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IT'S BACK!

Falcons bring home CIC trophy

Air Force running back Nathan Walker runs against Army's Black Knights in Saturday's game in West Point, NY. Walker finished with 109 yards on 15 carries. The Falcons 42-22 win brings the Commander-in-Chief's trophy back to the Academy for the first time since 2002.

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CADET 1ST CLASS NICK DEBARMORE JR.

Gratitude shown in Veterans Day parade

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Spectators at this year's Veterans Day parade in downtown Colorado Springs witnessed how the Air Force Academy rolls – down Tejon Street in a cadet chapel, of course.

The typical “parade right” and “parade left” commands were replaced by parade Tejon. And because top brass wanted the Academy to put on a better show at this parade, the task that fell to Senior Master Sgt. Megan St. Clair became even more daunting.

“Leadership wanted a bigger

entry this year,” Sergeant St. Clair said. “I was able to solicit key leads to manage coordinating each piece. The most difficult part was the float. With all the help, my biggest sole project was getting riders for the float.”

Master Sgt. Ernie Medina designed and built the float last year. It is a parade-ready replica of the Academy's world-famous cadet chapel. Transporting a campus icon – even a much-scaled-down version – from the Academy down Interstate 25 and into downtown Colorado Springs can be a logistical nightmare.

But thanks to plenty of advanced planning and the right equipment to

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Cadet tells of brother's World Series win

By Leslie Finstein
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

A cadet sits in the Air Force Academy Library. He is leader among his peers, commander of his Cadet Squadron. He faces the terrazzo where classmates and friends pass by under the cold Colorado sunshine. The amount of time until his graduation can be counted in months now, not years.

At the same time, a young man rides along a parade route in the northern California sunshine celebrating with his teammates. Orange and white confetti rains down and the streets of San Francisco are filled with fans and friends all there to celebrate the San Francisco Giants' first World Series victory in 56 years.



Nathan “Nate” Schierholtz, left and his brother Cadet First Class Vai Schierholtz

The oldest of four, San Francisco Giants outfielder Nathan “Nate” Schierholtz always set a good example for
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Weekend Weather

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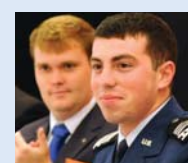
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Winning the CIC trophy: A graduate's perspective

By Capt. Jonathan F. Hicks
2003 U.S. Air Force Academy Grad

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, GERMANY — Starting with my recruiting trip to the Air Force Academy as a high school senior, I was taught that losing to Army and Navy was not an option. As an athlete you want to get on the field and not only compete, but win every game. During the week of practice leading up to a service academy game, the desire to win and the intensity at which you practice is higher than normal because you know your opponent's desire and intensity will be just as high.

I had the opportunity to watch the Air Force vs. Army game live in Germany on American Forces Network. I was overcome with a huge sense of pride and satisfaction at the end of the game. It felt like a weight had been lifted off of my shoulders because I knew the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy was coming back home where it belongs.

I immediately began reminiscing about all of the times I walked into the cadet field house and saw the CIC Trophy sitting there as a result of the hard work the entire organization put in on the field and in the weight room. I also remembered how painful it was walking into the field house, when I was a 2nd Lt. working as the assistant film coordinator with the team, and seeing the trophy gone after we lost to Navy. I thought about the sadness in the locker room after the game and

during the following week of practice. The Falcons lost a couple of tough games over the past month so I was happy to see the resiliency of the team and their ability to bounce back and get a great win for themselves, the program and the Air Force.

After the football season, all of the football players go their separate ways. Although we remain close and the brotherhood lasts a lifetime, we typically don't get to spend as much time together as we did during the season. Going to the White House to be presented the CIC Trophy was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It brings all of the seniors back together for one last trip as a team; a trip we will remember forever. We toured the monuments, Pentagon and government buildings, met congressmen, enjoyed some free time on the town and toured the White House. Being in the same room as the most powerful man in the world, being able to shake his hand and have a brief conversation with him was truly inspiring. Standing in front of media from around the world while the cameras flashed is an unforgettable feeling and one of the proudest moments in my life. Sharing that moment with my brothers from the football team made that moment even better.

I have so many memories and funny stories from my time as an Air Force Academy football player, but the memories I cherish most are not from playing football at all. I cherish the memories of how close we were as a team, the fun we had in the

locker room, in meetings, in class and while traveling. The bond an Air Force Academy football player has with other players past and present is something that lasts forever.

Winning the CIC Trophy is the number one goal for the AF Academy football program. If AFA ever had a two-win, 10-loss season, it would be very disappointing. However, if those two wins came against Army and Navy, the players and coaches could walk away from that season with a sense of accomplishment and pride for keeping the trophy home in Colorado Springs where it belongs.

As a member of the class of 2003, my teammates and I have the distinct privilege of being able to say we never lost to Army or Navy when we played. I take great pride in that accomplishment and it is something nobody can ever take away from us.

My advice to the Falcon football players is this: Falcon football is about more than just the players on the team. You represent so much more; all players, past and present, all Academy grads, and the United States Air Force. When you get tired and start feeling the grind of Academy life, draw strength from all of your brothers (past players) and know that we are cheering our hearts out for you each week because you are building on the legacy all of us have left behind. The last piece of advice is for the seniors. Enjoy the White House trip. It is long overdue and you guys earned it. Congratulations.

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Character Corner: Miners and Linebackers

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American football and Chilean miners normally don't go together. Yet this week, a seemingly unimportant play on the gridiron triggered a character insight for me that was driven home four days later by a frail coal miner emerging from a 2,000-foot hole.

