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Air Force wide receiver Zack Kauth brings in a 33-yard touchdown catch in front of CSU cornerback Shaq Bell in the second quarter of their game Saturday at Sonny Lubick field at Hughes Stadium in Fort Collins, Colo. This was the first of three touchdown catches for Kauth in the first half.

JOHN VAN WINKLE

Air Force flies over CSU, will go 'bowl'-ing

Falcons finish season 7-5

By Leslie Finstein
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The Air Force Academy Falcons soared to a 45-21 victory on a cold Saturday night here against the Rams of Col-

orado State University.

Saturday's win brings the Falcons to 7-5-0 overall for the 2011 season and bowl eligible for the fifth consecutive year. This is also the first time in school history that the Falcons have had five consecutive seven-plus win seasons.

The Academy moves to 30-19-1 all-time against CSU. The Ram-

Falcon trophy, awarded to the winner of this front-range rivalry, will remain in Colorado Springs for the sixth straight year.

In the first quarter, Air Force moved quickly up the field on their first drive only to lose possession after a fumble in CSU territory. The Rams then went on a twelve-play, 87-yard drive to score their

first opening drive touchdown since Sept. 10 of this year.

The game started to turn around for the Falcons after the defense made a key stop late in the first quarter with a sack by linebacker Alex Means. Means leads the team in sacks this year.

Quarterback Tim Jefferson led the
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Academy cadet receives Rhodes scholarship

Cadet 1st Class Zachary Crippen, one of 32 Americans chosen

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

The Cadet Wing's vice commander and a native of the Philadelphia area was announced as one of 32 American Rhodes scholars, The Rhodes Trust announced Nov. 19.

Cadet 1st Class Zachary Crippen, of Bala Cynwid, Pa., will likely leave for Oxford in September after graduating from the Air Force

Academy in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in foreign area studies.

Crippen holds a 3.81 GPA and is the second-highest ranking cadet in the Cadet Wing. He is captain of the Academy's mock trial team and one of the founding members of the Academy's moot court, which simulates written and oral legal arguments in appellate courts. In addition to his foreign area studies major, Crippen has a minor in Arabic.

"I am humbled by the enormous opportunity now in front of me

and thankful to all the people who have helped me along the way," said Crippen, who plans to enter Oxford's master of public policy program and earn a master's degree in global governance and diplomacy. He hopes to eventually become an Air Force judge advocate.

Crippen completed a cultural immersion summer program in Israel as a sophomore to meet with Israeli Defense Force service members and learn about Israeli-Palestinian relations. He traveled to Cairo for a six-week language immersion his junior year.



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Air Force leaders issue holiday safety message

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy send the following holiday safety campaign message to all Air Force personnel:

“Safety never takes a holiday’ is the theme of this year’s holiday safety campaign. We urge all Airmen, uniformed and civilian, to take a few extra minutes to thoroughly think through your holiday plans and use sound risk management when traveling and participating in winter activities.

“We also thank our Airmen, commanders, family members, and safety professionals who are working very hard to reduce mishaps. Your efforts are paying off. We lost no Airmen to personal motor vehicle mishaps between Christmas and New Year’s Day during the past two years. This year, we are on track to achieve the Secretary of Defense’s goal to reduce preventable, off-duty automobile mishaps.

“We still have work to do in other mishap areas and will roll out a ‘Quest for Zero’ initiative in the coming year to reduce preventable on-duty fatal mishaps. This year’s holiday safety campaign focuses on stress management, winter driving, winter sports, responsible drinking, and preventing complacency. All Airmen have a responsibility to ensure a safe holiday for themselves, their fellow Airmen, and their families by being



Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz



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alert to safety risks, both on- and off-duty. By employing personal and wingman risk management concepts, we might once again enjoy a successful winter holiday season with no preventable mishaps.

“Whether you are deployed or serving at home, your dedication and sacrifice are profoundly appreciated. Happy holidays to you and your families. Travel and celebrate with care, and remember that safety never takes a holiday.”

Lorenz on Leadership: Life’s experiences: luggage or baggage?

By Retired Gen. Stephen Lorenz
Air Force Academy Endowment president and CEO

Recently, I was invited to speak at the United States Air Force Academy’s Class of 2013 Commitment Night dinner. Commitment Night is usually scheduled the day the third classmen (sophomores) return to the Academy and become second classmen (juniors). Up to that very moment they begin their junior year academics they may resign from the Academy and owe no commitment to the Air Force. However, once they start junior academic classes, they are now committed for the next seven years; two as a cadet and five years as an officer in the United States military.

The night before the presentation, I could not sleep and tossed and turned thinking about what I was going to say to the 1,000-plus newly minted second-class cadets. At 2 a.m., I suddenly remembered an old suitcase that had many of my cadet papers in it and was buried beneath piles of clothes in our closet and had not been opened in years.

I got up and scrounged around in the closet until I found the 35-year-old beat up brown suitcase. Unfortunately it was locked and I had no idea where the keys were. The next morning, I took the dilapidated suitcase to our building custodian who happened to be a retired chief master sergeant and he had it opened in about five minutes — chiefs continue to make things happen even in retirement!

As I rummaged through the suitcase and found many of my old cadet papers, waves of nostalgia came over me. In the suitcase were copies of my appointment to the Academy from 1969, my silver-colored class nametag that was placed outside my cadet room and identified the rooms I lived in over the four years I was a cadet. There was a Form 10 that I got for signing in late one Christmas and a copy of the cadet punishment I received for the infraction.

There were also copies of all my grades including the three F’s I earned and the letters from the academic board giving me a second chance to graduate from the Academy. I also found a faded “Dear John” letter from an old girlfriend. Finally in the bottom of the suitcase was my commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. The suitcase contained four years of my life’s experiences, and not all of them

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- Retired Gen. Stephen Lorenz

were good.

That night, as I stood in front of the Class of 2013 to give my presentation, I told them the story about the suitcase and dramatically opened it and displayed the contents in front of them. I explained that four years of mementos — both the good and the not so good — were in there. I told them how the contents of the suitcase had helped shape my entire life and that I could have used the contents as luggage that would help propel me on my life’s journey or as baggage that would hold me back.

You see, life’s experiences, like my bad grades, could have taught me that I was not as smart as the rest of my classmates and that I would always be behind. Instead, those momentary setbacks taught me to never give up and that lifelong learning can help you achieve just about anything, including becoming a university president.

