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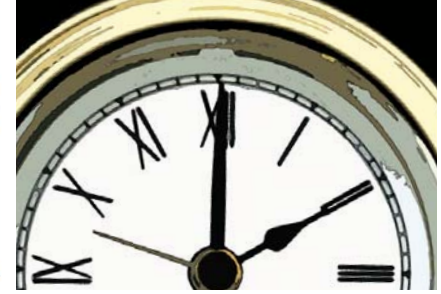
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Daylight savings returns, set clocks one hour ahead Sunday morning.



MASTER SGT. JERRY MORRISON

Defense Secretary Robert Gates walks with Academy Cadet Wing Commander Josh Larson during his visit to the Academy March 4.

Defense secretary challenges cadets to lead 21st-Century Air Force

By 2nd Lt. Meredith M. Kirchoff
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates addressed cadets at the Air Force Academy Friday asking them to think about the Air Force of the future, and the varied challenges it will face.

Gates told cadets this would be his

last visit to the Academy in his current position, and that he relishes the time he spends with future leaders of the military. He spent part of the day interacting with cadets during two 400-level political science courses following his address in Arnold Hall Theater.

The secretary painted a picture of the challenges, or threats, the U.S.

military of the 21st Century will face, and said it has been one of his priorities to engender institutional change that will prepare the services to overcome them.

“From global terrorism to ethnic conflicts; from rogue nations to rising powers with increasingly sophisticated capabilities,” said Gates. “I freely acknowledge that this focus

has, at various times, brushed up against the traditional preferences and bureaucratic sacred cows of all the services – including the Air Force.”

The secretary went on to address Air Force-specific issues that will affect the careers of the Academy’s soon-to-be officers: unmanned in-

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10th Civil Engineer Squadron earns CE awards

Russ Hume named the outstanding civil engineer manager of the year

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

The awards just keep rolling in for the personnel and programs of the Academy’s 10th Civil Engineer Squadron.

At the annual CE awards banquet at Washington’s Bolling Air Force Base at the end of February, the squadron as a whole won one Air Force-level



Russ Hume

award and was the runner-up for another. In addition, program management chief Russ Hume was named the outstanding civil engineer manager of the year.

The Air Force awards come in the wake of an armful of national awards for 2010 that the squadron and Mr. Hume picked up earlier this year.

As a unit, the 10th CES earned the **See AWARDS Page 5**

Cadets ‘hack’ their way through regional cyber competition

By Gino Mattorano
Academy Spirit editor

Cadets from the Academy’s department of computer science took first place at the National Collegiate Cyber Defense “At Large” Regional Competition March 5-6.

The win qualifies the Academy’s cyber team for the national competition in San Antonio, Texas, April 8-10.

The Academy team competed against seven other teams from the

University of Hawaii, University of Alaska, University of New Mexico, Colorado State University, Utah State and Penn State University.

Teams competed remotely, from their respective computer labs, based on a scenario provided by the competition administrators.

“Basically, they were given the job of administering a fully functional network that has been previously set up,” said Dr. Martin C. Carlisle, Team Coach. “They are given no

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What about followership?

Commentary by Lt. Col. Dwain F. Kuehl
5th Flying Training Squadron

VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFNS) —Twenty-five years ago this summer, I started basic training at the U.S. Air Force Academy and was quickly taught how to adjust to military life. I learned about marching, wearing a uniform and military customs and courtesies.

Each and every lesson learned seemed to come back to the importance of followership. I have to admit that over the years I haven't given much thought to the principles of followership. Like many, nearly all military training and professional military education since my freshman summer has focused exclusively on leadership.

But what about followership? Is it important?

The more I reflect on my own experiences the more I come to believe that the success of an organization is more the result of good followership than great leadership. The importance of followership cannot be understated. I would like to share five principles of followership I believe essential to the health and success of an organization.

First and foremost, support rather than undermine leaders and peers in your organization.

It is all too easy to seek popularity by criticizing others rather than helping to improve your organization. For those who find it difficult to support a policy or individual, I urge them to talk through concerns privately with their supervisor rather than spread public dissent throughout the unit. Leaders want to recognize people with the best ideas to solve difficult problems. Make it easy on supervisors by letting them know your solutions.

Accept responsibility, make decisions, keep your boss in the loop and then use your initiative.

When I was a brand new flight commander, I worked for a commander who initially exhibited an extremely hands-on leadership style. I started my new job by asking the boss various questions which quickly led to more difficult questions in return.

I soon learned that the more problems I solved and the more answers I gave, the more trust and responsibility I was given. It didn't take long for him to teach me to accept

responsibility yet keep him informed of which problems I was working on and how I was solving them.

Seek to solve problems at least one level above that of your immediate supervisor.

Some of the best followers I worked with have exhibited a superb ability for solving problems well outside their own area of interest. These unit members not only completed their own tasks on time, they sought ways to improve their organization by making things better for others.

Don't allow problems to go unsolved, assuming the next person will fix them.

I recently read a quote from our former Air Education and Training Command commander, retired Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, which I believe goes to the very heart of followership. He espoused the concept of "Leave the campground better than you found it."

How many times have you walked past something broken or dirty in your work area and thought, "It's not my problem, let someone else fix it." We all serve the greater good of our nation, so every time problems are solved, our unit and our teammates are better off.

Know when to tell your supervisor you have reached your limits.

As a traditional reservist I have had the privilege of working both in the civilian sector and the military. I can honestly say that I am always impressed by how hardworking and dedicated our members are here at Vance and in the military in general.

However, I believe it is both important and essential for good followers to know when to say they have had enough. People are truly our most valuable resource. If they burn out or are generally unhappy due to excessive stress, then the mission eventually will suffer. Good followers need to feel empowered to call "knock it off."

When I was growing up, my father would continually remind me that everybody works for somebody. Even the greatest military leaders start out as subordinates. I have come to realize that it was his way of saying, learn to be a good follower.

