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Running with the Bulls

Cadet 1st Class Solange Eddy, Cadet Squadron 06, affixes Scott Kleinschmidt's nametape to his flight suit during his visit to the Air Force Academy April 8 through Saturday. Scott, a 14-year-old leukemia survivor and resident of Colorado Springs, came to the Academy as part of the Cadet for a Day program. See story and more photos on Pages 10-11.

A 'hidden survivor' recalls Holocaust's horrors

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Holocaust survivors are usually defined as those who lived through or escaped from the Nazi concentration camps scattered throughout Europe during World War II. However, there is another, little-known, set of survivors — the children hidden during the war through the enormous courage and generosity of strangers.

Samuel Lauber, the guest speaker at the Academy's observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day at the Falcon Club April 8, was one of those children, who were estimated to number anywhere between 10,000 and 100,000.

The Air Force veteran was born on the first day of Passover in 1942 in Antwerp, Belgium, during the height of the Holocaust. At the time, Jews in the

Nazi-occupied country had to wear yellow stars with *Juif*, or "Jew," written on them, and their homes and businesses were subject to confiscation by the German government.

"Times were difficult and very risky," he said.

Only after his birth did his sister, Jenny, 16 years his senior, learn of his mother's pregnancy. Jewish parents at the time lived in terror, not only for the safety of their children, but also because they did not know where they might go, if they would ever see their children again or if their children could be hidden at all.

The mother superior of a Brussels church convent, remembered fondly as "Aunt Nellie," took the 3-year-old Samuel and placed him with the Detry family in Lalouviere, Belgium, in 1945. No one outside the family knew of Mr. Lauber's

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Photo by Rachel Boettcher

Samuel Lauber speaks at the Falcon Club during the Air Force Academy's observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day April 8. Mr. Lauber was one of thousands of children who hid with strangers' families to avoid the worst of the Nazi occupation.

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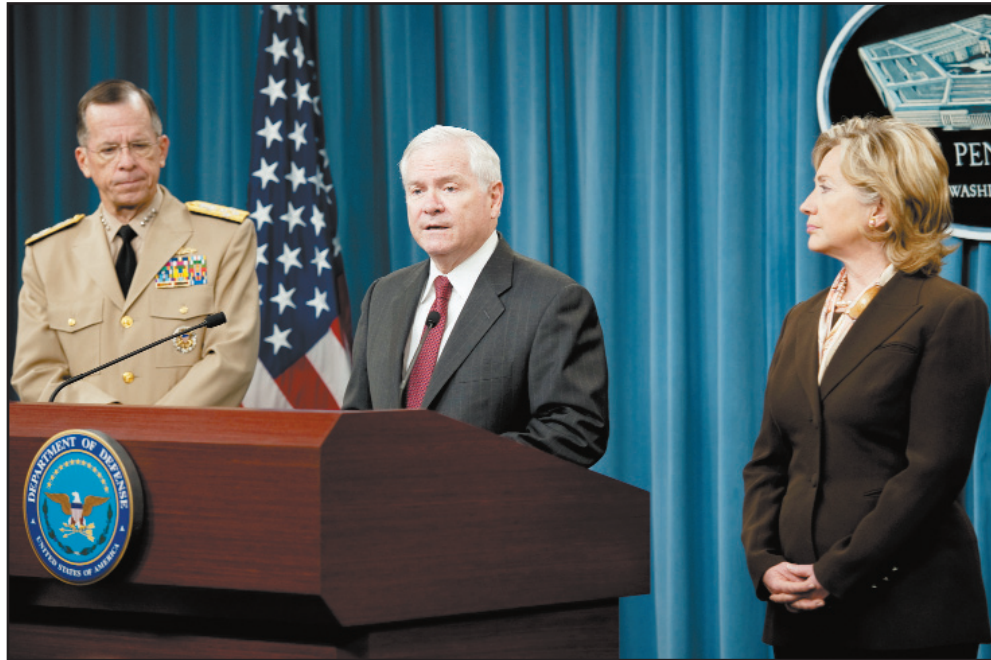
Chairman's Corner: Nuclear Posture Review

By Navy Adm. Mike Mullen
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

We believe (the Nuclear Posture Review) provides us and our field commanders the opportunity to better shape our nuclear weapons posture, policies, and force structure to meet an ever-changing security environment. We appreciated the opportunity to inform it and to be informed by it, as a very collaborative interagency process went forward.

While it reduces the role played by nuclear weapons, a reduction I wholly endorse, this Nuclear Posture Review reaffirms our commitment to defend the vital interests of the United States and those of our partners and allies with a more balanced mix of nuclear and non-nuclear means than we have at our disposal today.

The review also retains the strategic triad of bombers, submarines and missiles that have served us so well. The review further strengthens us. It improves the United States' command and control, works to prevent nuclear terrorism and proliferation and suggests new dialogues through which to improve transparency with Russia and China. While it precludes nuclear testing and the development of new warheads, the review bolsters regional deterrence by fielding new missile defenses, improving counter-weapons of mass destruction capabilities and revitalizing



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From right: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, and Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, conduct a press conference on the new Nuclear Posture Review at the Pentagon April 6.

our nuclear support infrastructure.

As Secretary Gates made quite clear, we must invest more wisely and more generously to preserve the life span and the effectiveness of our existing arsenal. We must hold ourselves accountable to unimpeachably high standards of nuclear training, leadership, and management. Finally, we must recruit and then retain the scientific expertise to advance our technological edge in nuclear weaponry.

I'm encouraged to see these requirements so prominently addressed in the

Nuclear Posture Review, but I'm also mindful of the challenge. Without such improvements, an aging nuclear force supported by a neglected infrastructure only invites enemy misbehavior and miscalculation.

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Character Corner Do the right thing

By Capt. Jeff Johnson
Center for Character and Leadership Development

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along, embrace it instead of running away from it. If you seldom do what you feel or think is the right thing now, then a change will require time and effort.

Just do it! The more you think about things, the more often you find reasons not to do them.

There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. Make it a goal to do the right thing each day and be that person who makes a little big difference.

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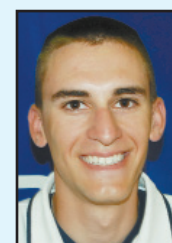
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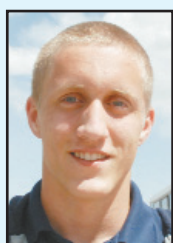
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Academy releases 2009 economic impact statement

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force Academy's Financial Management Directorate released its Economic Impact Analysis April 10 for Fiscal Year 2009, outlining more than \$780 million in total economic impact that affects Colorado Springs and its surrounding communities.

The Academy spends \$318 million on payrolls, \$310 million in construction, services and materiel and indirectly creates more than 3,500 jobs worth \$152 million, according to the report.

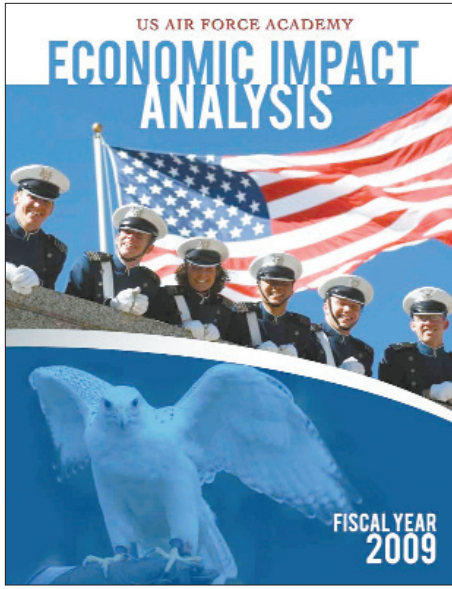
Most of that money is spent within the Colorado Springs community, Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould wrote in a message included in the report.

