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Falcon wrestlers win dual meets



LIZ COPAN

Air Force sophomore Greg Rinker breaks out of a hold by a New Mexico Highlands wrestler during a dual meet between the Falcons and the Broncos at the Air Force Academy's Clune Arena Saturday. Rinker, a native of Northampton, Pa., won his bout in the 125-pound match by a major decision. The Falcons are back in action today and Saturday as they visit conference foes North Dakota State and South Dakota State, respectively. For complete wrestling coverage see **Page 10**.

Cadets, key workers lead CFC to beat 2011 goal

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

Cadets and more than 300 key workers led the Air Force Academy to surpass its fund-raising goal of approximately \$595,000 for the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign, the Academy's CFC project officer said Tuesday.

The total amount raised, about \$610,000, is the second-largest amount the Academy has collected in a CFC drive, said Master Sgt. Robert Pemberton, an Academy military trainer who is superintendent for the Directorate of Strategic Plans and Programs, Requirements, Assessments and Analyses here.

Cadet 1st Class Christopher Hassa, the cadet in charge of the Cadet Wing's CFC program, was named a regional CFC hero in a ceremony at Peterson Air Force Base Jan. 18. He will compete for the chance to meet the president at the White House

later this year.

Pemberton also recognized two other cadets, Cadet 1st Class Jacqueline Alequin and Cadet 2nd Class Martinus Davis, for their contributions to the 2011 CFC.

Alequin, the project officer for Cadet Group 1, helped the group raise nearly 30 percent of the Cadet Wing's \$255,000 total.

Davis helped Cadet Squadron 19 reach an 85-percent participation rate and raise almost \$14,000, the highest total among the cadet squadrons for 2011 and the third-highest amount raised by a cadet squadron since cadets began participating in the CFC in 2002.

"They did some things that were absolutely phenomenal," Pemberton said. "If I could have nominated all three, I would have, without a doubt."

Pemberton also credited more than 300 key workers who helped make sure everyone on base received an opportunity to donate, either by check or

by payroll deduction.

"The key workers are the key to the campaign, really," said Master Sgt. Amy Wilson, the alternate CFC project officer and superintendent of the Academy's protocol office. "We really couldn't do it without them."

Wilson said she plans to take over the project officer responsibilities next year for Pemberton, who was project officer in 2010 and 2011.

"I've always been a CFC supporter," said Wilson, superintendent of the Academy's protocol office. "I've supported it ever since I've been in the military, because I've wanted to give back to all the charities that supported me and my family."

Wilson says she hopes to lead the 2012 CFC to surpass its goals, both monetarily and in terms of participation.

"I see it as a good thing, because even if people don't donate, they at least know what their options are."

Admissions NCO: Keep an eye out for 'skimming'

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Gentle
Academy Admissions

I don't know if you guys have ever heard about skimming debit cards, but if you haven't you need to read this and if you have read the story.

THE STORY

While I was home on emergency leave, my wife was called about some transactions that didn't make any sense to Wells Fargo.

At first, I didn't think anything about it because I was in Michigan and she was here. I took a look into our account online and noticed there was one transaction that was taken out of our account put back in and then out and back in. It looked like nothing was taken out of the account.

I really didn't think anything about until Tuesday morning when I got to work and decided to check the account one more time. I then noticed a \$200.42 deduction for a hotel room in Vegas and a \$35 deduction for a cell phone.

I notified Wells Fargo about this as soon as possible and luckily got the money back. They told me someone from

their fraud department would call me once they had completed their investigation.

I decided I would do my own investigation and found the hotel in Vegas and called them up. The knuckleheads were still in the room, so the hotel called 911, and the guys were arrested!

SKIMMING

After my wife dropped me off at Denver International Airport the morning of Jan. 19, she stopped to get gas at a convenience store in Castle Rock. She swiped her credit card at the pump, but it gave her a hard time; once it worked, it then asked her if she had a supermarket loyalty card. She tried to scan that card, but the reader would not accept it and would not cancel the transaction. Our kids were in the car, so she didn't want to go inside, so she just entered the information and pressed on.

LESSON LEARNED

Check often to make sure there are no unauthorized transactions on your accounts. The faster you find it, the better off you will be.

Late supervisor's lessons live on

By Chief Master Sgt. Matt Proietti
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — The best Air Force boss I've ever had was a Navy brat who never served a day in uniform.

Tracey Schwarze was my civilian supervisor in a reserve airlift wing from 1989 to 1991 when she was in her late 20s. I was five years younger and respected her immediately because she was bright, hardworking and serious about her business -- public affairs.

Her job was to make sure members of our wing knew what was going on in the unit and to communicate to the local civilian community and news media the role we played in national defense. She did it well by shaping a ramshackle group of part-timers into a professional staff of communicators.

Tracey had already completed a master's degree and worked in two Defense Department jobs by the time she came into our lives. She was slight and bookish, but commanded respect by how she conducted herself and even by the purposeful way she walked around our headquarters building. She seemed as if she was always heading someplace to do something important.

"Even as a girl, she wanted people to know who she was," Tracey's mother, Encie, told me after her daughter's memorial service last fall. "She wanted to be noticed."

Our staff worked in one big room together, with our desks in a semicircle around Tracey so she was aware of what was going on at all times. She faced the door to keep an eye on who was visiting us. Though she was a real Southern lady who enjoyed people and loved to host dinner parties, those who stopped by our office to simply shoot the breeze soon found themselves back out in the hall. She had a way of dismissing interlopers by simply asking, "May I help you?"

She was a perfect boss for that place and time in my life. She had high expectations of her staff and was happy to work with us on our skills, but she made it clear that she wasn't going to toil on them harder than we did ourselves. She knew it was impossible to will someone to be a better writer or photographer.

The staff members treasured Tracey. I did at first for a selfish reason: she let me do my job. I was 22 when I started to work for her as editor of the unit's monthly newspaper and she gave me final say as to what appeared in it. My admiration for her quickly grew, though, because of other parts of her nature.

I was the lowest-ranking person in the office and had very little college under my belt, but she had me edit her work. Tracey understood that acknowledging she needed help was a sign of strength, not of weakness. Her openness left a deep impression on me that I've since used in parenting as well as professionally.

She set high standards that we continually met. It went beyond us simply trying to put in an honest day's work. None of us wanted to disappoint her because she believed in us so much.

Tracey shielded us from as many extra duties as she could and, more importantly, she defended our decisions, which was imperative since our work was seen by so many. She deflected as much criticism from us as she could and, when awards time came and plaques started piling up in our office, she gave her staff all of the credit. Tracey took the time to write detailed performance reports about us and nominated each for medals when warranted. She was our wingman before I'd ever heard that term. She had our backs and we absolutely had hers.

