yard score to Charleston Williams. After missing the extra point, the game was tied 13-all with less than a minute left in regulation.

Not to be outdone, Sonnier drove his team the length of the field, finishing the drive with pass completions to Darryl Tompkins at the 7 and to Applewhite for the winning score.



Photos by Rachel Boettcher

Academy quarterback Drew Pennell runs the option. The Academy's intramural flag football players all came from the 10th Medical Group's team #1, which is also the Academy's base intramural champions.



The Academy's Earnest Aziz gets his flag pulled by Buckley's Anthony Simmons. Aziz led the Academy to an 18-9 victory in the first round of the tournament.

Tournament scores

Teams were placed in two pools of 3 teams

Pool "A"

USAF A 18 - Buckley 9
Peterson 20 - Buckley 6
USAF A 18 - Peterson 6

Pool "B"

F.E. Warren 34 - Fort Carson 13
F.E. Warren 33 - Schriever 14
Fort Carson 13 - Schriever 6

Semifinals:

Fort Carson 19 - USAFA 15
F.E. Warren 25 - Peterson 8

Championship game:

Fort Carson 19 - F.E. Warren 13

Falcons fall to Utah, 2-1 in season finale

By Jerry Cross
Academy Athletic Communications

Utah's Lauren Hair scored the game-winning goal with 11 minutes remaining in regulation Oct. 31 to lead the University of Utah women's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over Air Force on senior night at the Cadet Soccer Stadium.

With the victory, Utah improved to 10-8-2 overall and 5-2 in the Mountain West Conference, while the Falcons fell to 3-14 overall and 0-7 in league play.

Hair got past the Air Force defense, took a pass from Kellie Woodfield and made a long run down the right side into the goalie box. She then fired a shot that eluded Air Force goalie Erin Wallace and netted the game-winner just inside the far post. It was Hair's fifth tally of the season.

Utah got on the scoreboard first in the 32nd minute when Mallory Mitamura took a pass from Amanda Sanchez and chipped a shot from 15 yards out over Wallace's head. Falcon freshman Meagan Eissele tied the game in the 66th minute with her second goal of the year.

Eissele received a crossing pass from Susan Finch and out-battled two Ute defenders to place a shot from 12 yards out past Utah goalie Hannah Turpin.

Air Force senior Roni Yadlin had two outstanding scoring chances in the final game of her career. With eight minutes left in the first half, Yadlin fired a shot from about 10 yards out that was headed for the top shelf. However, Turpin just got a hand on it and deflected it off the cross bar to keep the Falcons scoreless. Then, with just 40 seconds remaining in regulation and Air Force pushing to tie the game, Yadlin's shot from 25 yards glanced off the post.

Wallace finished with four saves in her final game



Photos by Rachel Boettcher

Defender Meagan Eissele is part of a strong freshman class which adds quality depth to the women's soccer team. This freshman substitute scored the team's one goal in the 2-1 loss to Utah.

as a Falcon, while Turpen made the same number for Utah. Utah outshot Air Force 13-8 in total shots and 6-5 in shots on goal.

Senior Kristen Wolverton joined Yadley and Wallace in a pre-game ceremony celebrating their careers with the Falcons.



Senior midfielder Roni Yadlin maneuvers past Utah's Amanda Sanchez. Yadlin was named to the CoSIDA ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District Women's Soccer Team, and maintains a 3.81 grade-point average while majoring in astronautical engineering.