This weekend, I watched two college football players engage in trash talking and trade cheap shots that resulted in a shower of penalty flags. Such selfishly inappropriate behavior was deemed unacceptable, and both teams were charged with personal fouls. But,

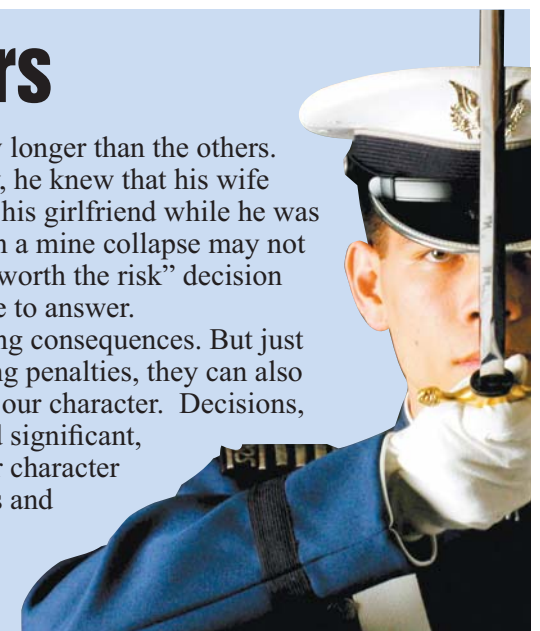
alas, the penalties "offset." Therefore, there was no penalty! Wait, what? Both players decided to roll the dice, and both were called on it. Shouldn't each team lose a time out or a down or something!

My thought was, "There are no offsetting penalties in life. There are always consequences for decisions like that. " Maybe not immediate, expected, or obvious, but there are consequences.

Fast forward four days when the world watched with joy as weary coal miners emerged one-by-one from a 69-day nightmare to greet their loved ones and reclaim their lives. However, one miner's 2,000-foot

journey was likely longer than the others. Why? Reportedly, he knew that his wife had learned about his girlfriend while he was in the mine. Even a mine collapse may not offset his earlier "worth the risk" decision and he would have to answer.

Our actions bring consequences. But just as actions can bring penalties, they can also "score points" for our character. Decisions, both mundane and significant, can strengthen our character (seen by ourselves and others), but only when done with integrity.



"What does winning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy mean to you?"

"Winning the trophy means a lot to us because now the seniors never have to worry about not winning the trophy and the underclassmen get to defend the trophy"
Cadet 2nd Class
Tim Jefferson, QB



"Winning the CIC trophy was really big for us especially to have these seniors go out on a good note, finally getting the trophy back where it belongs."
Cadet 2nd Class
Jonathon Warzeka,
Wide receiver



"Getting the trophy back for our team means a lot. We just wanted to get it back for the coach, the team and all the players."
Cadet 2nd Class
Anthony Wright,
Cornerback



"Winning the CIC trophy means being the best service academy out there. It means being the best football team and developing a winning attitude of winning here."
Cadet 2nd Class
Jordan Waiwaiolo,
Linebacker



Arts and Crafts show takes creativity to new level

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

There's just something about the Air Force Academy that nurtures people's flare for the creative.

Anyone who thinks otherwise just needed to drop by the Milazzo Center Saturday for the Academy's Artist, Craftsman and Photography Show.

Savory refreshments and scintillating artwork awaited visitors, and many of the artists showed up to mingle, discuss their creations and collect their prizes.

Paula Dickinson, the awards presenter, said this year's show produced the largest number of entries the organizers have ever had.

She also said the judges rated the caliber of the submissions as the highest they've seen so far.

"As you can see, this is an extremely varied art display," Ms. Dickinson said. "That's why we can't really call it a contest. I consider this an exhibition, sort of a people show.

The industrial arts category really brought out people's creativity. Ed Keegan was awarded the trophy in that category for his wooden rocking plane. The detail and craftsmanship of the piece impressed judges and spectators alike.

Ribbon-winning entries in the industrial arts category were just as outstanding. James Trachta took first place for his stained glass creation "Old Rugged Cross." In second place was Laurie

Ostasiewski for her decorative basket made of pine needles. And Howard Miller's carved Harris hawk earned the third-place ribbon.

Another trophy-winning entry that was a real talker was a painting by Gloria Shryock titled "Split Cycles." The painting combined a dramatic color scheme and a distinctive composition. It stood out even in a room full of remarkable handiwork.

Organizers were also pleased with the increased participation by youth artists this year. In the fine art category, there was a teen division and a division for kids under 12. Aila Benz, Esperanza Semchuk and Alexis Winslow all had multiple prize-winning entries.

In the photography categories, a handful of entrants cleaned up when it came to awards. Jimmy Do won three trophies and numerous ribbons. In fact, Mr. Do earned an award of some kind in all but four of the 11 categories.

Other big winners on the photography side of the show included Merry Miller, Nona Clark, Robert Reyes and Alicia Altman.

Among the most whimsical items on display were Susan McDowell's pineapple lei, which won the trophy in the textiles category, and Dusty Severn's "Violent Pot." The top of the pot was fragmented and curled, as if its contents had exploded. That item captured a third-place ribbon, and Ms. Severn also earned second place in the same category for her Mohave Dusk covered pot.



TODD RYAN

People look at the many displays at the Academy's Artist, Craftsman and Photography Show Saturday at the Milazzo Center. Organizers say they had a record number of entries.

