

CHEMISTRY OLYMPIADHigh school students hone their chemistry skills. **Page 3****PREDATOR**Unmanned aerial vehicle finds new home in Mitchell Hall. **Page 5****FURRY FAMILY**Academy race goes to the dogs. **Page 10****ACADEMY SPIRIT****ENGINEERED**Junior cadets test their engineering skills. **Pages 8-9**

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Mr. John Dannen grabs a water-ladefirehose to drag it to 75 yards to the target during the Firefighter Combat Challenge regionals in Vail on Saturday. He finished the course in just under two minutes, to place 10th among men at the competition. The Academy Fire Department will host another of these competitions, The Rumble in the Rockies, Aug. 5-6 at Falcon Stadium.



Lt. Stacey Billapando of the Colorado Springs Fire Department hands the baton off to Ms. Elaine Perkins of the Air Force Academy Fire Department during a relay event on Sunday. Both are founding members of the Fire Fembots womens relay team, the womens' 2009 and 2010 world champions in the Firefighter Combat Challenge.

Academy firefighters rise to challenge

By John Van Winkle
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

VAIL, Colo. — The Air Force Academy Fire Department falconized the Firefighter Combat Challenge regional competition in Vail, Saturday and Sunday.

Academy firefighters won most events, and several academy teams have now qualified to advance to the World Firefighter Combat Challenge later this year.

The firefighter combat challenge is in its 20th year now, and has been called “the toughest two minutes in sports” by ESPN. The event puts firefighters through several events aiming for maximum effort in minimal time, as firefighters demonstrate their real-world firefighting skills against the clock. Firefighters don 60 pounds of protective gear to run the course. The events include racing up a five-story tower

carrying a bundled fire hose, pulling a second hose up the tower using upper-body strength, pounding a 150-pound slab of steel to simulate a forced door entry, dragging a water-laden fire hose 75 feet, hitting a small target with the spray from the fire hose, and then dragging a 175-pound dummy called Rescue Randy backwards 75 yards across the finish line.

One change added this year to make the course safer, is to the dummy drag.

“The new rule this year is you have to stop the clock with the feet of Rescue Randy crossing the finish line,” said Dr. Paul Davis, the event’s founder.

Many competitors simply fall backwards once they think they’ve crossed the finish line, due to exhaustion and sometimes a loss of balance from carrying the \$5,000

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Academy, city officials dedicate solar array

Green energy to power 11 percent of Academy’s electrical needs

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

Officials with the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs Utilities and SunPower Corp. flipped a switch signifying the official dedication of the Academy’s 6-megawatt solar array in a ceremony Monday.

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould called the event significant because it demonstrates the partnership between the Academy and the local community to bring renewable energy to the Colorado Springs area.

“At the strategic level, a lot of us talk

about getting serious about the renewable energy business,” General Gould said. “We did it. This shows action and leadership at many levels. And it shows our 4,400 cadets -- the reason why we’re all here -- what bold leadership is about and what making a commitment and taking action is all about.”

The partnership to develop the array began at the federal level, with \$18.3 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act set aside to build the facility. Colorado Springs Utilities won the contract, and SunPower oversaw the construction.

“The Air Force Academy is a trea-

sure for Colorado Springs,” said Springs Utilities CEO Jeff Forte.

The solar array fits into the Academy’s objective to generate 100 percent of its electricity needs on base by 2020 as part of the Defense Department’s Net Zero Energy Installation initiative. It also helps the city of Colorado Springs move toward its goal of producing 20 percent of its energy through renewable sources by 2020, Mr. Forte said.



General Gould credited several officials with the 10th Air Base Wing and the contractors for their partnership in the solar array project. He also credited Russ Hume, the Academy’s energy program manager, for his involvement.

“Russ, your leadership, your push and your drive has made all this happen,” General Gould said.

Because the government paid the construction and maintenance costs up front, the Academy will receive the electricity at no cost throughout the facility’s lifetime, Mr. Hume said. Moreover, the array will generate the most electricity during peak times of the day, when electricity is most expensive; this will save the Academy as much as \$1 million per year over the array’s 25-year lifetime.

Mr. Hume said the array constitutes about 11 percent of the Academy’s overall electricity needs: about 12,000

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Control is an illusion

By Lt. Col. Gregory Kreuder
13th Fighter Squadron

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan (AFNS) — Regardless of badge or rank, as Airmen, we all decided to put the needs of our country above our own. We work in high-pressure environments where we compete with peers for jobs, schools, and promotions. Yet we still need to function as cohesive teams to achieve each of our squadrons' missions.

If we can't adapt, this leads to undue stress and friction. In this article, I'll offer a perspective gained during undergraduate pilot training as perhaps one way to strike a balance between these competing interests. In my 16 years in the Air Force since pilot training, I've truly enjoyed serving without concern for what the future holds. In my view, the issue of control is at the heart of the matter.

Whether or not we agree, most have heard the saying, "Control is an illusion."

If true, should we throw our hands up in defeat?

On the contrary, I propose we separate the few things that are within our control from the vast remainder which is not. We should expend our best effort where we can and let the rest ride. It sounds simple, but this requires critical analysis and deliberate effort.