Looking back, it is obvious that we had grown to love her.

"She was our wingman before I'd ever heard that term. She had our backs and we absolutely had hers. Looking back, it is obvious that we had grown to love her."

Running a small military public affairs office was never going to be enough for Tracey Schwarze. She completed her doctorate by age 31 and started to lecture about English at universities near her then-husband's follow-on assignments. When he drew an assignment to Langley AFB, Va., near her hometown of Norfolk, she joined the staff at Christopher Newport University as a professor and vice provost.

Tracey, whose doctoral dissertation was published as a textbook, could have been an author, but teaching came first for her. Many of her students posted comments about her on web sites where college learners can rate their instructors. They describe the friend I knew - tough, but fair. If you were willing to work, she was an ally, maybe even a fan. If you were lazy or a whiner, you just might get the lowest grade of your academic life.

One constant theme in her students' remarks is that she helped them accomplish more than they thought they could. Those sentiments are reflected by the Airmen who had the great fortune to work with her.

"She pushed me well beyond my comfort zone to achievements I never thought possible," said retired Chief Master Sgt. Holly Vogel.

Maj. Andra Higgs, who worked for Tracey as an enlisted man, remembers that she ensured everyone's voice was heard when it came to decision-making.

"I found her approach evolutionary encouraging and empowering. Her management style continues to influence my professional and personal day-to-day practices," said Higgs, chief of Public Affairs for Fourth Air Force at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

The three of us got together recently to reminisce about our beloved boss and to mark the year that had already passed since Tracey, 48, died of cancer. We haven't worked for her in two decades but her fingerprints are all over our personal and professional lives.

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CSAF: Airmen key to new defense strategy

by Mitch Gettle
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Airmen will play an important role in the joint team's effort to achieve the priorities laid out in the new defense strategic guidance, according to the Air Force's top uniformed officer.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz spoke to members of the World Affairs Council of Wilmington here Jan. 19, where he discussed the capabilities the Air Force contributes to the new Department of Defense strategy.

The strategy, which was announced by defense officials Jan. 5, lays out a way forward for the military to defend the United States and its national interests while reducing military spending in a responsible, balanced manner.

Schwartz said he sees the Air Force contributing to the new strategy through the service's four core contributions to the nation's joint military portfolio: domain control; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; air mobility; and global strike.

These four contributions, which are enhanced by the Air Force's superior command and control networks, "have a proven track record of sustaining our Nation's military advantage in the face of emerging threats," he said.

"The nation has come to rely on the strategic

flexibility the Air Force provides to create desired, timely and precise effects at times and places of our choosing, and your Air Force is committed to providing it, even as current combat operations wind down," Schwartz said.

While the United States will maintain its focus on the Middle East, the defense strategic guidance also calls for a rebalance toward the Asia-Pacific theater, he said.

The Air Force will continue to strengthen its long-standing partnerships in that region, such as those with Australia, South Korea, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines, and continue developing burgeoning relationships with others like India, Indonesia and Thailand, the general said.

"Through these air force partnerships, we will work to leverage the unique characteristics of airpower to support our nation's, and mutual, strategic interests," Schwartz said.

The new defense strategy also affirms that the United States will maintain its commitments and advance its long-standing alliances in Europe, the general said.

"Working with our European allies, as well as with other global partners, we will seek to develop an enhanced, 'smart defense' approach that capitalizes on our ability to specialize, share and pool capabilities toward collective effects," Schwartz said.

In addition to strengthening interoperability with selected key global partners, Schwartz said the U.S. military will continue to increase joint interdependence, as seen in ongoing efforts on the Air-Sea Battle concept.

"As potential adversaries are pursuing strategies and investments in technical capabilities that are designed specifically to challenge our access to, and ability to maneuver in, areas where we have national interests, our nation's advantage in establishing and maintaining air superiority, sea control, and access to forward bases is being threatened," the general said.

Air-Sea Battle will help to maintain U.S. freedom of action across the full range of missions, including non-military; enhance power projection capability in defense of U.S. and partner-nation interests; and preserve access to the global commons, Schwartz said.

Leading and pursuing all of these efforts to ensure the U.S. military's readiness in the years ahead is a dedicated team of joint service members supported by their remarkable families, he said.

"I am grateful for your support of our brave men and women in uniform, as well as of their families," Schwartz told the audience. "They have served our country nobly, and continue to serve with great distinction."

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Increasing awareness

Anne Munch, an attorney who is an expert on victim and offender issues in criminal justice and military systems, speaks to cadets in Fairchild Hall Jan. 20. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office invited Munch to speak to cadets as part of a program to increase awareness about sexual assault prevention issues. The SAPR office invites subject matter experts to speak to each cadet class during the spring semester focusing on their specific class year role under the Officer Development System.



SARAH CHAMBERS



SENIOR AIRMAN MARLEAH MILLER

Melanie Sather, spouse of Staff Sgt. Scott D. Sather, and a family member pay their respect at the unveiling of Sgt. Sather's memorial, Jan. 20, Medina Annex, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The 12,000 pound memorial was sea-lifted from Iraq to Lackland, AFB, Texas.

Sather Memorial finds rest at JB San Antonio

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AFNS) — A memorial honoring the U.S. Air Force's first combat casualty during Operation Iraqi Freedom was unveiled Jan. 20 at Medina Annex, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Scott D. Sather, a combat controller, was killed in Iraq on April 8, 2003.

Pararescuemen, combat controllers and Pararescue Indoctrination Course trainees attended the memorial unveiling ceremony honoring Sather.

His memorial was created and displayed by civil engineers in Iraq to honor his leadership and bravery. The memorial was sea-lifted from Sather Air Base, Iraq, to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in March 2011.

Sather, who died at 29 years old, was originally from Michigan. He was last assigned to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

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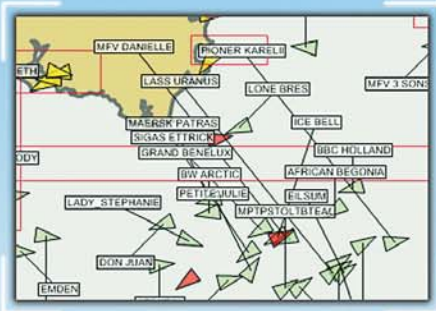
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Fascination to teach

Political science instructor will travel to Mongolia as recipient of Fulbright award

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit staff writer

An Air Force Academy political science professor will soon be calling the land of Genghis Khan home.