I challenge each of you to seek ways to improve your organization by improving your followership.

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Cadet 4th Class Jessica Adams,
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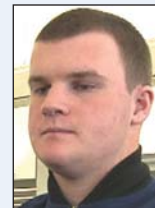
"Wearing my backpack."

Cadet 4th Class
Matthew Sabol,
CS 13



"Listening to music and being able to close my door during the day so if I want to take a nap I can."

Cadet 4th Class Dylan Kay,
CS 34



Gates

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telligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and the future of manned flight.

"For the Air Force, its traditional orientation has been air-to-air combat and strategic bombing, and members of those communities have so dominated the service leadership and organizational culture that other critical missions and new capabilities have been subordinated and neglected," Gates said. "In order to make that transition, the Air Force has had to shed the nostalgia that can too often consume the institutional culture of any large, successful organization."

The secretary then answered a question burning in the minds of many future pilots in the Arnold Hall Theater audience.

"Now, in case there was any doubt, I strongly believe the United States military will always need manned flight," he assured. "But I also believe we must recognize the enormous strategic and cultural implications of the vast expansion in remotely piloted vehicles, both for reconnaissance and strike, in this past decade – a development entirely unexpected just ten years ago."

Gates spoke to the necessity of the Air Force's role in a largely ground-focused war in Afghanistan, highlighting the air assets that provide invaluable support to U.S. soldiers and Marines. He also emphasized the air mobility mission at the forefront of moving troops and supplies as well as personnel recovery sorties and search and rescue teams.

"Without all of the efforts and exertions of tens of thousands of Airmen, many of them on the ground – including engineers, security forces, medical personnel, explosive ordnance disposal experts – the entire U.S. war effort would grind to a halt," Gates said, and went on to say the Air Force must not lose the versa-

tility it has attained today, and revert to what was considered normal, even after current conflicts have ended.

Many of the cadets in the audience took Secretary Gates' counsel to heart.

"His calls for avoiding regressing back into the old state of the organization, to incorporate the lessons learned from Iraq and Afghanistan, was very interesting and thought-provoking," said Cadet 2nd Class Jay Zeigler of Cadet Squadron 30. "Overall, he gave all cadets added motivation to become the best officers possible in the 21st century."

Gates went on to speak about the importance of gaining the right acquisitions to combat a range of threats in a time of fiscal hardship. Specifically, he talked about the Department of Defense's decision to buy 2,400 F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft and to cap the number of F-22s at 187.

"Given that the military will face a broadening spectrum of conflict, and that our nation finds itself in an era of fiscal duress, the military's resources need to be invested in those capabilities that are of use across the widest possible range of scenarios," Gates said, noting his goal to guarantee the core requirements of each service, despite budget challenges, while choosing the platforms that will provide the most flexibility the efficiency.

The secretary rounded out his address with thoughts on the Air Force's integral role in the joint mission, stating, "Finally, all the services also need to think aggressively about how to truly take advantage of being part of the joint force. Beginning his own career as an Air Force second lieutenant, the secretary had a challenging message for the future officers in the audience.

"This complex world, and the wide variety of capabilities and missions I've described, should give you a sense of the tremendous and varied challenges you will face through-



MEGAN DAVIS

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates joins cadets for lunch at Mitchell Hall March 4.

out your career," he said. "But there are also tremendous opportunities ahead. And in order to take advantage of these opportunities – whether afforded by new technology or new strategic realities – as officers you will

need to show great flexibility, agility, resourcefulness, and imagination."

He concluded by thanking each of the audience members for their choice to serve with the knowledge that our nation is at war.

Secretary Gates around the Academy

Following his address in Arnold Hall Theater, Gates moved to Fairchild Hall where he guest taught in two political science courses: Capstone Seminar in Political Science, for first class cadets, and Politics of National Security.

"The secretary was open to all of our questions and addressed each one with depth and clarity," said Cadet 2nd Class Daniel Brand. "From nuclear weapons to China to Iran, the secretary was upfront, honest and spoke his mind." Cadet Brand is a political science major and a member of Cadet Squadron 17.

Other cadets from classes Gates visited echoed similar sentiments.

"He tailored his advice to apply to upcoming second lieutenants and had some new perspectives on how to approach leadership, de-

cision-making and the importance of involving subordinates in realizing a unit's vision," said Cadet 2nd Class John Atkinson, also a political science major. "His stories about his relationships with colleagues instilled the importance of building good relationships and fixing those that aren't so great."

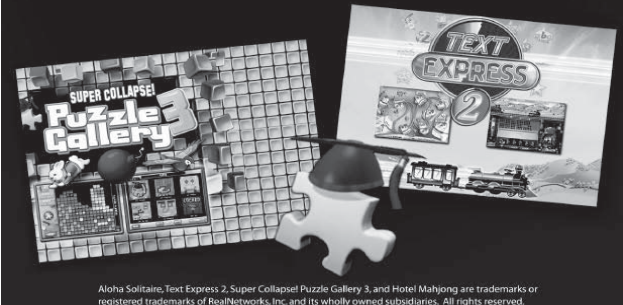
The secretary completed his visit to the Air Force Academy with lunch in Mitchell Hall where he was received with resounding applause, and ate with cadets for more one-on-one conversation.

Cadet Brand summed up his experience saying, "I was extraordinarily honored to have a face-to-face session with Secretary Gates, and I will undoubtedly remember this time as one of the premier highlights of my Academy career."