In my opinion, what we can truly control are two things: our effort, starting with preparation through execution, and our attitude. Pretty much everything else is outside our control.

By focusing on one and disregarding the other, I suggest we'll lead less-stressful lives and perform better. To a certain extent, I submit that stress is the manifestation of our inability to control events which, for whatever reason, are outside our control.

I graduated officer training school in 1995 and went to pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, where I flew the mighty T-37 Tweet, followed by the T-38 Talon. It quickly became clear that this deliberate high-pressure environment would determine not only who could fly jets well, but who could deal with stressful situations. The reasoning is straightforward. The pressure-cooker is designed to replicate the stress of say, an in-flight engine fire, without actually initiating one.

The Air Force needs pilots who react to emergencies in a cool, calm and professional manner; not someone who grabs the mic and yells, "We're all gonna die!"

As student pilots, we were graded on everything we did and how we did it, every day. Pilots who remained calm with a positive attitude invariably performed better than those who didn't.

Everybody has good and bad days and I'm no exception to this rule. Although it's easy to be in a good mood when things go our way, the true measure of our character is when things don't go so well. For example, on one of my bad days, I left my trusty T-37's landing light extended when doing practice approach and landings at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. After one particular approach, I failed to properly accomplish the checklist after bringing up the landing gear and completely forgot to retract my landing light. As I was about to over-speed the hapless appendage, my instructor took control of the aircraft and retracted it for me. He just as quickly handed me the aircraft back, and in the space of a few seconds, I knew I'd failed that sortie. Nuts!

As I walked home that afternoon, I asked myself if I had adequately prepared for the ride, put forth my best effort, and maintained a positive attitude throughout. These are the only variables truly within my control and I strove to maintain the highest standard for each.

Fortunately, in this case, I felt I maintained a positive attitude, was well-prepared, and did my best that day. This was an error in execution that happens to everyone from time to time. I didn't dwell on it and instead concentrated on the lesson: Stick to the checklist and retract the landing light, dummy!

The next day I re-flew the sortie without event and that was that.

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Lt. Col. Gregory Kreuder



Most Airmen in my class adopted a similar philosophy. Consciously or otherwise, we focused on having a good attitude and simply doing our best every day. We learned to let go of the rest, including the grades that ultimately determined class standing and our follow-on assignments. I'm confident we functioned well as a team due to this or a similar mindset. On occasion, thankfully rare, one of our classmates would excessively focus on grades and comparative class ranking.

This concentration on factors outside their control greatly increased the individual's stress and often soured that person's attitude. When the team members saw this, they joined forces and brought the wayward soul back on board. We taught each other to remain positive, focus on effort rather than performance on any given day, and let our instructors worry about how the rest would go.

The way I see it, there's only one person you have to prove anything to: yourself. I recommend we consciously "grade" ourselves by the few things we can control, such as preparation, effort, and attitude, instead of how others see us -- through grades, promotions, and ranking. Do the right thing because it's the right thing to do and let our supervisors worry about performance reports and what our next jobs might be. For my part, this mindset has greatly reduced stress and I've truly enjoyed my sixteen years and counting in the Air Force.

Although I've offered pilot training as an example, this approach can be applied to any environment where we work closely with one another, yet are graded in relation to each other. Rather than focusing on the parts of control that remain an illusion, we can instead concentrate on the variables that occasionally drive the outcome in our favor. By doing so, we're maintaining full control of our sense of self-worth and ability to lead less-stressful and happier lives.

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They've got chemistry

Top U.S. teens vie for spot on national chemistry team

By Leslie Finstein
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Twenty high school students from around the nation spent two weeks honing their chemistry skills at the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp at the Air Force Academy May 31 through Tuesday.

These 14- to 18-year-old students were selected through a testing process organized by the American Chemical Society. Of the 10,000 who begin the testing process, 1,000 take the second test, and of that group, only the top 20 are invited to the study camp. The goal of this camp is to select the four best students to compete at the 2011 International Chemistry Olympiad, or IChO, in Ankara, Turkey.

This will be the 43rd IChO, a competition that began in Eastern Europe and expanded over the years to include other nations worldwide. The U.S. began participating in 1983, and the Academy has hosted the study camp every year since.

Kimberly Gardner, an associate professor in the Academy's Chemistry Department, has been the camp director since 1998. She said this camp is no vacation.

"During the two weeks of camp, the longest the students are allowed to 'train' as a team, they are taught chemistry at the same level of an undergraduate chemistry major in all five fields of chemistry — inorganic, organic, analytical, biochemistry and physical chemistry," Ms. Gardner said.

Last weekend, 20 became six, as 14 students were sent home. The labs

and exams they took between May 31 and June 9 served to narrow the field to this group of six, from which the final four and two alternates are chosen for the IChO.

Students Sriram Penyala and Tayyab Shah, both 17, seemed to enjoy the camp despite the long hours and workload.

"It's great being around people who know and are interested in the same things as you," Mr. Penyala said. "We definitely have a lot of inside jokes."