Dr. Fran Pilch, a prominent instructor known for her classes on war crimes, genocide and human rights, leaves for Mongolia in February as part of the Fulbright Program.

Pilch received a Fulbright Teaching Award and will work at the School of Foreign Service in the Mongolian capital, Ulaanbaatar. She will teach courses in international law, international relations and American foreign policy.

"I selected Mongolia from a rather extensive list of available countries because I have always been fascinated by Mongolia's history and culture and its efforts to become a thriving, independent democracy between the two superpowers of Russia and China," Pilch said. "I also didn't want something easy or luxurious; I wanted a challenge. I wanted to go someplace where my services would be needed and valuable."

The composition of the classes should ensure that her wish is fulfilled. Each class will consist of 80 students, all of whom are aspiring diplomats or interested in some other international career.

Pilch will also attend a conference on regional security issues. Held at the University of Mongolia, the conference is one of the largest in Asia.

The Fulbright is the latest in an impressive string of accolades for Pilch. In 2010, she was named Colorado's professor of the year by the Carnegie



MIKE KAPLAN

Fran Pilch speaks to cadets in the Academy's McDermott Library Sept. 12. Pilch received a Fulbright Teaching Award and will teach courses on international law, international relations and American foreign policy in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.



Dr. Fran Pilch

Teaching Foundation. And for several years, she was a fixture at Colorado Springs World Affairs Council events.

Her son is a former cadet who graduated in 1993, and Pilch herself has been teaching at the Academy since 1998. Bradford Waldie, a second lieutenant and one of Pilch's former students, called her "an inspiration, a trusted

mentor, and an integral part of my development and education" in his letter recommending Pilch for professor of the year.

Now students halfway around the world will discover what makes Pilch so beloved among cadets and colleagues.

"There is no better way to foster positive relationships between other cultures than to experience them for yourself, returning home to tell people what you have learned," she said. "It breaks down stereotypes and lets people become friends on a one-to-one basis."

As an illustration, Pilch recalled the year she spent in India while working on her graduate dis-

sertation at Yale. Interviewing Indian politicians while living among them was one of the most formative experiences of her life, she said.

Pilch endured a rigorous application process befitting the Fulbright Program's exalted status. Applicants choose a country and then compete for the available spots in their field.

Besides the students, a number of other exciting challenges await Pilch in Mongolia. Among them is the harsh climate. Last week, the temperature was -36 degrees Fahrenheit. Pilch said the worst-case scenario would be that her fingers get so numb that she can't type.

While there, she will live in a ninth-floor apartment. Power in the building is spotty, however, and sometimes the elevator doesn't work.

Despite the lack of creature comforts, Pilch is undaunted and says that having to rough it in Mongolia is insignificant compared with the incredible opportunity she's been given.

"I am told the Mongolians love Americans and are extremely hospitable," Pilch said.

If her impact on them is anything like it's been on Academy cadets in her classes, then the world will soon know Mongolia for more than just good old Genghis and his thundering hordes.



This flag of Mongolian People's Republic was adapted in 1992. The yellow symbol is the national emblem, a columnar arrangement of abstract and geometric representations of fire, sun, moon, earth, water, and the Yin-Yang symbol.

A look at Mongolia

Population: About 3.1 million
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Old satellite teaching new lessons

by Scott Prater
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFNS) — Since Jan. 13, the 2nd Space Operations Squadron here has been busy disposing of an old and trusted satellite.

Squadron members could soon refer to the vehicle, known as SVN-30, as the satellite that keeps on giving because crews continue to garner invaluable information concerning how GPS Block IIA satellites behave as they degrade.

“We still have 12 GPS Block IIA vehicles on orbit,” said Lt. Col. Dean Holthaus, the 2nd SOPS director of operations. “In addition to the normal end-of-life test and disposal procedures, we’re conducting some tests (that) will help characterize how the other Block IIAs will behave with regard to their sensors, attitude control, etc., during future disposal operations.”

The Air Force launched SVN-30 in September 1996 and the vehicle began providing position, navigation and timing data for GPS users worldwide the very next month. Designers placed four atomic frequency standards, or clocks, on the satellite during construction and it took nearly 16 years for all four to degrade beyond their usefulness. Operations crews began noticing that SVN-30’s final clock was experiencing trouble in May 2011, so 2nd SOPS crews resurrected a residual satellite, SVN-35, to

replace it in the GPS constellation.

That’s when the satellite that keeps on giving leapt back into service.

“We’ve known for some time that SVN-30 was going to present itself as the perfect test bed,” said Capt. Jayson Andersen, the 2nd SOPS assistant flight commander, GPS Mission Analysis. “Its navigation payload has degraded to the point where it can’t support position, navigation and timing missions anymore, but its bus components are still operating on the primary side and there is plenty of fuel onboard. We have an incredible opportunity to gain some understanding and knowledge about how Block IIAs behave at the end of their operational lives.”

More than 50 personnel, including 2nd SOPS and 19th Space Operations Squadron operators and orbital analysts, will coordinate with Boeing and Aerospace contractors to test the satellite before its disposal later this month.

“The major benefit for us is that the information we gain from testing will drive down risk in future disposal operations,” Holthaus said. “We know if anything falls outside the norm during future operations, we’ll have quantifiable data from SVN-30’s disposal for use in a scenario where we can’t dispose of a vehicle in the standard fashion.”

Andersen contends that the 2nd SOPS is showing forward thinking by trying to protect high-value GPS slots, which could be compromised if



a satellite were to become inoperable in place.

“We may not dispose of another vehicle for several years,” he said. “But, when we are forced to dispose of it, we want to go into it with high confidence so that we have the lowest-risk disposal possible. We want to be able to vacate that slot and bring in a new vehicle.”

Final shutdown of SVN-30 will occur at the later stages of the operation, when crews will command the vehicle to fire its thrusters, pushing it out and up to a higher orbit, deplete the vehicle of its remaining fuel, discharge all batteries and open all valves. Telemetry shutdown and final contact with earth is planned for today.

In addition to taking safety precautions to ensure a mishap free transition, the 2nd SOPS will also coordinate with external organizations, such as the Joint Space Operations Center, to provide predicted burn vectors and post-burn vectors so crews can conduct collision avoidance operations with other vehicles on orbit.

“I am proud of our team for their innovation and forward thinking in this regard,” said Lt. Col. Jennifer Grant, the 2nd SOPS commander. “We are constantly trying to find ways to utilize every satellite on orbit to the best of our ability. This end-of-life testing will pay dividends in planning for future disposal, or contingency operations for future disposal operations.”