Speaking before the awards presentation, Col. Timothy Ferguson said the show has gotten bigger each year, and he expressed his hope that next year's show will require even more room. He also said that since arts and crafts are not his strong suit, he can appreciate the talent and quality that were evident in

all the submissions.

"These aren't as big as Falcon football games, but this is something I wish everybody in the community could come out and see," Colonel Ferguson said. "This is one of the things that make the Air Force Academy such a great place."

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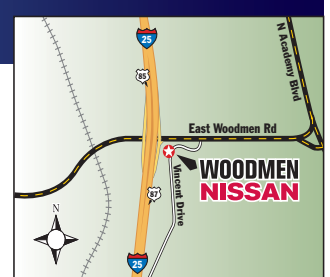


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Denver archbishop speaks with Catholic cadets

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The head of the Catholic Church's Denver archdiocese visited the Air Force Academy Oct. 25 to speak with some of the Academy's Catholic cadets.

Archbishop Charles Chaput discussed military service as a vocation and how traditional Christian knight-hood concepts apply to the present-day military.

"I'm going to skip telling you how talented you are," Bishop Chaput said. "You already know that. You wouldn't be here if you weren't. What you'll discover as you get older is that the world has plenty of very talented failures — people who either didn't live up to their abilities, or who did but did it in a way that diminished their humanity and their character."

The archbishop went on to explain how the nation needs wise leaders, not simply talented or "clever" leaders.

"Wisdom — not merely the knowledge of facts or a mastery of skills, but wisdom about ourselves, other people and the terrain of human life — this is the mark of a whole person," he said. "We need wise leaders, and the wisest leaders ground themselves in humility

before God and the demands of God's justice."

Bishop Chaput asked the cadets in the audience to protect the character they build here and remember the leadership they learn here, as they will need both traits in both their military and civilian careers.

"I think it's true — I know it's true — that my generation has, in some ways, been among the most foolish in American history," said Bishop Chaput, who was born in 1944. "We've been absorbed in our appetites, naïve about the consequences of our actions, overconfident in our power and unwilling to submit ourselves to the obligations that come with the greatest ideals of our own heritage."

The bishop said that while most Americans inherited a nation that is "different in degree" from prior generations, the cadets will inherit an America that is "different in kind": a nation with different views toward family, religion, sexuality and the nature of the human person.

"My generation created this new kind of America," he said. "Soon we will leave the consequences to you. Where the leadership and moral character of my generation failed, you need to succeed. The task of Christian moral

leadership that will occupy much of your lives in the future will not be easy. It will place heavy demands on people like you who learned discipline and integrity in places like this."

Military service, he said, is more than a profession: it is a vocation, a calling that the Catholic Church recognizes as not only "acceptable" but potentially much more.

"When lived with a spirit of integrity, restraint and justice, military service is virtuous," Bishop Chaput said. "It's ennobling because, at its best, military service expresses the greatest of all these virtues: charity, a sacrificial love for people and things outside and more important than oneself."

Sacrificial service rooted in a living Catholic faith is the essence of Christian knight-hood, the bishop said. St. Bernard of Clairvaux described the ideal Christian knights as men "who live as brothers in joyful and sober company (with) one heart and one soul."

"There is no distinction of persons among them, and deference is shown to merit ..." St. Bernard wrote. "They rival one another in mutual consideration, and they carry one another's burdens, thus fulfilling the law of Christ."

While life has changed since the 12th century, the basic Christian vo-

cation has remained the same, Bishop Chaput said, and so have the virtues of every truly Christian knight: "humility, austerity, justice, obedience, unselfishness and a single-minded zeal for Jesus Christ in defending the poor, the weak, the Church and persecuted Christians."

The Church and the nation need courageous and Godly men and women more now than at any time in its history, the bishop said.

"This is why the catholic ideal of knight-hood, with its demands of radical discipleship, is still alive and still needed. A new 'spirit of knight-hood' is what we need now — unselfish, tireless, devoted disciples willing to face derision and persecution for Jesus Christ. We serve our nation best ... by proving our faith with the example of our lives."

Archbishop Chaput is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe and a native of Concordia, Kan. He was named archbishop of Denver Feb. 18, 1997, by Pope John Paul II, making him the first Native American archbishop. He was ordained bishop of Rapid City, S.D., Feb. 18, 1997, to become the second Native American to be ordained bishop in the United States.

Editor's Note: This story is part of a series covering religious expression and diversity at the Academy.

Academy's Knights win international award

The Air Force Academy's Knights of Columbus council received the 2009-2010 Outstanding College Council Award during the annual College Council Conference in New Haven, Conn., in October.

The cadets in Our Lady of the Skies Council 8200 received the award for their efforts at the Academy and in the local community.

They demonstrated community involvement by cutting 10 cords of firewood for a woman in Bailey, Colo., who was facing an unplanned pregnancy, sav-

ing the woman about \$2,000 in winter heating bills.

When a cadet's younger brother died suddenly, the chapter raised money to pay for her airfare home and to help with funeral costs. Cadets and staff also organized several annual retreats, assisted with Special Programs in Religious Education efforts and held a dinner to honor the women in their community. Council-organized social activities included mountaineering expeditions and outdoor sporting activities.

Cadet 2nd Class Julian Gluck of Cadet Squadron

09 is the council's cadet in charge. He and past Grand Knight Cadet 1st Class Patrick Tracy of CS 20 led many of the projects with the chapel staff and pastor, including Lt. Col. David Bell, Kevin Gibbons, Chaplain (Capt.) Chad Zielinski and Dave DiNuzzo.

"The Air Force Academy cadet group is excited for this year, and we hope to grow and further contribute to the Academy and the community through service, fraternity and goodwill," Cadet Gluck said.