"I like the type of problems that the Chemistry Olympiad presents," Mr. Shah said. "They involve a lot of problem solving so it's more fun than what you do in your high school classes."

This is Mr. Penyala's second year at the camp; he made it to the top 20 in 2010 but did not make the cut for the IChO. So he did what any dedicated student would do: he studied chemistry extensively over the last year to prepare for the test and camp this year.

The lead mentor for the group, Kristin Fletcher, said that of the 20 invited to this year's camp, seven of them are like Mr. Penyala, students who are back for a second time. That makes Mr. Shah's presence in the top six remarkable because it's his first year at the camp, which means he's grasped topics in college level chemistry in just two weeks.

Ms. Fletcher, along with Kelli Slunt and Steven Lantos, have guided and graded the students as mentors. These positions are applied for one year in advance through the American Chemical Society and once selected, they incur a three-year commitment. Ms. Fletcher, who works for Chromatic Technologies Incorporated in Colorado Springs, is in her third year.

Brian Lee, 21, serves as a peer men-



PHOTOS BY MEGAN DAVIS

ABOVE: First-year Mentor Dr. Kelli Slunt works with New York native Tayyab Shah, 17, in the lab during the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp at the Academy. This camp has been held at the Academy every year since 1983 and prepares students for the International Chemistry Olympiad.



LEFT: Indiana high school student Rebecca Chen studies her instructions while working in the lab at the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp here.

tor to the group. Mr. Lee participated in the study camp himself in 2006 and 2007, reaching the IChO his second year. This is his second year as a peer mentor.

"I was inspired to come back and do this because of the peer mentor I had when I was a student in the program," said Mr. Lee, who will begin graduate studies at Harvard University this fall.

Ms. Gardner said many of the students have had little interaction with the military prior to attending this camp.

"Many have a preconceived notion when they arrive," Ms. Gardner said. "When they leave, they take with

them a new viewpoint and respect for this institution."

The mentors said the Academy is a great host for the Chemistry Olympiad.

"The Academy's Department of Chemistry is so supportive and their years of experience really help the camp run so smoothly," said Mr. Lee.

"The teachers here love to teach, they love chemistry, and it's special for the students to see that," said Ms. Fletcher. "The support here and dedication helps these students succeed at the IChO."

The final four and two alternates were selected for the IChO Tuesday.

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steel air tank they are wearing.

The Vail competition drew everyone from first-timers to world champions from the region, including competitors from the western slope of Colorado, as well as Denver, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and nearby states such as Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

But many of the competition's organizers say the site made some firefighters shy away from the additional challenge Vail has to offer, as there were only 37 firefighters competing on Saturday and only 26 teams running the course on Sunday. Normally, these competitions draw firefighters in the hundreds. And the reason for the low numbers is simple, said Chief Bart Miller of the Vail Fire Department.

"We're at an altitude of 8,150 feet," he said. "That's the highest altitude ever for a firefighter combat challenge, so a lot of the guys are scared away today."

The Academy Fire Department started participating in the firefighter combat challenge in 2001. The experience and interest level in the competition here has grown over the years, turning the Academy Fire Department into a world power in this firefighting competition, and helping to put Colorado Springs on the map in terms of national firefighting expertise. Along

the way, Air Force Academy firefighters have set a few world records, and earned several world champion and runner-up titles.

But that's all history, as everyone starts fresh with this new season. This was the first competition USAFA firefighters competed in this year.

Firefighters can compete in several categories – as individuals, in teams of five, in relay teams and tandems. Firefighters who complete the entire course in two minutes or less will qualify individually for the world nationals. Teams must have three of their five members finish with a combined time of less than seven minutes to qualify their team to advance. Relay teams and tandems compete in a single run, clocking a single time which will determine if they advance to the next level of competition.

Among those competitors were several of the Academy's championship teams from the 2010 season, as well as a few new faces.

Competing in the men's under-40 division, Team USAFA is composed of: Patrick Kraft, Hans Barkley, Tyler Moran, William Gates and newcomer Airman 1st Class Steven Cimochoowski. Four of the five firefighters placed in the top 10 times at Vail. Team USAFA's top three times gave the team a time of 5:07.45, anchored by Mr. Kraft, running the best time of the event, at

1:31.39.

Team USAFA also won the relay competition in their category, with a time of 1:13.43, edging out a team from Westminster for the Vail competition's relay title. With these times, Team USAFA has qualified for the World games in both the team and team relay categories. All the Team USAFA members who finished in the event's top 10 men's times are also qualified to advance to the world competition on an individual basis as well.

Another Academy Fire Department powerhouse team is the USAFA 40-plus team of Ken Helgerson, Dan McAuliffe, Ron Prettyman and Rod Sanders. This team ran a time of 1:28.05 and is qualified for a return trip to the world competition.

A new team this year is the USAFA "Almost 40" team, which also qualified to advance. That team is made up of the entire 40-plus team, with the addition of firefighter challenge veteran Roy Dalton. This team finished with a best time of 1:23.69 in the relay, qualifying the Almost 40 team for the world competition.