"Members of the United States Air Force Academy live, work and educate their children in the Colorado Springs area. They take advantage of the vast recreational opportunities and are involved with local charities and organ-

izations," General Gould wrote. "The Academy could not succeed in its mission without the contribution and support of our local communities."

The Air Force no longer requires bases to release economic impact statements, but publishing such reports provides a great opportunity to showcase a base's value to the local community, said Capt. Peter Smith, the Finance Directorate's chief of financial analysis.

"This fits well with General Gould's initiative to build stronger ties between the Academy and the city of Colorado Springs," Captain Smith said. "We provide jobs, we have contracts, and we have our



military personnel who spend their money in the local community, and our economic impact statement reflects that."

Payroll expenditures include pay and allowances for 6,745 military personnel — a figure that includes 4,667 cadets and Academy Preparatory School students — as well as 1,582 appropriated fund civilians and 2,023 non-appropriated fund civilians and contractors. Military payrolls account for \$188 million, with appropriated fund and NAF civilian payrolls accounting for \$107 million and \$23 million, respectively.

Nearly \$101 million, or 98 percent of the Academy's total construction expen-

ditures, was spent toward maintaining and operating 30 square miles of land that includes more than 180,000 square yards of runways, 162 miles of paved and unpaved roads and \$4.9 billion in facilities. Another \$113 million was spent on local services contracts. Materials, equipment and supplies accounted for \$93 million, including \$5 million for Tricare expenditures and \$2.2 million for impact aid and tuition assistance.

Indirect jobs estimates are based on Labor Department statistics and the number of jobs on base, Captain Smith said. The economic impact statement estimates 3,500 jobs were created at a total value of \$152 million based on the 10,350 jobs on base.

Retiree information is not included in the report. However, several agencies on base, including the base exchange, commissary, 10th Medical Group and 10th Force Support Squadron, provide services for nearly half of the area's 75,000 retirees and family members.

96 cadets selected for new AF language program

Ninety-six cadets have been selected for the Language Enabled Airmen Program announced by the Air Force Culture and Language Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, April 8.

Each graduate will receive language training appropriate for his or her level, which may include overseas cultural immersion trips or courses at Defense Language Institute training detachments around the United States, starting after their 60 days of graduation leave, said Brig. Gen. Dana Born, the Academy's dean of the faculty.

Most importantly, the cadets, who are

set to graduate in May, will now be tracked throughout their careers as "LEAP" officers and will have opportunities at various points in their careers for more language training or assignments where their language skills will be put to use, General Born said.

The 96 cadets who made the list — 87 selectees and nine provisional selectees — were selected from a pool of 202 Air Force Academy and ROTC applicants, for about half the total selected. The cadets were selected by a board comprising representatives from Air Force headquarters, the Air Force Academy, ROTC, the Air Force

Personnel Center, Air Force International Affairs and the AFCLC.

The Language Enabled Airmen Program is the first career-long program designed to offer language-sustainment training for Airmen in diverse career fields.

"We need Airmen across all our Air Force specialties with foreign language skills and cultural understanding so we will be able to interact with our coalition partners across the globe," said Lt. Col. Brian Smith, the deputy director of the AFCLC language department at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. "The unique aspect of this program is that Airmen will devote time

to maintaining and enhancing their language abilities while pursuing their normal operational assignments."

The idea behind LEAP is to find Airmen who speak a foreign language and ensure they maintain their abilities through individual customized sustainment plans.

The AFCLC wants to provide resources for Airmen who are interested in advanced foreign language development so that they can maintain and enhance their skills throughout their careers, Colonel Smith said. The focus of

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10th SFS Airman wins LULAC award

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

When Tech. Sgt. Jason Reeves joined the Air Force at 17, he wanted to learn law enforcement. The 10th Security Forces Squadron Airman knew the Air Force would be a challenge but he found out he loved it and decided to stay.

Deployed seven times since he joined 11 years ago next month, he can't imagine doing anything else.

"They're going to have to drag me out of the Air Force kicking and screaming," he said.

For his outstanding service, Sergeant Reeves received the Air Force Academy's Excellence in Military Service Award from the League of United Latin American Citizens. The award will allow him to compete against other Air Force base winners for the top LULAC honors.

"I think it's a great accomplishment to be selected for the base," he said. "To even be considered for the award is a great feeling."

His numerous military awards include a Joint Service Commendation Medal, an Air Force Commendation Medal, an Air Force Achievement Medal and an Army Achievement Medal.

In 2008, while deployed to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia, he served as Viper Team Leader and was responsible for an eight-man team to patrol 187 square kilometers outside the wire while protecting the base from surface-to-air and man-portable air defense weapons. His security measures led to the detection of five unauthorized vehicles containing 14 personnel.

Following the deployment, Sergeant Reeves was selected as Police Services NCO for the 10th SFS. His

first major mission was the Academy roads and their safety. He coordinated funding and installation of electronic speed signs for the base. He also oversees 38 Chenega employees as the quality assurance evaluator for the Chenega contract.

He was also instrumental in the successful security of Corona 2008 while protecting the secretary of the Air Force, Air Force chief of staff and other officers and dignitaries and was chosen as security flight chief for the 2009 Corona.

In 2009, Sergeant Reeves provided security for Air Force One during a visit by President Barack Obama to Colorado and was selected to aid in an inspection and evaluation at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

After arriving at the Academy, Sergeant Reeves met and married his wife, Julie. The couple has an 18-month-old son, Brody, and welcomed their newborn son, Gavin, April 7, whom the NCO deemed "healthy as a horse."

He praised Julie and her support of his Air Force career, deployments and all.

"She makes all this easy and keeps things going with the kids and the house," he said. "She works harder than I do. Nothing can come between us."

He added the best part of his day is when his son goes to the door to greet him, but deployments nonetheless are a difficult part of being in the Air Force.

"If there is a hard part it's leaving my family when I'm getting ready to go, even though I know I will come back," he said.

Sergeant Reeves, who was promoted to technical sergeant March 1, expects to complete his associate's degree from the Community College of the Air Force by August, before his next deployment. While at home in Colorado, he enjoys outdoor activities such as



Photo by Ann Patton

Tech. Sgt. Jason Reeves has been awarded the Academy's Excellence in Military Service Award from the League of United Latin American Citizens.

fishing and hunting and "anything that involves my family."

For the Airman, husband and father, doing what he loves is not a job.

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General order prohibits use of salvia, 'spice'

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Academy Public Affairs

Air Force Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould issued a general order April 5 prohibiting the use of salvia divinorum and "spice" by Airmen, cadets and cadet candidates assigned to the Academy or any of its tenant units.

Failure to obey the general order may result in disciplinary or administrative action such as written reprimand or admonishment, non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice or court-martial.

The general order was issued in response to worries that use of illicit substances — including substances listed by the Drug Enforcement Agency as "chemicals of concern" — may be occurring at the Academy. Col. Ron Williams, the Academy's staff judge advocate, wrote in an e-mail to commanders and first sergeants April 6.