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Knights

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The council also received a Double Star Award for doubling all goals and distinctions for membership and service.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic and fraternal service organization, with more than 1.8 million members. More than 250 colleges in six countries have councils comprising more than 21,000 college students.



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Cadet 2nd Class Julian Gluck, right, is the cadet in charge of the Air Force Academy's Knights of Columbus chapter, Our Lady of the Skies Council 8200, which received the 2009-2010 Outstanding College Council Award.

World Series

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his younger siblings, an example that continues to be a model of success for his younger brother, Cadet First Class Vai Schierholtz.

"He was a 4.0 student, he never went out or anything in high school," explained Cadet Schierholtz. "He was just totally focused on baseball and that helped me stay focused too."

"His work ethic definitely rubbed off on me. I've always been a perfectionist and I feel like this is an attribute that Nate possesses as well. We are both very hard on ourselves, and look to perform well in everything we do."

That commitment to excellence and perfection helped Nate Schierholtz go from captain and all-star of the San Ramon Valley High School baseball team to a professional baseball player and now a World Series champion.

That same kind of commitment took Vai Schierholtz from high school star athlete, class president, captain of two sports, and overall good student to the Air Force Academy where he leads Cadet Squadron 03 and is the program manager of Falcon Launch 9.

In addition, he played two years on the Air Force Academy baseball team and now is on the women's basketball scout team, which prepares the team for games by running their opponent's plays against them.

Before he ever thought about being a cadet, Vai Schierholtz wanted to play college sports and maybe become a professional, following in his brother's footsteps. By his junior year, he realized that professional and college sports would not be a reality for him.

"I was 5'7" and 140 pounds," Cadet Schierholtz said with a laugh. "Playing professionally wasn't going to happen."

He started his college search and found the Air Force Academy with the guidance of his step-father, Air Force Academy class of '94 graduate Christopher Womick, a C-5 Galaxy pilot in the reserves who flies full time for FedEx.

"I always wanted to do something different when I was in high school," Cadet Schierholtz said. "I've always liked the military and what it represents, and I figured that the academy would be a great avenue."

In spite of the different directions their lives have gone in, the Schierholtz boys remain close.

"We talk every day," Cadet Schierholtz said. "He's always been very supportive, asking me how things are going here."

And the support goes both ways.

"I was a Colorado Rockies fan," explained Cadet Schierholtz. "Once he got close to making it to the big leagues, I had to switch it up. I'll always support whatever

team he plays for."

Even on the night of the Giants' World Series victory, Nate Schierholtz found the time to talk to his younger brother.

"He was just getting on the plane," explained Cadet Schierholtz. "He was excited and said his eyes were still stinging from the champagne."

Cadet Schierholtz got the opportunity to share in some of his brother's playoff glory. He attended game one of the National League Championship Series in Philadelphia at Citizens Bank Park and games one and two of the World Series in San Francisco at AT&T Park. He had to watch the Giants and his brother clinch the series from home.

"It's hard to explain. I'm still shocked, I don't know if its hit me yet," Cadet Schierholtz said, speaking of his brother's victory.

At the end of the day, it does not matter that one is a professional baseball player, now a world champion, and the other is a cadet close to becoming an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Each needed the same commitment to excellence, respect for hard work, and personal determination to achieve in their respective professions.

However, to Nate and Vai, regardless of their personal and professional successes, are still just brothers

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Parade

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carry the load, Sergeant St. Clair could focus on the human element.

Leadership also got its wish. Representing the Academy at the parade were a phalanx of active-duty Airmen assigned to the Academy, a cadre of cadets, the cadet rifle team and the Academy band. Oh, and did we mention the float?

"If I had it to do over again, I would have done a better job at advertising around base," Sergeant St. Clair said. "The best comments I heard (were) at the parade itself. Many folks who marched were really proud to be there. I followed the float on the sidewalk as

it went down the street and heard great comments from folks on how great we looked and how the float turned out."

The Veterans Day parade is a recent introduction to the Colorado Springs scene, but it has quickly gained traction in this military town's pantheon of parades. According to the event's website, Colorado Springs' Veterans Day celebration "has grown to be one of the biggest and best in the United States."

"We have rekindled a great tradition where veterans are enthusiastically cheered as they walk down Tejon Street," the website continues. "For that reason, and because we encourage

participation by all veterans, ... (they) come from all of southern Colorado to participate in the parade."

Since the Air Force Academy doesn't have far to travel, it seemed reasonable to expect a strong showing from one of the country's premier military installations. Sergeant St. Clair and her team began their work in late August, and they delivered on the expectations.

She said things ran smoothly this year because everyone had plenty of time to prepare. Her time as the point person will be brief, though. She was the parade co-chair last year, and her turn to lead came around this year. In

accordance with the rotation for the job, two understudies have volunteered to take charge for next year.

"I'll stay in the shadows and guide them though," Sergeant St. Clair said. "It is a very humbling experience to be part of such a great event, and it hits home when you feel the gratitude from the local community and retired veterans.

"I believe the young cadets who participated were surprised by the cheering they received.

If we go big again next year, I believe we will be able to get volunteers more quickly."

RIGHT: Airmen with the Air Force Academy Fire Department wave to spectators during the Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade Nov. 6. The women in helmets are members of the "Fire Fembots" Firefighter Combat Challenge team, the defending world champions in the Firefighter Combat Challenge women's relay.