Another of the Academy's world champion teams to compete was the Fire Fembots, a team combining women from the Academy and Colorado Springs Fire Departments. The team consists of Stacey Billapando, Nola Trimble, Elaine Perkins, Andrea Cara-

way and Senior Airman Jessica Morehouse. Their 2011 push to be repeat women's world champions is well underway, as they qualified for the world games with a tandem time of 1:50.79 and finished just 6 seconds shy of their own world record set in 2009. The Fire Fembots are the two-time defending world champions in the women's relay.

The Academy also had several firefighters run as tandems. Mr. Gates and Mr. Moran won the men's tandem category with a time of 1:25.76. Just 5 minutes later, Gates ran with Stacey Billapando of the Fire Fembots in the co-ed tandem category to clock a time of 1:38.08. Both were first-place finishes at Vail, and qualified both of the tandems to compete at the world competition.

The firefighter combat challenge regionals in Vail was only the sixth of 20 regional competitions around the country, and the first of two that will be held in Colorado. The next visit to Colorado for the competition will be a return to the Academy. On Aug. 5-6, the Academy Fire Department hosts the Rumble in the Rockies firefighter combat challenge regional competition at Falcon Stadium.

After that, the Academy teams will set their sights on the next competition on the world stage, which is the World Firefighter Combat Challenge, Nov. 14-19 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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megawatt-hours per year, or enough to power more than 1,200 average homes.

The facility has also presented opportunities for cadets and will continue to do so, Mr. Hume said.

"Cadets have been involved with this project from the beginning. They were involved with determining the most logical sites for placement of the array," he said.

Cadets are also involved with researching improvements in photovoltaic technology and cyclical wave energy, Mr. Hume said.

General Gould noted that the solar array brings the Academy closer to its Net Zero goal, but much work still remains.

"We have to meet this Net Zero goal by 2020, and we're going to continue with the partnerships to make it all happen," he said.



MIKE KAPLAN

Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, third from right, flips a switch to signify the dedication of a 6-megawatt solar array Monday. Also pictured are 10th Air Base Wing Vice Commander Col. Todd Robison, third from left, and officials from SunPower Corporation and Colorado Springs Utilities.



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Pete Borzilleri, Mike Oldham, and Dave Stevens, left to right, hoist an MQ-1B Predator into position in Mitchell Hall Thursday. The General Atomics restoration team prepared the Predator for display and are responsible for its placement in Mitchell Hall. A dedication ceremony for the Predator is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. The Predator is a medium-altitude, long-endurance unmanned aircraft system, and its primary missions are close air support, air interdiction, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

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Military spouses get help with professional licenses

By Lisa Daniel
American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) — A Defense Department organization is making it easier for military spouses to maintain professional licenses as they move from state to state.

State Liaison and Educational Opportunity, an office of military community and family policy here, announced June 13 that 16 states have adopted laws, or are close to doing so, to make it easier for military spouses to work in their career fields.

"It gets them to work faster, and that's been our objective," said Marcus Beauregard, the chief of the state liaison office and a retired Air Force officer.

States require licenses for practitioners in virtually every medical occupation, as well as for teaching, social work, cosmetology and other fields, and the standards vary from state to state, Mr. Beauregard said.

DOD's state liaison office was created in 2004 to work with states to address military family

issues, and the licensing problem has been among the top concerns of families, he said.

Of working military spouses, 33 percent work in fields that require licenses, mostly nursing and teaching, Mr. Beauregard said.

The state liaison office created a forum on its Facebook page for spouses to discuss the licensing problems.

More than 100 spouses wrote in, describing licensing challenges ranging from the expense of having to license with a new state every two to three years, to lengthy processes of certification that include much paperwork, training, waiting periods and internships.

"I gave up education as a profession because of all that was involved in obtaining licensure with each move," a spouse wrote. "It was a difficult decision."

The state liaison office formed partnerships with state agencies and professional associations to educate state lawmakers about the unique challenges to military families.

"We're not looking to make the military community have a preferred status in states," Mr. Beauregard said. "We're looking at those things that impede people because of their military life. In all cases, we're just looking to level the playing field."

The office promoted two strategies for mitigating the licensing challenges. The first is for states to permit licenses by endorsement of the previous state license. The second option allows a temporary license to expedite the spouse's employment options.

States that have enacted laws for endorsement of licenses, or those waiting for a governor's signature, are Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, North Carolina, New York and Texas.

States that allow temporary licenses are Alaska, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Utah allows nonresident military spouses to use out-of-state licenses, and Virginia allows military spouses who leave the state to re-use the license upon their return, Mr. Beauregard said.

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Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program are now being accepted.

The FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers, and participants receive full pay, allowances and tuition.

FLEP applicants must have between two and six years active duty service (service may include enlisted time), and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the day they begin law school. The FLEP is subject to tuition limitations. Positions may be limited due to overall funding availability. The Air Force Institute of Technology establishes the tuition limit, which was approximately \$16,000 per year for 2011, but this amount may change from year to year.

The ELP is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. ELP participants do not receive pay and allowances but remain on active duty for retirement eligibility and benefits purposes. ELP applicants must have between two and ten years active duty service and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the first day of law school.

