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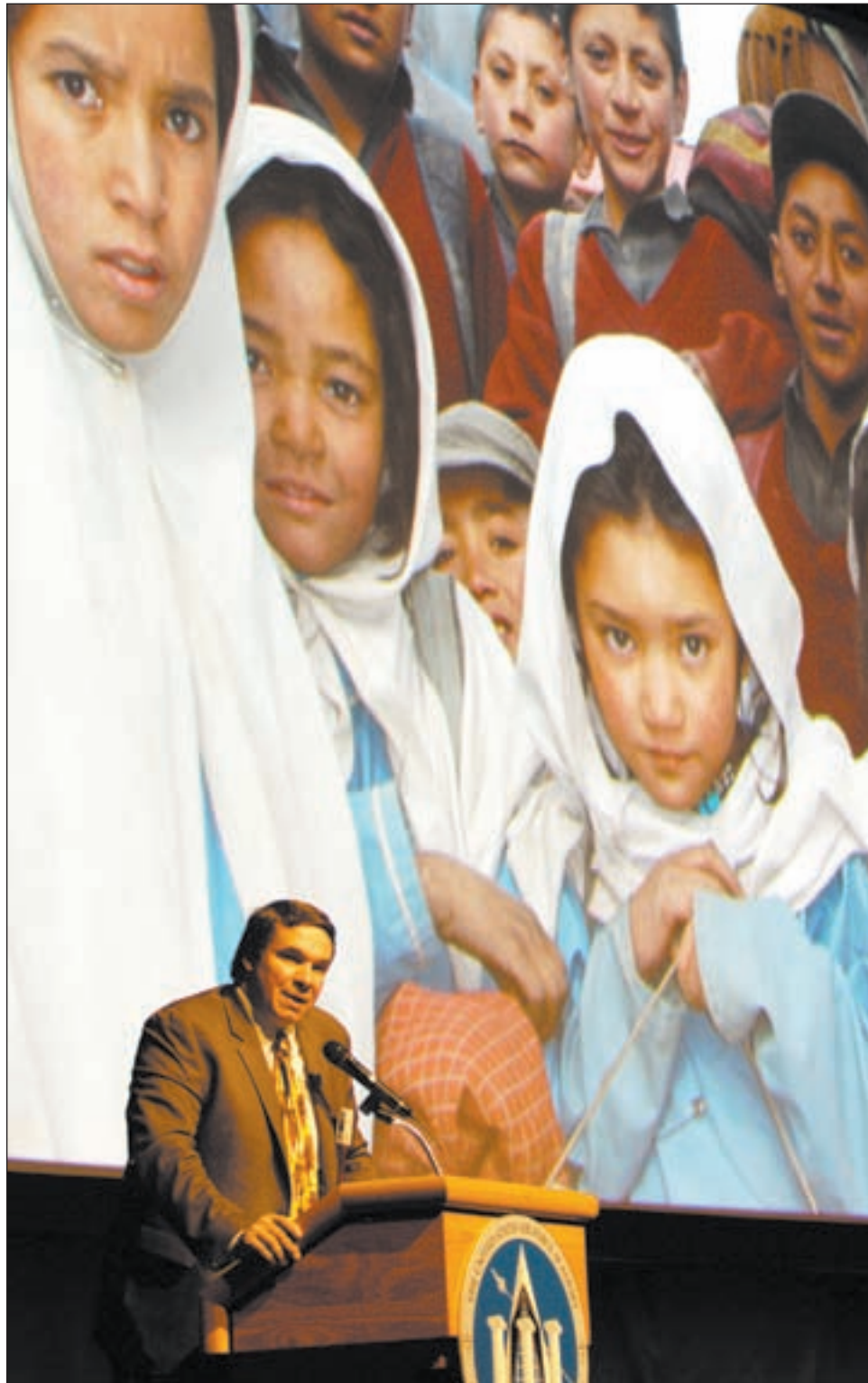


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NCLS shines

By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

World-class speakers, enthusiastic audiences and Academy hospitality all went in to this year's National Character and Leadership Symposium Feb. 20-through Saturday.

"This year we had more than 375 Academy cadets involved in making NCLS our best one yet," said Cadet 1st Class Maria Brooks, Cadet in Charge for the event.

Maj. David Higgenbotham, symposium director, agreed and pointed to the NCLS speakers and other participants.

"They provided the spark and the tools to convince others 'one can make a difference,'" he said.

Major Higgenbotham also said the Cadet Wing and other NCLS participants clearly connected well with the speakers.

"This year's approach of inviting ordinary speakers who have done extraordinary things was a huge hit with our participants," he said.

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Photo by Mike Kaplan
Greg Mortenson, author of *New York Times* Bestseller, *Three Cups of Tea*, and co-founder of the non-profit Central Asia Institute, gives a presentation at the 15th Annual National Character and Leadership Symposium Saturday.

Academy powered flight throttles up



By Ann Patton
Academy Spirit staff

Again it's a go for powered flight the Air Force way on the Academy.

The first class of 10 cadets has just completed the Powered Flight Program, also known as Airmanship 420. Academy airmanship also includes soaring and parachuting.

Although many cadets had soloed and took check rides from 2002-2007, the planes were civilian contractor-owned and -operated aircraft with primarily civilian instructor pilots. The emphasis is now shifting toward Air Force aircraft and instructors.

Previously, Introductory Flight Training, instituted in 2002, was followed by Academy Flight Screening, which the Air Force moved to Pueblo's

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Photo by Maj. Wes Smith
A cadet in the Powered Flight Program man's the cockpit of the Cessna T-14 aircraft.

ODS—What is it? Why is it?

By Lt. Col. Andreas Wesemann
Chief, Policy and Directives Division

When I was first stationed at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., in 1996, I arrived shortly before a major Operational Readiness Inspection. During this rigorous time of preparation, I often heard complaints about the Army—“Why are we dropping them again this weekend? Can't they let us move them during the week?” I thought to myself,—“that is what we do, move the Army!” A short time later at an Operations Group commander's call the week prior to the inspection, we heard the answer. “That is why we are here—to put the ‘air’ in ‘Airborne!’” It was as simple as that. According to him, if it wasn't for the airland and airdrop mission for the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C., Pope AFB would not exist.

Since arriving on the Academy a few months ago, I find myself preparing for the Unit Compliance Inspection. I have not heard it much here, but I can imagine the same complaints—“Why is there another parade or training event this weekend? Can't the cadets do that during the week?” So I answer the question the same as that operations group commander did. “That is what we do!” We put the ‘air’ under these new lieutenants' wings, creating officers of character. If it wasn't for this mission, the Academy would not exist. At the newcomer's briefing, there's a presentation of how the Academy provides the best in developing Officers of Character.

The Academy performs this vital mission for America through a deliberate process we call the Officer

Development System.

