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JOHNNY WILSON

He shoots, he scores! Air Force forward Kyle DeLaurell nets the Falcons' only goal against Holy Cross in a 1-1 tie at the Cadet Ice Arena Dec. 3. The Falcons had better luck in the teams' second match Saturday, winning on a last-second shot by Jacques Lamoreaux and DeLaurell's career-first hat trick. **Story and more photos on Page 14.**

Wing commander: Register for Falcon Alert

"Our Falcon Alert notification system has already proven itself many times over and received accolades from Air Force and Department of Defense leaders..."

— Col. Rick LoCastro, 10th Air Base Wing commander

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The 10th Air Base Wing commander encouraged everyone on base to register their personal cell phones to receive Falcon Alert notifications Monday after Command Post personnel used the Falcon Alert system to implement a 20-minute lockdown of the base Saturday.

Everyone with an official Air Force Academy e-mail account is required to register that e-mail account in the Falcon Alert system, and everyone with

a government-issued cell phone must also register that cell phone number to receive notifications.

"Our Falcon Alert notification system has already proven itself many times over and received accolades from Air Force and Department of Defense leaders," Colonel LoCastro wrote, "and we're making it even better."

"Please take the time to register as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Safety and security are everyone's responsibility, and on the Air Force Academy, we take both very

seriously."

Included with Colonel LoCastro's message were instructions for creating a Falcon Alert account and setting it up to send text message to users' cell phones. Offices' computer support administrators can provide assistance.

The incident on Interstate 25 Saturday involved an individual who died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, a Colorado Springs Police Department spokesperson said Saturday. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is investigating.



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What are your tips for beating the winter blues?



"If you find that you are not able to shake those blues on your own, it is good to know that there is help out there. If you are a cadet, you have services available at the Peak Performance Center in Sijan Hall. For active duty, there is the mental health clinic and resources such as the Airman and Family Readiness Center and our chaplains. What's most important is to realize that there is support and there is help out there and 97 percent of Airmen who seek assistance never have any negative implications to their careers."
Maj. Bridget Jackson-Oakley



"I think it's important to keep in mind that our minds and bodies are interconnected. So, unless we take care of our bodies, we have trouble regulating our mood. Getting lots of exercise, sleep, eating properly, and drinking water helps us to keep our moods up."
Maj. Troy Todd



"Make sure that you do those things that you love doing; this is not a holiday season to make sure that everyone else is happy. Make sure you are balancing your needs and wants with everyone else's desires and demands on you."
Maj. Gena Parkman

Educators program helps teachers navigate admissions process

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force Academy doesn't hurt for applicants, who outnumber the number of cadets accepted into the Academy by about 10 to 1 thanks to the Admissions office. But understanding the application process can cause both high school students and their college counselors headaches.

"There's a lot of bad information out there," said Joshua Webb, a college guidance counselor at Grace Community School in Tyler, Texas.

One assumption students make is that having one graduate accepted to a service academy makes students in the next graduating class less likely to be picked up.

Families have asked him how many nominations a congressman or senator can submit, and he didn't have a good answer.

That is, not until the Admissions-sponsored Educators Program here this week. Started in 1964, the program trains educators on how to identify potential candidates for service academies, said Susan Purstell, Admissions' plans and programs chief.

Applicants who want a shot at joining the Long Blue Line have to start their application process early in their high school career. Admissions liaison officers look for applicants who are not only good in the classroom but who are also in excellent physical shape and

have taken leadership roles on school sports teams or in extracurricular activities. The requirements are not easy, but they are straightforward.

However, applicants must also receive an appointment to attend a service academy from their senators, Congressional district representatives, the vice president or the president. That, said Congressional Liaison chief James Dahlmann, is where things can get complicated.

"We haven't had as many kids come out (to the Academy)," said John Richard, superintendent of Perry Local Schools in Massillon, Ohio. "My ALO actually works for me -- he's my director of business operations -- and he encouraged me to come out here."