BELOW RIGHT: Senior Master Sgt. Megan St. Clair talks with cadets during preparations for the Veterans Day Parade. Sergeant St. Clair is a logistics technician with the 10th Medical Support Squadron at the Academy.

BELOW: Master Sgt. Karl Bradley leads the Air Force Academy Marching Band along Tejon Street. Sergeant Bradley is the marching band's drum major, a bass trombonist and a native of Branson, Mo.



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Air Force defeats Army, secures Commander-in-Chief's Trophy

by Staff Sgt. Raymond Hoy
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, N.Y.— They are the future leaders of the world's strongest military. They dedicate what could be the greatest four years of their lives to honing the skills necessary to guide their Airmen and Soldiers on the field of battle. But for 60 minutes, they are bitter enemies who square off in a rivalry going back to 1959.

The Air Force Falcons defeated the Black Knights of West Point 42-22 Nov. 6 at Michie Field here. The teams have now battled on the gridiron 45 times with the Falcons leading the series 31-13 with one tie. This is the fifth-straight Air Force victory against Army.

"Fine victory," said Falcon head coach Troy Calhoun. "Really, I think both teams on that field are two good football teams. It's good to come up here, especially for our kids, and create a memory. That's what they did through their work, through their dedication for some time. Hopefully what we've done is create something that these guys can carry with them for quite some time."

The Black Knights were on fire to start the game, dominating the Falcons on defense and showing strength on the ground on offense. They had two good, clock-eating drives in a row, each resulting in field goals from junior kicker Alex Carlton, and took a 6-0 lead into the second quarter.

The Falcons finally woke up, scoring 21 points in the second quarter. Junior quarterback Tim Jefferson put the first points on the board for the Falcons following his 3-yard touchdown run. The run capped an 11-play, 67-yard drive. After the Falcons stopped the ensuing Black Knight drive, Jefferson struck again. After emphasizing his running ability with a 33-yard run, he followed it up with a 53-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Jonathan Warzeka.

Later, Army answered with an 18-yard touchdown run from senior fullback Jacob Bohn to cap an eight-play, 60-yard Black Knight drive.

Air Force had a brief scare when Jefferson was knocked out of the game on the very next drive, causing junior quarterback Connor Dietz to enter the game. The scare was short-lived, however, when Jefferson came in on the next Falcon drive, leading his team down the field for another Falcon touchdown. Senior running back Nathan Walker, playing in place of injured senior Jared Tew, punched the ball in for a touchdown on a 3-yard run. The drive was made possible by an interception from junior defensive back Anthony Wright Jr.

"(That interception) was a big part of the game," said

Army sophomore quarterback Troy Steelman. "Unfortunately, the only pick I throw all year comes back to haunt us. It was a two-man route, but the corner got in front of the ball and picked it off. I need to do a better job of seeing him and kind of looking the thing off. You have to be able to forget that type of stuff and move on."

Air Force took the 21-13 lead into the locker room at the half.

After a pair of punts from the Falcons and one from the Army, the Black Knights finally put the first points of the second half on the board following another Carlton field goal taking the score to 21-16.

Jefferson answered the challenge immediately with another huge touchdown pass to Warzeka, this one for 63 yards. Warzeka finished the game with two receptions for 116 yards and two touchdowns. The Falcons led the Knights by 12 at the end of the third quarter.

"The first (touchdown pass) was kind of just by luck because it was a completely wrong read," Jefferson said. "We had two receivers in the same area just by luck, but (Warzeka) made the play -- one guy made the block and the other guy made the catch, and then the second one, we just executed really well."

The Falcons added to the Black Knight woes as Army sophomore fullback Jared Hassin fumbled the ball right into the arms of Falcon junior linebacker Jordan Waiwaiole. Waiwaiole took advantage of the Army mistake running the ball back 52 yards for another Falcon score. It was Waiwaiole's first career touchdown.

"If we're being precise, taking care of the football and not wasting downs, we got a great chance," said Army head coach Rich Ellerson. "Our kicker had a career day. Our punter played really well ... effort was not the issue. Investment was not the issue. It was turnovers, penalties and precision. All of those nasty little details."

This forced the Army to try and take to the air, not usually a strong point for a triple-option team. Steelman finished the game with five completions on 10 attempts with 72 yards. The Black Knights cut the Falcon lead to 13 when Steelman connected with junior wide receiver Austin Barr on a 9-yard touchdown strike, but the Knights failed to convert their two-point attempt.

"We were fully prepared for what they were giving on a play-to-play basis," Steelman said. "It just comes down to being able to execute every play and keeping their offense off the field and doing what we do best, which is running the ball. They played well today and they're a good team. We just have to go back to work."

That would do it offensively for the Knights. The Falcons answered with another Jefferson touchdown run. Jefferson finished with three completions on seven attempts for 124 yards and two touchdowns through the air and 11 rushes for 57 yards and two touchdowns on the ground. Jefferson was named the player of the game for his efforts.

The victory clinched the Commander-in-Chief trophy for the Falcons. The trophy is awarded to the military service academy that defeats the other two during the regular season. The trophy was first awarded in 1972 by President Richard Nixon. It was the brainchild of Gen. George B. Simler, the then-commander of Air Training Command and former Air Force Academy athletic director.

While the Air Force has the shortest military academy football career, it leads the way in CIC-trophy wins with 17. Calhoun improves his record to 31-18 all-time in his fourth season as Falcons head coach. His military academy record is now 5-3.

The Falcons will receive the trophy from President Barack Obama during a ceremony at the White House in the spring. "I tell the guys to celebrate the heck out of this accomplishment," Calhoun said. "It's an eye-opener in terms of possibilities. More importantly it solidifies our approach to work ethic, our hardness, our kind of commitment."