According to USAFAMAN 36-3501, *Officer Development System*:

“The United States Air Force Academy's (USAFAs) ODS is founded on the idea that professional commitments can be fostered through deliberate connections to the principles of professional military service. It is a four-year doctrinal framework intended to guide officer development activities. It defines character-based officership and the desired outcomes toward which all developmental activities should be focused. These developmental activities involve all the mission elements at USAFA and encompass every dimension of a cadet's life. The ODS is theoretically based, goal-oriented, and continuously assessed. It is designed to organize cadet experiences so USAFA achieves its institutional goals, accomplishes its assigned mission, and realizes its strategic vision.

Above all else, it focuses on character-based officership and prepares cadets for a career of continual professional development in service to the Air Force and the nation.”

There is a three-fold purpose of the ODS vital to our preparation of taking these citizens and developing them over the four years here.

First, to develop each cadet's appreciation that being an officer is a noble way of life. This commitment is necessary for members of our Air Force, as they are motivated to serve a military career.

Second, to foster a commitment to character-based officership. This commitment must be so developed, that no crisis or temptation will shake the

integrity of the officer.

And finally, to develop competencies and values essential to this identity of character-based officership, not only on the Academy, but in their service careers and beyond. This includes the knowledge, skills and responsibilities we desire for all officers of character.

ODS becomes the roadmap for each cadet, individualized by all who interact with them, over their four years at the Academy. It is linked to and directly supports the Academy mission statement and outcomes.

The foundation for ODS is the Constitution of the United States. Each cadet takes the same oath as a commissioned officer with the exception of one word: instead of Second Lieutenant, they say “cadet”. The oath also links the Constitution to the Air Force Core Values.

Each one of us at the Academy directly or indirectly impacts the Officer Development System. We are all examples. How we interact with each other, as officers, enlisted and civilians, is on display every day. What we expect from a 4th class cadet is different than what we expect from an upperclassman. We can get involved as a cadet sponsor, a club or sport volunteer, tutor or even participate in their military training. Push these cadets, challenge them daily—along the way you and the cadets will discover, learn, grow and will have fun in the process. We should always remember what we do will positively or negatively impact the next generation of commissioned officers that will lead our nation's Air Force. What impact will you make?

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Character Corner Old Habits Die Hard

By Col. John Norton
Center for Character Development

Behavioral scientists say it takes dozens of repetitions of doing something a new way to break a habit—this means it takes weeks, months or even years to form a new habit, depending on the frequency of the behavior.

We all develop bad habits—perhaps out of laziness, a less-than ideal environment or often because of a lack of accountability. Others, or more importantly, ourselves, may not hold us to high standards, and we can end up slipping into shady behavior. This

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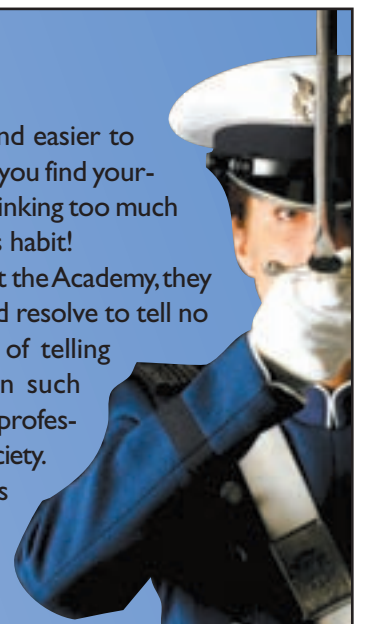
“slippery slope” is dangerous because the standard behavior starts becoming routine, and then it becomes a bad habit. The longer we do it, the more difficult it becomes to break.

“Small lies” turning into “big lies” is a good example of this kind of bad habit formation. People sometimes start taking shortcuts and telling partial truths, leaving out important details, or telling “white lies” to avoid complex explanations or hurting other's feelings. They may think “this is no big deal” because “everyone does it.”

It is a big deal, because telling small lies forms a dangerous habit; making a habit out of dishonesty

only makes it more tempting and easier to tell bigger lies later. Pretty soon, you find yourself telling whoppers without thinking too much about it. Talk about a dangerous habit!

When young adults arrive at the Academy, they commit to the Honor Code and resolve to tell no lies. If they were in the habit of telling “small lies,” they quickly learn such behavior is not tolerated in our profession like it is in much of civilian society. Breaking a bad habit like this is hard, but with commitment and determination, it can be done.



What do you look forward to in the spring?



“Warmer weather, rain instead of snow, flowers peeking out of the ground and the hummingbirds, my very favorite sign of spring.”

Mary Dyster
HQ/USAF



“I love it when the weather warms up. I like the birds, bees, mountains and spring cleaning—I love to do that.”

Madeline Harris
10th Dental Squadron



I look forward to baseball, warmer weather and I can golf more. But I'll miss snowboarding in the winter.”

Staff Sgt. Tim Modjeski
HQ/USAF



“Spending time with my family on spring break. We're planning a family trip but don't know where yet.”

Senior Master Sgt. Brian Salley
10th Dental Squadron

New Web-based assignment application debuts Monday

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The power to apply for your next home-basing and follow-on assignment will soon be literally at your fingertips.

Starting Monday, all active-duty enlisted members and officers, lieutenant colonel and below, who are slated to serve an unaccompanied tour of 15 months or less will have the ability to submit Web-based applications from any location worldwide, 24/7.

The new self-service application process is part of Air Force leadership's ongoing commitment to Personnel Services Delivery Transformation.

"This change will help streamline the application process by eliminating paperwork and unnecessary trips to the military personnel element," said Letty Inabinet, chief of the assignment programs and procedures branch at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "Starting March 3, an Airman will be able to fill out the application online, and if eligible, the system will validate it on the spot and send it to AFPC for consideration."

Even though the HB/FO assignment program will be Web-based, the benefits remain the same.

"The program continues to be a

win-win for the Air Force," Ms. Inabinet said. "It helps reduce stress among our Airmen who don't know where their next duty station will be after they serve the unaccompanied tour, and it provides stability for our Air Force families."

Home-basing assignments offer Airmen an assignment back to the same continental U.S. location, or long-tour location in Alaska or Hawaii, from where they left. Follow-on assignments offer Airmen assignment consideration to a preferred CONUS location or the overseas long-tour location of their choice. Airmen can choose up to eight CONUS locations and up to eight overseas choices.

For convenience and accessibility, the application will be made available Monday at the Virtual Military Personnel Flight. The program's guidelines are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2110, Assignments. Applicants are encouraged to thoroughly read the sections on entitlements and restrictions before submitting their application.

For more information about the program, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site and search for "Follow On." The 24-hour Air Force Contact Center (toll free 1-800-616-3775, DSN 665-5000) is also available to answer questions.