"These chemicals ... are easily obtained and have the ability to cause hallucinations, changes in perception and other serious psychological effects," Colonel Williams wrote. "In high dosages, they can cause unconsciousness, short-term memory loss, irreversible damage to the heart, liver, kidney, lungs and brain, and even death."

Use of such substances "contradicts the nature of the profession of arms, threatens our military readiness and diminishes our ability to conduct the mission entrusted to us," according to a background paper attached to the general order.

Neither the 10th Security Forces Squadron nor the Academy's Air Force Office of Special Investigations detachment has any cases regarding salvia or spice use,

said Gillian Parker, who works in 10th SFS' Reports and Analysis office. AFOSI agents regularly brief newcomers and have begun briefing cadets to warn them against using salvia or spice.

Salvia is a psychoactive hallucinogenic plant that can cause an intense and dangerous psychedelic experience, including uncontrollable laughter, incoherent speech and hallucinations similar to those from LSD. It is not currently a controlled substance under federal law, and it is legally available in Colorado.

Spice is a product that can include a mixture of herbs and synthetic cannabinoid compounds. The Customs and Border Protection's Chicago Laboratory discovered one such synthetic compound, HU-210, in packets of spice. HU-210 has many of the same effects as THC — the active ingredient in cannabis that is listed as a controlled substance — but HU-210 is several times more potent.

The general order also prohibits illicit use of household chemicals and other chemical inhalants, over-the-counter medication and non-prescribed medicine. Frequently abused inhalants include aerosols, gasoline and paint thinner. Many of these substances can kill or injure users through lack of oxygen or cardiac arrest and may also have lasting effects due to toxic buildup in the users' bodies.



Non-prescription medications like medicines for colds and coughs, weight loss, pain and sleep aid, pose health risks if not taken according to the directions of the medication. Overdosing in these drugs can result in nausea, vomiting, paranoia, liver and respiratory failure and death.

For more information about salvia, spice or other substances mentioned in this article, contact the Academy's Drug Demand Reduction Program at 333-2827.



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Holocaust

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true identity.

"They couldn't tell anybody who I was," he said, because those hiding Jewish children were subject to arrest and deportation if they were discovered.

During his year and a half with the Detrys, he enjoyed the brotherly companionship of their son, Jean Marie, as the two played and went to school and church together. Mr. Lauber recalled celebrating the Flemish version of Santa Claus, known as Sinterklaas, who presented him with a small toy wooden train.

Although ensconced with the Detrys and relatively safe for the time, life for young Samuel — or "Dede," as the family called him — was nonetheless frightening. He longed to be with his own family and wondered if it was his own fault for being sent away. Allied bombings added in no small way to his fears.

After the war, he was eventually reunited with his

real family but details of what had happened to all of them during their absence from each other remained fuzzy. He explained that he was, after all, only 3 years old, and that his parents refused to talk about it.

"They wanted to put it behind them," he said.

In 1948 the Lauber family emigrated to the United States, where relatives on both sides of the family lived.

"Coming here was not easy," he recalled. No one in the family had English language skills, assets or a place to live, and the weeklong trip had left them ill.

Eventually, Mr. Lauber enrolled in Yeshivas Or Torah, a Manhattan yeshiva school. His father found employment with a furrier, and his mother opened an artificial flower shop. His mother died when Mr. Lauber was 15 and his father when he was 18.

During military assignments in Europe, Mr. Lauber began to wonder if it was possible to find the Detry family, who had risked their own lives to shelter him.

He wrote to the mayor of Lalouviere, who located the

family and responded. Later Mr. Lauber received a large packet of information on the war and the town from them.

While stationed near Dusseldorf, Germany, as an Army civilian in 1986, Mr. Lauber, his wife and 2-year-old son spent three days visiting with Madame Detry, sister to the Madame Detry who had taken him in and who had died many years earlier. He also spent many hours sharing memories with Jean Marie.

"I owe a great big thank you to the military services," Mr. Lauber said. "I found the family who cared for me."

He now serves as a sociology professor at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. He continues to read literature associated with the hidden children of World War II. His son, Aaron, attends graduate school and is studying the Holocaust himself.

The senior Mr. Lauber said he believes it is necessary to continue to remember the Holocaust.

"We want to wipe out bigotry and wipe out hatred," he said.

LEAP

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this program is to find Airmen who are both willing and able to continue their language training.

"When Air Force officials recognize skills you already have (and) encourage you and reward you for using them, it motivates you to continue," he said. "We want to develop a core group of Airmen across all Air Force specialties who can effectively communicate in at least one language other than English."

The program seeks to use Airmen's natural abilities and match them to Air Force requirements, Colonel Smith said. LEAP is designed to invest in people throughout their careers and improve their professional development by better preparing them for overseas operations.

LEAP officials intend to locate qual-

ified Airmen early in their careers because of the length of time required to become proficient in a foreign language, Colonel Smith said. Ideally, program officials would like Airmen with at least 10 years of active service remaining to ensure program participants can receive effective training in conjunction with their career progression.

The program is limited to officers, ROTC and Academy cadets for now, but the ultimate goal is to have 5 to 10 percent of the force active in the program at any time. Officials at the AFCLC emphasize that it will take a few years to get to this point and have said they are encouraged by the positive response across the total force.

Using LEAP Airmen

Personnel at the AFCLC have created

a web-enabled tracking system for LEAP participants that contains in-depth information about an Airman's cultural and language skills, including education, training and experience.

With this new tracking system, officials can identify individuals with language skills in advance and forecast which positions, locations and languages will be needed or available in the future. This database provides Air Force leaders greater knowledge of the language resources they have available at any given time.

LEAP will allow officials to plan several years in advance for positions with language requirements and adjust incentive and recruiting programs accordingly, Colonel Smith said.

"Now we can determine, for example, the specific number of Airmen the Air Force expects to get in a certain Air Force

specialty in a given year, which of those Airmen have language skills, and which jobs related to those language skills might be available throughout an Airman's career," he said. "The tracking system will allow us to predict where gaps in our capabilities will surface so we can focus recruiting, scholarships and opportunities to shape the force for future Air Force demands.

"We have always had Airmen with remarkable talents and skills," Colonel Smith said. "Language and cultural understanding are valuable resources that can benefit the Air Force mission every day."

To find out more about LEAP or to download an application, visit the AFCLC Web site at www.culture.af.edu.

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Undergraduate research forum draws large crowd

By Julie Imada
Research Publicist

Approximately 250 undergraduate researchers and faculty attended the seventh-annual Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum Saturday to listen to a former astronaut and hone their research and presentation skills.

CSURF is a partnership among the U.S. Air Force Academy, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and Colorado College designed to share research on topics including humanities, social sciences and fine arts as well as physical sciences such as physics, engineering and biology.

Student researchers presented their efforts in both posters and moderated oral sessions and had a rare opportunity to network with other undergraduate researchers from the three schools.

The keynote speaker for this year's event was retired Navy Cmdr. John Bennett Herrington. Commander Herrington, a graduate from UCCS and former Navy pilot, flew on NASA's STS-113 shuttle mission in 2005. He completed several spacewalks to construct portions of the International Space Station and logged more than 330 hours in space.