With their sixth win, the Falcons become bowl-eligible. They are eligible to go to either the Maaco Bowl in Las Vegas, the Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego, the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., the Armed Forces Bowl in Dallas or the New Mexico Bowl in Albuquerque. As the bowl picture looks right now, they will likely end up in either the Independence Bowl or the Armed Forces Bowl. But until the decision is made, the Falcons will focus on the remaining two games on their schedule. Meanwhile, this game was a chance for the Falcons to make up for a three-game slide.

"We have a chance to end the season on a really high note," Jefferson said. "We're going to celebrate this, and then when we get home, we're going to get back to work on Monday. San Diego State is a really underrated team; TCU and Utah speak for themselves: top-10 teams, what else can you say about them. It was rough those past three weeks, but we're through that part of the schedule and we have a chance to play our best football."

Air Force will come home to Falcon Stadium to take on New Mexico next Saturday. The game will be their last home game of the season and will air live on the Mountain Network.

Game updates will also be available on the Academy's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/USAF.Official.



TOMMY GILLIGAN

ABOVE: Air Force Quarterback Tim Jefferson hands off to running back Nathan Walker during the game against the Black Knights. Air Force finished with 277 yards rushing to Army's 244 in a battle of option attacks. Walker finished with 109 yards on 15 carries to lead the Falcons.

RIGHT: Senior offensive lineman Tyler Schonscheck celebrates following the Air Force victory over Army Saturday at Westpoint's Michie Stadium. The Falcons defeated the Black Knights 42-22 and clinched the Commander-in-Chief's trophy for the first time since 2002.



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CENTER: Linebacker Jordan Waiwaiole returns a fumble 63 yards for another score against Army. The Black Knights lost any chance at a comeback when Waiwaiole scooped up the fumble near midfield by Jared Hassin and ran it back for the TD and a commanding 35-16 lead with 12:39 left.

LEFT: Academy Preparatory School football coach Hunter Altman gets a hug from an Air Force football player after the victory over Army.

Air Force comes back for 4-3 win over RIT

Air Force scored three third-period goals for a 4-3 win over RIT in an Atlantic Hockey Association game Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Academy's Cadet Ice Arena.

The Falcons improved to 2-5-0 overall this season and 2-3-0 in the AHA. RIT fell to 2-5-1 overall and 1-1-0 in the AHA.

Air Force dug itself a hole in the first five minutes as RIT built a 2-0 lead. Less than two minutes into the game, Andrew Favot scored on the power play from Adam Hartley and Tyler Brenner. Favot tipped in a point shot by Hartley at 1:47. The Tigers took a 2-0 lead when Sean Murphy forced a turnover behind the Falcon net. Scott Knowles made a centering pass to Michael Colavecchia who beat David Bosner to the glove side at 4:59. After the goal, junior Stephen Caple replaced Bosner between the pipes for the Falcons.

The Falcons got on the board when Matt Becker scored his first of the season on the power play. Jacques Lamoureux took a shot from the right circle that was saved and Becker collected the rebound and slid it into the far corner to cut the RIT lead to 2-1 at 14:37.

The Falcons outshot the Tigers, 16-2, in the second period but were unable to get one past RIT goaltender Jan Ropponen.

Trailing 2-1, the Falcons killed off 55 seconds of a Tiger 5-on-3 early in the third-period. Air Force then tied the score at 2-2 at the 12:23 mark when Stephen Carew took a shot from the point that went

through a Tony Thomas screen and got past Ropponen. RIT answered 38 seconds later for a 3-2 lead. Greg Noyes scored on a wristor from the left circle that beat Caple on the short side at 13:01.

Air Force scored the next two goals of the game to earn its second league win. Paul Weisgarber re-directed a shot from Mike Walsh to tie the game at 14:59.

After a charging penalty on RIT, the Falcons capitalized with their third power-play goal of the game. John Kruse scored his fourth of the season on a scramble in front of the net. Jason Fabian and Thomas assisted on the game-winning goal. RIT had a power play in the final three minutes of the game and then pulled the goaltender for a two-man advantage in the last 50 seconds but were unable to tie the game.

Air Force out-shot RIT, 40-26, in the game. AFA was 3-for-9 on the power play while RIT was 1-for-6.

Bosner started the game and allowed two goals on four shots in five minutes. Caple earned the win as he played the final 55 minutes and made 21 saves, including 15 in the third period. Ropponen made 36 saves for the Tigers. "We had to find a way to win this game and our guys kept fighting," head coach Frank Serratore said. "I didn't want to put any pressure on the guys to win. I put pressure on them to play better defensively.

We needed to get a win to feel good about something and this was one that we deserved."



MIKE KAPLAN

Falcon Tony Thomas celebrates the game winning score by John Kruse Sunday against RIT at the Academy's Cadet Ice Arena. Thomas and Jason Fabian were credited with the assist. The Falcons' record improved to 2-5-0 overall and 1-1-0 in the AHA.

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Coach Calhoun named Paterno Award semifinalist

Falcons head coach Troy Calhoun disputes an illegal block penalty in a game against BYU Sept. 11. Coach Calhoun is on the semifinalist list for the first annual Joseph V. Paterno award. Three finalists will be announced Dec. 6, and the winner Dec. 18.



STAFF SGT. RAYMOND HOY


Air Force football head coach Troy Calhoun was named a semifinalist for the first annual Joseph V. Paterno Award for Coach of the Year, announced today by Maxwell Football Club President Ron Jaworski. The list includes a field of 15 candidates for the Paterno Award as selected by a special Maxwell Football Club Advisory Committee.