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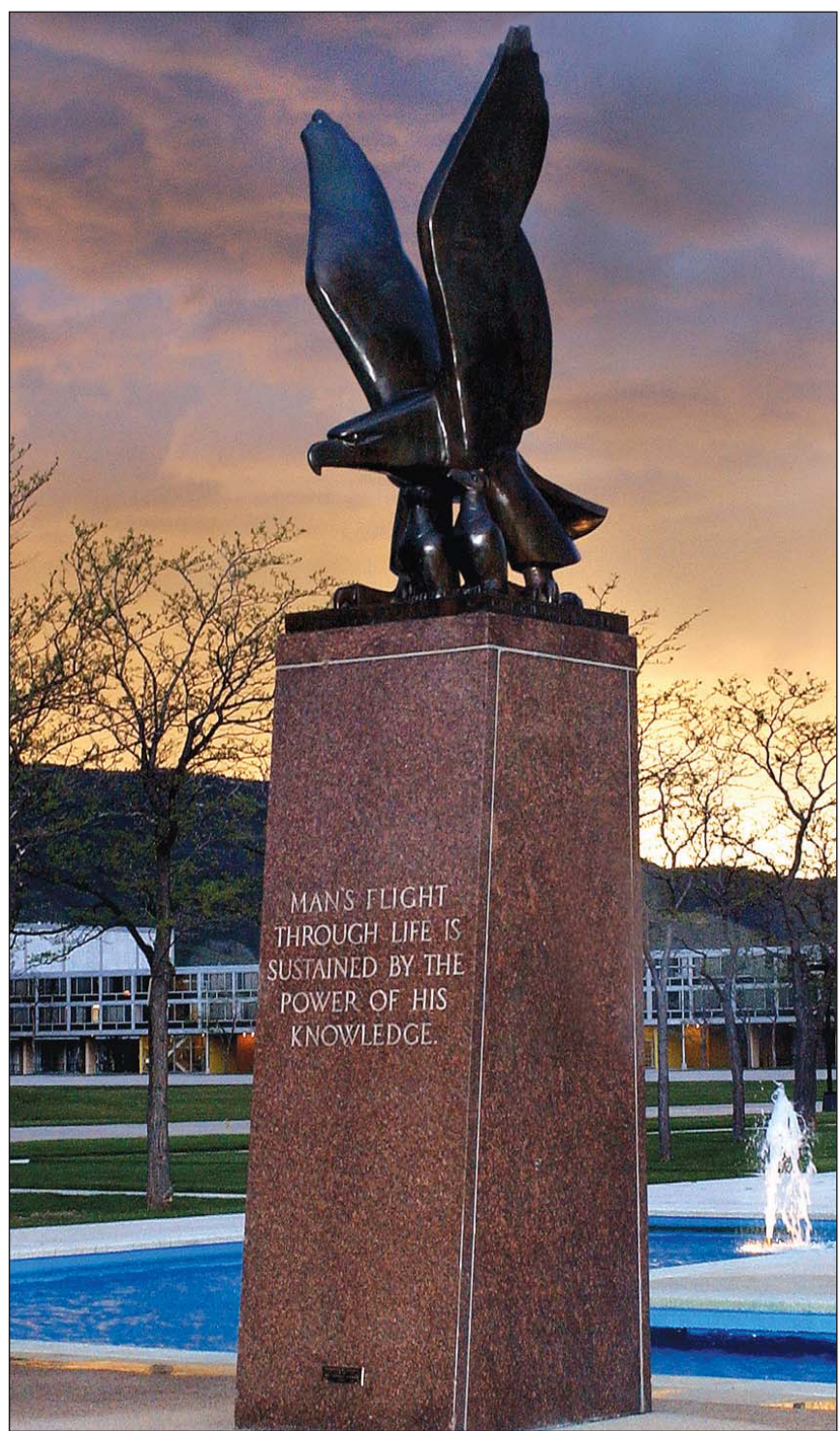
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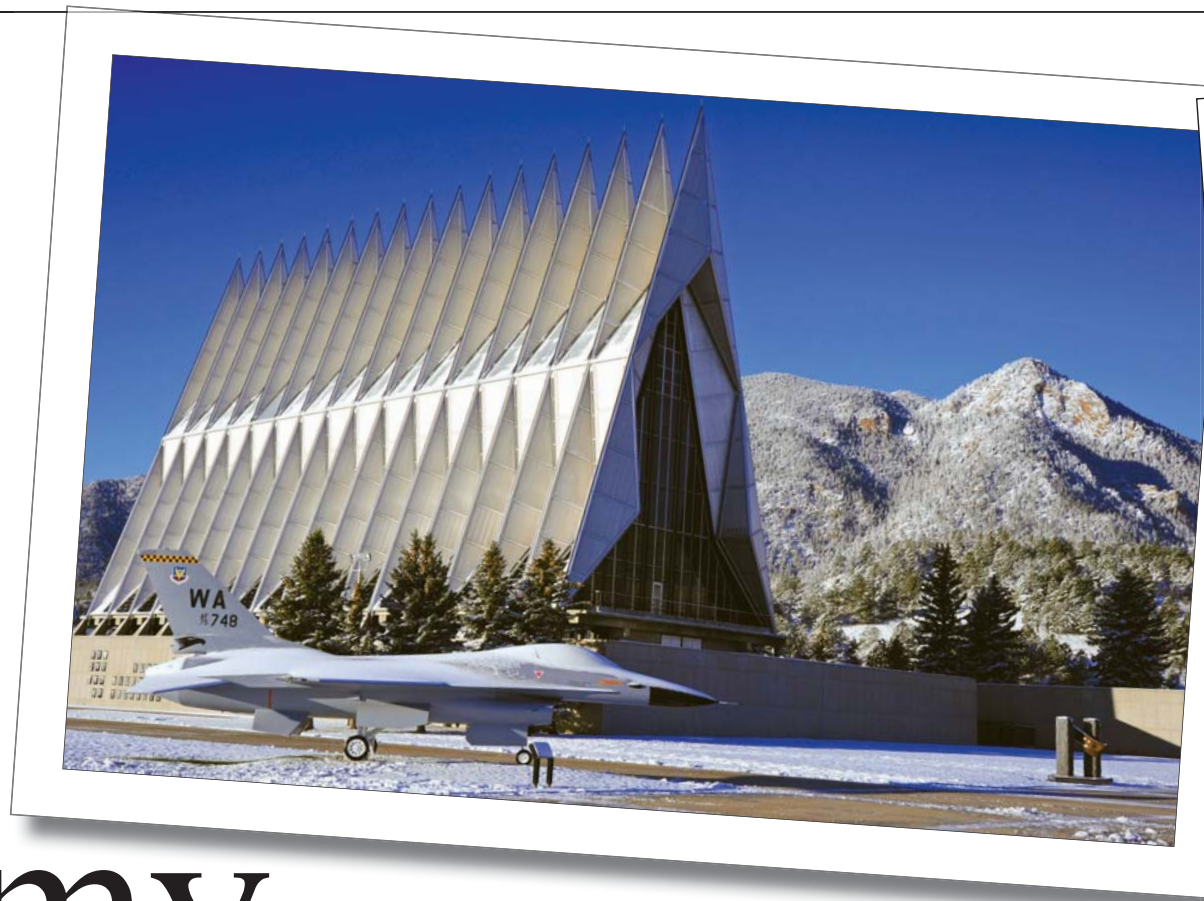