The quality of your contributions to our Armed Forces and the nation as an officer, non-commissioned officer or civilian, are not determined so much by your individual successes or failures as they are by what you learn on the journey. It matters what you learn from both your good and bad life experiences and you should use them as a positive spring board into your incredible future. Your life experiences can either hold you back as baggage or help you along the journey as luggage. It is totally up to you.

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Cadets earn scholarships to study in United Kingdom

By Gino Mattorano
Academy Spirit Editor

Two senior cadets were offered scholarships to study in the United Kingdom upon their graduation from the Academy next year.

Cadets 1st Class Frederick Feigel and Peter Lind were selected for the Marshall program, which finances up to 40 young American scholars of high ability to study for two-year graduate degrees at a U.K. institution in any field of study, according to the Marshall Scholarship website.

The stated program goal is to provide future leaders, with a lasting understanding of British society and to strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions.

Founded by a 1953 Act of Parliament and named in honor of U.S. Secretary of State George C Marshall, the scholarships commemorate the humane ideals of the Marshall Plan and express the continuing gratitude of the British people to their American counterparts.

Studying and earning a degree in the U.K. allows graduates to continue to grow in a truly international environment, according to Dr. Kenneth Lavin, director of the Academy's Graduate Education Programs office.

"It also maximizes their professional development by enabling graduates to continue intensive study in areas of value to the Air Force early in their careers," he said. "Additionally, it allows our graduates to establish contacts with their non-military contemporaries who will be the leaders of tomorrow in their respective academic fields, as well as in their countries."

Lavin believes that Feigel and Lind are ideal candidates to participate in the Marshall program and the experience will not only benefit their careers but will also be beneficial for the Air Force.

"Both Cadet Feigel and Cadet Lind are dedicated scholars who want to make the world a better place



Feigel



Lind

and want to take an active part in making this happen," Lavin said. "I would be proud to serve with either of these young men."

Feigel is assigned to Cadet Squadron 01 and is slated to be an intelligence officer upon completing his education. He said he was incredibly surprised to be picked for a Marshall scholarship.

"It's something you dream about, but it's pretty hard to believe it actually happened," Feigel said. "It's a bit surreal. It's really an incredible opportunity and I'm very grateful to everyone at the Academy and elsewhere who has helped me get here."

Feigel, who is from Philadelphia, hopes to attain a graduate degree in Middle Eastern studies from Oxford University and believes the opportunity will be very helpful later in his career.

"Intelligence officers are tasked with understanding strategic implications and challenges, and I think this particular degree will very much help me to do that better," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting different perspectives on a variety of situations and studying in a foreign environment again. The U.K. is an incredibly important ally of the U.S., so having dialogue in and out of academic settings is important to better understanding how we can work together strategically."

Feigel took a year off from his studies at the Acad-

emy to study Arabic and the Islamic culture. He spent a year in Jordan and lived in Rabat, Morocco for six weeks.

While in Jordan with an Academy-sponsored program in the summer of 2009, Feigel lived with a Muslim host family. When he returned to Jordan in August 2009, he lived with an Arab Christian host family while studying Arabic at the University of Jordan through the Council on International Educational Exchange for two semesters. Subsequently, in the summer of 2011, he studied Arabic for six more weeks in Morocco.

Lind, who is assigned to CS 15, was ecstatic to find out he had been selected for the Marshall scholarship.

"It's definitely a competitive process and other finalists were extremely qualified," he said. "I felt fortunate just being part of the process."

Lind, who is from Wilsonville, Ore., plans to study International Security Studies and Middle East and Central Asian Security Studies at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

"In an increasingly globalized world with new technologies and ways of waging war, I think that a well-rounded education – and one that explores the tools available for security around the world – will be extremely pertinent to the Air Force and the ability of the U.S. military to remain a global leader," he said. "I'm looking forward to the university environment and education in the U.K. I think security studies will be applicable to almost every job I will have in the Air Force, particularly knowledge of key areas such as the Middle East and Asia."

Lind has also had the opportunity to travel while at the Academy, most recently in 2010, to Jerusalem working with the Spafford Children's Center, a clinic his family started in the early 1900s where both Palestinian and Jewish doctors work side by side to help children in the Middle East. He also has been involved in numerous community service projects in Colorado and Oregon.

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AF Manpower Agency takes lead on Academy climate survey

By Don Brnum
Academy Spirit staff writer

The Air Force Manpower Agency has taken the lead role in administering the Air Force Academy's 2011 climate survey, which continues through Dec. 31.

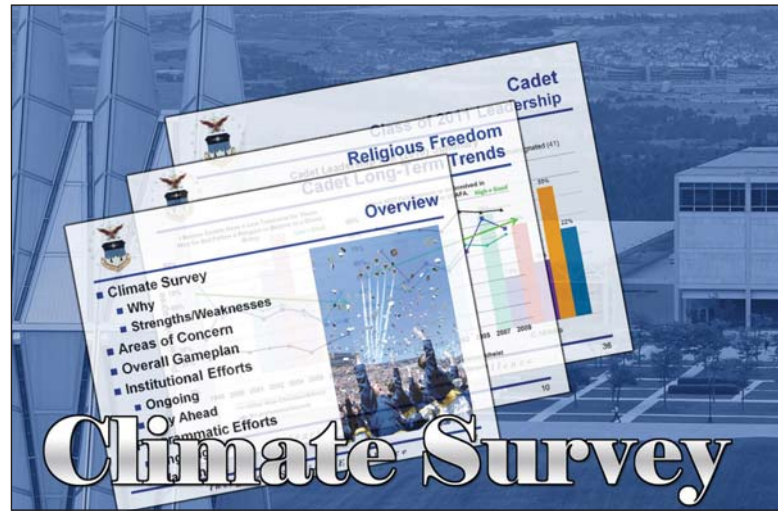
The survey is designed to solicit input from cadets, faculty and staff members about their job satisfaction, whether they feel respected in their work or academic environments and whether the leadership has promoted a climate of respect among the Academy's diverse population.

The office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs decided in January to charge AFMA with conducting the Academy's 2011 survey, said Col. Bill Hampton, executive secretary for the Academy's Board of Visitors.

Brenda Gainey, AFMA's project lead for the survey, said the agency was a logical choice to administer the survey.

"We're the survey office for the Air Force: We control all attitude and opinion surveys, and we administer the Air Force Climate Survey," Gainey said.

Gainey and her team based the Academy's climate survey after the Air Force survey, she said. From there, they developed and applied questions from the Air Force survey that were appropriate for the Academy's unique environment. They looked at surveys conducted by the other service acad-



emies, Office of Personnel Management and other government surveys as well as surveys conducted by private universities to see what questions other agencies asked.