The award winner is decided on by the committee. To honor the spirit of Coach Paterno's persona, the winner is based on success on the football field, in the classroom and in the community.

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| Bret Bielema , University of Wisconsin | Chris Petersen , Boise State |
| Troy Calhoun , United States Air Force Academy | Gary Pinkel , University of Missouri |
| Kirk Ferentz , University of Iowa | Randy Shannon , University of Miami, Florida |
| Pat Fitzgerald , Northwestern University | Bob Stoops , University of Oklahoma |
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Air Force holds off Metro State for exhibition victory

Falcons hold off Roadrunners after losing slim half-time lead

Led by 21 points from sophomore Alicia Leipprandt (Ubly, Mich.), the Air Force women's basketball team picked up a 58-55 exhibition victory over Metro State Friday night at Clune Arena. Joining Leipprandt in double-digits were senior Raimee Beck (Blackfoot, Idaho) and sophomore Dymond James (Brambleton, Va.) with 14 points each.

The Falcons recovered from an early five-point deficit, heating up from the field to take a 29-24 advantage at the intermission. Air Force continued its hot streak to open the second half, hitting seven straight field goals to extend its lead to 17 points. However, the Roadrunners began to slowly chip away at the margin, eventually tying the score at 53-53 with just under three minutes to play.

Air Force was able to stave off the Metro State comeback, regaining the lead with a layup from sophomore Katie Hilbig (Castle Rock, Colo.), while a basket by James with just 30 seconds remaining helped ice the 58-55 win.

Beck recorded a team-best seven rebounds and three assists, while Leipprandt and James added six boards each.

Metro State was led by Jasmine Cervantes, who tallied 11 points and nine rebounds. Air Force was outrebounded for the game, 41-32, but recorded 12 steals in the contest and shot over 43 percent from the field (24-55).

Air Force officially opens the 2010-11 season next weekend, Nov. 12, when it hosts Lipscomb in a non-conference match-up. The game is slated to begin at 1:00 p.m. in Clune Arena.



Guard Megan Muniz dribbles down the court during Friday's exhibition game at Clune Arena.

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Water polo: Falcons fall to 3rd-ranked Bruins

By Melissa McKeown
Athletic Communications

LOS ANGELES —In its final game of the regular season, the 19th-ranked Air Force water polo team dropped a 12-6 decision to No. 3 UCLA Monday afternoon at Spieker Aquatics Complex. With the loss, the Falcons fall to 10-17 overall on the season.

The Bruins rolled to a 5-0 lead at the end of the opening period and led 8-0 before the Falcons' first goal of the game, a score by sophomore Garrett Womack (Redlands, Calif.) with 25 seconds left in the first half.

Air Force outscored UCLA in the third period, beginning with a 6-on-5 goal from Kurt Wallin (Sr., Temecula, Calif.) at the 5:31 mark. After another UCLA score, sopho-

more Dillon Fisher (Orange, Calif.) added a man-up goal of his own as the Bruins entered the final stanza with a 9-3 advantage.

In the final period, the teams traded goals as UCLA remained on top for the 12-6 victory. Senior Bobby Geiger (Buellton, Calif.), Air Force's leading scorer on the year, tallied a pair of fourth-quarter goals, while Taque Patino (Jr., Rockford, Mich.) added the other score for the Falcons.

In addition, sophomore goalkeeper Mike Fish (Manhattan Beach, Calif.) registered 10 saves and four steals against the Bruins.

With the regular season completed, the Falcons will now prepare for the Western Water Polo Association Championship, which will be held Nov. 19-21, in Santa Clara, Calif.

No. 3 UCLA 12, No. 19 Air Force 6

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| Air Force | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| UCLA | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 12 |

Air Force Scoring: Geiger 2, Womack, Wallin, Fisher, Patino

UCLA Scoring: Mirarchi 2, Murphy 2, Barabino, Hays, Lathrope, Kuga, McFadden, Pickell, Snyder, White

AIR FORCE STAT LEADERS

GOALS

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|------------------|----|
| 1. Bobby Geiger | 50 |
| 2. Cruz Smithson | 22 |
| tie Josh Stedman | 22 |
| 3. Kurt Lemmen | 18 |
| 4. Matt Versage | 16 |

ASSISTS

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| 1. Kurt Wallin | 27 |
| 2. Matt Shields | 16 |
| 3. Josh Stedman | 10 |
| 4. Kurt Lemmen | 9 |
| tie Dillon Fisher | 9 |

POINTS

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| 1. Bobby Geiger | |
| 2. Kurt Wallin | 58 |
| 3. Josh Stedman | 35 |
| 4. Kurt Lemmen | 32 |
| tie Cruz Smithson | 27 |
| | 27 |

SAVES

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| 1. Mike Fish | |
| 2. Danny Harold | 172 |
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The Education Services Office and 10th Medical Group will hold an education fair Wednesday in the Base Clinic lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vote for The Bird!

The competition continues for the 2010 Mascot of the Year challenge, and The Bird needs your help to stay in the running.

To vote for The Bird, visit www.capitalonebowl.com/vote/main.

Intramural basketball

Anyone who would like to compete in the intramural basketball program should contact Dave Castilla at 333-4078.

Final Friday

The Falcon Club will celebrate Final Friday Nov. 19 beginning at 4 p.m.

Tree lighting

The Academy will celebrate the arrival of the holiday season with a tree

lighting at the Community Center Chapel Dec. 3 at 5 p.m.