UCI Tip of the Week

By Lt. Col. Robert Slaughter
Inspector General, Complaints Resolution

Next month is the Academy's Unit Compliance Inspection, or UCI. This triennial, independent inspection supports the Air Force Inspector General's determination on unit readiness which is reported to the Secretary of the Air Force. Not only will the Air Force Inspection Agency assess if our policies and guidance are clear and implemented as intended, they will offer an additional function: a Complaints Officer acting on behalf of the Inspector General will be available to receive concerns or complaints March 10-14, each morning and afternoon as follows:

8 - 10 a.m. (Mon - Fri), Base Chapel Conference Room, Community Center

1-3 p.m. (Mon - Fri), Sijan Hall, Terrazzo Level, room 4D7

Anyone wishing to voice a concern or complaint may walk-in during those hours or call (719) 440-6351 to schedule an appointment. This telephone number will only be used during the March 10-14 inspection. If you are unable to reach the AFIA Complaints Officer you may also contact USAFA IG at 333-3490 to schedule an appointment.

Supporting AFIA will be a large team of over 100 volunteer augmenters from the Air Education and Training Command. Every AFIA team member and augments has received specialized training in conduct, observation and analysis. They are selected as recognized subject matter experts in their career fields and are trained to be objective in their findings. Bear in mind that some of you may become future inspectors.

Due to the hundreds of Air Force instructions, policies and memoranda under which we operate, there are often other ways to accomplish a particular task. During the UCI, if an inspector points out another way or method to you, be receptive, courteous, and listen. Many of them have faced the same problems and situations you may be facing. If there is a disagreement with an inspector, try and resolve it then and there. If that's not possible, attempt to resolve it at the lowest level in your chain of command. Keep in mind not all findings may be resolved.

AFIA's purpose is not to discover findings, but to ensure compliance. Have a positive mind-set and always be professional. Lastly, remember most of the inspectors are on temporary duty away from their primary duty locations and their families, and we are their hosts. Their time is limited, our commitment and dedication is not.



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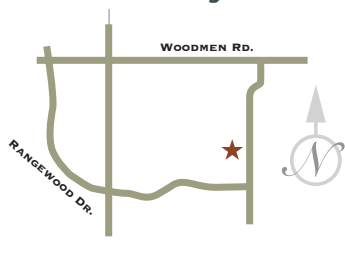
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1st Flying Training Squadron.

"The Academy's PFP was designed to be the capstone aviation program," said Maj. J. D. Dillinger, powered flight commander with the 557th Flying Training Squadron. "Our objective is to introduce cadets to the operational Air Force flying squadron environment and powered flight, as well as give them an opportunity to solo."

The next class of 20 cadets will also complete the course this semester. Major Dillinger said 48 cadets are expected this summer.

"We will not be fully operational until fiscal year 2013 when we have the replacement fleet of approximately 25 aircraft on the ramp," he said. "We will put through 800 students total in FY 2008."

By 2013, 750 cadets a year are expected to go through the program.

Currently, students and instructors are flying four T-14D aircraft, and plans are in the works for use of T-14C's contracted from Air Force Aero Clubs.

"Combining the inherent durability and stability of the Cessna 172 airframe with a powerful 210 horsepower engine, the T-14 was particularly suited to this high-altitude environment," said Maj. Wes Smith, instructor pilot and chief of standardization and evaluation for the 557th FTS.

Air Force lieutenants complete Introductory Flying Training and Initial Flight Screening in Pueblo flying the two-seat DA-20.

"Academy cadets now have the rare opportunity to experience the heritage of flying the larger (4-seat), heavier and much more powerful trainer that taught many an Academy cadet to fly," Major Smith said.

Airmanship 420 involves about 25 hours of academics and nine flights, which may include a

possible solo flight. Major Dillinger said he expects about 70 percent to solo.

Also part of the course's syllabus is a sortie concentrating on advanced aerodynamic principles where cadets can put to practical use the aerodynamic lessons taught on the Hill.

Another sortie is dedicated to applied air power. Cadets are taught to plan and fly a visual navigation route to a target/drop zone.

The cadets spend most of their training time in areas north and east of the Academy airfield, with significant time in the Academy traffic pattern to practice landings. With an air speed at about 120 knots and flying at altitudes up to 9,500 feet above sea level, student pilots practice stalls, steep turns, slow flight, lazy eights and various types of landings.

A member of the Class of 1994, Major Smith is glad to be back on the Academy and teaching cadets.

"It's great working with them," he said. "As a whole they are energetic and eager to fly. I've also had experiences in the past where I ended up flying operationally with pilots who had previously been my students."

His biggest satisfaction is arming cadets with knowledge and experience and watching as they correctly deal with a situation beyond the sum of their learning.

Major Smith's primary Air Force background is with the F-15C. He and his father have owned a 1947 Stinson since he was a four-degree.

Cadet 2nd Class Cody Singletary is happy powered flight is back.

"I absolutely love the feeling of leaving the ground and soaring through the air," he said. "It's hard to describe in words how I feel when I get to fly. It's definitely the most fun I've had."

A veteran of the Academy's soaring program, the



Photo by Ann Patton

Pre-flight checks for Cadet 2nd Class Cody Singletary are routine and critical prior to take-off.

physics major is definitely looking for a future in Air Force aviation.

"I expect flying to become an integral part of my life," he said.

Cadet Singletary came to the Academy first to serve as an Air Force leader.

"I wish to do that through flying."

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'Live Round' brings gifts, music to school for the deaf

By Senior Master Sgt. Greg Wade
376th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Members of the U.S. Central Command Air Forces Band 'Live Round' found themselves in front of an unlikely audience Feb. 13, when they visited Bishkek's Boarding School for the Deaf.

The visit was part of the band's outreach efforts during their eight-day trip to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan.

Band members delivered toys and candy, as well as a musical performance for the students.

Although music doesn't seem like it would be logical fit at the school, it is actually an important part of the curriculum for the more than 360 students there.

Ms. Kanykei Jamanbaeva, the school director, explained that while many students cannot hear any sounds, they can feel the music through the vibrations of the floor, through touch, and especially in their hearts.

"The kids were excited, they liked

the concert. They were dancing and participating," said Ms. Iseyeva.

In fact, the students had a full music and dancing production that they shared with the Air Force musicians.

"Originally, we went to the school we thought we were going to perform for them, which we did, but the first thing that happened they gave us a surprise and they performed for us," said Master Sgt. Jeremy Laukhuf, a bass guitar player deployed from Peterson AFB, Colo.

The students, ranging from first-graders to high school students were dressed in bright, hand-made costumes. Each group performed to show their American guests their appreciation for taking the time and visiting them.

The band members then returned the favor and performed for the students.

After the band performance, the students were invited to come up and participate in a "jam session." Each of the students was able to make music of their own by beating on the drums; some even tried their



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Greg Wade

Master Sgt. Jeremy Laukhuf, a bass guitar player with U.S. Central Command Air Forces Band 'Live Round' lets children at the Bishkek Boarding School for the Deaf beat on the djembe drum during one of the band's outreach visits to a local school. The children were able to feel the music through the vibrations in the floor and through touch. 'Live Round' performed for Manas Air Base Airmen and local villages and schools during their eight-day trip to Kyrgyzstan.

luck playing the trombone.

Although it was a little more difficult, band member Tech. Sgt. Steve Frioux taught them how to "buzz" their lips and make sounds by blowing into the instrument.