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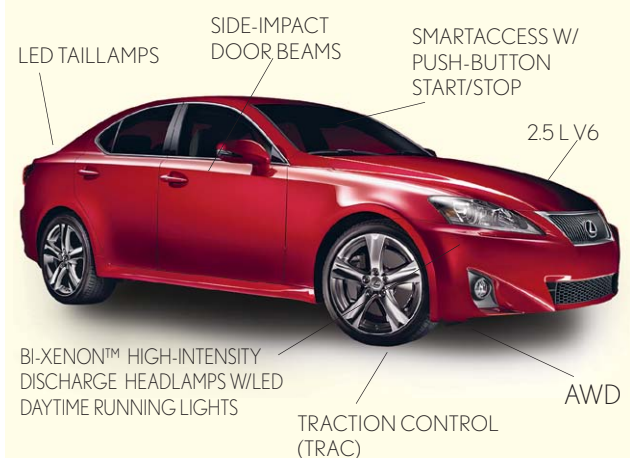
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AF civil engineer visits Academy

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force civil engineer visited the Air Force Academy March 4 as the last stop in a two-day tour of Air Force installations along the Front Range.

Maj. Gen. Timothy Byers spoke to CE officers and cadets here about the state of CE operations in Afghanistan and the effects of force management on the CE officer corps.

General Byers and his staff looked at how they could improve deployments through Silver Flag exercises, which prepare Airmen for deployment by exposing them to scenarios similar to those they will encounter downrange.

"The (U.S. Central Command) area of responsibility is not the right place for a team to come together," he said. Silver Flag allows CE officers to adjust their squadrons before they deploy and also familiarizes Airmen with enemy tactics that currently deployed CE units have encountered.

Another challenge in Afghanistan, General Byers said, is educating the nation's future engineers.

"The Iraqis are pretty well-educated: they have a strong field of medical and engineering professionals," he explained. "Afghanistan doesn't have that." So in addition to training and educating Afghans, Air Force CE units are using lower-tech solutions in construction and firefighting that will be easier for Afghan civil engineers to maintain after U.S. forces have withdrawn.

Army Gen. David Petraeus, the In-

ternational Security Assistance Force commander, and Army Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, the NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan commander, want to jump-start these and other Afghan civil engineering businesses. General Byers said that civil engineering NCO's role will change, as it has in Iraq, from performing construction work to becoming quality assurance evaluators and contract technical advisers.

The Air Force civil engineer predicted bases would see a decline in military construction, or MILCON, funds as the Defense Department continues to support deployed operations.

"Efficiency's the name of the game," he said. "We need to look at enhanced use-leasing and partnerships with utilities instead of traditional means of using MILCON money." Two examples at the Air Force Academy are the solar array near the South Gate, funded by federal stimulus money through Colorado Springs Utilities, and the Holaday Athletic Center, which was paid for through donations from the USAFA Endowment.

And while the operations tempo will remain high for the foreseeable future, CE officers can expect ramifications from force-management initiatives, General Byers said. The Air Force Directorate of Personnel reduced Air Force Academy accessions into CE from more than 100 slots to 63 before raising the number back to about 85. The reduced accessions have also affected officer promotion rates.

"It took me 22½ months after my



BILL EVANS

From left: Maj. Gen. Timothy Byers speaks with 10th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Rick LoCastro, Russ Hume and Col. Gregory Seely during a visit to the Air Force Academy's solar array March 4.

board to pin on lieutenant colonel, and this was in the mid-90s," he said. "When you have (reductions in force) and fewer accessions, then you have to slow the promotion boards down." The Air Force moved from promoting officers too slowly to promoting them too quickly and has to move back toward the middle, he added.

Enlisted Airmen, particularly senior NCOs, will also take hits, said Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Abbott, the chief of enlisted matters at the Office of the Air Force Civil Engineer.

"This year, we're 150-percent manned for senior master sergeants in the 3E4 (Air Force Specialty Codes)," Chief Abbott said. "Next year, we'll be 80-percent manned because of high-year

tenure." However, the chief added that the news isn't all bad: last year, CE Airmen received more than \$15 million in reenlistment bonuses.

General Byers praised the Academy's instructors for producing CE lieutenants who are motivated and prepared to lead.

"What you're producing is pretty good," he said. "The new lieutenants are very fired up and like what they're doing. What you do every day to produce leaders of character is invaluable."

Other bases included in General Byers' visit included Peterson and Schriever Air Force bases, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station in Colorado Springs and Buckley AFB in Denver.