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Air Force Men's Basketball

2008-09 Schedule

Nov. 14	Western State	7 PM
Nov. 16	Cal State-Bakersfield	3 PM
Reggie Minton Air Force Classic		
Nov. 22	Texas Pan-Am vs. Wofford	2:30 PM
	Air Force vs. UCCS	5 PM
Nov. 23	Texas Pan-Am vs. UCCS	2:30 PM
	Air Force vs. Wofford	5 PM
Nov. 26	Stanford	7:30 PM
Nov. 30	Norfolk State	3 PM
Dec. 3	Northern Illinois	7 PM
Dec. 6	Northern Colorado	7:05 PM
Dec. 13	Texas Pan-American	3 PM
Dec. 22	Texas Southern	7 PM
Dec. 27	Portland	TBA
Dec. 28	California/Dartmouth	TBA
Dec. 31	Stony Brook (Mtn.)	3 PM
Jan. 3	San Diego State*	7 PM
Jan. 10	New Mexico* (Mtn.)	7:30 PM
Jan. 14	Utah* (Mtn.)	8 PM
Jan. 17	TCU* (CBS C)	1 PM
Jan. 20	Colorado State* (Mtn.)	8 PM
Jan. 27	Wyoming* (Mtn.)	6 PM
Jan. 31	UNLV* (VERSUS)	2 PM
Feb. 3	BYU* (Mtn.)	6 PM
Feb. 7	San Diego State* (CBS C)	7 PM
Feb. 11	New Mexico* (CBS C)	8 PM
Feb. 14	Utah* (Mtn.)	2 PM
Feb. 18	TCU*	7 PM
Feb. 21	Colorado State* (Mtn.)	7 PM
Feb. 28	Wyoming* (Mtn.)	4 PM
Mar. 4	UNLV* (CBS C)	7 PM
Mar. 7	BYU* (Mtn.)	7 PM
Mar. 11-14	MWC Championships**	TBA

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MTI recruiting team briefing

The Military Training Instructor recruiting team offers a briefing Thursday at 8:45 a.m. at Peterson Air Force Base, about the duties of and the application process to become an MTI. The briefing takes place in the Aerospace Physiology Unit, 799 Vincent Street, Building 425 – the same building as the altitude chamber, on the east side of the fitness track. If you're an A1C with at least 24 months Time In Service through technical sergeant with less than 16 years Total Active Federal Military Service, the MTI Recruiters invite you to attend their briefing and learn more about this challenging career. Enlisted personnel from all Air Force Specialty Codes are eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend the briefing. Spouses of potential applicants are also invited. The team can expe-

dite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring the completed application with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, e-mail mtir@lackland.af.mil.

Tax help

The Academy Legal Office seeks Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Representatives for the 2008 tax season. This program is a vital service to the military community. All officers, enlisted members, and civilians associated with the Academy, may volunteer to support Air Force members, families and retirees. Comprehensive training the first week of December with the Internal Revenue will be supplemented with TaxWise computer training organized by the legal office. Contact your unit commander and Capt. Jacob Frank at 333-6222 or 333-3642, or e-mail: jacob.frank@usafa.af.mil or jan.pardalis@usafa.edu before Nov. 21 to volunteer.

Volksmarchers invite participants

The Falcon Volksmarch Club is inviting people to remember veterans' sacrifices by walking through Memorial Park and along Shooks Run Saturday. Starting at the Aquatic and Fitness Center in Memorial Park, the route is mainly on paved or concrete and natural pathways. Both a six-mile and a three-mile route are offered. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Carol Kinate, 648-9025, or e-mail walking@falconwanderers.org. A special Veterans Day patch will be available for purchase.

SnoFest headquarters

Lift tickets, party tickets and accommodations are now available for SnoFest 2009, the 19th annual military snow sports weekend, Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, 2009, at Keystone Resort. For more SnoFest information, visit the Snofest online headquarters at www.usafaservices.com/SnoFest.html.

Greatest generation

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Jesse Boyd has planned a special Academy event sure to draw golfers and history buffs alike. World War II veterans, ages 82 and older, are expected to be on hand Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Eisenhower Golf Club, in the Eisenhower Room, displaying military memorabilia, answering questions, shaking hands and offering photo opportunities for anyone who'd like to stop by and experience history first-hand. Members of the "Greatest Generation" will include both combatant and non-combatant service members, ground warriors, former POW's and more. Anyone interested in finding out more, or attending as a WWII veteran, should call Mr. Boyd at (719) 495-3238 or (719) 209-4970. This event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving service

The Community Center Chapel will hold an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Paul "P.K." Robinson, a 1962 graduate of

the Air Force Academy. While serving in Vietnam, he was shot down, incarcerated in various prisons in the Hanoi area and was released in March 1973. He will speak on the topic of "Thankfulness for Freedom." A pie social will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a pie to share and another one to be taken to the offices on base that have 24-hour operations. For more information, call the chapel at 333-3300.