In his address to the participants, the former astronaut stressed that it is not how you start on your path to success, but how you take your failures and turn them into successes, and what you ultimately learn from those experiences. He noted



Photo by Julie Imada

Cadet 1st Class Samuel Han explains his research into intellectual capital management during the Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs Saturday. Approximately 250 undergraduate researchers and faculty attended the event, which is jointly sponsored by the Air Force Academy, UCCS and Colorado College.

his rough career start: leaving college due to low grades, working a \$4-per-hour job and how he eventually returned to his studies and was encouraged to join the Navy by a retired Navy officer he was tutoring. His decision to take that advice led to his successful career as a test pilot, an astronaut and one of a handful of humans to ever walk in space.

Commander Herrington is a member of the Chickasaw Nation, and he has taken his success and experience to lead STEM efforts in Oklahoma and for Native American students across the country.

The real benefit of this event is to the students who are honing their research

and presentation skills that will be sorely needed upon graduation no matter what field they pursue.

Academy Cadets 1st Class Jeffery Hutchins, Samuel Han and Albert Yu presented their work for the Academy Center for Innovation. The center, operated under the auspices of the Department of Homeland Security, seeks to create novel linkages with innovative technologies. Their joint project with the Innovation Value Institute of Ireland focused on intellectual capital management in the public sector.

"You can't quantify the importance of knowledge," Cadet Han said.

The cadets assisted in developing an Intellectual Capital Management dashboard, which seeks to recognize content, human, organizational and relational capital inherent in the organization and maximize its value to the organization. This is accomplished by properly identifying existing intellectual capital, creating environments to recognize capital as it is generated, taking the steps to protect capital, and finally incorporating policies and practices to manage the process. This dashboard is part of a larger framework which seeks to evaluate the impact of information technology on an organization's operations, enabling greater efficiency and effectiveness of IT within the organization.

Cadet Han said the group's research shows that the value of information technology and its intangibles can give a company a derived monetary value. When companies such as Merck and Intel Corporation implemented technological innovations, they saved their information technology budgets anywhere from 10 to 20 percent.

"Every year, CSURF represents a prime opportunity for our cadets to participate in the scholarship process and interact with diverse groups of fellow undergraduate researchers," said Maj. Ben Ward, an assistant professor with the Academy Physics Department. "As a faculty member, the learning benefit of such a conference is very challenging to duplicate by other activities and in the classroom."

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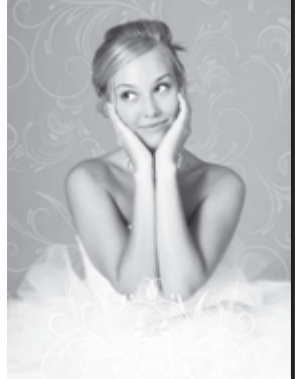
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Barbies have bad hair days in name of science

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Pity poor Barbie. All those clothes, the cars, the houses and Ken the boyfriend couldn't save her from getting dropped on her head when more than 30 girls from the Girl Scouts Wagon Wheel Council came to the Air Force Academy for a science workshop in the Department of Chemistry Saturday.

"Bungee Barbie" was one of three events for the workshop. The other events included a pin-hole photography experiment and a chemistry magic show artfully presented by chemistry professor Dr. Ron Fursteneau as part of the Academy's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics outreach initiatives.

Cadet 2nd Class Naomi Ballard, an aeronautics major in Cadet Squadron 34, was one of 10 female cadets who volunteered to help out with the event.

"It's a great opportunity to interact with the girls in the community and set a good example," she said.

Cadet 3rd Class Michelle Kiyota of CS 37 is a chemistry major and agreed the workshop was valuable.

"Science is my favorite subject, and it's great to have more opportunities for girls," she said.

For Bungee Barbie — a study of energy and gravity — Scouts suspended the doll, tethered to a hand-held platform, by a chain of rubber bands. They first dropped her over the side of a lab table, then from a 7-foot platform and finally into a 14-foot, 8-inch stairwell in Fairchild Hall.

The eventual goal was to gauge the correct number of rubber bands needed in the stairwell competition to get Barbie close to the ground without hitting. As the teams of two girls added rubber bands, they graphed their numbers on paper. This gave teams clues along the way as to the final number of rubber bands needed to

toss Barbie safely overboard. Too many rubber bands, and she "went splat," as the Scouts called it. Barbie's hair was allowed to touch the ground, but her head was not. The top two teams came within a mere one and two inches of the stairwell floor.

In the second workshop, Scouts explored a technological dinosaur — film photography. Each Scout had two small cardboard boxes to shoot two separate photos of the Terrazzo through a pinhole in the box. Under safelight conditions, the girls loaded photography print paper coated with light-sensitive silver bromide into the box and sealed it until, out on the Terrazzo, they briefly exposed the pin hole to shoot the photo. Back in the classroom, Scouts removed the exposed photo paper — again under safelight conditions — and dipped it into developer, stop bath and fixer solutions before washing with plain water and drying.

Scouts had varying successes with the experiment. While some of the photos came out remarkably well considering the process, others did not. One photo was jokingly thought to have Elvis' ghost in it; another captured a part of a fellow Scout's shoe.

After the Scouts completed the first two workshops, they enjoyed a snack in the chemistry conference room, then headed into a chemistry classroom for the magic show.

"Science is all about figuring things out," Dr. Fursteneau told the Scouts, leaders and parents. "It's fun." As chemists, "We make things out of other things."

Scouts served as apprentice chemists for the experiments. The first turned solutions in three beakers red, white and blue. Another mimicked, in a minute way, the collision of hydrogen and oxygen for rocket fuel — and its noise. Dr. Fursteneau also created "magic potions" using dry ice and demonstrated the ice's freezing power with an egg and carnation.



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Ron Fursteneau

Cadet 3rd Class Michelle Kiyota prepares to drop a Barbie doll from a platform as part of a "Bungee Barbie" experiment in Fairchild Hall here Saturday. Girl Scouts estimated how many rubber bands they would need to get Barbie close to the floor without hitting it.

In another experiment, liquids turned into solids with the addition of another liquid. In the final magic trick, Scouts were told to cheer for either the color blue or gold in a solution that seemingly couldn't make up its mind which of the two colors it would be. Dr. Fursteneau explained the color change was an oscillating reaction between chemicals.

Susan Davies accompanied her daughter, Betsy Beagle, to the workshops.

"It's fun to see them enjoying this," she said. "They're doing science and liking it."



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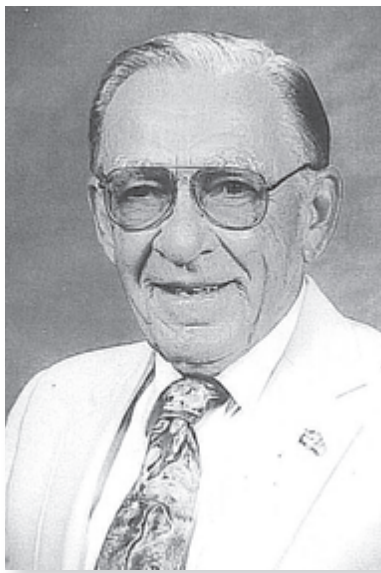
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Scott gives photographer Johnny Wilson two thumbs up from the back seat of a glider April 9.



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Scott throws out the first pitch for the Falcons' game against San Diego State at Falcon Field April 9. Scott's mother, Jennifer Kleinschmidt, describes her son as a Little League All Star.



Scott tries out a flight simulator in Fairchild Hall April 9, with Cadet 3rd Class Russell Ahrens in the back seat and Maj. Jon Veazey on his left. Major Veazey is the officer in charge of the Cadet for a Day program.