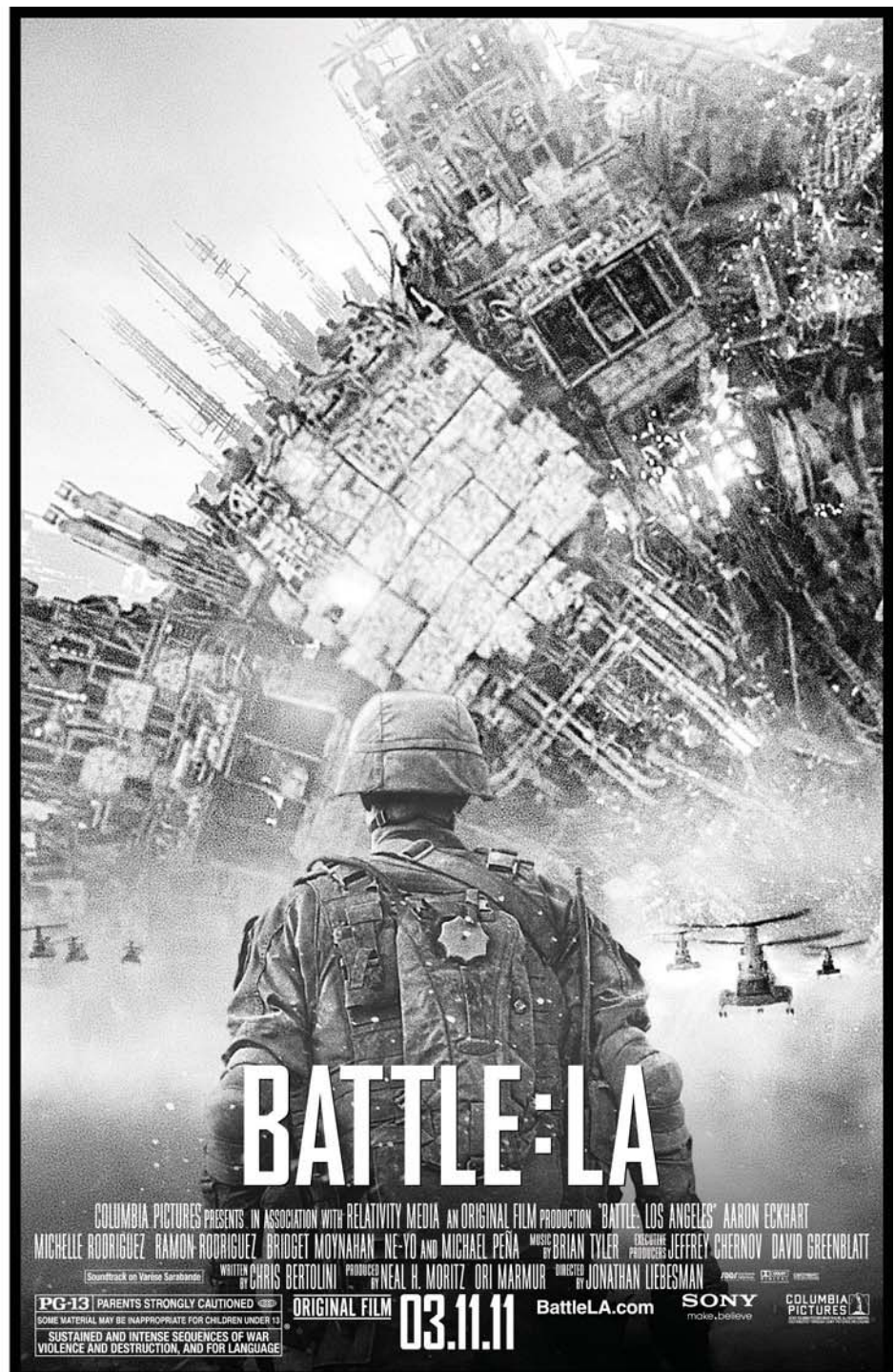
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Awards

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Gen. Thomas D. White Sustainability Award for fiscal year 2009-2010 and finished second in the running for the Brig. Gen. Archie S. Mayes Award.

"I am especially pleased to announce (that) the Gen. Thomas D. White Award recognizes the installation that has made the most significant progress in implementing sustainable practices primarily in energy and environmental management," said Lt. Col. Mark Russo, the squadron commander.

The list of accomplishments on the nomination form for that award covers nearly two whole pages. Among the feats the judges found impressive were a pair of reductions.

The squadron's efforts kept more than 26,000 pounds of paint, pesticides and other environmental hazards out of local landfills. In addition, the squadron helped avert an infestation of the destructive mountain pine beetle in Colorado thanks to a 95 percent reduction in the beetle's population.

Cooperation was also a big part of the award. The squadron helped two Boy Scouts with their projects to become Eagle Scouts. It also hosted eight American Indian tribes at the Academy's first ever Native American Tribal Consultation, and that partnership produced a memorandum of understanding between the Academy and the tribes.

As the winner of the General White Sustainability Award, the squadron will move on to compete for a federal award given by the Defense Department. A ceremony for the presentation of the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards is scheduled for early June at the Pentagon.

One of the foremost initiatives that secured the General White Award for the 10th CES was the Academy's Falcon Green program. According to an information packet prepared for the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards, the Falcon Green program "helps focus everyone on improving our stewardship of fiscal and natural resources and becoming leaders in the world of renewable energy."

Speaking of renewable energy the highlight of the many sustainability accomplishments is the start of construction on the Academy's solar array. According to the information packet, the solar array is expected to reduce energy consumption at the Academy by 11 percent and yield savings of more than \$1 million.

"I recognize (that) winning the Sustainability Award is a combined effort of all USAFA team members and is a resounding A-plus for all our efforts with the Falcon Green program," Colonel Russo said.

At the individual level, Mr. Hume was recognized for his "transformational" management ability, according to Colonel Russo.

The nomination form for the award states that Mr. Hume authored the Academy's Energy Strategic Plan and put the Academy on track to becoming the Air Force's first net-zero base.

He also snagged \$40,000 in military-construction contingency money and directed the installation of the first-ever photovoltaic roof system at the Academy. As a result of the 177,000 kilowatts of energy generated, that project will turn into a "true moneymaker" in less than 15 years.

Vice chief of ISR operations visits Academy

by Mr. Jim Schlagheck
Assistant Professor of Military & Strategic Studies

The Vice Commander of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency visited the Academy Monday and took the opportunity to instruct two military and strategic studies courses.

Hosted by the Academy's department of Military & Strategic Studies, Brig. Gen. Scott A. Bethel also conducted a question and answer session with a mixed audience of cadets and faculty members. General Bethel answered questions on a variety of subjects, mostly related to the intelligence field.

The cadets present, who were exclusively headed into the intelligence career field, focused their questions on the paths and opportunities opened to them as they start their Air Force career. General Bethel, a career intel officer himself, was very positive about the roles that the cadets will play as intel officers and the critical importance of the career field.

He said that a traditional path for new intel officers was to get into a combat squadron where the focus was on planes dropping bombs and then move into the accepted path to promotion with squadron/group/wing commands. In his view, this career paradigm needs to be adjusted to allow new Air Force intel officers more opportunities to expand their focus beyond the bombs on target mentality into the full realm



Brig. Gen. Scott A. Bethel

of operational activities.

He continued by saying that 90 percent of the missions flown in combat zones today are focused on ISR rather than attack profiles. General

Bethel said the Air Force needs intel officers who are comfortable in, and contribute to joint, interagency, and coalition organizations and can think outside the established norms.