Health fair

The Academy Civilian Personnel Flight sponsors the 2009 Annual Federal Employees Health Benefit Health Fair Nov. 13 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Falcon Club. Health plan representatives will answer questions on their plans' benefits, methods of obtaining services and distribute new medical coverage guides. This event is open to all current appropriated civilian employees and retirees. Open season enrollment runs Nov. 10 through Dec. 8. For more information, call Lydia Peterson at 333-4363.

Water aerobics

The Base Fitness & Sports Center is now offering a 10-punch card for Water Aerobics. The cost is \$30 and the card does not expire. Water Aerobics classes are offered every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:05 p.m. Improve your muscular strength and endurance and increase overall aerobic conditioning with zero impact on the joints. For more information, call 333-4522.

America recycles

To commemorate America Recycles Day Nov. 15, the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron will hold an electronic recycling event November through January. Each Wednesday and Thursday during these months, electronic items can be taken to Bldg. 8125 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for recycling. This recycling event is free to all participants. Some recyclable items are personal computers and components, televisions, DVD or CD players, stereos, speakers and VHS players. Call Jeanie Duncan at 333-0812 for more information.

Ski rental fitting appointments

If you want season ski rentals from the Outdoor Recreation Center, you must first make an appointment for a fitting. Fitting appointments are available by calling 333-4753.

In the bag

Student hire applications are being accepted at the Academy Commissary for store associate positions. Stop by the commissary for more information or call Janice Davis at 333-2227, ext. 3111.

Guided tours

The Cadet Chapel staff conducts 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.

Dance classes

The Academy Community Activities

Center offers ballroom dance classes Wednesdays at 5:30 and 7 p.m. and salsa dance classes Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 333-2928 for more information.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Group Pre-Separation Counseling

Held every Monday (except during TAP week); 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Separating or retiring from the Air Force in a year or less? This mandatory briefing assists you in identifying benefits and services associated with your transition and beyond.

TAP Seminar

Nov. 18-21; 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 Transition Assistance Program class.



Veterans Day parade

This year's Veterans Day Parade is Saturday at 10 a.m., in downtown Colorado Springs. This 90-minute patriotic celebration will pay tribute to local military heroes from as far back as the American Revolution up to present-day active-duty forces. This year's Parade features 103 entries including many diverse veterans' groups, the Air Force Academy Band, twelve high school or middle school marching bands, and the Northern Colorado Fife & Drum Corp. The 302nd Airlift Wing from Peterson Air Force Base will provide a flyover. The Parade starts at the intersection of Tejon and St. Vrain Streets and runs south on Tejon to Vermijo Avenue. For more information, visit the parade website at www.csvetsparade.org.

Roller derby

Colorado Springs premier all girl flat-track roller derby league hosts a bout between its two home teams, the Candy Snipers and the Danger Dolls, Saturday at the City Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door, or \$10 with a military I.D., and free for children 10 and under.

Going to the dogs

A mill dog rescue benefit concert is Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at the Unity Church in the Rockies, 1945 Mesa Road. This will be a contemporary folk concert benefiting the Mill Dog Rescue Network and features performances by Annie Garretson, Renee Botton, Connie Castro, Barbara Doyle and Warren Ryd.

Holiday Bazaar

Pine Creek High School hosts a holiday bazaar Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop from over 130 local artisans and crafters featuring handmade items at the 11th annual Holiday Bazaar. Admission is free and all proceeds benefit Pine Creek High School Band programs.



CADET CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Sunday

Confession - 9:15 a.m.
Mass - 10 a.m.

Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 5:30 p.m.
Confession - 5:30 p.m.
Mass - 6:30 p.m.

Weekday

Mon., Tues. and Thurs. - 6:45 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Sunday

Traditional/Liturgical - 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary - 11:00 a.m.

Jewish Services

Friday

Sabbath Service - 7 p.m.

Buddhist Worship

Wednesday

Traditional Mahyana Service -6:30 p.m.

Muslim Prayer

Friday

Salaat ul-Jumman - 12:30 p.m.

All Other Faiths

Call 333-2636 for more information

COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Saturday

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.
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:

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