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Today's economy, coupled with post-holiday bills, may limit opportunities for those on a fixed budget, but the Air Force Academy attracts thousands of tourists from around the world year round, but we often overlook it because it is in our own backyard. Best of all, this attraction offers a variety of activities suitable for the whole family and the admission is free.

The U.S. Air Force Academy is the youngest of the five service academies and is the nation's premier institution for producing leaders of character. Its mission is to educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.

Even if you have already visited the Academy, a return trip offers the opportunity to view the many wonders it offers. Recent testimonials posted by patrons on travel websites:

- "One of America's Gems: The campus of the U.S. Air Force Academy is unbelievable ... the views are incredible."
- "At 7,500 feet, the air is crisp and clean, and the deepest blue skies anywhere. The architecture is spectacular. The history and beauty makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up and makes me proud to be an American. I applaud our brave men and women of the U.S. Air Force Academy."
- "Awe-inspiring! The U.S. Air Force Academy should be on the top 10 list of 'must visits.' It's touching to see our young men and women on their campus-they are so earnest. The chapel is beautiful, as is the hike up to the Visitor Center."
- "This is a place that I could visit over and over again and still could not get tired of being there."

The Academy is open to visitors from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The Visitor Center is

open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. All visitors must enter through the North Gate entrance, accessed from Exit 156B on Interstate 25.

SELF-GUIDED TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

The Barry Goldwater Air Force Academy Visitor Center serves as the gateway to the Academy, providing information on its history and cadet life to hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The center was built with donated and borrowed funds totaling \$4.5 million. The private organizations that donated the building to the Air Force named it in honor of retired Arizona Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, an avid supporter of the Academy.

The facility, which opened its doors in June 1986, has 31,600 square feet of exhibits, a snack bar and a gift shop. The exhibit area features displays on history and cadet life with specially-designed exhibits to explain the Academy's four Pillars of Excellence: character development, and academic, athletic and military training.

Also featured at the Visitor Center is a 13-minute movie that highlights the Academy experience and is shown throughout the day. A one-third-mile paved nature trail east of the facility allows visitors to walk to the Cadet Chapel.

The Cadet Chapel's unique architecture has made it the most photographed building in the state of Colorado. The 17 spires on the roof of this structure project 150 feet into the sky. Visitors can tour the Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Buddhist worship areas within the chapel as well as an Earth-Centered worship area atop the hill overlooking the Cadet Chapel. Check out the Cadet Chapel webpage for services and tour information at www.usafachapel.org or call 719-333-2636.

Arnold Hall contains several military and Academy exhibits, a small food court and an auditorium for special events or official functions.

The Honor Court is located between the Chapel and Arnold Hall and contains bronze statues and aircraft memorials from various groups.

On Mondays and Fridays during the academic year, visitors may observe the Cadet Wing marching to lunch in the noon meal formation. In August and September, the Air Force Academy Band provides musical accompaniment. Noon meal formations are subject to cancellation without notice. Visitors may view the formation from the Honor Court wall or the wall surrounding the Cadet Chapel that overlooks the Terrazzo.

The Athletic Field and Falcon Athletic Center sit a short drive away from the Visitor Center. The field house has an indoor athletic field, ice rink, the Clune Arena basketball court and a snack bar. The athletic center is located next to the field house, and holds the Athletic Ticket Office where visitors can purchase tickets to any of the Division I intercollegiate home events and the Athletic Hall of Excellence.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 800-666-8723 or visit the website at www.goairforcefalcons.com.

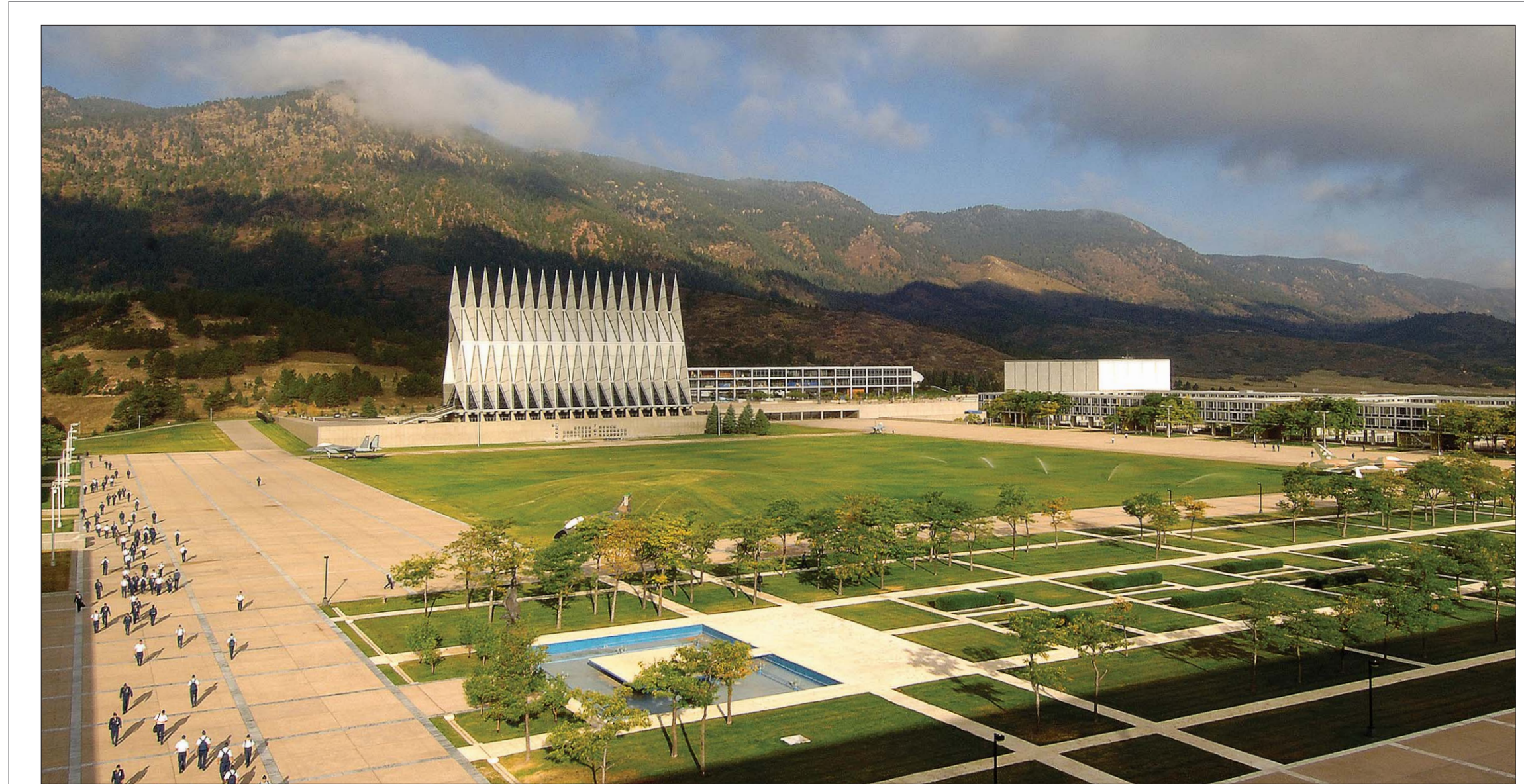
Self-guided tour maps and information on the academy are available at the information desk.