The questions presented by the faculty members who attended the session were very diverse and addressed many different areas of the ISR realm of operations.

In the arena of cyber warfare, General Bethel pointed out that cyber warfare is the domain of the future and will require the commitment of increased intel resources.

Gen Bethel wrapped up the session by addressing the ongoing debate of what preparations are required to address the wars of the future. He left his audience to ponder the complex issues of budgetary constraints, technological developments, conventional versus unconventional warfare, and internal Air Force struggles with issues of roles and missions.

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Cyber

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knowledge of this network before the competition begins.”

Teams have to analyze their network and determine how best to secure it from intruders.

According to Dr. Carlisle, a professor and deputy for academics for the Academy's Computer Science Department, The network starts in a very unsecure configuration. As soon as teams begin their analysis, “red cell” teams begin trying to break into their computers.”

While all this is going on, teams are also given tasks from the “white cell,” which simulates management of a company, to perform various day-to-day tasks like adding printers, setting up a new server, generating reports, etc. In addition, agents from the FBI also participated in the exercise, and students could earn points by generating proper law enforcement reports on “red cell” activities.

Doctor Carlisle was very pleased with the Academy team's first place finish, especially since this was the first time they had participated in this competition.

I'm extremely pleased with how our cadets

did, Dr. Carlisle said. “Our “white cell” liaison (i.e. referee) said that he was very impressed with how well the cadets worked together as a team as often he sees students shouting at each other under the stress of the competition.”

The Academy team now begins preparation for competing at the national-level competition next month.

“It is quite an honor to be able to go to nationals, Dr. Carlisle said. “I anticipate the competition there will be quite fierce, as some schools participate year after year, and schools that have graduate programs can also include two graduate students on their teams.”

Despite that, Dr. Carlisle is certain the Academy team will represent the Academy well.

Cadets on the team include: Cadet 2nd Class Jordan Keefer, Cadet Squadron 37 (Team Captain); Cadet 2nd Class Chris Shields, CS17; Cadet 2nd Class Matt Toussain, CS17; Cadet 3rd Class Frank Adkins, CS21; Cadet 3rd Class James Africano, CS11; Cadet 3rd Class Josh Christman, CS07; Cadet 3rd Class Nate Hart, CS13; Cadet 4th Class Anthony Canino, CS12.



JEFF SCAPARRA

Cadet 3rd Class Nate Hart, Cadet Squadron 13, defends the network against “red cell” intruders, during the National Collegiate Cyber Defense “At Large” Regional Competition Sunday.


Enlisted Airmen get 'back to basics' at retreat ceremony



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ABOVE: Enlisted Airmen assigned to the Air Force Academy march out of the Terrazzo after a retreat ceremony Thursday. The formation included Airmen from the Academy's A-staff, the Headquarters Section, the Dean of Faculty mission element and the Academy Chapel.

LEFT: Tech. Sgt. Julie Waltz, left, and other Airmen stationed at the Academy observe retreat at the ceremony March 3. Sergeant Waltz is the NCO in charge of cadet classifications and assignments for the Academy's Directorate of Manpower and Personnel.

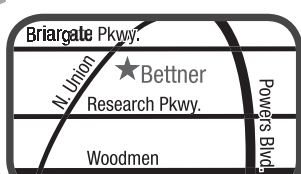



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Grads in space

3 Academy alumni worked aboard shuttle Discovery



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ABOVE: NASA astronauts retired Col. Steve Lindsey (center), STS-133 commander and 1982 Academy graduate; Col. Eric Boe (left), pilot and 1987 graduate; and retired Col. Alvin Drew, mission specialist and 1984 graduate, work on the flight deck of Discovery.

LEFT: Attired in his Extravehicular Mobility Unit (EMU) spacesuit, NASA astronaut Alvin Drew, STS-133 mission specialist and Air Force Academy graduate, is pictured in the International Space Station's Quest airlock as the mission's first spacewalk flight day five, Feb. 28.

Exercise in readiness

The 10th Air Base Wing conducted a base-wide exercise Mar. 2. Swift Falcon 11-02, a major accident response Exercise, tested the base's ability to respond to a mid-air collision of a

multi-passenger Academy aircraft and a civilian Cessna. The purpose of the exercise was to test and train personnel in emergency response procedures.



ABOVE: Firefighters from the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron, extinguish a car fire during Exercise Swift Falcon 11-02, a major accident response exercise

FAR RIGHT: Airman 1st Class Tyler Rich, a firefighter with the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron, drags a "victim" to safety during the base-wide exercise.

RIGHT: Senior Airman Meaghan Fish, 10th Dental Squadron, plays the role of an accident victim during the exercise.



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MEGAN DAVIS



Seven repeat champions highlight wing open finals

Mike McLain earns the Clune Outstanding Boxer Award

With a chance to make the “Dirty Dozen”, 24 members of the Air Force boxing team stepped into the ring under the lights of Clune Arena March 3, for the 53rd installment of the Wing Open Championships. With the majority of bouts going to the final bell, the Falcons showcased their talents and demanded a spot on the Falcons’ national team.

The night featured seven repeat champions, including junior Mike McLain, who earned the Clune Outstanding Boxer Award following his third-straight championship at 175 pounds.

Sophomore Drew Pineda opened the night with a quick, decisive victory in the 112-pound bout. Facing freshman William Jeong, Pineda connected on a flurry of punches to force the referee to call the bout with 15 seconds remaining in the opening round. It is the second Wing Open title for Pineda, who won by a walkover as a freshman.

The next two bouts were also stopped before the final bell. Senior Matt DeMars caused the referee to halt his

119-pound bout with freshman Justin Zahn in the third round. Zahn stayed with the two-time defending Wing Open champion throughout the first two rounds, but DeMars came hard in third round and forced a stoppage seconds before the final bell. Junior Rainer Caparas, a Wing Open finalist in 2009, earned his first title at 125 pounds, when his opponent, freshman Stephen Bittner, was disqualified in the third round following several warnings and point deductions for illegal procedures.