There was no doubt they could feel the vibrations from the brass instrument - - their eyes would widen, and they would prove it with laughter after placing their ears near the trombone's bell.

It was a special morning for both

sets of musicians, and the school director said she was pleased the Air Force band members had included their school on their tour. Ms. Jamanbaeva said it was unique experience for the kids, and they love Americans very much.

"The kids liked it very much; it made a wonderful impression on them," said Ms. Jamanbaeva. "The atmosphere was very nice and very kind. They have listened to the (band's) CDs over and over, and they want everyone to come back soon."

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Artificial spider silk could improve body armor, parachutes

By Maria Callier
Air Force Office of
Scientific Research Public Affairs

The Air Force Office of Scientific Research is supporting a team from the University of Wyoming that is investigating spider silk proteins to create biomaterials for military purposes.

Producing useful quantities of natural spider silk has proven unrealistic because of challenges inherent in managing large numbers of small spiders which are typically cannibalistic. As a result, researchers have been creating artificial spider silk that is stronger than the polymer Kevlar and more flexible than nylon.

To produce new kinds of spider silks,

the team has made its own spider silk genes and put them into bacteria to produce chemically identical spider silk proteins for use in experiments.

"We then spin the proteins into fibers and test them for better properties," said Dr. Randy Lewis, the team leader. "We also have produced genetically-modified goats that produce milk containing the spider silk proteins to aid us in our research."

The proteins derived from the goat's milk can be spun into strong, lightweight, and extremely elastic silk to be used in the construction of light, bulletproof vests for the military. The fibers can also be used for much stronger parachutes enabling larger payloads to be delivered. They can

also be used to create artificial ligaments.

"We have now produced 15 new spider silks," Dr. Lewis said. "We think that we should be able to improve their properties as we improve the process of spinning the fibers."

"To make a 5-pound bulletproof vest, a producer would use 600 gallons of goat milk containing the silk protein. The milk production from 200 goats in one day would be used for just one vest," Dr. Lewis said in a recent article.

Dr. Lewis noted that spider silk body armor will be more expensive, however, the silk body armor is light and elastic and therefore more adaptable to different needs, he said.

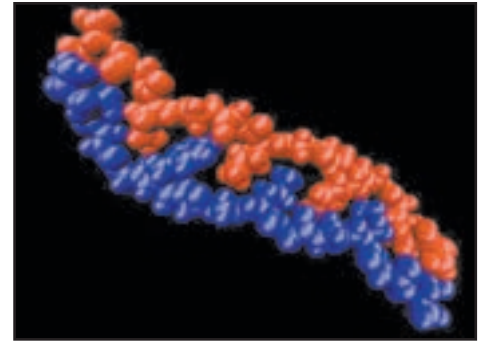


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This image shows a small part of two spider silk protein molecules interacting like two sides of a zipper. The "teeth" of the zipper can be seen in the slots of the other molecule. These zippers on hundreds of thousands of proteins help form the spider silk fiber and give it its extraordinary strength.

Postal Service offers first-time military discount

By Debora Preitkis
U.S. Postal Service

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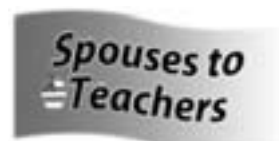
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Modern pied piper improves youth sports

By James Lovely
10th Services Marketing

Editor's Note: *The mission of the Academy's youth sports program is to provide diverse sports and fitness opportunities for youngsters ages 5-18 by helping them develop lifelong physical fitness skills and to mature emotionally and socially. The Falcon Trail Youth Center offers these programs to help active duty and retired military, DoD and NAF civilians perform their duties more effectively and reduce their concern for the well-being of their children.*

Motivation.

It's one of the keys to success in sports. It could also be the key to the success of the youth sports program at the Falcon Trail Youth Center.

Sjon Green is the new director of the program, and he is motivated to make youth sports at the Academy the best they can be.

"My predecessor was in here for quite a few years and had his way of doing things. He left a very good program for me, but naturally, I want to try to take it to the next level," said Sjon (pronounced Shawn).

"I'm coming in with a fresh set of eyes to look at it, and I think there are areas I can find to improve on."

One area that can never be too strong is communications.

"I want to make it a priority to improve the communication between myself, the parents, coaches and volunteers," he said.

He's earned the respect of Youth Center Director Cheryl Jensen.

"Sjon has a great attitude, and he's all about the kids," she said. "He's a go-getter and has some innovative ideas.

He's a great addition to the youth center staff."

Green retired from the Air Force in 2006 as a technical sergeant after 20 years of service. He and his wife, Mae, have raised three teenagers and a 6-year-old while moving around the world from assignment to assignment.

Green knows the challenges and struggles military families face on a daily basis and how important it is to run a program that inspires confidence in parents.

"I love kids and I don't think I can stress enough that these kids are in a safe environment and they're going to get really good coaching from people who know the sport inside and out," Green said. "They're going to get one-on-one training in every sport and activity to make them better and allow them to get as much as they possibly can out of the experience."

To sign up for any youth sport or for more information about the youth sports program, call 333-3799.



Photo by James Lovely

Youth Center sports and fitness program director Sjon Green eyes communication among parents, coaches, volunteers and himself as one of his priorities.

2008 Academy Youth Sports Schedule:

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Pre-Soccer (Spring)	3-4	Feb. 1 - March 15	Apr-May	Pre-Soccer (Fall)	3-4	June 16 - July 31	Aug-Oct
Night Hoops	13-18	Feb. 15 - March 28	Apr-May	Flag Football	7-16	Aug. 1 - Sept. 15	Oct-Dec
Senior Baseball	13-15	March 1 - Apr. 15	May-June	Ice Hockey	5-17	Sept. 1 - Oct. 15	Dec-Jan 09
Youth Baseball	5-12	Apr. 15 - May 30	June-July	Basketball	7-18	Oct. 15 - Dec. 1	Jan 09-Feb 09
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Joint spouse consideration is applicable and Airmen must have sufficient retainability to serve the associated PCS. There are several other qualifying requirements. Interested Airmen should contact their local military personnel flight. Applications should be made to an individual’s unit commander by form letter. Drafts are available at the MPF.

“Desires of the Airman will be heavily considered; however, unit manning and the needs of the Air Force is the deciding factor,” said Colonel Perrin.



Photo by Ann Patton

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A Voice Heard But Once in a Hundred Years

By Capt. Sabine Peters
Department of Foreign Languages

Her name suggests Scandinavian ancestry, but looking at the person behind one of the most well-known “contralto” singing voices in the world didn’t suggest European roots at all. Born February 27, 1897, in Philadelphia, Marian Anderson was the oldest of three daughters. Her father, John, was a loader at the Reading Terminal Market and her mother, Anna, a former teacher. The family was very active in their local Baptist church, and Marian began singing in the junior choir when she was six. Because of her low singing voice, members of the church would call her “Baby Contralto.”