"So we started out with the basic climate areas: satisfaction, trust, resources," Gainey said. "Do you have enough room to study? Do you have the equipment that you need? For faculty, do you have the supplies to conduct your classes? Are you satisfied with the opportunities you get to conduct research?"

Other survey questions are designed to get a feel for the climate of inclusivity at the Academy, such as whether respondents have felt pressure to be involved in religious activities, whether leaders respond to complaints about religious tolerance and whether respondents have endured harassment as a result of their religion, race, gender, political views or sexuality.

"We give opportunities for people to write in comments," Gainey said. "They can then write in their option if it isn't listed."

Eligible respondents include cadets, faculty and staff within the superintendent's, com-

mandant's or dean's mission elements and the 10th Air Base Wing. Respondents must confirm their identities with their Common Access Card credentials to login to the survey. However, their CAC credentials and any other identifying information is stripped from the results before they're given to the survey analysts or agencies outside AFMA, said Nicole Gamez, a behavioral scientist on the survey team.

"Our survey team has signed non-disclosure agreements," said Gamez, who has 10 years of experience conducting behavioral science surveys. "We work with survey data on a day-to-day basis, and we handle surveys like this across the total force, so we're accustomed to handling this data."

AFMA will provide the report with aggregate data in terms of organizations and demographics, detailed to squadron or academic department

levels where doing so would not identify individuals within the organization, Gamez said.

Moreover, only one or two individuals on the team have access to identifying information for any given survey, and they strip that information before providing responses to the analysts, Gainey said.

"For instance, when I get data to analyze ... I don't get the names or the identities," she said. "The fact that we use CAC credentials is an assurance that our system is secure. We require that to ensure no unauthorized access. Even if I tried to access the survey with my CAC, it wouldn't let me in."

Analysts can gather accurate results even with a relatively low response rate, Gainey said. For that reason, Air Force Instruction 38-501, "Air Force Survey Program," stipulates that "personnel should be encouraged, but not directed, to complete surveys."

"That could encourage someone to randomly choose responses just to get (the survey) done," she said. "That could actually skew our analysis."

Instead, AFMA encourages people to make their voices heard, said Bernadette Oncale, AFMA's Performance Planning Branch chief.

"Every participant who fills out the survey provides another facet of the whole picture," Oncale said. "We want people to have a voice, to speak up. If things are going well, say so. If things need improvement, say so."

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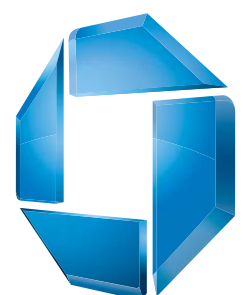
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NORAD visitors share expertise about Russia

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit writer

Thanksgiving weekend means guests, and that theme was extended an extra day by the Academy's Slavic Studies club.

On the day cadets returned from Thanksgiving break, the club and its faculty adviser, Dr. Dave Sacko, enjoyed the company of two crosstown guests and discovered something: Their colleagues at North American Aerospace Defense Command have some amazing insights into Russia — and lots of entertaining stories to boot.

For everyone who attended the early-evening get-together, the hour and a half with NORAD representatives Gretchen Bliss and Rob Martin was time well spent.

Bliss is the deputy for plans, resources, training and exercises. Her detailed knowledge of Russian language and culture as well as understanding of the military have proved vital in facilitating cooperation between Russia and North America.

Martin is an officer in the Canadian air force who has accompanied Bliss on numerous trips to the Russian city of Khabarovsk and occasional visits to Moscow for multilateral dialogue.

Together with their counterparts in the Russian armed forces, they plan and help carry out joint military exercises, arrange sites and dates for high-level meetings and, in general, strive to improve American and Canadian relations with Russia.

"(This) event brought the real-world experience of military-to-military interactions with the Russian Federation to our students," Sacko said. "The foreign area studies curriculum does a great job providing theoretical information about international politics to our students. And with Russia in particular, hearing about real-world scenarios from subject matter experts helps our students place these incidents within the theoretical information that they learn."

Bliss and Martin regaled their audience with stories of the squabbles, personalities, politics and camaraderie they deal with in

their delicate work. And they were generous in dispensing advice to the cadets who asked about the subtleties of Russian culture the other side's approach to the process.

They talked in detail about preparations for and execution of Exercise Vigilant Eagle, a joint exercise that has been staged twice, most recently in August at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska. Bliss and Martin linked the exercise to the Obama administration's efforts to achieve warmer relations with Russia.

Bliss also mentioned the name of Russian air force General-Major Sergey Zhmurin, who brought an entourage to visit the Air Force Academy in July. Zhmurin had specifically asked to tour the Academy, and the ties established between NORAD and Russia through the work of Bliss and Martin ensured that the visit took place.

The Slavic Studies club meeting shined light on the grueling efforts that are necessary to achieve breakthroughs in cooperation. It also offered cadets a glimpse of what the future might hold for some of them.