DISABLED ACCESS

As a courtesy to visitors, wheelchairs are provided for use within the Visitor Center, however, they cannot be taken out of the facility. The paved nature trail is a strenuous walk with a variety of hills, and the walk from the Cadet Chapel to the Visitor Center is mostly uphill with steep grades in some areas. People with limited mobility should bring a wheelchair to help them get to and from the Chapel.

Visitors may also park in the Arnold Hall parking lot to reach the Cadet Chapel. This is still about a one-third-mile walk but with a more natural grade.

The next time you're looking for something to do with the family that will not put a dent in your wallet, be sure to check out your Air Force Academy. Any time of year, it promises a good time for the whole family, all at a price you just cannot beat.



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The Terrazzo with the Chapel in the background/ U.S. Air Force Photo

Air Force topples Cal Poly, N.M. Highlands

By Melissa McKeown
Athletic Communications

The Air Force wrestling team wrapped up a strong week of home competition on Saturday, winning a pair of dual meets versus Cal Poly and New Mexico Highlands.

The Falcons won seven of 10 bouts against Cal Poly, which is ranked 19th by InterMatWrestle.com, to earn a 30-15 victory over the Mustangs, and swept New Mexico Highlands, rolling to a 44-0 victory over the Cowboys.

Air Force (6-3) got out to a strong start against Cal Poly, as sophomore Greg Rinker and freshman Dylan Hyder each recorded a major decision at 125 and 133 pounds, respectively. The Mustangs earned their first win of the match at 141 pounds, as fourth-ranked Boris Novachkov earned a fall to bring the team score to 8-6.

A technical fall by third-ranked junior Cole VonOhlen in the 149-pound match pushed the Falcons' lead to 13-6. Meanwhile, sophomores Josh Kreimier and Colby Kluesner each posted major decisions in their respective weight classes, giving Air Force a 21-6 advantage.

One of the toughest matches came at 174 pounds, as the Falcons' Clayton Gable took on fourth-ranked Ryan DesRoches. While DesRoches retained control for nearly two minutes in the opening period after an early takedown, Gable was able to score a reversal with just 10 seconds remaining and picked up three near fall points to take a 5-2 lead into the second period. After DesRoches came back to tie the score, Gable led again in the final period, 6-5, but DesRoches closed out the match with a takedown and an extra point for riding time in an 8-6 decision.

Sophomore Greg Isley picked up another close win for the Falcons at 184 pounds, earning a 5-3 decision



LIZ COPAN

Junior Kyle VonOhlen applies a hold to a New Mexico Highlands wrestler during Saturday's meet at Clune Arena Saturday. VonOhlen won in the 149-pound category.

to put Air Force ahead 24-9, clinching the team victory. The Mustangs earned another victory at 197 pounds, as 18th-ranked Ryan Smith recorded a fall, while junior Jared Erickson took a win by injury default in the heavyweight bout to close out the dual.

"We wrestled well today," said Air Force head coach Joel Sharratt. "Anytime we give up pins, it's obviously something we have to work on, but Cal Poly is a quality team, and this puts us in a good position with two conference duals coming up next week."

Following the win over Cal Poly, Air Force returned to the mat to take on New Mexico Highlands. The Falcons posted their second shutout of the season, winning all 10 duals against the Cowboys.

Rinker, VonOhlen and Kreimier all earned falls for Air Force, while Gable added a technical fall. Freshman Carter McElhany, Kluesner and Erickson each scored extra team points by winning major decisions in their respective weight classes, while Hyder, Isley and junior Josh Mohr each registered decisions.

VonOhlen, who registered his team-leading eighth fall of the season, also reached an historic milestone in his match against New Mexico Highlands, recording his 100th career victory. VonOhlen became the first Falcon to reach the 100-win plateau since the 2001-02 season.

Meanwhile, with their three dual victories this week, the Falcons are undefeated at home this season, with a match-up against nationally ranked conference rival Wyoming looming Thursday.

"We're wrestling well in Clune right now," stated Sharratt. "It's a great wrestling venue, and it's awesome having the support from the Academy's senior leadership. It means a lot to our guys to have them in attendance."

At the conclusion of the Falcons' varsity duals on Saturday evening, the Air Force Silver Team took on New Mexico Highlands, earning a 34-10 victory. The Cowboys won the first two bouts, but the Falcons regrouped with eight straight wins, including a fall by sophomore Chris Morales at 174 pounds. Sophomore Dan Barringer recorded a technical fall at 165 pounds, while sophomore Daniel Baucke and freshman Alec Williams earned major decisions at 149 and 157 pounds, respectively.

Also posting wins for the Silver team were sophomores Devin Hightower, Evan Gros and Brook Gosch, who each recorded decisions for the Falcons, and freshman Cody Hancock, who was awarded a forfeit victory at 141 pounds.