In 1912, her father was severely injured on the job and died soon after. Anna and the girls moved in with John’s parents, and she kept the family afloat by working odd jobs cleaning, doing laundry and scrubbing floors. Since the family could not afford formal singing lessons for Marian, her fellow choir members raised the money for her. She began to take voice lessons with Mary Saunders Patterson, a well-known black soprano.

Marian joined the senior choir and began singing at other churches upon request. She became so popular that she would sometimes perform at three different places in one evening. The Philadelphia Choral Society donated \$500 for her to work with leading contralto Agnes Reifsnnyder, and, after graduating from high school, she met and worked with tenor Guiseppe Boghetti, a then much sought-after teacher.

In 1921, Marian applied to an all white local music school but was coldly rejected.

“We don’t take colored” said the admissions clerk to her.

Marian later recalled this encounter.

“I don’t think I said a word. I just looked at this girl and was shocked that such words could come from one so young,” she said. “If she had been old and sour-faced I might not have been startled. I cannot say why her youth shocked me as much as her words. On second thought, I could not conceive of a person surrounded as she was with the joy that is music without having some sense of this beauty and understanding rub off on her. I did not argue with her or ask to see her supervisor. It was as if a cold, horrifying hand had been laid on me. I turned and walked out.”



Marian Anderson, seen here giving a performance, was awarded the U.N. Peace Prize in 1972.

When she was 23, she entered a competition and beat over 300 other singers. She gave her first recital in 1924 at New York’s Town Hall, but it was not well received, and she contemplated giving up singing altogether. Boghetti convinced her to keep going, and she went to London to continue her studies with a scholarship from the National Association of Negro Musicians.

In August 1925, she debuted with the New York Philharmonic and was an instant success, even with the critics.

Even though this performance had been a huge success, Marian found it difficult to further her career in the United States. She was still performing mainly for black audiences. Over the next ten years, she toured extensively throughout Europe where she did not have to endure incessant racial bigotry. She was intent on improving her language skills since most operas were written in Italian and German.

At a debut concert in Berlin she attracted the attention of Rule Rasmussen and Helmer Engwall, concert managers who arranged a Scandinavian tour for her as well. She sang at 142 concerts in Scandinavia, even singing before King Gustav in Stockholm and King Christian in Copenhagen. She sang before the Archbishop of Salzburg during the 1935 Mozart festival where he requested an encore of Schubert’s *Ave Maria*.

The famous conductor Arturo

Toscanini heard her sing there and said, “Yours is a voice one hears but once in a hundred years.”

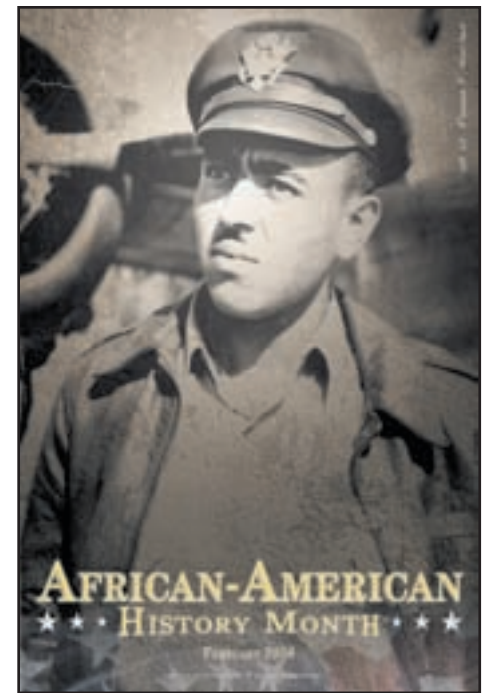
The most publicized incident of her career occurred in 1939 when the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to allow Marian to sing at Constitution Hall in Washington D.C. The hall’s director told Marian’s manager, “No Negro will ever appear in this hall while I am manager.”

The public was outraged, and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt resigned from the DAR, who owned Constitution Hall. Mrs. Roosevelt, along with Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Marian’s manager, encouraged Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes to arrange a free open-air concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for Easter Sunday.

The event was approved, and on April 9 she sang before an audience of 75,000 people and millions of radio listeners.

A few weeks after the event, Marian was invited to the White House to sing for President Roosevelt and his guests, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain. Soon, she was being booked for concerts two years in advance sometimes traveling 26,000 miles per year. Finally, in 1943, Marian Anderson performed in Constitution Hall at the invitation of the DAR, but she insisted that seating would be open and not segregated.

In July of that year, Marian



Graphic by J. Luke Borland

married Orpheus Fisher, an architect she had known since childhood, and the couple moved to her “Marianna Farm” in Connecticut.

She had to undergo throat surgery in 1948 and was not permitted to use her voice at all for two months. Luckily, she recovered completely and made her first post-WWII tour of Europe.

In 1955, Marian sang the part of Ulrica in Verdi’s *Un Ballo in Maschera* opera at New York’s Metropolitan Opera House, marking the first time an African-American had performed with the Metropolitan since it opened in 1883.

In 1957, she toured India and the Far East, traveling 35,000 miles in 12 weeks and giving 24 concerts. President Eisenhower appointed her as a delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Committee. She sang at his inauguration, as well as President Kennedy’s in 1961. She also performed at the 1963 March on Washington.

On April 19, Easter Sunday 1965, Marian gave her final concert in Carnegie Hall, following a year-long farewell tour, and she and Orpheus returned to her farm in Connecticut. Orpheus died in 1986, and in 1992 Marian moved to Portland to live with her nephew, conductor James DePriest. The following spring, Marian suffered a stroke, and on April 8, 1993, Marian Anderson died of heart failure at the age of 96.

She is interred at Eden Cemetery in Collingdale, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. Over 2,000 people attended a memorial service at Carnegie Hall in June of that year.

A New York Times music critic wrote about Anderson, saying, “Those who remember her at her height ... can never forget that the big resonant voice, with those low notes almost visceral in nature, and with that easy, unforced ascent to the top register. A natural voice, a hauntingly colorful one, it was one of the vocal phenomena of its time.”

On January 27, 2005, a commemorative U.S. postage stamp honored Marian Anderson as part of the Black Heritage Series, and she is also pictured on the \$5,000 Series I United States Savings Bond.

NCLS shines as charac



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Gen. (Retired) Wesley Clark enjoys sharing thoughts with cadets after his keynote address. General Clark served thirty-three years of service in the United States Army, and rose to the rank of four-star general and NATO Supreme Allied Commander.



Photo courtesy Gutwein family



Photo by Dave Armer

Austin Gutwein, founder of Hoops of Hope which helps the 15 million children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, shares his experiences with NCLS participants.

Upper Right: Austin gets to know the children he aims to help.



Photo by Dave Armer

Nic Lumpp, Class of 2005 graduate and Co-Chairman, Somaly Mam Foundation, speaks with cadets at NCLS. Mr. Lumpp, along with Cambodian activist Somaly Mam and Jared Greenberg, also a Class of 2005 graduate, established the Somaly Mam Foundation to increase awareness about sex trafficking and to raise funds to support global rescue and rehabilitation efforts.