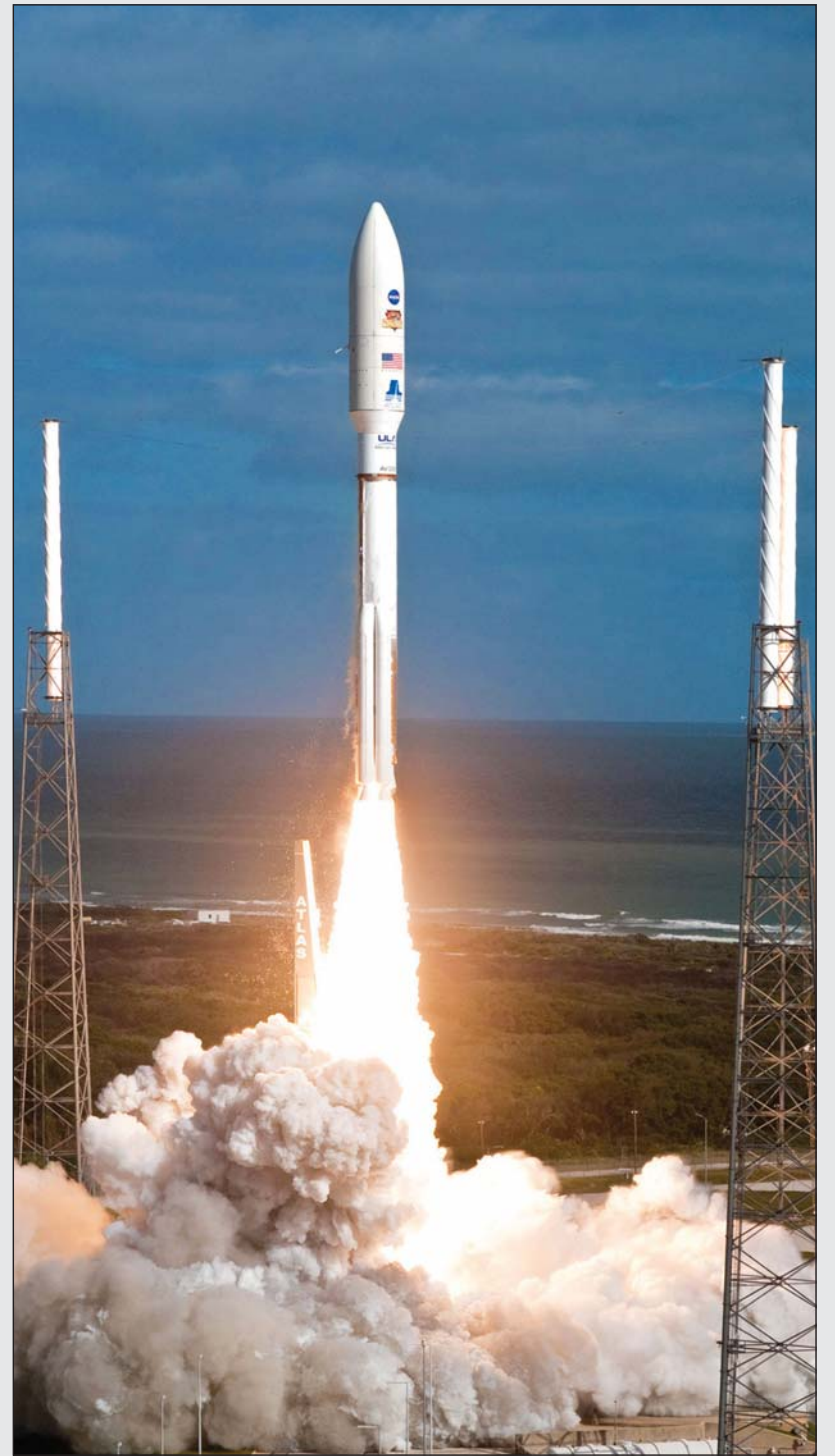
"From the discussion on Monday night, it is apparent that the cultural and language education that cadets receive at the Academy is crucial for future officers," said Cadet 1st Class Jay Zeigler of Cadet Squadron 30, who is the club's cadet leader. "As for Russian-American military relations, the NORAD panel proved that relations are improving and greater military ties are being forged."

Sacko hopes to bring Bliss and Martin back to the Academy in January so that more cadets can participate and broaden the discussion.

A larger audience would have been nice, but the quality of the information presented shows that timing may not necessarily be everything.

"The value of the Slavic Studies club lies in providing practical application of material learned in class," Sacko said. "Anytime we can partner real-life expertise with our students, we'll count that as a win."

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ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Morgan Samuel, the NCO in charge of neuropsychiatric testing for the 10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, shows Abigail Bauman how to make a bead necklace, during the Native American Beading Workshop Nov. 21 at the Youth Center. The workshop was part of Native American Heritage Month activities, and was designed to teach children about the traditions and honors associated with the use of beads.

LEFT: Damian Gomez, a contractor with the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron, helps Benjamin Roy put on a bead necklace he made during the Native American Beading Workshop Nov. 21 at the Youth Center.

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Academy firefighters return with gold

The Fire Fembots relay team regains their world title in the World Firefighter Combat Challenge XX

By John Van Winkle
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Firefighters from the Air Force Academy took home the gold, and firefighters from Whiteman AFB, Mo., won the silver medal Saturday at the World Firefighter Combat Challenge XX.

The firefighter combat challenge requires maximum effort in minimal time, as it simulates the activities of fighting a working fire and rescuing a victim on a timed course.

Air Force firefighters from several bases in the continental United States and Europe competed against their peers from Australia, Canada, Europe and the United States.

In the women's relay team, the Air Force Academy's Fire Fembots team earned its latest world title in the finals match against the Ontario Flame Tamers.

The Fire Fembots is a combined team from the Air Force Academy and Colorado Springs Fire Departments. Rule changes after the 2008 season allowed firefighters from the same region to form teams to compete. With that change, the Fire Fembots were created when Elaine Perkins, Andrea Caraway and Senior Airman Jessica Condon from the Air Force Academy teamed up with Stacy

Billapando and Lisa Smith from the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

But an injury almost sidelined their latest championship run. Last week, Smith was hurt playing hockey, and unable to compete.

"We're all anchors to each other, so missing Lisa was a little bit of a mental setback, but we knew we could do it," said Caraway. Smith's part of the course was split between Condon and Perkins, but Smith put on a knee brace to be on the course with the team during finals, lending emotional support.

"When the girls came together for one last time, we all felt a little pressure," said Billapando. "But all the girls are getting faster in their own individual events, so it all clicked right when it needed to."

The fembots finished the course in 1:45.01 — just a second behind their world record time — while the Ontario team finished at 1:47.41.

"It's amazing. So much fun and we work so hard together. The other teams are stepping it up, shooting for us and getting closer to our times, but it was still fun," said Caraway.

That fun includes a third-consecutive world title for the Fire Fembots, in only their third year of competition.