CS 06 welcomes newest cadet for a day



Photos by Johnny Wilson

Scott Kleinschmidt poses for the camera while wearing a pilot's helmet April 9. Scott, a seventh-grader at Cheyenne Mountain Junior High School, was the Air Force Academy's cadet for a day April 8 through Sunday. Cadet Squadron 06 and the Make-a-Wish foundation sponsored the visit for Scott and his parents, Fred and Jennifer Kleinschmidt, who live in Colorado Springs.



Cadet 2nd Class Keenan Ryner explains how a parachute deploys from a backpack during Scott's trip to the 98th Flying Training Squadron April 9. Cadet Ryner, a native of the U.S. Virgin Islands, has completed 270 jumps in his three years at the Academy.

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Scott Kleinschmidt didn't just toss out the first pitch at the Falcons' match against San Diego State April 9. He fired it across home plate like the Little League All Star that he is.

Scott became the Academy's newest Cadet for a Day during activities April 8 through Saturday.

Cadet Squadron 06 sponsored the visit for Scott, his mother, Jennifer, and his father, Fred, in cooperation with the Colorado Make-A-Wish Foundation. The family lives in Colorado Springs.

"They (the cadets) are really friendly, caring and down to earth and funny," the 14-year-old said after his visit. "I had a blast."

Events opened the evening of April 8 with dinner off base. Bright and early the next morning, the family and cadets enjoyed breakfast, a tour of the control tower and an aerobatic demonstration on the airfield. Compliments of the Academy's Aero Club, Scott got to hop into the seat of a Cessna for a trip over Garden of the Gods and elsewhere.

The 98th Flying Training Squadron then opened its doors to the group for a multimedia review of Academy parachuting, a tour of the facility and a demonstration of how parachutes are packed and operated in the air. The Indoor Training Facility gave Scott a

real-life feel of being hooked into a harness and of exiting the Twin Otter, which parachuting cadets use for practice and demonstrations.

After hanging out with squad mates, Scott led the noon meal formation, and he and his family enjoyed lunch on the Staff Tower in Mitchell Hall. The afternoon brought the baseball game, a meeting with the Warrior Transition Battalion, a visit to the flight simulators and flag presentation after retreat. That evening, cadets treated the family to music, food and games at the Lawrence Paul Pavilion.

Saturday morning, Scott and family viewed a demonstration from the 10th Security Forces Squadron's military working dogs, a tour of the fire station and the Founder's Day Parade. Along the way he collected coins, patches and other souvenirs from all over the Academy. The squadron donated his regulation flight suit and jacket.

The seventh-grader at Cheyenne Mountain Junior High School has completed intensive therapy for leukemia and is now in the maintenance stage of treatment, Mr. Kleinschmidt said. Scott is doing well and is in remission.

Mr. and Mrs. Kleinschmidt met in Korea, where both were stationed while in the Air Force. She is now retired, and he is now in civil service.

Mrs. Kleinschmidt described her

son as funny with a good sense of humor and a cross-country athlete who "has a lot of natural talent and ability."

"He is sharp as a tack, impressive and very thoughtful," she said.

Squadrons vie for the opportunity to sponsor the four children who become cadets for a day each year, two in the spring and two in the fall. Cadet 1st Class Solange Eddy of CS 06 said the squadron was eager to sponsor Scott.

"We're a big family, and we wanted to have three more members," she explained. "We stick up for each other and reach out to others. Everybody's involved, and we're really excited."

Colorado's spring weather cooperated for all the activities. Past cadets for a day have had Aero Club flights canceled or rescheduled due to weather. Aero Club manager Ed Ponder said the limits for flying are a maximum crosswind of 15 knots with a ceiling at 1,500 feet — conditions which can, and have, deteriorated rapidly for other visits. But he added the club's 170 or so members, including cadets, enjoy the opportunity to host youngsters from Make-A-Wish.

"We feel it is well worthwhile," he said.

It topped Scott's list of fun things during the weekend, along with the military working dog demonstration, during which he donned a protective bite suit and served as a "bad guy" for a patrol dog.

"It is really interesting to see what they do and how they are trained," he said.

Wish granter Maggie Appenzeller accompanied both the family and cadets.

"The cadets like to be with the families, and they do a really super job," she said, pointing out their energy, enthusiasm and spirit cadets bring to the program.

The program is "an experience of a lifetime" and a real boost for cadets for a day, she added.

Cadet 2nd Class Keenan Ryner, who has 270 jumps to his credit in three years, said he especially enjoys sharing his experiences as an Academy parachutist with the Make-A-Wish youngsters.

"This is one of the things at the Academy that puts a smile on everyone's face," he said. "It's quite an honor."

Scott was the last cadet for a day for Cadet 1st Class Lauren McKinnon, cadet in charge for the program, before she graduates and heads to Undergraduate Pilot Training in May.

"I'm excited to graduate, but this is the best part of my Academy career," the cadet with CS 40 said. "It's a bittersweet feeling."

Cadet 1st Class Lauren McKinnon straps Scott into a jump training harness in the 98th FTS' training facility April 9. The 98th oversees training for the Air Force parachute demonstration team Wings of Blue.



Falcons sweep women's tennis matches Sunday

Air Force downs N. Dakota, MWC foe CSU

From Athletic Communications

The Air Force women's tennis team won a pair of matches Sunday at the Academy, defeating North Dakota, 7-0, and Mountain West Conference foe Colorado State, 5-2.

The victory over CSU was Air Force's first against the Rams since the 2001-02 season and gives the Falcons multiple conference wins in a season for the first time since the '02-03 campaign.

The Falcons, whose 16 victories are the most in a season since head coach Kim Gidley's initial campaign in 1999 (20 wins), swept all nine matches against North Dakota in the morning. Air Force won all three doubles matches, then did not lose more than four games in any of the six singles matches.

In the afternoon match against the Rams, Air Force won all three doubles matches, including a dominating 8-1 victory by sophomore Tahlia Smoke



Photos by Mike Kaplan

Falcons junior Christen Monreal (left) and sophomore Tahlia Smoke (right) each dominated their opponents in tennis action at the Academy Sunday, with Monreal defeating CSU's Laura Neal 6-3, 6-1 and Smoke taking down CSU's Tori Arneson 6-4, 7-6. Air Force's win against CSU is its first in nearly 10 years.

and freshman Melissa Cecil over Melissa Holzinger and Veronika Wojakowska at the No. 3 spot. Junior Christen Monreal and freshman Hannah Dake took care of Laura Neal and Tori Arneson, 8-5, at the top spot to clinch the doubles point, then sopho-

more Allie Chermel and freshman Christine Molina pulled out a 9-8 victory over Caitlin Fluegge and Lauren Mulhern at No. 2.

In singles action, Monreal gave the Falcons a 2-0 lead with an impressive, 6-3, 6-1, win over Neal at the No. 1 spot.

Holzinger cut the lead in half by downing Molina, 6-4, 6-1 at the No. 4 spot, but Smoke put AFA up 3-1 with a hard-fought 6-4, 7-6 triumph over Arneson at No. 2.

Cecil clinched the win for the Falcons at the No. 5 spot with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Mulhern, while Dake went three sets before beating Fluegge, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 at the No. 3 position. Wojakowska won the No. 6 match for CSU, pulling out a 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Cassman.