Members of Congress have up to five "charges" at one time and may nominate 10 people to attend each service academy for each charge, Mr. Dahlmann explained. Depending on how many applicants are accepted, a charge may include anywhere from one to 10 cadets from a given class year. Students normally apply through their district representative or one of their state's two senators. Students who live outside the continental United States may seek a nomination through the vice president.

Mr. Dahlmann, an '82 Academy graduate who played both football and baseball here, told the group of educators that students shouldn't be picky.

"When it's all said and done, if your student can get three service academies



STAFF SGT. DON BRANUM

Q and A: Jake Helsham responds to a question from a visiting educator during the Academy Admissions Office's annual Educators' Program Monday. The program is designed to familiarize high school employees about the process of applying to the Air Force Academy.

and three other schools, he can figure out which school is the best school for him and make that decision by May 1," Mr. Dahlmann said.

Educators traded notes about their ALOs during lunch at the Eisenhower Golf Club.

"Our ALO has been great," said Elizabeth Vorndam, a college counselor at Rampart High School in Academy School District 20. "She came in even before she officially took over. She called us just after the Thanksgiving break to ask if we wanted cadets to come over and talk to our freshmen and sophomores."

John Chilman, a counselor at Faith Lutheran Junior and Senior High School in Las Vegas, said his ALO emphasizes physical fitness as well as focus.

"He tells the students, 'Don't get involved in 75 things just to be in them. Take a leadership role,'" Mr. Chilman said.

Educators may apply to attend future educators programs. Only one educator per school is accepted, and only 85 to 90 are accepted worldwide per school year. In addition to briefings, the program includes tours of most campus buildings. The Academy pays for airfare, lodging and meals.

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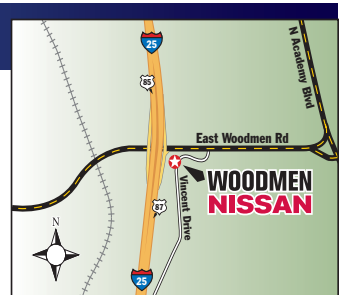


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NORAD, volunteers track Santa for 55th year

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE — For the 55th consecutive year, the men and women of the North American Aerospace Defense Command are preparing to track Santa.

The NORAD Tracks Santa web site, www.noradsanta.org, went live Dec. 3 and features holiday games and activities that change daily.

The website is available in seven languages: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, and Chinese. It will stream videos, captured by NORAD “Santa Cams,” from cities along Santa’s journey Christmas Eve.

This year, children are able to track Santa through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, and TroopTube. To follow NORAD on these Santa-tracking tools, type “@noradsanta” into the search engine to start your tracking.

Also, beginning at midnight MST Dec. 24, visitors to the website can watch Santa as he prepares his sleigh, checks his list, and goes through all of his preparations to ensure he has a successful journey.

As soon as Santa takes off from the North Pole, children can also track him with up-to-the-minute updates on Google Maps and Google Earth through the NORAD Tracks Santa web site.

Santa trackers will begin answering phones and replying to e-mail at 2 a.m. MST (4 a.m. EST) on Dec. 24 and will continue until 3:00 a.m. MST (5 a.m. EST) Dec. 25. Children of all ages can then call the NTS toll-free number 1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) or send an e-mail to noradtrackssanta@gmail.com.

The NORAD Tracks Santa program began in 1955 after a phone call was made to the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center in Colorado Springs. The call was from a local youngster who dialed a misprinted telephone number in a local newspaper advertisement. The commander on duty who answered the phone that night gave the youngster the information requested -- the whereabouts of Santa. This began the tradition of tracking Santa, a tradition that was carried on by NORAD when it was formed in 1958.

The NORAD Tracks Santa program has grown immensely since first presented on the Internet in 1998. The website receives millions of visitors from hundreds of countries and territories around the world.