But the Fembots were only one of several Air Force teams competing, and

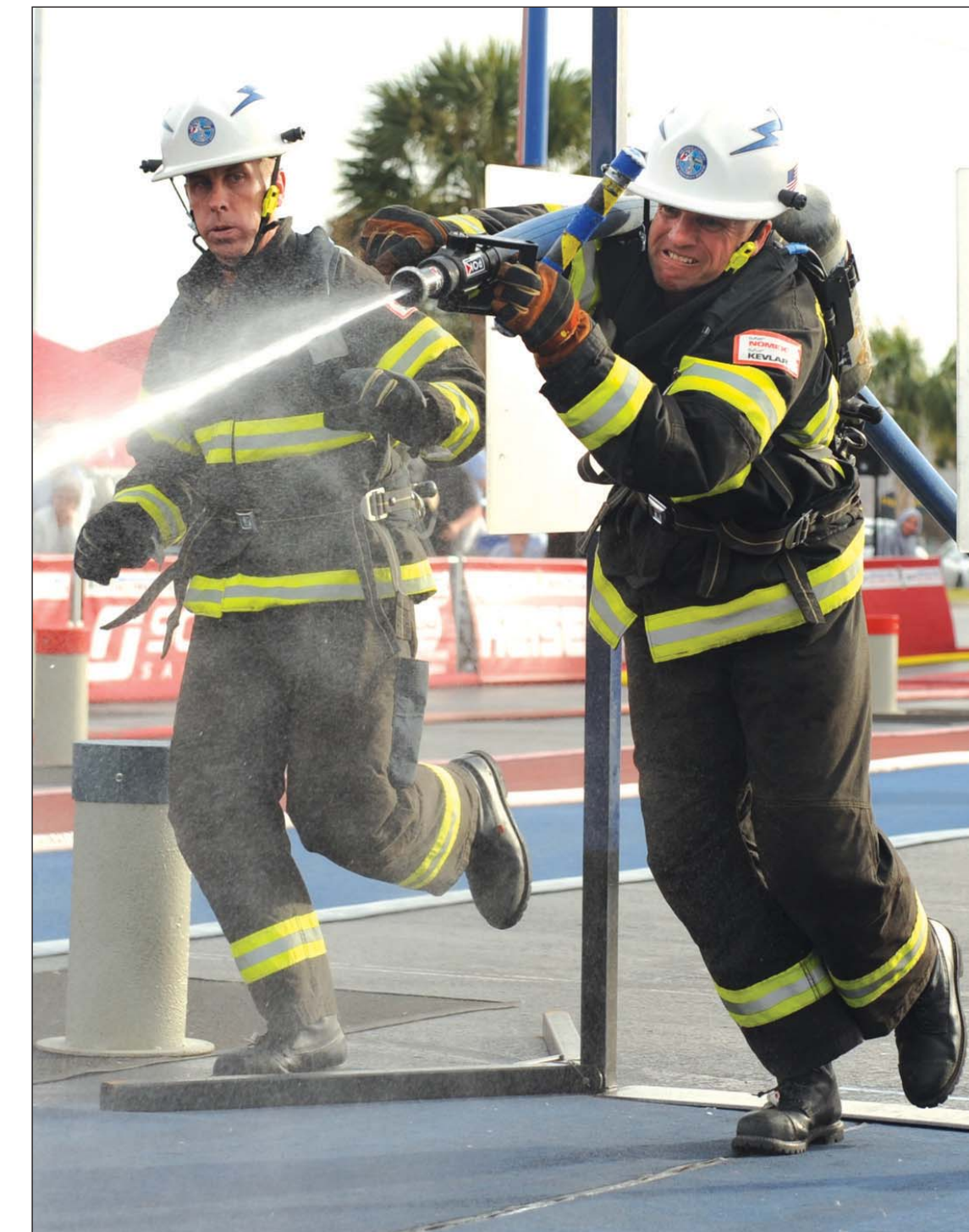
the surprise of the worlds competition was a previously unknown team from Whiteman AFB, Mo., that established itself as a world contender.

In the finals of the men's relay team category, the heavy favorite was the perennial world contenders from Clayton County, Ga., who faced off against the Whiteman AFB team of Timothy Vanden Haak, Chris Frakes, Derrick Allen, Anthony Beaudry and Mark Belton.

The Georgia team managed to create a small lead in the course, and won by only a few seconds to take home the gold. The Whiteman team, earned silver medals in their first appearance in the world firefighter combat challenge.

The Air Force Academy also fielded several men's teams at the world competition. The Academy 40-plus finished third in the tandem category and fourth in the team category.

A number of Air Force firefighters competed this year on the world stage as well, including teams from F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany; Whiteman AFB; Shaw AFB, S.C.; Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; as well as teams from Canadian Forces and a joint team from U.S. Air Forces in Europe, with firefighters from Ramstein, Spangdahlem and Aviano air bases and one former USAFE firefighter now stationed at Shaw AFB.



FAR LEFT: Senior Airman Jessica Morehouse drags a loaded fire hose toward saloon doors during the Firefighter Combat Challenge competition Nov. 16. Morehouse is a founding member of the Fire Fembots, a combined Academy-Colorado Springs team of women firefighters who own both the world record time in their category and are three-time defending world champions.

LEFT: Ron Prettyman directs the hose spray at a target, after dragging the hose 75 feet, while deputy fire chief Ken Helgerson awaits the handoff. The Team USAFA 40-plus team finished fourth in the world in the over-40 relay team event.

RIGHT: Anthony "Tank" McMurtry, right, hands the baton off to Roy Dalton after building a lead over a competing team during a relay team event.



LEFT: Senior Airman Jessica Condon drags a 175-lb. rescue dummy backwards to the finish line, escorted by Andrea Caraway. Both are founding members of the Fire Fembots, a combined Academy-Colorado Springs Fire Department team of women firefighters who own both the world record time in their category and won their third world championship in the women's relay team category of the Firefighter Combat Challenge.

Women's Basketball

Air Force falls to in-state rival

Northern Colorado 'bears' down on Falcons at Clune Arena

Shooting just over 24 percent from the field, the Air Force women's basketball team dropped a 71-51 decision to Northern Colorado Nov. 25 in Clune Arena.

Junior Katie Hilbig scored a season-high 18 points to lead the Falcons, while junior Dymond James added nine points and nine rebounds.

Air Force (3-3) opened the game with a pair of free throws from James, but missed their first 10 field goals as Northern Colorado (3-2) got out to a 17-2 advantage in the first seven minutes of the contest. The Falcons never got closer than 13 points as they went into the intermission trailing 39-23.

The Falcons' shooting woes continued in the second half, as they knocked down just 25 percent of their shots after the break. Meanwhile, the Bears, who shot over 53 percent in the opening half, finished the game with a .491 field goal percentage, as they went on to lead by as many as 23 points.

Air Force did shoot well from the free throw line, converting on 20-of-24 foul shots. They also cut down on turnovers in the second half, committing just six after recording 12 turnovers in the opening period, but were outrebounded, 43-38, for the game.

Lauren Oosdyke and Kaisha Brown led the Bears with 14 and 12 points, respectively, while four other Northern Colorado players finished with at least eight points.



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Camille Thompson goes for a jump shot during the Air Force-Northern Colorado game at Clune Arena Nov. 25. Johnson was 0-4 with two rebounds in the Falcons' 71-51 loss.

Air Force Drops 71-59 Decision to Navy

ANNAPOLIS, Md — A second-half rally fell short as the Air Force women's basketball team fell to service academy rival Navy, 71-59, Monday at Navy's Alumni Hall.