Character development event

From Page 1

The Academy welcomed 179 visiting college students, plus students from all the U.S. service academies, as well as the Royal Military College of Canada and the Republic of Korea Air Force Academy.

The Academy Class of 1973 served as flagship sponsor for the symposium.

Cadet Brooks served as a host for the two previous symposiums and felt honored to be chosen as this year's CIC.

"Nowhere else in my cadet career have I been challenged or learned as much as I have from being a CIC of NCLS."

A highlight for her was the Wounded Warriors Panel made up of four U.S. Army soldiers from Fort Carson.

"Being able to hear their stories and give them the 'rock star treatment' we afford all of our speakers was incredible," she said.

For Major Higgenbotham, one highlight was the tribute by Project Compassion to U.S. Army Spec. Dane Balcon, son of Academy management instructor Capt. Carla Sizer, who lost his life last year in Iraq. The project, along with founding artist Kaziah Hancock, presented two portrait paintings of Specialist Balcon, one for his family and another to the Academy.

Another highlight for Major Higgenbotham was the presentation from famed Olympic wrestler Rulon Gardner, who also signed autographs and wrestled some cadets on stage.

Amy Clingenpeel, a 4th class ROTC cadet from the University of Virginia, was impressed with 13-year-old Austin Gutwein who founded Hoops of Hope, a foundation to raise money for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

"He's so cool and so young," she said. "He was so inspiring."

She was also impressed with symposium speaker Alea Nadeem, an ROTC cadet from the University of New Mexico.

"It was nice to hear her perspective on Iraq."

Cadet Nadeem was, as a young girl, involuntarily taken from her mother and forced to live in Iraq during the Gulf War.

Cadet 2nd Class Christian Wildhagen from the Coast Guard Academy was inspired by the presentation from Sean Swarner who conquered Mt. Everest while battling cancer.

Cadet Wildhagen admired Mr. Swarner's commitment, strength and motivation.

"I learned a lot about leadership," said Yu Cao, a first-year student at the New Mexico Military Institute, of the presentation from retired Army Col. Danny McKnight, who cited respect, loyalty, duty, integrity and courage as traits of a good leader.

"Leadership is not about popularity. It's about taking care of people," Cadet Cao said.

After graduation he plans to return to China and follow his father's career path in dentistry.

Academy Cadet 3rd Class Meghan Booze enjoyed listening to Cadet 1st Class Erik Mirandette who fell victim to a terrorist attack while on a humanitarian mission.

"You have to go with what your passion is and just live your life," she said of what she learned.

Cadet 2nd Class Jason Dall was also impressed by Cadet Mirandette.

"Sharing makes us see what one person can do," he said.

Speaker Greg Mortenson addresses thousands of people each year, many of them kindergartners through college age.



Photo by Dave Armer

Fine artist and founder of Project Compassion, Kaziah Hancock (center) presents her gift of art to the Academy in honor of Army Private 1st Class Dane Balcon who died in Iraq. Private Balcon's mother, Capt. Carla Sizer, is an instructor in the Academy Department of Management.

"I always enjoy and am inspired by young people," he said. "I'm trying to bring a positive message."

Mr. Mortenson is co-founder of the Central Asia Institute and Pennies for Peace and is the author of the New York Times bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*. He has dedicated 11 years establishing girls' schools in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

"When you educate a boy, you educate an individual. When you educate a girl, you educate a community," he said of his mission.

Mr. Mortenson said that in 2000 there were only 800,000 Afghan youngsters in school. By 2007 that number had risen to 54 million.

He enjoyed his visit to the Academy, especially the gliders and the mountains, as well the Academy hospitality which he flatteringly called "tribal."

In Africa, where he spent several years, villagers

traditionally try to outdo each other with hospitality for visitors.

Major Higgenbotham stressed it is important to continue the NCLS.

"It is the capstone cadet character development event," he said.

The symposium also has the full support of Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Regni.

"The NCLS is the Academy's premier annual event, directly implementing our mission to educate, train and inspire men and women to become officers of character. It embodies our number one strategic goal to focus on character and leadership development and elevate and integrate character and leadership development across all mission elements to develop the Academy Outcomes in our cadets," he said.



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Teamwork becomes the name of the game during one exercise at an NCLS dinner Feb. 22.

Falcons sweep, clinch home ice in playoffs

By Dave Toller
Athletic Communications

Air Force showed no mercy as they rolled over Canisius in Atlantic Hockey Association action Feb. 22 and Saturday at the Buffalo State Sports Arena in Buffalo, N.Y.

Andrew Volkening stopped all 11 shots he faced Feb. 22 as the Falcons blanked Canisius, 3-0. Air Force dominated the first period, outshooting the Golden Griffins, 11-3. The Falcons drew first blood when Matt Fairchild led a rush down the right wing and fed Derrick Burnett.

The Falcons took a 3-0 lead with two second-period goals. Greg Flynn scored at the 3:21 mark with a shot from the left point that went through traffic in front of the net. Blake Page and Josh Print assisted on the play. Freshman Scott Kozlak gave the Falcons a 3-0 lead with 1:45 left in the period. Kozlak skated the puck into the slot and sent a wrister past Andrew Loewen from Mike Phillipich.

Air Force outshot Canisius, 27-11, in the game.

"There isn't much not to like from tonight," Air Force head coach Frank Serratore said. "Our speed was the difference. Our accountability with the puck was good, and it had to be since they are an opportunistic team. Canisius didn't have much jump, and we were all over them. The guys played very well and very hard."

Saturday, Jeff Hajner scored two goals to lead Air Force to a 4-3 win over Canisius.

Air Force lit the lamp first when freshman Blake Page scored on a flurry in front of the Canisius net. The goal came just after a Golden Griffin power-play ended. Brad Sellers took a shot from the point that started the scramble in front. Page netted his third of the season as Josh Print also assisted on the play at the 5:30 mark. Canisius' Greg Brown was called for a checking from behind major penalty when he took Sellers into the boards, giving

Air Force a five-minute power play. The Falcons capitalized when Hajner scored his 12th of the season at 10:31. His wrister from the left circle beat Andrew Loewen high, glove side. Matt Fairchild and Derrick Burnett also assisted on the play.

Early in the third period, Hajner gave the Falcons a 4-1 lead with a goal at the 6:29 mark. Michael Mayra transitioned the puck at his own blueline that led a rush up ice. Burnett and Fairchild carried the puck into the zone. Hajner trailed the play and scored his second of the game and 13th of the season.

"I thought we played very well and was pleased with our effort tonight," Serratore said. "They made it close at the end, but if we would have capitalized on a fraction of our opportunities, we could have put the game away much earlier. This time of year, it is just about getting points, and we got four big ones this weekend."

Air Force outshot Canisius, 38-13, in the game.