In addition, a live operations center is occupied for 25 hours with more than 1,200 volunteers each year who receive hundreds of thousands of phone calls and e-mails from families around the world.



SENIOR AIRMAN CARLIN LESLIE

North American Aerospace Defense Command officials are preparing to track Santa for the 55th-straight year with help from volunteers at military bases in Colorado Springs. To volunteer for the NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, visit www.noradsantavolunteers.org.



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Down to Earth: The X-37B Orbital Test Vehicle sits on the runway at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Dec. 3, during post-landing operations. Personnel in self-contained atmospheric protective ensemble suits are conducting initial checks on the vehicle and ensuring the area is safe. The X-37B launched April 22 from Cape Canaveral, Fla., allowing teams to conduct on-orbit experiments for more than 220 days during this first mission.

MICHAEL STONECYPHER

Unmanned X-37 advances space vehicle technologies

By Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

After 244 days in space since its launch April 22 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., the X-37B orbital test vehicle landing marks the Air Force's latest step in experimental test missions to improve the service's space capabilities, officials said here Monday.

The 11,000-pound OTV made an autonomous landing at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Dec. 3 at 1:16 a.m., allowing the Air Force to begin evaluation of its functions as a satellite communications, weather and material technology asset, said Richard McKinney, deputy under secretary of the Air Force for space programs.

"We're in a very serious and important business of providing national security space capabilities for our nation," Mr. McKinney said. "Some of those capa-

bilities are state-of-the-art, highly complex and very technical, ... and for its first flight, we're extremely pleased with the outcome of the X-37B."

Mr. McKinney said the ability to examine such high-tech technologies as space situational awareness, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and satellite development before they're made operational is a long-sought-after capability that the X-37B provides.

"Now we can test those capabilities long in advance of putting them in operational space," he said.

He added that the X-37B functions like other satellites with operators on Earth monitoring its travels — with one fundamental difference.

"The vehicle was commanded to re-enter, and there's a pre-determined routine to fold up the solar array and then do its re-entry burn to reorient to the right position to survive the heat during re-entry," said Lt. Col. Troy Giese, the X-37B program manager for the

Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office.

Lt. Col. Giese explained that there is no way to "take over" the vehicle upon landing, but 30th Space Wing range controllers at Vandenberg AFB could terminate the end of the flight had the X-37B broken any of the pre-determined safety boundaries.

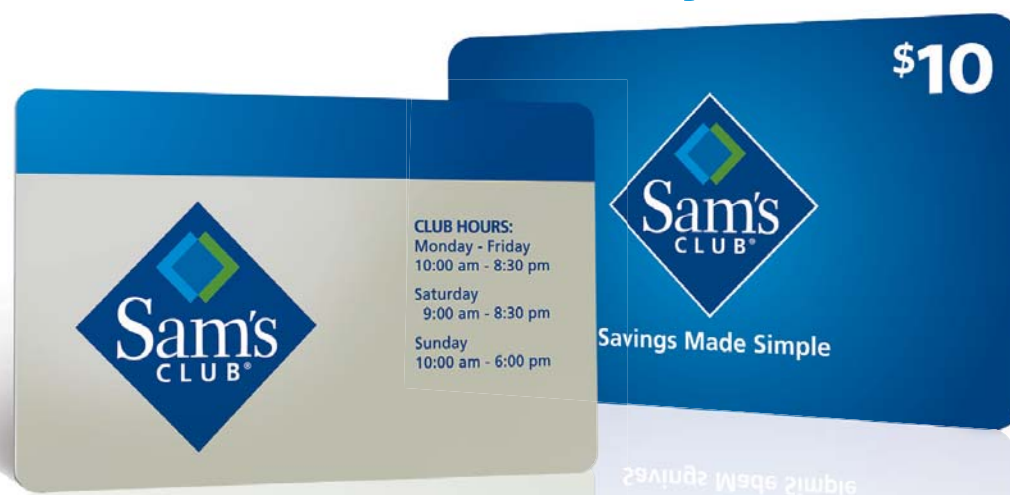
"... A small vehicle that's able to launch, operate and land autonomously is really quite an achievement,"

Mr. McKinney said. "Hopefully we'll be able to provide a new way ... to develop experiments and technologies for our national security."