Junior Alicia Leipprandt registered a game-high 26 points and added eight rebounds to lead the Falcons, who drop to 3-4 on the season. Fellow junior Dymond James added 13 points for Air Force, while Jade Geif led Navy with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Air Force got out to a sluggish start, trailing 10-0 before Leipprandt put the Falcons on the board just under five minutes into the game. Navy extended its advantage by outshooting and outrebounding Air Force in the opening half, leading by as many as 20 points before the Falcons cut the margin to 40-25 at the half.

The Falcons came out strong in the second half, outscoring the Mids 16-7 over the first seven and a half minutes of the period, with Leipprandt notching eight points down that stretch. Air Force continued to battle back, eventually getting within two points, as a basket from Leipprandt at the 6:25 mark cut the margin to 55-53. However, Navy closed out the game on a 16-6 run to take the win.

The Falcons return home for their next two games, as they host the annual Air Force Classic, today and Saturday. Air Force takes on Jackson State today, while facing USF on Saturday.



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- 15. Pleasing to the ear
- 18. Parcels of land
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- 20. Cooking containers

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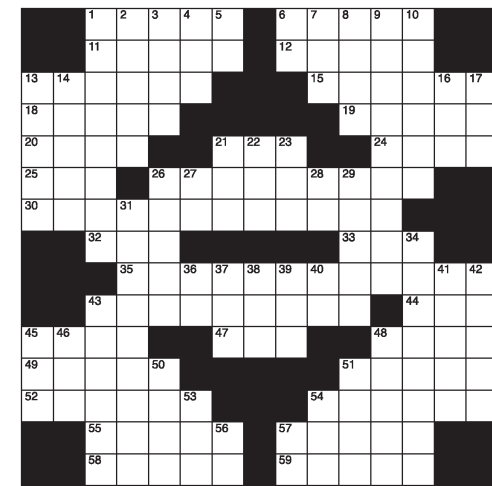
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- 25. 7th Greek letter
- 26. Operated the sales register
- 30. Blueprint for the day
- 32. Congressperson (abbr.)

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- 33. Angle (abbr.)
- 35. Fragrant health promotion
- 43. Trespasses
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- 47. A large body of water
- 48. Chicken house

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- 59. "Rocky" star Talia



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- 3. Turkish leader's title
- 4. Used for hitting the ball in various games
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- 22. Expression of surprise
- 23. Hull Identification Number
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- 31. Dough fermenting agent
- 34. Auto fuel

- 36. An alternative
- 37. Manuscripts (abbr.)
- 38. Digested
- 39. Darjeeling or green
- 40. Horsepower
- 41. 1985 Formula 1 champion
- 42. Expression of alarm
- 43. Gain possession
- 45. Own (Scottish)
- 46. Snake-like fish
- 48. Dicer
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- 51. Hindu mother goddess
- 53. Before
- 54. Code for dash
- 56. Atomic #52
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LEFT: Air Force's Mitch Tovel, right, tries to beat UConn's Marcello Ranallo to the puck during the team's Saturday at the Cadet Ice Arena.

BELOW: Falcons goaltender Stephen Caple had 26 saves in Air Force's 4-3 win.

PHOTOS BY MIKE KAPLAN



Air Force sweeps UConn with 4-3 win

Tim Kirby scored two goals as Air Force swept UConn with a 4-3 victory in an Atlantic Hockey Association game Saturday at the Academy's Cadet Ice Arena. Air Force improved to 7-4-2 overall and 6-2-1 in the AHA and back into first place in the league with 13 points.

UConn, 4-7-2, 3-4-1 AHA, didn't waste any time getting on the board as the Huskies scored on the first shift of the game. Marcello Ranallo took a shot that was saved and popped straight into the air. Daniel Naurato knocked it in just 18 seconds into the game.

Air Force answered with a power-play goal at 1:47. John Kruse fed Kyle De Laurell in the right circle to tie the game at 1-1. Adam McKenzie also assisted on De Laurell's team-leading eighth of the season.

AFA took its first lead of the game late in the second period as freshman Chad Demers scored his fifth of the season. De Laurell drew a penalty and Tim Kirby took a shot from the point that was saved. Paul Weisgarber tipped the puck to Demers on the post who gave the Falcons a 2-1 lead at 15:43.

UConn answered just over a minute later with a

short-handed goal. Cole Schneider picked up a loose puck and skated in the length of the ice. His shot was stopped by Stephen Caple, but the puck sat in the crease and Alex Gerke punched in the rebound to tie the game at 2-2.

The Huskies regained the lead midway through the second period. Miles Winter skated the puck into the zone on a 2-on-2 rush. His wristler went over the shoulder of Caple for a 3-2 UConn lead at 8:26. The Falcons tied the game with 1:24 remaining. Scott Holmfed Kirby at the center point and the senior defenseman went around two UConn players and drove the net on the right side. Kirby faked a shot on the short side and goaltender Garrett Bartus went down to the ice. Kirby went around the cage and slid the puck into the open net to tie the game at 3-3.

Early in the third period, De Laurell drew two penalties on the same play. The first was a slashing call on Brad Smith in the neutral zone that led to a breakaway. As De Laurell was heading to the net, he was taken down by Brad Cooper. The two penalties gave the Falcons a 5-on-3 power play. Sixteen seconds into the power play, Cole Gunner won a fa-

ceff and De Laurell dropped the puck to Kirby at the point. Kirby's wristler through a screen by Paul Weisgarber was his second of the game and fifth of the season. Late in the period, the Falcons killed two Husky power plays to maintain the one-goal advantage. UConn pulled its goaltender with 1:05 remaining, but were unable to tie the game.

"This was one of those games you had to win," head coach Frank Serratore said. "It was wild and it was a battle. We had to overcome some adversity in the game, especially giving up a goal early. But to our guys' credit, they found a way to come from behind. Our penalty killers did a great job tonight. Give UConn some credit. They fought hard. We had to fight a little harder to put them away."

UConn outshot Air Force, 29-27, in the game. AFA was 3-for-7 on the power play while UConn was 0-for-6. UConn came into the series as the No. 1 power-play team in the nation, but the Falcons killed nine of 10 in the series. Bartus made 23 saves for the Huskies while Caple made 26 for the Falcons.


Air Force travels to Springfield, Mass., for a two-game series with AIC today and Saturday.

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Football – Air Force routs CSU 45-21



PHOTOS BY JOHN VAN WINKLE

Academy running back Asher Clark makes a cut during the Falcons' 45-21 win Saturday, at Sonny Lubick field at Hughes Stadium in Fort Collins. The senior carried 13 times for 111 yards and one touchdown, and broke 1,000 yards for his second straight season.