"This was a great day for our team," said Gidley. "We changed our doubles combinations and ended up sweeping the doubles against CSU, giving us great momentum. This was the best doubles we played all year, which is what we are working for this time of year. Monreal set the tone in singles as she came back from 3-0 down in the first set to win the next 11 games and then closed out the second set 6-1. Our hard work is paying off and we are playing with a ton of energy."

Air Force, which is assured its first winning season since 2003, hits the road to San Diego to face San Diego State Saturday and UNLV Sunday. Both matches will begin at 10 a.m.

Lacrosse team falls to ECAC rivals

From Athletic Communications

The Falcons lost a pair of home lacrosse games to Eastern College Athletic Conference rivals Quinnipiac and Bellarmine April 9 and Sunday at Cadet Lacrosse Stadium.

Quinnipiac took an early 5-1 lead in the first stanza of the April 9 game en route to an 8-6 win, while Bellarmine and Air Force traded the lead throughout the Sunday game until the Knights scored the go-ahead goal with 8:13 to play.

Air Force was first to get on the board in the Quinnipiac contest, as senior Ridge Flick tallied an unassisted goal at the 11:34 mark in the opening period. However, Quinnipiac controlled possession throughout the quarter, scoring five unanswered goals while outshooting the Falcons, 14-5.

Trailing 6-3 at the half, Air Force came out with the first score of the third period, as Sandtorv registered his second goal of the game, this time assisted by Flick. Quinnipiac regained its three-goal cushion with under seven minutes to play in the quarter, but sophomore Adam Paranka notched his first points of the game at the 4:12 mark to bring Air Force back within two.

Flick scored his second goal of the game with 11:10 remaining in the final stanza to cut the Bobcats' lead to 7-6. However, Quinnipiac responded with another goal less than three minutes later and shut out

the Falcons for the remainder of the period to take the 8-6 victory.

Team captains Flick and Sandtorv each tallied two goals and an assist for the Falcons, while Carroll notched a goal and two assists. Paranka, who scored the other Air Force goal, also added an assist. Meanwhile, backup goalkeeper Matt Sanders recorded nine saves and just three goals against in the final 45 minutes of action.

Bellarmine took control of the Sunday game early, scoring three goals in the first four minutes and keeping Air Force from having any offensive possession. However, Sandtorv put the Falcons on the board midway through the first period with an unassisted goal, and Gilbreath tallied his second goal of the season during an unsettled clear attempt.

Air Force took a 5-3 lead with 9:31 left in the first half, and freshman Ben Cullen scored to give Air Force a 6-5 lead at halftime. However, the Knights outscored the Falcons 6-4 in the final two periods, scoring the go-ahead goal with less than four minutes remaining. While a Sandtorv score with 1:46 to play brought the Falcons back within striking distance, Air Force failed to capitalize on their scoring opportunities in the final minute.

Sandtorv and Adam Paranka each notched four points to lead the Falcons' offense against Bellarmine, while Flick was the top scorer with a career-high-tying three tallies. Paranka added a goal and career-



Photo by Bill Evans

Falcons senior attacker Ridge Flick scored two goals and an assist for the Falcons against Quinnipiac April 9 and three goals against Bellarmine Sunday. Air Force lost both games, falling to Quinnipiac 8-6 after a late rally and losing a close 11-10 contest to Bellarmine.

high three assists, and sophomore goalkeeper Matt Sanders registered a career-high 13 saves in his first start of the season.

The Falcons fell to 1-9 on the season and 0-3 in the ECAC with the losses.

Baseball

In other baseball action, Air Force dropped an 18-14 non-conference ballgame at Northern Colorado Tuesday at Jackson Field, falling to 7-25.

The Falcons led on four separate occasions, leading 12-10 after the first five innings, but Northern Colorado took control of the game in the sixth inning, going ahead 15-12.

Air Force had 15 hits in the game, including a home run by Ben Ausbun and triples by Matt Alexander and Nathan Carter. Garrett Custons went 4-for-5 with four RBIs to lead the Falcons. Carter hit his seventh triple of the season.

Boxing

The Falcons added another pair of national titles to their legacy as junior

Matt DeMars and senior Cory Tintzman won their respective title bouts during the National Collegiate Boxing Association championships at West Point Saturday.

DeMars defended his 112-pound title, defeating Navy's Huy Troung by decision in the first bout to finish his junior campaign with a perfect 7-0 record.

Tintzman completed his senior year with a 9-0 record by defeating Army's Tyler Elliott by decision in the 195-pound weight class.

Track and Field

Sara Neubauer earned her third Mountain West Conference Athlete of the Week honors this year after a strong weekend at the Sun Angel Classic, the conference announced Tuesday.

Front Range Cycling Classic returns to Academy

By Cadet 3rd Class Nathan Seibt
Falcon Cycling Team member

The Front Range Cycling Classic will return to the Air Force Academy Saturday and Sunday.

Drivers should be aware of the bicyclists, who in many cases will move at speeds close to or faster than posted speed limits.

To ensure everyone's safety, corner marshals will direct traffic during the race. Medical personnel will also be on hand and riders will be briefed on hazards specific to the Academy such as wildlife that sometimes wanders and jumps into the roads.

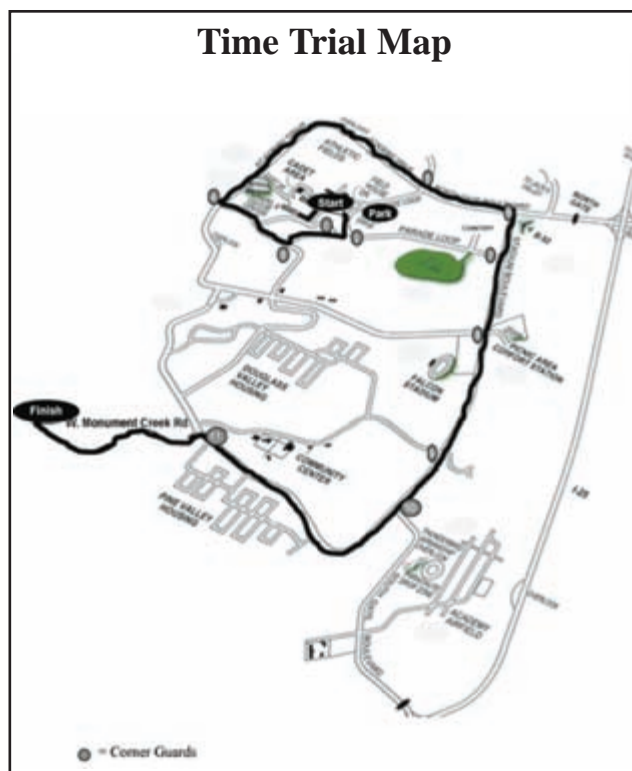
Time trials will take place Saturday from 7:15 to 10:30 a.m. at the intersection of Cadet Drive and Parade Loop and will wind west onto Interior Drive, north and east down Academy Drive, south on Stadium Boulevard and west on Pine Drive and Monument Creek Road. The best place to watch the race will be near the finish line. Please park off the road to give riders plenty of room.

Criterion races will take place near Falcon Stadium from 11:10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Packs of riders will race around a short, curvy course including C Street, A Street, Road 402 and Stadium Boulevard. Southbound traffic will be detoured onto the western side of the northbound lane in front of the stadium, similar to traffic routing for football games. The best place to watch the race is in front of Falcon Stadium.