"Our Air Force missions are constantly changing, and commanders deserve access to legal advisors with a broad background of military experiences," said Lt. Col. Karen M. Rhone, Staff Judge Advocate, for the Academy's Legal Office. "The FLEP and ELP will ensure that we can continue to maintain a corps of officers whose military experience complements their legal training."

Both the FLEP and ELP programs require attendance at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, territory of the United States, or a federal court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates.

To be considered for FLEP or ELP, applicants must complete all application forms, apply to at least one ABA accredited law school, receive their Law School Admissions Test results and interview with a Staff Judge Advocate by Feb. 15, 2012.

For more information and application materials, visit <http://www.airforce.com/jag>, or contact Maj. David Schichtle at the Academy Legal Office, 333-3940.

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Cadet 2nd Class Nicholas Espinoza and Navy Midshipman Clinton Spencer conduct a stress test on a concrete beam during the Air Force Academy's Field Engineering Readiness Laboratory June 7. The beams are designed to withstand a load of approximately 5,100 pounds per square inch.



RAY MCCOY

Civil engineering cadets learn skills in the field

Students hone their knowledge in various areas of building

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

When you absolutely, positively need something blown up overnight, you call the U.S. Air Force. And when you need an airfield built by Tuesday, you call Air Force civil engineers.

The Air Force Academy's Field Engineering Readiness Laboratory prepares cadets majoring in civil and bioenvironmental engineering for a scenario they will probably face at some point in their careers: traveling to an austere location to build an air base from the ground up.

Cadets spend three weeks during a summer session in their junior year to learn skills such as surveying, building concrete beams and wood structures and mixing concrete and asphalt.

Most FERL activities take place in Jacks Valley on the Academy's north side. However, to learn about mixing asphalt and concrete, cadets travel south: to Rocky Mountain Materials and Asphalt, a local company established in 1977.

"The plant is really clean, very safety-conscious," said Dr. Karen Henry, an associate professor for the Academy's Civil Engineering De-

partment and its Geotechnical Division director. "They're very gracious hosts and incredibly knowledgeable."

What cadets learn on the field trip applies to many of their senior-level engineering courses, Dr. Henry said. Tour guides discuss customizing asphalt mixes to balance durability and stability and the balance between quick-setting and durable concrete. For example, concrete's normal curing time is 56 days, but shortening agents can reduce that to as little as 48 hours; the downside is that the concrete may last only 10 years instead of 40.

Dr. Henry said that for her, the highlight of teaching CE is being part of cadets' intellectual development.

"I get to teach courses in subjects I really like, so being able to share my enthusiasm ... what a great way to earn a living," she said.

For cadets, one of CE's big draws is how easily it applies to jobs both in the Air Force and the civilian market, said Cadet 2nd Class Clayton Elliott, who is assigned to Cadet Squadron 25.

"I'm planning to fly, but I'll probably do CE after I get out of the Air Force," he added.