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Falcons on a 2:30, five-play, 73-yard drive that led to a touchdown on a 33-yard reception by wide receiver Zach Kauth, early in the second quarter.

After that the Falcons defense got rolling, keeping the Rams off the score board for the rest of the half.

Jefferson connected with Kauth two more times, on 40- and 50-yard passes respectively, giving the senior wide receiver his first 100-yard game of his career and his first three-touchdown game.

Almost exactly five minutes after the second Jefferson-to-Kauth touchdown, kicker Parker Harrington tacked on three more points with a 22-yard field goal.

Air Force went into halftime up 31-7 on a 12-yard rushing touchdown from junior running back Cody Getz, his first touchdown this season.

The second quarter was the third highest squaring quarter for the Falcon's this season and ties as the third most in school history.

"We hit a couple of big plays, the two throws to Zach Kauth were huge," said Air Force Academy Head Football Coach Troy Calhoun about the second quarter. "And the defense, I thought we were as stout as could be."

Kauth's three touchdown catches in a single game were not only a career high, it also made him just the fifth player in school history to do so and the first Falcon to do it since Steve Hoog against Vanderbilt in 1977.

Air Force senior running back Asher Clark ran for 69 yards in the first half which put him over 1,000 yards rushing on the season. Clark is the third player for Air Force ever to go over 1,000 yards twice in their career and the second player ever to do it in back-to-back seasons.

In the second half, CSU scored on a run by sophomore running back Chris Nwoke making the score 31-14, Air Force. Nwoke had over 200 yards rushing in the game, giving him over 1,000 on the season. Nwoke is the seventh player in CSU history to break 1,000 yards as a



Falcon wide receiver Zach Kauth warms up before Saturday's game against CSU.

sophomore or younger.

"He's good," said Calhoun of Nwoke. "He's powerful, hard to tackle, and there were times that he hit us."

Air Force responded quickly to CSU's score with a rushing touchdown by junior running back Mike Dewitt. Air Force took a 38-14 lead

into the fourth quarter.

Clark went over 100 yards rushing for the game, capping off a touchdown drive for the Falcons early in the fourth quarter, putting Air Force up 45-14.

Late in the fourth quarter, CSU's Nwoke got a second rushing touchdown to cap off an 11-play, 80-yard drive. Nwoke ran for over 260 yards in the game. That would be the last scoring drive of the game. Jefferson took a knee to close out the Air Force victory.

Asher Clark finished the game with 111 yards, 33-yards shy of setting the all-time Academy rushing yards record held by Dee Dowis (1986-89). Now that the Falcons are bowl-eligible, Clark could have one more opportunity to overtake Dowis.

With four bowls berths up for grabs for the Mountain West conference and five bowl-eligible teams (TCU, Boise State, Wyoming, San Diego State and Air Force), the Falcons could find themselves on the outside looking in.

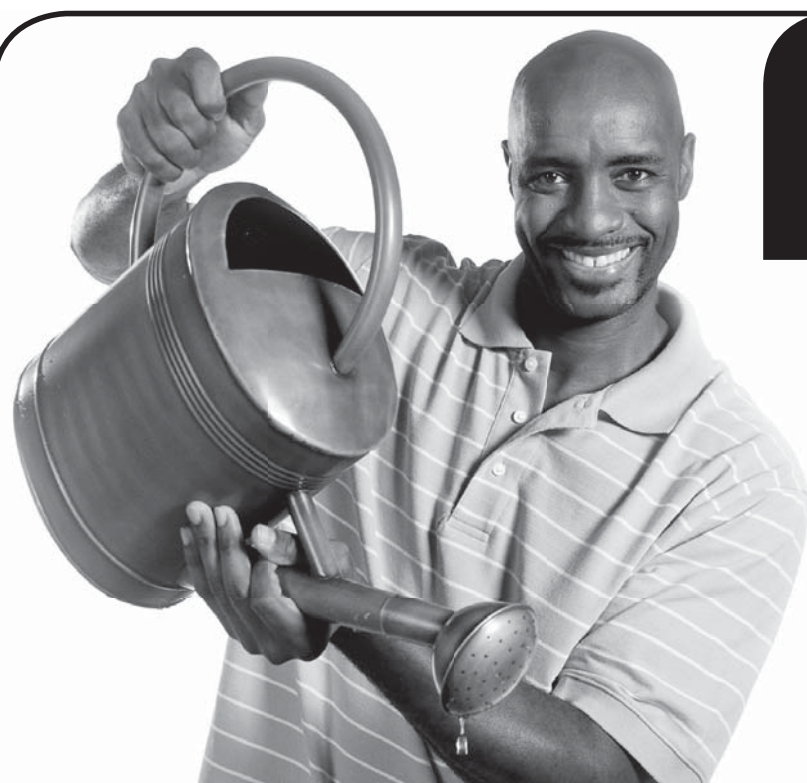
This season, Mountain West teams are in consideration for the New Mexico Bowl on Dec. 17; the Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego on Dec. 21; the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 22; and the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., on Dec. 26.

Bowl selections are not automatic, and are often affected as much by geography and economics, as they are by a team's record and the number of fans they historically draw to away contests. When it comes time for each respective bowl committee to examine their options, a local team that can fill more seats can often be the most attractive team to invite to a bowl, instead of selecting the team with the best available record.

Air Force has an advantage in this equation, as the Academy has the reputation for travelling well and has sold an average of 10,000 tickets for each of its past four bowl games.

The Bowl Championship Series distorts the picture for the Falcons as well. TCU and Boise State are both still alive in the hunt and have outside shots at slipping into a BCS bowl. With a number of games left to be played, the BCS and other bowl berths are as yet undecided.

Bowl berths will be officially announced Sunday.



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Fridays: 7 p.m.

Community Center Chapel

CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Mass: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.
Formation Classes: For students in grades K-8. Sundays, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

PROTESTANT WORSHIP

Evangelical: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Gospel: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Live: For ages 3 to adult. Begins with a meal. Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. A pie social will be held following the service in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate a pie, please drop it off at the chapel on Tuesday morning. If you have questions, call 333-3300.