Senior Michael Mizes, celebrating his 22nd birthday, successfully defended his Wing Open title at 132 pounds, by taking a decision from sophomore Will Petersen. In a rematch of last year’s finals, Mizes gained the upper hand with scoring blows to earn the judges’ votes. At 139 pounds, junior Dan Starr captured his second Wing Open title with a decision over freshman Andrew Munoz, while sophomore Glenn Miltenberg won his first championship bout at 147 pounds by decisioning junior Craig Spranger. Although Munoz and Spranger were both able to connect on some solid shots, Starr and Miltenberg were able

to earn their respective titles.

In a repeat of last year’s Wing Open finals, senior Joe Silvio and junior Tyrus Korecki took to the ring for the finals at 156 pounds. Both boxers accounted for multiple scoring shots, but Silvio was able to earn the decision from Korecki for the second straight year.

In his first Wing Open Championship appearance, junior Casey Habluetzel upset defending champion Dalton Hall by decision in the 165-pound contest.

With both the 156- and 165-pound bouts, momentum swung between both boxers before going to the judges for the ultimate decision.

McLain, the 2008 and 2009 Wing Open champion at 175 pounds, took on freshman Denis Vorobyov. The senior immediately took control of the ring, forcing Vorobyov to his knee early in the first round. Midway through the second two-minute round, McLain connected hard with Voroyov and forced the referee to stop the bout.

McLain becomes just the fourth 175-pound boxer to earn the Clune Outstanding Boxer Award, as voted on

by the coaching staff and judges, and the first since current volunteer coach Capt Mark Clifford took home the trophy in 1997.

Seniors Will Kuechler and Reggie Howard toed the line at 185 pounds for the second straight year, with Kuechler successfully defending his title. Freshman Zak Spranger claimed his first title following a hard-hitting 195-pound contest with senior Matt Coates.

The final bout of the evening featured two heavyweights from Cadet Squadron 27. Freshman Nate Bratka, a member of the Falcon track team, outpointed sophomore Brian Corcoran, a member of the Falcon football team, to earn the judges’ vote. The two “big boys” came out firing and kept the crowd on their feet until the final bell, capping off a stellar night of Academy boxing.

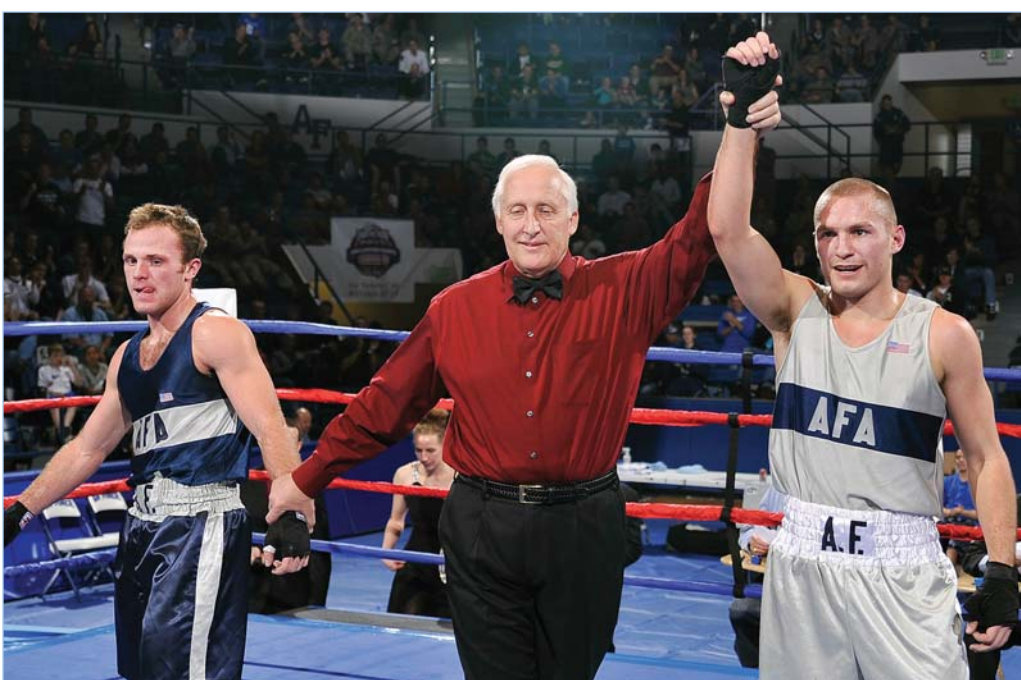
The winners from the March 3 championship bouts will form the nucleus of the team that will represent the Academy at the upcoming National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships. Air Force will travel to Reno, Nev., for the NCBA West Regional Thursday through March 19.



LEFT: Senior Matt DeMars, blue, squares off against Freshman Justin Zahn at the Wing Open March 3. DeMars won by referee stoppage in the 3rd round to win the 119-pound title.

BELOW: Senior Joe Silvio, is declared the winner by decision against Junior Tryrus Korecki. It’s Silvio’s second Wing Open title in the 156-pound division.