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8. The brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
11. Direct the steering of a ship
13. Chops with irregular blows
15. Plural of hilum
16. Incline from vertical (geo.)
17. Simple word forms
18. Paddles
19. Roman garment
21. Meat skewers
23. Ethiopia (abbr.)
25. The cry made by sheep
26. Beatty-Bening movie
30. Concealed
33. Political action committee
34. High rock piles (Old English)
35. Scottish County (abbr.)
36. Goat and camel hair fabric
37. A very large body of water
38. Fabric stain
39. Israeli city ___ Aviv
40. Shoe's underside
42. Military legal corps
43. Patti Hearst's captors
44. Undecided
48. ___ death do us part
49. Supervises flying
50. Many headed monsters
54. Literary language of Pakistan
57. Halo
58. Hawaiian hello
63. Lubricants
65. Mild exclamation
66. Greek fresh-water nymph
67. Nickname for grandmother
68. A restaurant bill
69. Automaker Ransom E.
70. A young man

CLUES DOWN

1. Schenectady County Airport
2. Small water craft
3. Opposite of ecto
4. The woman
5. Skeletal muscle
6. Devoid of warmth and cordiality
7. Decimeter
8. Italian goodbye
9. Mediation council
10. Impudence
12. A desert in S Israel
14. Japanese seaport
15. Nob or goblin
20. Ingested
22. Swiss river
24. Protects head from weather
25. Lava rock
26. Designer identifier
27. 34470 FL
28. Petrified ancient animal
29. Gas used in refrigeration
30. Journeys to Mecca
31. Eighth month,
32. Jewish calendar animal
32. Small indefinite quantity
33. Taps
41. Extremely high frequency
44. Iguanidae genus
45. From the Leaning Tower's city
46. Cologne
47. Moses' elder brother (Bible)
50. A minute amount (Scott)
51. Hindu name for 4 epochs
52. Faded and dull
53. Radioactivity unit
55. The face of a clock
56. The inner forearm bone
59. Tai language of the Mekong region
60. Embrocate
61. Possessed
62. Public promotions
64. Sorrowful

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Solution on page 14



LIZ COPAN

The Air Force men's swimming and diving team fell to Denver, 153-90, in a dual meet at the Air Force Academy Cadet Natatorium Saturday. The loss brings them to 8-8 on the season.

Air Force swimmers fall to 8-8

The Air Force men's swimming and diving team dropped a 153-90 dual meet to Denver Saturday afternoon at the Cadet Natatorium, falling to 8-8 on the season.

Denver won the first nine events to start the meet and coasted to the win.

Air Force won three of 13 events on the day.

Air Force was led by seniors Corydon Butler and Cody Deacon. But-

ler won the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 4:40.04. Deacon took the 50m breaststroke with a time of 26.14 seconds.

The Falcons also capped the meet by winning the 200m freestyle relay. The group of Tim Martinelli, Cole Smith, Butler and Ryan Dunne swam a winning time of 1:24.31.

Junior Brent White was Air Force's top diver, taking second place in both the 1m and 3m dives.

Aztecs overpower Falcons, 75-62

Junior Dymond James registered her third double-double of the year, but the Air Force women's basketball team came up short in their upset bid against league-leading San Diego State, falling 75-62 to the Aztecs Saturday afternoon in Clune Arena.

James finished the game with 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Falcons, while sophomore Megan O'Neil also scored in double figures with a career-best 18 points.

Courtney Clements registered 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Aztecs to their 10th-straight victory.

Air Force (5-14, 0-4) got out to a strong start against San Diego State, shooting better than 59 percent from the field in the first half against the top defensive team in the Mountain West. Although the Falcons were hampered by too many turnovers in the opening period, committing 16 miscues in the first 20 minutes, Air Force still managed to take a 32-30 advantage into the intermission.

The Falcons led by as many as four points early in the second half, but San Diego State (14-4, 4-0) came back to regain the advantage. With 10:41 remaining in the contest, the score was tied at 41-41, but Air Force was hampered by foul trouble in the end, as the Aztecs scored 18 of their last 23 points at the charity stripe.

For the game, Air Force shot a season-best 51.1 percent but committed 23 turnovers compared to just 10 for the Aztecs. In addition, San Diego



LIZ COPAN

Air Force's Dymond James and San Diego State's Malia Nahinu tip off at the start of the Falcons' match against the Aztecs in the Air Force Academy's Clune Arena Saturday.

State had a slight edge on the boards, outrebounding the Falcons 40-36.

"I'm extremely proud of our team and the way we bounced back today (after a tough road loss on Wednesday)," said Air Force head coach Andrea Williams. "We came out and competed. Now we just need to focus and reload, and put it together for our game against TCU at home."

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Fitness center crowns racquetball champs

By Dave Castilla
Intramural sports director

The Academy completed its 11th-annual singles racquetball double-elimination tournament Saturday.

There were 27 participants in the Men's Open/A and Men's B/C division. Racquetball players from Buckley, Schriever and Peterson Air Force Bases as well as Fort Carson participated in the event.

Ray Cordero took first place in the Open/A division for the third time in four years, defeating a familiar foe, Richard Romero, who has taken two second place victories and one championship in the past. Cordero

defeated Romero 15-10,15-10 in a tough championship match.

Donnel Valdez took 1st place in the Men's B/C when Tina Bragdon could not continue in the final game due to medical issues. Valdez and Bragdon played three times with Valdez winning 15-2,13-15,11-2, in the first match. In the championship game, Bragdon came back and won 15-12, 15-6, forcing the final match.

A doubles racquetball tournament is scheduled for Feb. 18-19. Entry fee is \$30 per team. Two open players will not be able to combine together, the team must be made up of two A players or 1 Open/A.

OPEN A DIVISION

- 1st place: Ray Cordero
- 2nd place: Richard Romero
- 3rd place: Jim Bouchard

OPEN B/C DIVISION

- 1st place: Donnel Valdez
- 2nd place: Tina Bragdon
- 3rd place: Jim Cunningham
- 4th place: Tom Settecerri

Tina Bragdon sets up to return a serve from Donnel Valdez in a B/C division matchup Saturday.



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Intramural basketball notes and highlights

Over-30 League

The top two teams in the over-30 basketball league squared off Jan. 18 at the fitness center with Med Group defeating the Dean of Facility, 68-59, to hold on to first place.

The first half was close the majority of the way, but Tim Heller heaved a ball from more than half court and banked in a three point basket, giving the medics the half-time lead at 31-25.

The Medics galloped off to an early lead in the second half to push their lead to 12. However, DF came roaring back with five minutes to go, bringing the score to 56-54, but the Med Group poured it on the in final minutes to secure the win.