Slated to launch in spring 2011, the X-37B OTV-2 orbit will incorporate lessons learned from OTV-1, Mr. McKinney said.

"The vehicle performed everything it was asked to do this particular flight, so now we need to see how the materials operated in this long duration and examine the vehicle, since it was designed to operate for long periods of time," he added.

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TREE LIGHTING BRINGS THE MAGIC OF

Christmas



Above left: She's been nice: Shay Lynn Bruce has a chat with Santa during the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec 3.

Above right: 'Jingled and Jangled': Melanie East reads "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bell" to children in the Air Force Academy Community Center during pre-Christmas tree lighting activities Dec. 3. Ms. East is a recreation assistant for the Community Center Library.

Where are they now? '04 grad flies combat air refueling missions



MASTER SGT. SCOTT T. STURKOL

Capt. Wes Spurlock is a KC-10 Extender pilot currently deployed to the 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, part of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia. His deployed duties include flying the largest air refueling aircraft in the Air Force inventory for combat air refueling missions. Captain Spurlock is a 2004 graduate of the Academy.

By Master Sgt. Scott Sturkol
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Every time Capt. Wesley Spurlock steps with his crew to fly a combat air refueling mission, the 2004 Air Force Academy graduate knows the importance behind what he does.

“Operations are happening every day that require fuel at a moment’s notice,” said Captain Spurlock, a KC-10 Extender pilot deployed with the 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia. “The KC-10 has the capability and the people to make it happen.”

In his deployed duties as a pilot, Captain Spurlock drives the biggest air refueling aircraft in the Air Force inventory. In addition to the three main wing fuel tanks, the KC-10 has three large fuel tanks under the cargo floor, one under the forward lower cargo compartment, one in the center wing area and one under the rear compartment.

Combined, the capacity of the six tanks of the KC-10 carries more than 356,000 pounds, or nearly 55,000 gallons of fuel — almost twice as much as the KC-135 Stratotanker. That’s a lot of fuel to keep aircraft providing ground cover in Afghanistan on target and in the air.

KC-10 pilots support Operation New Dawn in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan as well as other contingency operations, said Captain Spurlock, who is deployed from the 95h Air Refueling Wing at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

“I know my job has an effect on the war effort on a daily basis,” he added.

Becoming a pilot in the Air Force is not easy — it requires years of training and practice. According to the Air Force specialty description for qualified pilots

or co-pilots Airmen in Spurlock’s field are required to plan and prepare for missions and review mission taskings, intelligence and weather information. They also supervise mission planning, preparation and filing of flight plans and crew briefings while at the same time ensuring their aircraft is pre-flighted, inspected, loaded, equipped and manned for missions. They do all this in addition to physically flying the aircraft.

Through all of his work and combat air refueling missions, Spurlock — a native of Norco, Calif. — said he is proud to serve.

“It is awesome to serve in the Air Force,” said the 2000 graduate of Norco High School and the 2004 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. “It all comes back to seeing the impact that you have on a daily basis.”

Spurlock is on his second deployment in 2010 with the 908th EARS. As of Oct. 31, Airmen supporting the air refueling mission in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility have offloaded more than 880 million pounds of fuel to more than 69,000 aircraft for wartime operations.

At his home station with Air Mobility Command’s 60th AMW, Spurlock supports a mission responsible for strategic airlift and air refueling missions circling the globe, according to the wing’s fact sheet. The unit’s primary roles are to provide rapid, reliable airlift of American fighting forces anywhere on earth in support of national objectives and to extend the reach of American and allied air power through mid-air refueling.