With the two weekend wins, Air Force improved to 16-11-5 overall and 13-9-4 in the AHA and has clinched home ice in the first round of the Atlantic Hockey Association Tournament, March 7-9, at the Cadet Ice Arena. The Falcons opponent is yet to be determined. Game time will be 7:05 p.m. each day. The series is a best two-out-of-three, so the Falcons will play on Friday and Saturday and Sunday if necessary.

The winner of the series advances to the AHA Final Five, March 14-16, at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester, N.Y. The winner of the Final Five receives an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Air Force returns home for the final regular-season series today and Saturday at the Cadet Ice Arena when the Falcons host the American International College Yellow Jackets. The series will be the final regular-season home games for seven seniors: Bryan Becker, Matt



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Freshman forward Scott Kozlak lit the lamp late in the second period Feb. 22 giving the Falcons a 3-0 win.

Charbonneau, Eric Ehn, Ian Harper, Josh Print, Josh Schaffer and Frank Schiavone.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at www.GoAirForceFalcons.com or by calling 1-800-666-USAF.

Rose blossoms in season opener

Rose scores five goals, including gamewinner

By Athletic Communications

A career day for senior David Rose helped lead the Air Force lacrosse team to an 8-7 overtime victory over Providence Tuesday at the Cadet Lacrosse Stadium.

Rose, who had scored two career goals entering today's contest, notched five against Providence, including the gamewinner, with 1:42 remaining in the extra period. The Falcons, playing in their season opener, started the year at 1-0, while the Friars fell to 0-2, with both losses coming in overtime.

Air Force got on the board early in the contest with an unassisted score from junior K.J. Landgraf, while Providence's Devin McBride tied the score at 1-1 with 4:30 remaining in the first quarter. Another score from McBride in the second period gave the Friars their first lead of the game

before freshman Tristan Newkirk tied it back up for the Falcons with an assist from Jack Parchman. With 1:18 remaining in the opening half, Providence scored once more to take a 3-2 lead.

More than eight minutes went by in the third period before either team scored, as Rose notched his first goal of the game, on a feed from junior Griffin Nevitt to tie the game once more. Again, the Friars had a response, scoring at the 4:44 mark in the period, but the Falcons came right back with two more scores from Rose. Just 16 seconds after an assisted goal from long-stick midfielder Dan Gnazzo, Rose scored an unassisted man-up goal to give Air Force the 5-4 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Rose continued his streak in the fourth quarter, scoring with 10:33 remaining in regulation, while junior Brian Massa gave the Falcons a three-goal cushion just over two minutes later. However, Providence went on a run, scoring three unanswered goals, including a man-up score with just



Photo by Dave Ahlschwede

Falcon freshman Tristan Newkirk carries the ball down field as the Air Force lacrosse team won an 8-7 overtime victory over Providence Tuesday at the Cadet Lacrosse Stadium.

one minute left in the fourth period. With neither team able to score in the waning moments, the contest went into overtime.

Following a strong defensive stand, Air Force called a timeout to set up its offense. The strategy worked, as Rose was again able to go in for an unassisted score with 1:42 to play, giving the Falcons the 8-7 win.

Newcomer Brian Wilson recorded seven saves in goal for the Falcons, while Gnazzo was stout on defense, causing three turnovers, including one in overtime to set up Air Force's winning possession.

Air Force is back in action Saturday when they head to West Point, N.Y., to face service academy rival Army.

INTERCOLLEGIATE

Men's Basketball

Feb. 23 at Fort Collins, Colo.
Falcons 61 Colorado St. 59

Women's Basketball

Feb. 24 at AFA
Falcons 62 Colorado St. 53

Hockey

Feb. 22 and 23 at Buffalo, N.Y.

Falcons 3-4 Canisius 0-3

Baseball

Feb. 22 and 23 at Millington, Tenn.
Service Academies Spring Classic
Navy 6-16 **Falcons 5-5**

Feb. 24 at Memphis, Tenn.

Memphis 4 **Falcons 3**

Feb. 26 at Pueblo, Colo.

Falcons 5 (10 innings)
Northern Colorado 3

Lacrosse

Feb. 26 at AFA
Falcons 8 (OT) Providence 7
Wrestling
Feb. 23 at AFA
Falcons 21 Wyoming 12

Men's Tennis

Feb. 22 at AFA
Wichita St. 7 **Falcons 0**
Feb. 23 at AFA
Idaho 7 **Falcons 3**

Feb. 24 at AFA

Falcons 4 Idaho St. 3

Women's Tennis

Feb. 23 at El Paso, Texas
UTEP 6 **Falcons 1**

Feb. 24 at Las Cruces, N.M.

New Mexico St. 5 **Falcons 2**

Golf

Feb. 18 and 19 at San Antonio, Texas
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Track and Field

Feb. 22 at Laramie, Wyo.
Robert Shine Invitational
Falcons 6 first place finishes

Men's Gymnastics

Feb. 23 at Oakland, Calif.
Pacific Coast Classic
Falcons 6th

Women's Gymnastics

Feb. 23 at Seattle, Wash.
Seattle-Pacific 187.250
Falcons 186.550

Feb. 27 at AFA

Eastern Michigan 191.575
Falcons 189.500

Rifle

Feb. 23 at Reno, Nev.
Falcons 4,519
Nevada-Reno 4,509



Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, the Academy presents: Movie Night; today, 7 p.m. in Fairchild Hall (F1): The event offers a double feature: *A Soldier's Story* and *Stomp the Yard*. A Black History Exhibit will be available in the Cadet Library today. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ingrid Williams at 333-9412.

AFRF offers options

The Airman & Family Readiness Flight presents: **Newcomer's Base Red Carpet Tour;** today, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.: An informative, fun-filled base tour that gives insight into the Academy's mission and reveals all there is to see and do here at the Academy. **Area Job Orientation;** Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.: Get an overview of the local job

market, employment options, Airman & Family Readiness Flight resources and other agencies that can assist with job searches. This course is offered to those seeking full or part-time employment and are new to the local area job market.

Mock interviewing; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon: Participate in a mock interview with a real HR representative.

Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Orientation; Thursday, 1-4 p.m.: Learn how spouses of active duty Air Force members E-1 to E-5 or O-1 to O-3 with more than a year left at this duty station and who are continuing their education may be eligible for an educational grant of \$3,000 per year for two years.

"Going into Business;" March 7, 8:30 a.m.-noon: Answers the basic questions when military personnel are considering leaving the service and starting a small business. Included are discussions on the advantages and disadvantages of starting from scratch, purchasing a franchise or buying an existing business. While the information is an important first step, it does not replace legal and accounting advice for concerns unique to your individual business.

Troops to Teachers; March 13, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Military personnel can get information on beginning a second career in public education as a teacher and how to make a smooth transition to the classroom.

For more information or to register for a class, call 333-3444.

Nutrition Month observed

In celebration of National Nutrition Month, the Academy Health and Wellness Center offers:

Commissary tours; March 3 and 10, 9-10:30 a.m. at the Academy Commissary: A nutritionist-lead tour gives information on how to read and understand nutrition labels and how to make healthy food choices.