The road race will occur from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday using the outside loop of the base, moving clockwise. Several categories of riders will be on the course simultaneously. Riders will start in the upper Cadet athletic fields and finish, after a number of laps, at the top of the overlook hill. Good places to watch are at the overlook hill and along Pine Drive.

Cycling Definitions

A time trial is a race against the clock. Racers leave with one-minute gaps between them, and go as fast as they can to the finish line. They are not permitted to draft, that is, block the wind for each other. The person



with the fastest time wins. The team time trial is similar, with four- to six- person teams leaving at intervals. Here, drafting is key, and teams rotate the lead rider to allow all riders to "rest" in the back. Falcon Cycling has historically had very successful teams in this event.

A criterium is a spectator-friendly event held on a closed course in which riders race in tight packs. Whoever wins the final lap, after a set amount of time, wins the race, but lapped riders cannot win. Throughout the race, officials offer prizes to the winners of certain laps, which makes the race even more exciting.

A road race is a longer race — sometimes up to 100 miles — that tests riders' endurance and strategy. Riders will try to break away from the pack, or peloton, in order to finish first. However, these efforts must be carefully timed because the peloton has the power to go faster than smaller groups. In road races, strategy becomes more important than strength. A fun place to watch this race is at the feed zone — riders come to the edge of the road to grab water bottles — where the scene gets

pretty hectic. In this race, the feed zone is right below the finish at the top of the overlook.

Safety

Every racer knows the dangers of racing, especially when sharing roads with vehicles. Thousands of races happen every year across the country with few serious accidents.

Drivers must realize that racers will be moving much faster than normal cyclists on the Academy — they may, in many places, meet or exceed speed limits. Drivers should only pass riders when it's safe, and they should never pass packs of cyclists or race vehicles. Because the riders are going so fast, delays are usually short. However, if you find yourself behind a pack, you may as well cheer on the cadet cyclists! They'll be wearing red, white and blue uniforms.

For more information, call 333-5305 or check out "Front Range Cycling Classic" on Facebook or "FrontRangeCC" on Twitter.

Schriever AFB takes Rocky Mountain title

By Dave Castilla
Intramural Sports

Former Air Force Falcons basketball stars Jake Burtschi and John Frye put their talent together again to help Schriever Air Force Base win its first-ever Rocky Mountain Basketball championship as they defeated Fort Carson 49-41 in the championship game Sunday afternoon.

Early in the championship game, Frye's five points put Schriever up 11-6. Fort Carson went ahead 15-11 on baskets by Ed Jackson and Antonio Greene. Toward the end of the first half, Burtschi stole the ball, slam dunked for two and was fouled. The 2007 Air Force Academy graduate made the free throw and tied the score at 15-15. Antonio Greene's bucket and free throw put Fort Carson up at half 18-15.

The first two minutes of the second half were scoreless. Schriever's Joe Johnson broke the scoring silence

with a bucket, then the former Academy duo took over. Frye blocked a shot, and Burtschi ran the fast break to give Schriever a 19-18 lead that they would carry through the rest of the game. Schriever got the lead up to seven points three different times, but Fort Carson's Greene kept them in the game, scoring 11 consecutive points on four buckets and three free throws.

Fort Carson got the lead down to three at 41-38 on a bucket by Jackson, however some ill advised passes and two technical fouls doomed any chances that Fort Carson could catch Schriever at the end.

Burtschi said Frye's four blocked shots and eight rebounds bottled up the middle, which let Burtschi move around the perimeter. Frye ended up with 16 points, followed by Burtschi with 14. Antonio Greene led Fort Carson in scoring with 25 points, 18 of those coming in the second half.

Up next will be the Over-30 Rocky Mountain

Championship April 24. Four teams are committed — USAFA, Peterson, Fort Carson and Buckley. Schriever will not play due to an ongoing Air Force Space Command operational readiness inspection, and F.E. Warren Air Force Base will decide shortly on whether they will participate.

Tournament Results

Saturday

1. Peterson 89, USAFA 60
2. Fort Carson 61, Buckley 46
3. Schriever 64, Peterson 59 (OT)
4. Buckley 53, USAFA 49
5. Schriever 67, Fort Carson 58
6. Buckley 75, Peterson 74 (OT)

Sunday

7. Fort Carson 62, Buckley 43
8. Schriever 49, Fort Carson 41

Neubauer, a senior and native of Bottineau, N.D., set an Academy record for the hammer throw at the Sun Angel Classic April 9, recording a distance of 185' 6" — nearly four feet beyond her previous best — to place third overall.

Neubauer also recorded a season-best 171' 2" in the discus throw, taking the top spot in the conference and the 10th best distance in the nation.

Also in track and field, junior Justin Tyner set the Academy record in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:44.05, three seconds faster than his previous best and fast enough to place second at the Sun Angel Classic. Manuel Smith, Chris Severino, Justin Manchester and Matt Jones won the 4x400-meter relay with a season-best time of 3:13.73, and Joel Nolan finished third in the pole

vault with a career-best 16' 7¼".

Gymnastics

Junior gymnast Lisa Wong was named to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation's All-Academic Team, the commissioners' office announced April 9.

This is the second-straight year that Wong, a native of Silver Spring, Md., who currently holds a 3.27 GPA,

has been selected to the academic all-conference team.

To be considered for the academic all-conference team, student athletes must hold a 3.0 or better GPA, have completed a full academic year at the institution the year before the award was received and must have competed in half or more of the institution's competitions.



Falcons drop 3 straight to Aztecs

From Athletic Communications

The Falcons lost three straight games to San Diego State April 9 through Sunday, despite forcing extra innings in two of the three games.

Air Force lost 14-9 April 9 in 10 innings, dropped a 16-9 contest Saturday and narrowly lost an 8-7 contest in 10 innings Sunday.

Trailing 9-4 after six innings in the first game, Air Force scored five runs to tie the game up. Ben Ausbun capped off the rally with a two-run homer in the ninth — his second in the game. However, the Aztecs answered with five runs of their own in the 10th. Ausbun went 3-for-5 with three runs and five RBIs. San Diego State's Ryan O'Sullivan went 3-for-5 with two home runs and three RBIs to lead the Aztecs.

San Diego State jumped to an early 6-1 lead in the third inning during the second game of the series on their way to a 16-9 win. The Aztecs led 16-1 before Air Force scored eight unanswered runs. The teams combined for 16 walks in the game, while Air Force had 11 hits and San Diego State had 15. K.J. Randhawa went 3-for-5 with two RBIs to lead Air Force. Nathan Carter added three runs, and Garrett Custons hit a three-run homer.

The 8-7 loss was the lowest-scoring game at the new Falcon Field and the first game in which neither team scored 10 or more runs. Senior Matt Alexander kept the Falcons in the game by scoring game-tying runs in the seventh and ninth innings, but San Diego State scored two go-ahead runs in the top of the 10th.

Air Force had 13 hits in the final game of the



Photo by J. Rachel Spencer

Air Force senior first baseman Matt Alexander tries to tag out a San Diego State player who took a lead toward second base during the Falcons' game against the Aztecs April 9. Air Force forced extra innings in two of the games but lost all three games at Falcon Field over the weekend.

series. Alexander led the way, going 3-for-4 with a homer and four RBIs. Nathan Carter went 2-for-4 with two runs, including a two-out solo homer in the bottom of the 10th to make the score 8-7, and two RBIs.