In the final game the Prep School led from start to finish defeating the Cadet Wing 49-38. Prep School's win puts them in third place.

The preps had a 20-10 first-half lead thanks to some early baskets from Joe Trechter and Eric Moore.

In the second stanza, the cadet wing tried but could never get the point spread under eight. The preps had balanced scoring from Joe Trechter, 15 points, and teammates Nate Allen, Raimee Beck, and Eric Moore all had nine points apiece. The Cadet Wing's top scorers were Bill Reif, with nine points, and Adam McNeill and Oliver Johns with eight points apiece.

Intramural League

The medical teams squared off in Tuesday night action with Hospital No. 2 defeating the first place team, Hospital No. 1, 66-57. Hospital No.1 got out to a quick 9-2 lead, but after that, medic team No. 2 dominated inside and outside. Hospital No. 2 took an 11 point lead at the half to bring the score to 32-21 and never looked back.

Hospital No. 2 was led by balanced scoring from Paul Vernon, with 17 points, Aaron Dawkins with 15 and Rod Turner had 13 points. Hospital No. 1's leading scorers were Malik Perry with 18 points and Ryan Hampton with 17 points.

CES defeated DRU 52-51 in a nail biter. CES had the lead from the beginning when Tanner Derosier tipped the opening jump to Roy Dalton who fired a bullet to Steve Rousseau for the opening bucket. Derosier controlled the boards throughout the game and Dalton ran the CES offense with precision. CES had an eight-point lead at the half, but with five minutes left in the game, DRU's Hwang Ho scored two three-pointers to give DRU a one-point lead. Derosier won the game with two free throws. Derosier had a team high 14 points, and Dan Garcia added 11 more. DRU was led in scoring by Hwang Ho with 15 points and Chris Batson with 11.

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Free tax preparation available

The Academy tax center will offer free tax preparation starting Feb. 3. Taxes will be done by appointment only. Appointments will be available 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays and Fridays.

The gross income limit for eligibility is \$60,000 for either an individual or joint tax return. The program is open to cadets, Academy service members and dependents of Academy service members.

The tax center is in Arnold Hall, and it will begin taking appointments this month. For more info, call 333-3905.

Entry decal discontinued

Fort Carson has eliminated the use of the Department of Defense vehicle decals (DD Form 2220) for access to the installation.

The vehicle decal is no longer available at the Academy's Pass and Registration Center.

The PRC will now issue Cadet Area stickers weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Any questions can be referred to Brad

Wilson at 333-8420.

Community center activities

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.

Double-feature movie night - Today at the auditorium. The first movie will be "Johnny English Reborn," rated PG. The second movie, "Tower Heist," is rated PG-13. Start times are the same as Friday's.

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 Arapahoe Basin. Call 333-4475 for more info.

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 the 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.

Area military adoption fair

The Academy, Peterson and Schriever Air Force bases and Fort Carson will host a military adoption fair from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Southeast YMCA.

The fair will consist of adoption information specific to military families, an adoption agency services panel including information on infant, local, foster, interstate, and international adoptions.

There will also be a resource panel, an adoptive parent forum and information fair.

For more information or to register, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 333-3444. Attendees must register for event.

Fishing regulation changes

The Academy no longer requires fishermen to have a Colorado fishing license. However, a \$21 annual base permit or \$7.25 one-day permit is required.

Fishermen who would like to use two rods also have a new option of purchasing a \$5 second-rod permit that is valid only for Academy and Farish Recreation Area lakes.

An annual fishing permit purchased in 2011 will be valid through March 31 during a phase-in of the new calendar year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) permit.

Academy fishing and second-rod permits are sold only at the Outdoor

Recreation Center, Farish Recreation Area, and the Peregrine Pines Family Camp.

If you have questions about the fishing program, see USAFAI32-7001 or call Natural Resources at 333-3308.

Family advocacy classes

Stress Management Class - Attend this class to find out about the symptoms of stress, practical ways to manage stress and how to relax. Two-session class held from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Feb. 7.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting Class - For parents with children ages 2-12. Offers easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children without arguing, yelling or spanking. Two-session course from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday and Feb. 8.

Dads 101 Class - This class is taught for dads by dads. Topics include pregnancy, labor and delivery, communicating with your spouse and caring for in infant. Two-session class is from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 13-14.

A Couples Enrichment Workshop is from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 10. Want more from your marriage or relationship? This workshop will help you learn how to talk to each other more effectively, to listen so your partner feels heard and understood, to solve problems like you're on the same team and to remember how to have fun together again.

Academy Lanes offerings

Breakfast at Ten Pin Grill: Monday-Friday, 7-11 a.m. Hot breakfasts featuring eggs, hash browns, bacon or sausage, biscuits and gravy, and more. All breakfasts include drinks. Call in your breakfast order at 333-4252 by 6:45 a.m. to get your order delivered at curb side.

Weight Loss Challenge

The Health and Wellness Center is sponsoring its 4th annual Weight

Loss Challenge Feb. 22. Teams of three to five members are invited to join the Health and Wellness Center's 4th Annual Weight Loss Challenge.

A team leader meeting to discuss rules and guidelines is at 2 p.m. Feb. 15.

Winners will receive prizes and awards. All Participants will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information call the HAWC at 333-3733.

Walk 4 Life

Get Up and Moving with Walk 4 Life a NEW low impact, maximum benefits exercise program. Participants can improve in all aspects of fitness, including: cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, weight loss and strength. The walking sessions are approximately one hour starting at the Fitness Center. Days and Times Vary!

To register or for more information visit the HAWC or call 333-3733.

Golf Course events

The Eisenhower Golf Course offers the following events in February. Please call 333-2606, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday to sign up for these events. RSVPs are required.

Cooking Lessons with Chef Hero - 5 p.m. Thursday. Learn some great cooking tips and enjoy a great meal for just \$30 per person.

New England Seafood Dinner - 5 p.m. Feb. 9. Clams, chowder, shrimp and more! \$20 per person.

Steak Night - 5 p.m. Feb. 16. Two great steak choices with delicious sides. \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

Titleist Ball Fitting and Product Info Night - February 23, 5 p.m. Appetizers and cash bar. \$10 per person.

For more information contact the golf course at 333-2606.



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CATHOLIC WORSHIP
Mass: Sundays, 10 a.m.

JEWISH WORSHIP
Normal schedule
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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE
The Community Center Chapel's Protestant Religious Education program has resumed. Each week begins with a free dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Religious Education classes from 6:30-7:30 pm.
Several new classes are being offered for adults and children. Call the chapel for details at 333-3300.

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