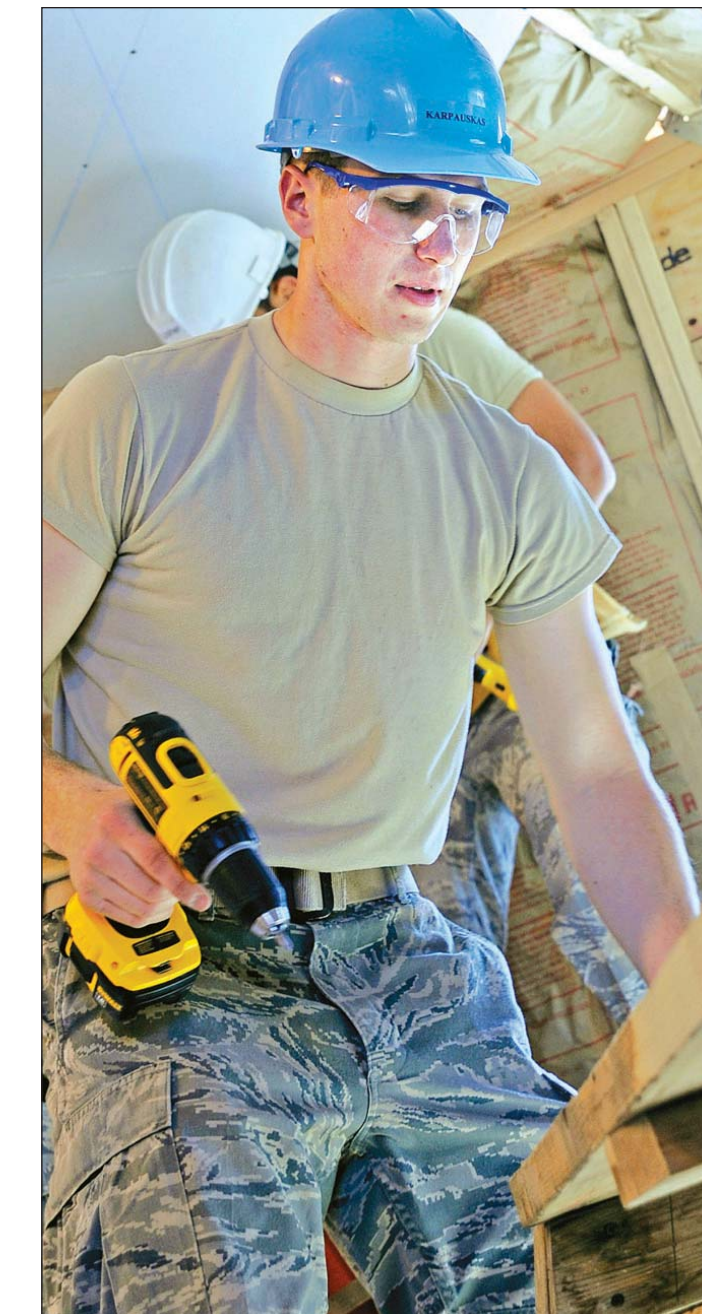
DON BRANUM

Jeff Mangone describes the process of milling asphalt to Air Force Academy cadets touring the Rocky Mountain Materials and Asphalt plant in Colorado Springs, Colo., June 10. The tour is part of the Academy's three-week Field Engineering Readiness Laboratory, which familiarizes cadets in engineering majors with operations in deployed or austere locations. Mr. Mangone, the Rocky Mountain Materials and Asphalt plant manager, has worked for the company approximately 25 years.



RAY MCCOY

ABOVE: Cadet 2nd Class Sebastian Constable, left, and other cadets enrolled in the Air Force Academy's Field Engineering Readiness Laboratory construct a concrete slab June 7. FERL is a three-week course required for cadets majoring in civil or bioenvironmental engineering.



LEFT: Cadet 2nd Class Everett Karpuskas assembles framing for a wood structure during the Air Force Academy's Field Engineering Readiness Laboratory in Jacks Valley June 7. Topics covered during the three-week course also include mixing concrete and asphalt and surveying. Cadet Karpuskas is assigned to Cadet Squadron 14.

RAY MCCOY



PHOTOS BY RAY MCCOY

Run, Fido, run!

Top: Approximately 40 people and 50-60 dogs participated in the Academy's Furry Family 5K race Saturday at the Fitness and Sports Center's Par course. Everett Plocek, and dog Bella, were the top finishers in the 60-plus-pound dog group with a time of 25:51. Erin Fitzpatrick and Bodie, won the 15-to 30-pound dog group with a time of 28:25; and Raven Henriquez and Oliver put down the fastest time in the under- 15-pound dog group with a time of 50:38.

Right: Ryan Helzer, a 15-year-old high school sophomore, and his 7-year-old dog Sammy were the overall winners of the Furry Family 5K, with a time of 22:36. Ryan and Sammy were also the 30-to 60-pound group winners.

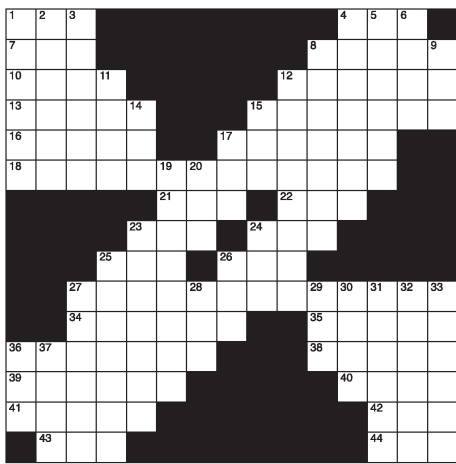


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- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Very fast airplane
- Swiss river
- 2nd Bond Roger
- Unfermented grape juice
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- Indian instrument
- More pileous
- Japanese god of food
- Fastened with a brad
- Millionaire publisher 1919-90
- Mineral, olive or fuel
- ___ Angeles
- Extinct bird of New Zealand
- Integrate
- Distress signal
- Manpower
- "Charlie Rose" for example
- Take a siesta
- Quickly, rapidly
- Eddied
- Blocks
- Biked
- Pickle herb
- Compelled to go
- Foot digit
- CNN's Turner
- Swine enclosure

CLUES DOWN

- Used to refer to cited works
- Aged surface layer
- Cruel and vicious
- Fancy parties
- Not hollowed out
- Perennial woody plant
- Letter sending depository
- Make a mistake
- J. Lo's husband Anthony
- A fine fracture
- Brazil's former capital
- Vietnamese currency unit
- Football team association
- Untied slightly
- Actress Farrow
- Having patches of color
- Japanese apricot
- Tangled
- The best player of the game
- Frozen spike
- Radioactivity unit
- WWII female military branch
- Potato
- Established tendencies
- Nocturnal wildcat of C and S Am.
- Actor Snipes
- Former Austrian currency (abbr.)
- Thomas ____, introduced sonnets



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Solution on page 12

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Retirees remain undefeated; Athletics defeats Cadet Wing

By Dave Castilla
Intramural Sports Director

The Retirees won twice Monday night to stay undefeated, besting the DRU/FSS team 23-16, while the Athletics Department defeated the Cadet Wing 26-15 to improve to 3-1.