The series of losses to San Diego State came after an announcement from the Athletic Department April 9 that seven Air Force baseball players — seniors

Addison Gentry and Michael Ruvolo, sophomore Blair Kessler and freshmen John Bramble, Travis Lane, Ethan Loosen and Caleb Spengler — were suspended for violating Air Force Academy standards. Suspensions are typically related to failure to meet academic, physical or military standards or Honor Code violations, Academy officials said.

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Arbor Day observance

The Academy will celebrate Arbor Day today from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Scout Huts on Community Center Drive.

Col. Todd Robison, the 10th Air Base Wing vice commander, will accept a Tree City USA award on behalf of the Academy in recognition of its urban forest management program.

The event will also include a tree planting by Academy Youth Center students to restore an area that had been infested with dwarf mistletoe. Volunteers will also have a chance to plant a tree and should bring gloves.

Parade Loop closed

Parade Loop will close Monday so that construction teams can resurface the road and replace curbs and gutters. The road is scheduled to reopen May 1.

The street may be reopened at night for scheduled events, but drivers will travel on a gravel surface.

Volunteers honored

The Academy will recognize its volunteers in a recognition and awards ceremony scheduled to be held Wednesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Falcon Club.

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 3 p.m., with the ceremony commencing at 3:30 p.m.

For more information on the event, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center's Jeannie Lopez at 333-3444.

Civilian tuition assistance

Have you been thinking about going back to school but haven't because of the cost? If so, the time to act is now!

The Civilian Tuition Assistance Program has money available for appropriated-funds employees of the Academy who are in an active civilian pay status.

There will be a Civilian Tuition Assistance briefing April 21 at 2 p.m. open to all civilian employees at the Academy. Space is limited, so please call Christy Pfalmer at 333-4821 to sign up for the briefing.

Bonding thru Family Fun

The 10th Force Support Squadron is giving away \$175 per month in prizes for participating in Bonding Thru Family Fun. It only takes two people to be a family. Activities that count are workouts, playing games, hikes, going to ball games.

Those interested in participating can pick up a BFF Card at one of the Services Activities (Library, Base Exchange, Fitness Center, Bowling Center, Youth Center, Outdoor Recreation, Milazzo Club, and Cadet Outdoor Rec).

For more information contact Letitia Wiseman at 333-9133.

Intramural softball

The 2010 Intramural softball league is now being formed under the guidance of the Fitness and Sports Center.

Letters of intent are due Wednesday. An informational coaches meeting will be held Thursday at the Fitness Center office. Preseason competition begins on or about May 17, and the regular season will begin on or about June 1.

For more information, please contact Dave Castilla at 333-4078.

Body conditioning

Body conditioning class takes place Mondays and Wednesdays in the Community Center Ballroom from noon to 1 p.m.

Admission to the six-week class costs \$60 and entails full-body workouts using dumbbell weights, resistance bands and rings and other provided equipment.

The class helps participants improve their strength, posture, muscle tone and bone density and is appropriate to all fitness levels.

Dancing

Ballroom and line dancing classes are available in the Community Center Ballroom and are ongoing throughout the year.

The cost to attend the six-week classes is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple for ballroom dancing and \$35 per person for line dancing.

Ballroom dancing classes are taught Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for beginners, 6:45 p.m. for intermediate dancers and 8 p.m. for swing dancers. Line Dancing classes are taught Mondays with classes at 5 and 6:15 p.m.

Community Center Activities

For more information on community center activities, contact Charlotte Morris at 333-2928.

Prepare for the AFPT

The Fitness Center now offers Fitness Improvement Program classes throughout the week to help Airmen prepare for the revised Air Force Physical Training program.

The high-intensity classes will focus on cardiovascular endurance, core strength and push-ups.

Classes will be held Mondays and Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 333-4522.

Operation Jr. Deployer

The deadline to sign up your children for Operation Junior Deployer is April 23.

The event, scheduled to be held May 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., is designed to help children and family members understand the deployment process.

Activities for the event include an inprocessing line, a "deployment" to Jacks Valley, aka Usafastan, a lunch including a sample meal, ready-to-eat, a land navigation course and a welcome home celebration.

Registration forms are available at most 10th Force Support Squadron locations and at www.usafaservices.com. For more information, contact the A&FRC at 333-3444.

A&FRC Offerings

The Academy A&FRC will host the following classes in March. Contact the A&FRC at 333-3444 or 333-3445 with questions or to sign up for a class. Class dates and times are subject to change.

Group pre-separation counseling

Held Mondays (except during TAP week), 2 to 4 p.m.

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

Family Advocacy classes

All Family Advocacy classes are open to active-duty servicemembers, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members unless otherwise specified. Classes are held at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. For information on classes offered by the Family Advocacy Office or to sign up, contact Kristin Larkey of Family Advocacy Outreach at 333-5270.

Anger Management

Mondays through April 26, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This class will help participants better understand their anger and where it comes from, how to handle conflict in frus-

trating situations and how to relax and de-stress their lives.

Couples Communication Seminar

Today, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This one-day seminar teaches participants how to communicate more effectively and improve their relationships. Everyone is welcome, whether they are married, engaged, dating or single.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting

May 13 and 20, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

This class offers easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children ages 2-12 without arguing, yelling or spanking.



Pikes Peak or Bust scholarships

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade will sponsor scholarships to family members of servicemembers killed or wounded in action while in a designated combat zone.

The scholarships are awarded to family members who have been accepted to an accredited college or university or who are current college students and can be applied for either traditional degree programs or vocational and technical education.

Applicants must apply by May 30 and must be committed to attend during the 2010-2011 academic year. Students who have already been selected for full scholarships or have been selected to attend a service academy are not eligible.

For more information, contact the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce at 719-575-4325.

'Only Rock-n-Roll'

The Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum presents a collection of rock-n-roll concert images by photographer Larry Hulst through May 29. The exhibit includes photos of Janis Joplin, Jimmie Hendrix, the Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin and others. Admission to the museum is free.

Royal Gorge discounts

Royal Gorge and Bridge Park near Cañon City, Colo., will offer half-price admission to active-duty and retired military personnel with military IDs and their families in May as part of their Military Appreciation Month promotion.

For more information on Royal Gorge, visit www.royalgorgebridge.com.

Academy Band appearances

Air Force Academy Band Tech. Sgts. Tim Stombaugh and Ani Berberian will perform as part of the Chamber Recital Series at the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center in Pueblo, Colo., Monday at 7:30 p.m. and at Colorado College's Packard Hall in Colorado Springs Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

In addition, the Academy Band's "Stellar Brass" ensemble will perform a free public concert at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., April 24 at 7 p.m., and the Academy Winds ensemble will perform at St. James Presbyterian Church in Littleton, Colo., April 25 at 7 p.m.



CADET CHAPEL

Call 719-333-2636 for more information.

Buddhist

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Jewish

Friday - 7 p.m.

Muslim

Friday Prayer - 12:15 p.m.

Protestant

Liturgical Worship Sun. - 8 a.m.
Traditional Worship Sun. - 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Sun. - 11:30 a.m.

Roman Catholic

Mass
Sunday - 10 a.m.
Academic Year, when cadets are present
Mon, Tues, and Thurs - 6:40 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Sunday - 9:00-9:40 a.m.
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Catholic Masses:

Saturday

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Mass - 4 p.m.

Sunday

Mass - 9 a.m.
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Tuesday-Friday

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