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BOUT RESULTS

112-lbs.: Drew Pineda (CS-05) rsc-1 William Jeong (CS-18)
119-lbs.: Matt DeMars (CS-14) rsc-3 Justin Zahn (CS-37)
125-lbs.: Rainer Caparas (CS-21) won by DQ (3) Stephen Bittner (CS-32)
132-lbs.: Michael Mizes (CS-24) dec. Will Petersen (CS-02)
139-lbs.: Dan Starr (CS-32) dec. Andrew Munoz (CS-02)
147-lbs.: Glenn Miltenberg (CS-27) dec. Craig Spranger (CS-18)
156-lbs.: Joe Silvio (CS-21) dec. Tyrus Korecki (CS-24)
165-lbs.: Casey Habluetzel (CS-32) dec. Dalton Hall (CS-12)
175-lbs.: Mike McLain (CS-24) rsc-2 Denis Vorobyov (CS-06)
185-lbs.: Will Keuchler (CS-30) dec. Reggie Howard (CS-12)
195-lbs.: Zak Spranger (CS-06) dec. Matt Coates (CS-14)
Hywt.: Nate Bratka (CS-27) dec. Brian Corcoran (CS-27)

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Air Force finishes third at NCAA West

Cole VonOhlen gets West Region Title

Led by a regional title from tournament Outstanding Wrestler Cole VonOhlen the Air Force wrestling team placed third at the 2011 NCAA West Regional, Sunday in Clune Arena. The Falcons registered 59.0 points to finish behind Wyoming (93.0 pts.) and Northern Iowa (87.0 pts.).

VonOhlen claimed his first West Region title at 141 pounds with a 3-0 record. The 10th-ranked wrestler in the nation, VonOhlen did not allow a single point by his opponents on Sunday, recording a fall and a pair of technical falls.

In his opening match, VonOhlen pinned South Dakota State's Tyler Johnson in a time of 1:28, before registering a 16-0 tech fall against Wyoming's Chase Smith in the semifinals. The championship bout saw VonOhlen roll to a dominant first period 16-0 tech fall against second-seed Justin Morrill from Utah Valley.

Also advancing to the finals was senior captain Joseph Stafford who placed second at 174 pounds.

Stafford opened the day by pinning South Dakota State's Joe Rasmussen

in a time of 6:24, while knocking off second-seeded Brice Wolf of Northern Iowa with a hard-fought 3-1 decision. In the championship finals, Stafford faced Wyoming's Patrick Martinez, but came up short in a 6-2 loss.

Meanwhile, four other Falcons finished third in their respective weight classes. Senior Derek Gillespie placed third at 133 pounds for the third-straight season.

After dropping his semifinal match against eventual champion Flint Ray of Utah Valley, Gillespie recorded a pair of victories in the consolation bracket, earning a 17-2 tech fall over North Dakota State's Justin Solberg, before winning a 10-6 decision over Ryan Jauch of Northern Iowa in the third-place bout.

At 165 pounds, sophomore Clayton Gable dropped his opening round match to Northern Iowa's Trevor Kittleson, 5-1, but rebounded with three straight wins in the consolation bracket.

After scoring a 16-0 tech fall over John Nething II of South Dakota State, Gable pinned Utah Valley's Job



MEGAN DAVIS

Sophomore Cole VonOhlen, in blue, wrestles his way to a 3-0 finish and his first 141-pound West Region title Sunday at Clune Arena. VonOhlen, carries a 42-7 record on the season.

Clark in a time of 4:54. In the third-place bout, Gable had a rematch against Kittleson, this time avenging his loss, pinning Kittleson with 40 seconds remaining in the third period.

Senior Neil Delaney also scored a third-place finish at 197 pounds, knocking off second-seed Nick Bayer from Northern Colorado in a 5-4 double tiebreaker decision.

He then dropped a close 6-5 decision to UNI's Andy O'Loughling in the semifinals, before capturing a third-place finish with a 4-1 win over Drew Ross from North Dakota State.

Rounding out the group of place-winners for Air Force was sophomore

heavyweight Jared Erickson. After an opening round bye, Erickson came up short in the semifinals, dropping a 3-2 decision to Wyoming's Matt McLaughlin. He rebounded in the consolation bracket, coming up with an 8-0 major decision over NDSU's Will Johnson before scoring a 2-0 win over SDSU's Kevin Kelly to earn third place.

With his individual title at 141 pounds, VonOhlen, who carries a 42-7 record on the season, earns his second-consecutive bid to the 2011 NCAA Championships, which are being held March 17-19 in Philadelphia, Pa.

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Three wins in a row for Falcon gymnasts

Air Force edges Eastern Michigan, 190.950-190.750

Highlighted by first-place finishes from senior Brittany Dutton, classmate Lisa Wong and junior Samantha Jones, the Air Force women's gymnastics team defeated Eastern Michigan for its third straight victory Saturday at the Academy's West Gym. Jones' winning score on the floor exercise helped secure the narrow 190.950-190.750 victory.

Air Force improved to 2-1 this season against Eastern Michigan, sweeping both home contests by a narrow combined margin of 0.725. The Falcons have now won three straight dual meets by less than one point, as Air Force

claimed another narrow victory (188.475-188.275) over Seattle Pacific Feb. 25.

The Falcons claimed three of the four event titles, highlighted by a sweep of the top four spots on the uneven bars. Dutton scored a 9.675 to win the event, while Jones was the runner-up at 9.600. Freshmen Jen Larsen and Linnaea Hance finished third (9.575) and fourth (9.550), respectively.

Wong tied for first on the balance beam following a career-best performance of 9.750. Hance placed third (9.725), while freshman Jessica Hanner tied for fifth (9.625). Jones scored a 9.625

to win the floor exercise, while Hance tied for the runner-up spot with a mark of 9.600. Larsen tied for fourth on the event with a tally of 9.550.

Jones was also the Falcons' top scorer on the vault, tying for second with a mark of 9.725. Dutton also finished within the top half of the field, as she scored a 9.675 to take fourth.

Dutton scored a 38.425 to take first in the all-around, while Hance finished second at 38.175.

The Falcons return to action Saturday when they travel to Seattle, to take on 15th-ranked Washington and Seattle Pacific at 7 p.m.



ABOVE : Senior Lisa Wong performs on the balance beam on her way to a tie for first place in the event.

LEFT: Freshman Jen Larsen competes in the floor exercise event, where she placed fourth overall.