Hay rides will be offered starting at 4 p.m., with children's story time at 4:30 p.m.

Deer hunts Dec. 4-6, 11-13

The Academy's Natural Resources Office, in conjunction with the Colorado Division of Wildlife, will conduct deer hunts on base Dec. 4-6 and 11-13.

All hunters are guided by base or Wildlife Division personnel, and public safety is a primary concern. Frequently used roads and trails leading into hunting areas will be posted with bright orange warning signs requesting that all personnel stay out of these areas.

All licenses for the 2010 hunting season have been issued. To apply for future hunts, submit a big game application to the CDOW for Game Management Unit 512. For more information, contact Natural Resources at 333-3308 or CDOW at 719-227-5200.

Winter preparation tips

Winter weather might be just around the corner. The Academy Safety Office has the following tips for drivers to prepare their vehicles for snowfall:

- Check your battery, fluid levels, turn signals, heater and defroster, tires and brakes.
- Keep a windshield scraper and small broom in your car for ice and snow removal.
- Keep your gas tank at least half-full during the winter season.
- Keep a small supply of emergency supplies in your vehicle, including non-perishable snacks, several bottles of water, blankets, matches, extra clothes, a small shovel and battery jumper cables.

SnoFest! 2011

The Air Force Academy is this year's host for SnoFest! 2011 in Keystone, Colo., Jan. 28-30. Visit the USAFA Services website at <http://usafaservices.com/snofest> for details.

Volunteer call

Volunteers are needed for each of the following upcoming events.

• **Spouses Club Thrift Shop:** The Academy Spouses Club Thrift Shop is seeking new volunteers for its location in the Community Center Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Proceeds from the thrift shop go to Spouses Club scholarships for military family members and other charitable activities that benefit the local community.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Thrift Shop manager Michelle Day at 333-4059 or Thrift Shop chair Cat Donovan at 264-1315.

• **Honor Guard:** The Academy Honor Guard needs officer and enlisted volunteers who can support two details per month for one year and who can attend training every other Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. To volunteer, contact Janet Edwards at 333-3323 or Staff Sgt. Hugo Reinor at 333-5621.

Evening Aerobics

The Community Center Sports and Fitness Center now offers evening aerobics classes at 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. To sign up or for more information, call 333-4522.

A&FRC offerings

The Academy Airmen and Family Readiness Center will hold the following classes in November. For more information, contact the A&FRC at 333-3444 or 333-3445. Class dates and times are subject to change.

DAV Medical Records Review

Monday and Nov. 19, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Individuals within 180 days of retirement or separation can have the Disabled American Veterans review their medical records in preparation for filing for Veterans Administration disability compensation. Call for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Transition Assistance Program

Nov. 15-19, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Transition Assistance Program seminar will provide those separating or retiring within the next 12 months the knowledge and skills they need for a successful transition into the civilian workforce. Learn interviewing skills, résumé writing, networking, negotiations, dressing for success and more.

Smooth Move PCS

Nov. 23, 3 to 4 p.m.

This briefing helps Airmen and family members learn more about their next base, allowances, household goods shipment and more.

Newcomers Orientation

This briefing is mandatory for all newcomers and features a variety of briefings from on- and off-base programs of interest to Airmen, civilians and their family members.

Heart Link

Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This class helps military spouses better understand the military way of life, terminology, the chain of command and benefits and services.

Family Advocacy classes

Family Advocacy will offer the following classes to active-duty service-members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members in October and November.

For more information on classes or to sign up, contact Family Advocacy at 333-5270.

Common Sense Parenting

Wednesdays, through Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This skill-based parenting program held at the Community Center Chapel teaches parents of children ages 5-18 practical parenting techniques and how to reinforce positive behavior.

Community activities

The Community Center will host the following programs in November. For more information, contact Char Morris at 333-2928.

Chess Tournament

Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

The event has no entry fee, but participants must be members of the U.S. Chess Federation. Trophies will be awarded.

Holiday Bazaar

Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The bazaar will feature local crafters with woodwork, jewelry, holiday decorations, cards, glass and knitted items as well as a wide variety of holiday gifts.



CADET CHAPEL

Buddhist

Sundays, 10 a.m.
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Native American

Sweatlodge Ceremony - Nov. 20, 4 p.m.
Fort Carson Turkey Creek Recreation Area

Protestant Worship

Traditional: Sundays, 9 a.m.
Contemporary: Sundays, 11 a.m.

Catholic Worship

Mass: Sundays, 10-11 a.m.
Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays,
6:40-7:10 a.m.

Confession and Adoration: Wednesdays,
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Holy Days of Obligation: 6 p.m.

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COMMUNITY CENTER CHAPEL

Catholic Masses

Saturdays
Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m.
Mass - 4 p.m.

Sundays

Mass - 9 a.m.
Religious formation - 10:15 a.m.
(September-May)

Tuesdays-Fridays

Mass 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Services

Wednesdays

Wednesday Night Live - 6 p.m.
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Evangelical - 10:15 a.m.
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- Scarlett's home
- About aviation
- Husbands & wives
- Bed linens
- Portico
- "Rule Britannia" composer
- The Plains of Olympia
- Morning
- Libyan dinar
- Scottish tax
- Allegheny plum
- In the year of Our Lord
- The golden state
- A long narrow opening
- Singles
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- More desperate
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- Sports venues
- Brother of Artemis
- Individual articles
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- Drool
- Text reviser
- Reject with contempt
- Roofed patios
- Preliminary drawing
- Aviv, Israel
- Belgian painter James
- Humorous drama
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