The Retirees struggled against DRU/FSS, trailing 12-11 at the end of the third inning and tied at 12 apiece in the fourth. But they found their rhythm at the bottom of the fifth, scoring 11 runs capped by a two-run homer by Rex Mitchell and a three-run bomb by Ken Zito.

DRU miscues allowed the Retirees to run out the clock on the game.

Zito led the Retirees in hitting with two homers a base

hit and six RBIs. Mitchell had two runs, a base hit and four RBIs.

Scott Koenig led the DRU/FSS team in scoring with a home run, a double, a single and 4 RBIs. Vincent Marzano had three hits and four RBIs.

Athletics scored eight runs in the fifth inning and seven runs in the sixth to run away with the game on hits by Matt Vrana, Mark Clifford and Jim Binns.

The Cadet Wing's hitting stars were Vern Mullis, with two doubles and a four-run base hit, and Pat Nichols, with three singles and three RBIs.

The top four teams from each division will participate in the post season tournament at the conclusion of the regular season.

STANDINGS

American League

Retirees	4-0
DRU/FSS	4-1
10th CES	2-2
10th CS	2-2
Dental	1-4
Med Group No. 2	0-4

National League

Med Group No. 1	3-1
Athletics	2-2
Cadet Wing	2-2
10th SFS	1-2
Med Group No. 3	1-3
Mitchell Hall	0-3

Air Force trio awarded All-America status

By Valerie Perkin
Athletic Communications

NEW ORLEANS — Three members of the Air Force track and field team were awarded All-America distinction by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Monday.

Senior Justin Tyner claimed first-team honors following an eighth-place finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase finals June 10, and junior James Cole and senior Noah Palicia were awarded honorable mention All-America status.

Cole placed 24th in the national finals of the discus throw on June 8, while Palicia competed on the first day of competition in the decathlon before being forced to withdraw with an injury.

Tyner was one of seven men from the Mountain West Conference to earn first-team distinction and one of 10 to place within the top 16 of their respective events. He is also the first Air Force track athlete to collect All-America honors at an outdoor championship meet since Shane Rogers placed 11th in the steeplechase at the 2001 NCAA Championships.

Cole is the first member of the Falcons' men's team to receive USTFCCCA recognition in the discus throw, although Olivia Korre (2006) and Sara Neubauer (2009, 2010) claimed All-America honors for the women's team in that event at the Division I level. Palicia and Marcus Nichols (1996) are the only Falcons to earn All-America honors in the decathlon.

This season marked the first year that the USTFCCCA awarded three divisions of All-America honors. First-team USTFCCCA All-America honors were awarded to those



STEPHEN NOWLAND/NCAA PHOTOS

Justin Tyner competes during Mountain West Conference Men's and Women's Outdoor Track Championship May 14 in Ft. Collins.

who earn any portion of a team point at the national championships (first through eighth place). Second-team All-America honors are given to those who place from ninth to 16th at the national meet. In addition, those who participated at the championship meet site, but did not place within the top 16 are listed as honorable mention for the All-America award.



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Training facility nears completion

Work continues on the Holaday Athletic Center, a regulation-sized indoor athletic training facility under construction at the Academy. The 92,000 square-foot center will house a regulation-size field that can accommodate football, lacrosse, and soccer, in addition to many other athletic activities. The new facility should reduce weather delays, increase practice time and improve replication of game conditions. A dedication ceremony for the new facility is scheduled for July 22 at 11 a.m.

Branding the new Mountain West



LA JOLLA, Calif. — The Mountain West Conference Board of Directors and Commissioner Craig Thompson recently unveiled the league's new brand direction and conference identity at The Lodge at Torrey Pines, site of the annual BOD spring meeting. Thompson, joined by Lt. Gen. Michael Gould, BOD chair and Air Force Academy superintendent; Dr. Stephen Weber, president at San Diego State University; and Dr. Neal Smatresk, incoming BOD chair and president at UNLV, ushered in a new era in the 13-year history of the Mountain West with a new logo nicknamed "The Rock" and the tagline "This is our time."

In addition to presenting a new Mountain West logo and theme, Thompson outlined the most comprehensive branding effort in the history of the Conference. As the basis for this major re-branding initiative, the Conference solicited the opinions of more than 8,000 constituents including members of the Mountain West Board of Directors, athletic administrators, coaches, fans and members of the media.

"This initiative is emblematic of the evolution of our league," Thompson stated. "The overwhelming majority of the people we spoke to said the Mountain West is bold, feisty and highly competitive, and we strongly believe these qualities are reflected in our new brand identity and our new logo."

The changes in the Mountain West extend far beyond the logo that will adorn uniforms and playing surfaces throughout the league. Beginning in July, an expanding fan base will also be able to experience new digital initiatives, including more original content on a re-designed Mountain West web site (www.TheMWC.com) and on social media platforms

"There's never been a more exciting time to be a part of the Mountain West," General Gould noted. "The success our member institutions have enjoyed both athletically and academically and the positive new membership changes on the horizon means we've never been more united. We're proud to state 'This is our time' because we believe our future is unquestionably bright."