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Falcons qualify for NCAA Fencing Championships



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Freshman Daniel Cohen, left, won men's foil with a 9-1 bout record Saturday on his way to earning an automatic bye to the NCAA championships.

Three Air Force Academy fencers automatically qualified for the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Championships March 24-27 at Ohio State University.

The four West Region schools (Stanford, Air Force, UC San Diego and CalTech) took action at the 2011 NCAA West Regional Saturday at the Air Force Academy's Cadet Gymnasium East Gym.

Sophomore Heather Nelson won 100 percent of her bouts in women's saber (8-0) and was one of only two fencers to go undefeated. Stanford's

Meaghan Conway went undefeated in women's foil. Freshman Daniel Cohen won in men's foil with a 9-1 bout record. Sophomore Scott

Pippin won in men's saber with a 5-2 bout record.

When asked what she attributed her success to, Nelson said, hard work and

practice every day, and giving everything to every bout and making sure I did everything right."

Daniel Trapani took second place in men's epee with a 9-3 bout record.

Before the men's championships, Trapani said his biggest competitors have always been from Stanford and this year he was looking to beat their two toughest fencers. Trapani went 3-1 versus Stanford. Simone Barrette finished third in women's epee with a 7-2 bout record.

Nelson, Pippin and Cohen have an automatic bye to the NCAA Championships; and Trapani later received a West Region at-large nomination.

"It was a very good finish for us," commented head coach Abdel Salem. "To have two sophomores, Scott and Heather, and Cohen, who is a freshman, earn an automatic bye is very good for us."

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Community Concert

The New Horizons Band of Colorado Springs will present its Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m., March 17th, at the Lloyd Shaw Auditorium on the campus of Cheyenne Mountain High School, 1200 Cresta Road.

The band features several members of the local military community, including active and retired service men and women from Colorado Springs installations. Tickets are available at the door on the evening of the performance. There is a suggested donation of \$2. For more information contact Ed Nuccio at (719) 660-9866 or at enuccio@aol.com.

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Community Center Chapel

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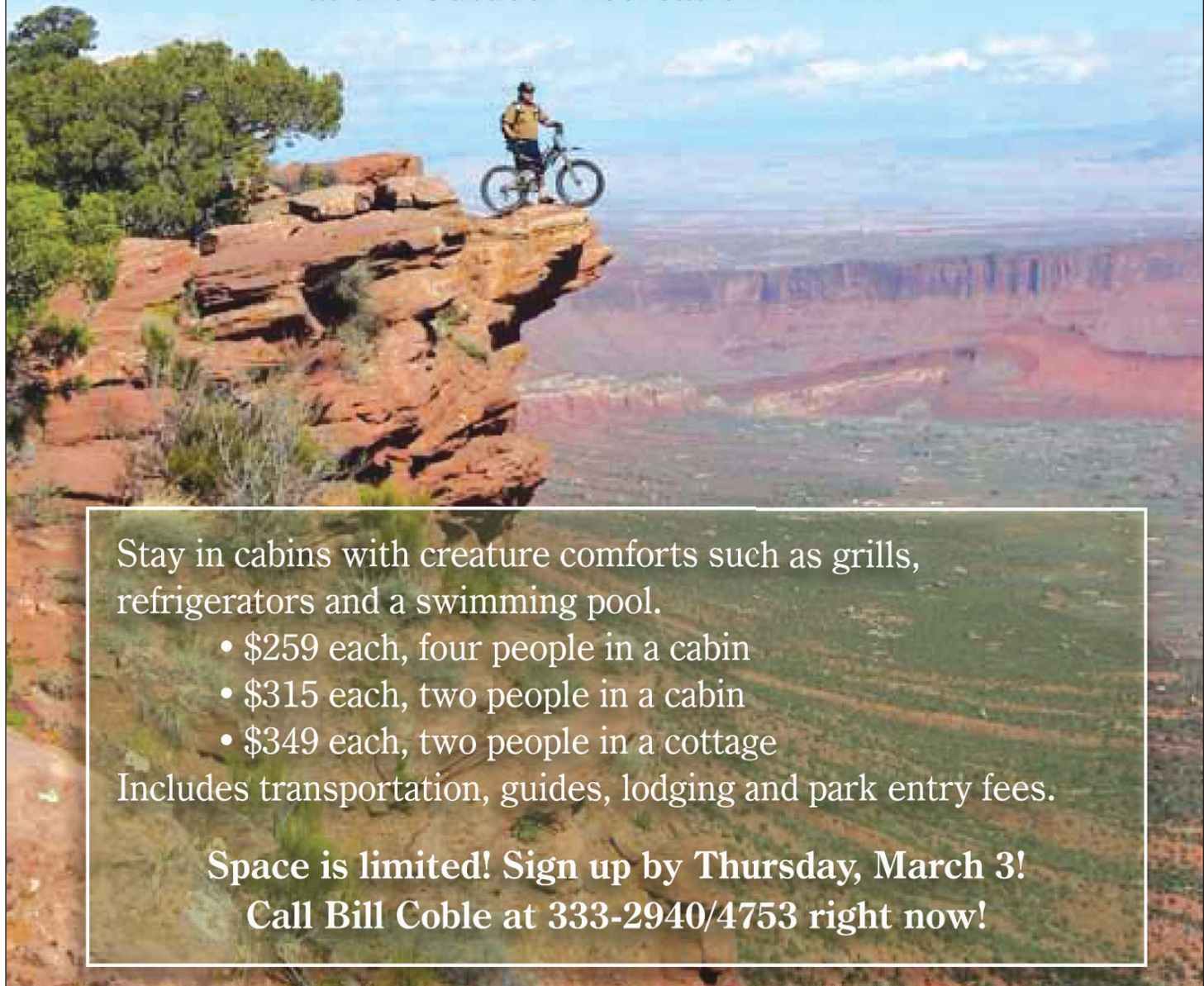
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