ANGEL TREE

Gifts from the annual Angel Tree help the Academy's first sergeants provide toys for families in their squadrons that need a few extra gifts around Christmas. Any remaining gifts will be given to Christmas Unlimited in Colorado Springs for distribution to local children. Come by the chapel, take a tag from the tree and return the gift unwrapped by Dec. 4.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY DINNER AND SEMINAR

Information session on defending the Catholic faith led by the Rev. Joe Dygert. Program will begin on Thursday at 6 p.m. with an Italian dinner in the Fellowship Hall at the Community Center Chapel, followed by Dygert's presentation. A children's religious education program will be available. Call Keri Edwards at 781-439-4435 for information or to reserve a spot.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Dec. 1 beginning at 4 p.m. Hay rides, children's story time and crafts with the Library Elf. Tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m., followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. Afterward, children can visit with Santa, and families can enjoy hot chocolate, cider and cookies in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate cookies, please drop them off at the chapel Nov. 30 or the morning of Dec. 1.



Dispose of your recyclables

The 10th Civil Engineer Squadron is holding its annual electronics recycling event through January.

Each Wednesday and Thursday, electronic items can be taken to Civil Engineers' Complex (Building 8125) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for recycling. Recycling is free.

For more information, call Derek Damien at 333-3224.

Community center activities

"Black Ops" game tournament - Sunday starting at 3 p.m. at the Milazzo Center. Prizes will be awarded. The tournament is open to the Academy community for patrons 18 and older. Snacks and beverages will be on sale. Call 333-2928 to register.

Double-feature movie night - Community Center auditorium, Dec. 16. The first movie, "Moneyball," rated PG-13, starts at 6 p.m. The second movie, "Dream House," rated PG-13, starts at 8 p.m. Sodas and snacks will be on sale.

Santa suits for rent - During the holidays. Cost is \$25 per day.

Lunchtime table tennis - Monday through Friday starting at 11 a.m. in the Milazzo Center. Sponsored by the 10th Medical Group. Call beforehand to sign up, 333-2928.

Dance classes - Line dance classes are taught in six-week increments. Ballroom dancing consists of four lesson blocks, one hour per block. Classes for both take place Mondays in the Milazzo Center ballroom. Line dance classes start at 5 p.m., ballroom dance classes at 6:15 p.m.

Health plan signup happening

Open enrollment in the federal employees' health insurance plan will take place through Dec. 12. For more information, call 333-4363.

Entry decal discontinued

In accordance with recent guidance from the Department of the Army, Fort Carson has eliminated the use of the Department of Defense vehicle decals (DD Form 2220) for access to the installation.

Personnel requiring access to Fort Carson will be required to present their DOD-issued ID card (Common Access Card, retiree ID or family member ID) or have an extended pass and a state-issued photo ID.

Effective immediately, the vehicle decal, is no longer available at the Pass and Registration Center. The PRC will now issue Cadet Area stickers weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The PRC will also continue to issue colonel to general stickers upon request.

Any questions can be referred to Brad Wilson at 333-8420.

Register to stay at SnoFest

SnoFest 2012 lodging is now on sale. Call 800-258-0437 to book. Provide Group Code GC8PRB and base affiliation.

Assortment of skiing options

The Outdoor Recreation Office has ski passes available for purchase. The list of options is as follows: Monarch, Loveland, Patriot Pass (unlimited Copper Mountain and Winter Park), Patriot Pass Plus (unlimited Copper Mountain and Winter Park and six days at Steamboat), and Liberty Pass for Keystone and A-Basin. Call 333-4475 for more info.

Save the date: Sijan AF Ball

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association will hold its annual Air Force Ball on Jan. 20 at The Broadmoor. Tickets and more information will be available soon. For the latest information, please check the Lance P. Sijan chapter website at www.afasijan.com.

Annual deer hunt at Academy

The Academy's Natural Resources office will conduct the annual base deer hunt Saturday through Monday and Dec. 10-12. All hunters are guided by Academy or Colorado Parks and Wildlife personnel, and public safety is a primary concern.

Frequently used roads and trails leading into the hunting areas will be posted with bright orange warning signs requesting that all personnel stay out of these areas.

All licenses for the 2011 hunting season have been issued by the state. To

apply for future hunts, you must submit a big game application to CPW for Game Management Unit 512.

If you have any questions or concerns, call Natural Resources at 333-3308 or CPW at 227-5200.

Chorale performs 'Messiah'

"The Academy Cadet Chorale will present "Handel's Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. today in the Protestant Cadet Chapel. The chorale, accompanied by a professional orchestra, will perform this popular oratorio composed in 1741 by George Frederick Handel.

Solos will be performed by Cadet 1st Class Katherine Wright and Cadet 3rd Class Kaitlin O'Connell (sopranos); Cadet 1st Class Brianna Adams, Cadet 1st Class Alyssa Hughey and Cadet 2nd Class Dominique Amor (altos); Cadet 1st Class Josiah Eubank and Cadet 2nd Class Jonathan Beabout (tenors); and Cadet 1st Class Dakota Newton, Cadet 1st Class Nathan Raymond and Cadet 3rd Class Danny Mills (bass). Dr. Joseph Galema, Academy music director, is conducting.

The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Harmon Hall lots and at the Visitor Center.

Skate with Santa

The Cadet Ice Arena will host a skate with Santa event from 1-3 p.m. Dec. 11. Admission is \$4 per person,

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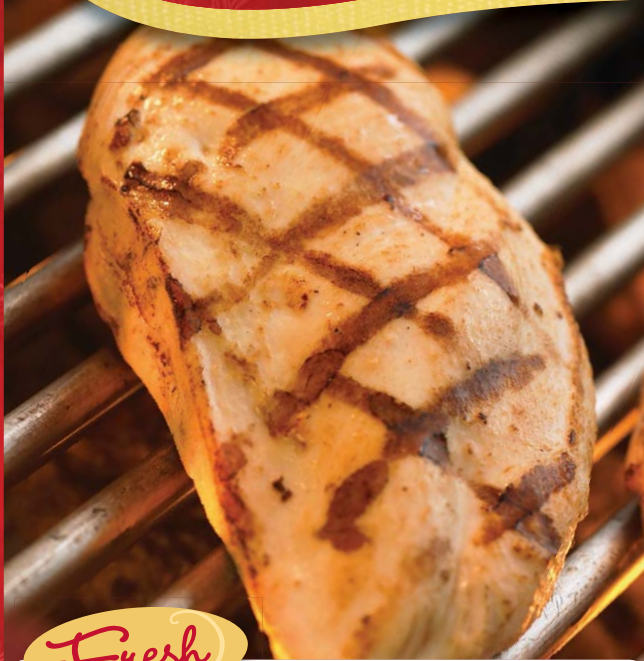
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