5k runs; March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 4 p.m., at the Santa Fe Trail located near the HAWC: HAWC staff will provide refreshments and run times at the turnaround point and end of the run route. Prizes will be awarded to the top two male and female finishers.

For more information, call 333-3733.

Astronautics turns 50

The Academy will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its Department of Astronautics March 7. Throughout the day, the Department of Astronautics will

host facility and classroom tours, as well as discussions of past and current activities. The day will culminate in a gala affair at Doolittle Hall with a reception, dinner and presentations. All current and former astronautics, space operations, engineering science (astronautics track) and systems engineering (space track) majors are invited to attend, as are all current and former Astronautics Department faculty and friends. Seats for the reception and dinner are limited. For reservations, call Dawn Gagnon at 333-4110 or Dr. Ken Siegenthaler at 333-6993.

Cats visit Arnold Hall

The musical show *Cats* will be performed in the Arnold Hall Theater March 7 at 8 p.m. and March 8 at 2:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Arnold Hall theater box office at 333-4497 or by visiting a Ticketmaster outlet.

Scholarships offered

The Academy Officers' Spouses' Club offers 2008 Merit Scholarships for high school seniors and non-military spouses of O-3 equivalents and below. Eligibles include dependents or spouses of active duty stationed at the Academy, dependents or spouses of retirees eligible for membership at the Academy Club, dependents or spouses of active duty on remote tours, dependents or spouses of POW/MIA or deceased Academy affiliates and dependents or spouses of civilian employees eligible for membership at the Academy Club. The application period runs through March 31. Applications are available at the Academy Education Office, area high school counseling centers and the Academy Thrift Shop. For more information, call Sally Mueh at 599-0694 or Carrie Oliver at 488-9625.

Lunchtime volleyball offered

A group of volleyball players is looking for other players interested in participating in pick-up games in the Cadet Gymnasium's east gym. Games are played once a week from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The activity is open to active duty, retired, dependents and contractors. For more information or to add your name to the mailing list, contact Ed Halik at 964-7058 or spooker@aol.com.

AFAS grants available

The Air Force Aid Society is accepting applications for the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program, which provides \$2,000 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve,

Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; stateside spouses of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists and surviving spouses of deceased personnel for their undergraduate studies. Applications are available at the Academy Airman & Family Readiness Center, 6248 West Pine Loop or online at www.afas.org. Applications must be submitted by March 7. Awards are announced in June 2008. Use of funds is limited to tuition, books, fees or other curriculum-required materials.

Nominations wanted

The Academy is seeking nominations for the 2008 Air Force Academy Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented annually by the superintendent to a military person, civilian or group whose contributions (not as part of their official duty) have had a distinct impact on the morale or well-being of the Academy. Anyone who has contributed significantly and directly to the morale or well-being of the Academy through the generous donation of time, resources or influence is eligible. Nominations must be submitted by April 1 to HQ USAFA/CMA, 2304 Cadet Dr., Suite 3200, USAF Academy, CO, 80840-5002. Nomination packages must include a single page with biographical data to include name, rank, organization or company, telephone number and mailing address, in addition to a typed narrative justification, not to exceed one page, describing the nominee's accomplishments. For more information, call Steve Simon at 333-8827.



Running series steps off

The 10th Annual Grand Prix of Running series kicks off March 15 with the "5k For St. Patrick's Day" run in downtown Colorado Springs. More than 1,400 runners are expected on the flat course that ends in Acacia Park. There will be Irish music and refreshments available at the finish line, plus a "Leprechaun Fun Run" for children 12 years old and younger. Registration for the 5k and children's run is available at www.csgrandprix.com. People can also register at the Runner's Roost store at 107 E. Bijou St. The runs will be followed by the 25th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at noon.

Earth Day opportunity

Volunteers are needed to support Earth Day activities April 19 at Garden of the Gods. A start time is to be determined. Activities include cleaning up the park, 30th Street (along the front of the park) and cleanup of the mesa overview. Lunch will be provided to volunteers, and events promoting Earth Day for children will be offered after the cleanup. Volunteers are encouraged to bring work gloves and drinking water and to dress for the weather. For more information or to volunteer, contact Senior Master Sgt. Keith Roche at 554-2506 or keith.roche@peterson.af.mil by April 11.



CADET CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Sunday
Reconciliation 9:15-9:45 a.m. (or by appointment)
Mass - 10 a.m.
Weekday
Mon., Tues., Thurs. - 6:45 a.m.
Wednesday
Catholic Adoration - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Mass - 6 p.m.

Protestant Services:

Sunday
Traditional - 9:00 a.m.
Hill Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

Jewish Services

Fridays - 7 p.m.

Buddhist Worship

Wed. - 6:30 p.m. - All Faiths Room

Muslim Prayer

Fridays - Noon - Muslim Prayer Room, Chapel Basement

COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

Catholic Masses:

Saturday
Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.
Mass - 4 p.m.
Sunday
Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Religious Formation - 10:45 a.m. (Sept. - May)
Tuesday-Friday
Mass - 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Saturday
Contemporary - 6 p.m.
Sunday
Traditional - 8 a.m.
Gospel - 11:15 a.m.
Religious formation - 9:30 a.m. (Sept. - May)

Military Academy Pagan Society

Third Thursday - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
(For more info, call TSgt. Longcrier at 333-6187.)
For more information, call 333-3300.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE LENT/EASTER COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL			
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Easter Sunday, March 23	
	Roman Catholic Reconciliation	7:00 am	Protestant Sunrise Service
March 9	10:45 am	7:40 am	Breakfast
Shroud of Turin Presentation (Catholic)	Community Center Ballroom	8:00 am	Protestant Traditional Service
March 20	6:00 pm	9:30 am	Roman Catholic Mass
Roman Catholic Holy Thursday Mass		10:30 am	Catholic Brunch
March 21	6:00 pm	11:15 am	Protestant Gospel Service
Good Friday Catholic Liturgy		NO Catholic or Protestant Religious Education	
March 22	4:00 pm	For information regarding services or special events call the chapel at (719) 333-3300	
Protestant Contemporary Service	(NOTE: Time change this Saturday only)		
March 22	7:30 pm		
Roman Catholic Easter Vigil Mass			

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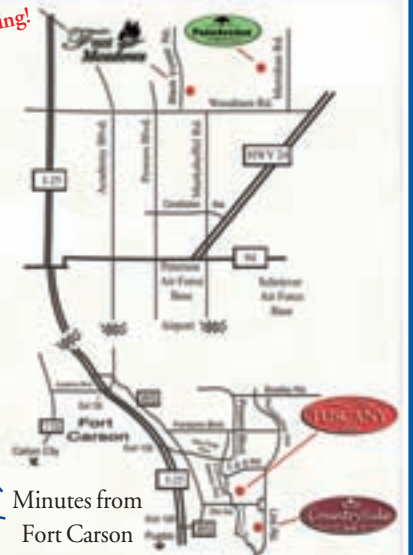
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