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All persons, firms or corporations indebted to this estate should make immediate payment to Colonel Cintrón in care of the legal office.

Anyone with questions should contact Colonel Cintrón at 333-3940.

Polynesian luau

Base housing residents are invited to a Polynesian luau from 6-9 p.m. June 24, at the housing office lot, 6556 W. Columbine Drive, in the Pine Valley Housing area. Activities will include island dancing, music and food.

Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling 867-9688.

Repairs under way at clinic

The Academy's main clinic is undergoing a complete repair of the

roof and façade.

No impact on parking is expected, but occasional closure of an entrance or walkway may be required. This project is estimated to be completed by late September.

Fridays are decal days

The 10th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration Center will issue vehicle registration and Cadet Area parking decals on Fridays only from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Call Staff Sgt. Antonio Jones at 333-2120 for more information.

'Fore' the troops: July 4

Active-duty and retired military members can receive free admission to the U.S. Women's Open on July 4 by going to www.2011uswomensopen.com.

Tickets are available for other days with a 50-percent discount through local King Soopers stores.

Get tickets for summer fun!

The Air Force Academy's Information, Tickets and Tours office offers discounted prices for attractions across the state of Colorado.

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For more information contact the ITT office at 333-3348.

Take an outdoor adventure

The Outdoor Adventure Program has several upcoming opportunities for those who enjoy trekking through the Colorado wilderness.

For information on these and other offerings, contact Outdoor Adventure at 333-2940 or visit their website at <http://bit.ly/m8vddh>.

2011 Bicycle Tour of Colorado Shuttle: Saturday through June 25. For \$39, Outdoor Adventure will transport you and your equipment to the 2011 Bicycle Tour of Colorado. To register for the event, go to www.bicycletourcolorado.com.

Weekend Hut Trip: June 25-26. Visit www.lostwonderhut.com to learn more about the hut. Cost is \$79.

Hiking on the Academy: Women's casual-paced hiking is held Tuesdays at 9 a.m., with co-ed quick-paced hiking held Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. The hikes are free, but registration is required. Contact Outdoor Adventure for more information.

Santa Fe Trail closure

A portion of the Santa Fe Trail will be closed weekdays but remain open weekends until Oct. 30 while repairs are made to the Tri-Intersection Bridge on Southgate Boulevard.

Safety hazards caused by heavy construction traffic under the bridge on the trail are forcing the closure of a stretch of the trail about 2 miles from the south trail entrance to the Academy and about 4 miles from the north gate Santa Fe trailhead.

Youth fire safety camp

The Academy fire department will

offer its annual Youth Fire Safety Camp for children ages 8-12 at Fire Station 1 in Pine Valley June 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children will eat lunch with Academy firefighters, visit with Sparky and Smokey Bear and receive a group photo and certificate signed by the fire chief.

Contact the fire department at 333-2051 to sign up.

Family Advocacy offerings

For information on these or other Family Advocacy programs, contact the Family Advocacy Office at 333-5270.

Anger Management: Held Thursdays, July 12 through Aug. 2, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Learn how to manage your anger and how to better relate to others using simple, innovative techniques.

Common Sense Parenting: Held Thursdays, Aug. 4 through Sept. 8, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. This skill-based parenting program teaches parents of children ages 5-18 practical and effective ways to increase their children's positive behaviors and appropriate alternatives to negative behaviors.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting: Held Aug. 10 and 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. This class offers parents of children ages 2-12 easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children without arguing, yelling or spanking. This is a two-session course.

Get a little 'wild' with AFA Band

The Air Force Academy Band's Wild Blue Country ensemble will perform at Limbach Park in Monument July 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Other upcoming Air Force Academy Band events include a performance of the national anthem by Blue Steel at

Coors Field in Denver July 2 at 6:10 p.m. and a Stellar Brass concert featuring Dr. Joseph Galema at the Cadet Chapel on July 14 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Academy Band's events page at www.usafacademyband.af.mil/events.

Pikes Peak or Bust scholarships

Families of servicemembers killed in action while in a designated combat zone may apply for Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade scholarships by July 5.

For more information or to apply, contact Brian Binn at 575-4325 or by email at brian@csc.org.

Education Fair

The base education office will hold an Education Fair July 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Center breezeway.

Representatives from several colleges and universities will present information about their educational programs, suited to meet the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students.

Everyone is invited to attend and explore the next step in their education. For more information, contact the education office at 333-4821.

Community Center activities

For information on these or other Community Center programs, contact the Community Center at 333-2928.

Outdoor Family Movie: Today at 9 p.m. at the soccer fields. The movie will be "Rio." Sodas and popcorn will be on sale.

Holiday hours

Contact the 10th Force Support Squadron at 333-3535 for a list of closures or reduced hours on July 4.



Cadet Chapel

BUDDHIST

Sundays: 10 a.m.
Thursdays: 6:20 p.m.

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JEWISH WORSHIP

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Community Center Chapel

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PROTESTANT WORSHIP

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Gospel: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

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