At the 380th AEW, Spurlock supports a deployed mission that includes air refueling, surveillance, reconnaissance and air battle management in support of overseas contingency operations in Southwest Asia. In addition to OND and OEF, the wing also supports the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.



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Sharing is caring: From right, Tech. Sgt. Jesse Stroot from the 10th Medical Operations Squadron and Capt. Andrew Judkins from the 98th Flying Training Squadron move through a makeshift assembly line to construct care packages as part of the Air Force Academy's "Operation: We Care" program Dec. 3, in the Community Center Theater at the Air Force Academy. Airmen mailed more than 100 care packages to their counterparts who are deployed over the holiday season.

PHOTOS BY
MEGAN DAVIS

'We Care': Airmen assemble packages for downrange compatriots

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

There were no bit parts and no extras in the drama that unfolded last week at the community center theater.

Virtually every square foot of available space on the stage was taken up by a person or prop for this logistics-heavy production. It went by the name Operation We Care.

The objective was to assemble, prepare and ship holiday care packages on a scale that temporarily approached operations at Santa's workshop.

Master Sgt. Greg Meinert summed up the intensity of the project in an e-mail call for volunteers: "We will be there till all 105 packages are built and

shipped out."

Roughly 50 people answered the call, including a few members of the cadets' Wings of Blue parachute team.

The primary task was to sort and pack such assorted items as playing cards and toiletries so that the Postal Service could take things from there.

A group of five people clustered around a table and, working from a list, served as scribes for the holiday greeting cards that were included in the care packages.

Sorting like items into the same box was the first order of business. Then Sergeant Meinert asked for a specialty skill.

"I need eight people with good penmanship," he said. There were no takers, so he revised the request.

"OK, I need eight people who can write."

That was doable, and those volunteers took on the hand-numbing task of filling out dozens of customs forms.

As the greeting cards and customs forms met up with gift items and boxes, the stack of care packages grew.

Because the post office sits adjacent to the theater, the care packages didn't have far to travel. The journey to their intended recipients will be many times longer, because the boxes are going to deployed Academy personnel.

Although this production was a one-day-only engagement, everyone who had a role in it is sure to enjoy a share of the rave reviews that will be a few weeks in coming.



Everything in its place: Staff Sgt. Harvey Tagudin packs a care package. Sergeant Tagudin is a physical therapy technician with the 10th Medical Operations Squadron.



"Who can write?": Staff Sgts. Anna White and Elia Ramirez and Airman 1st Class Geovany Miramontes write greetings to Airmen deployed from the Air Force Academy as part of "Operation: We Care" in the Community Center Theater Dec. 3.

Board of Visitors to meet in Washington Today

The Air Force Academy's Board of Visitors is scheduled to meet in Washington Friday in the U.S. Capitol Building Visitor Center, Main Conference Room.

The purpose of this meeting is to review morale and discipline, social climate, curriculum, instruction physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy.

Topics to be discussed at the Dec. 10 meeting will include introduction of new members, an update on the "Fix USAFA" initiative and an overview of Academy science, technology, engineering and mathematics outreach.

New members of the Board are retired Lt. Gen. Arlen Jameson, who served in military and commercial space ventures including a position as executive director of the Texas Telecommunication Infrastructure; retired Maj. Gen. Marcelite Harris, who was the first female aircraft maintenance officer and one of the first two female air officers commanding here; and Alfredo Sandoval, a managing partner of the Private Investment Group and a 1982 Academy graduate.

Other members of the Board include:

- **Charles Garcia**, Board of Visitors chairman and a 1983 Academy graduate

- **Sen. Bob Bennett** (R-Utah)

- **Sen. Ben Nelson** (D-Neb.)
- **Sen. James Inhofe** (R-Okla.)
- **Rep. Jared Polis** (D.-Colo., 2nd District)

- **Rep. Doug Lamborn** (R.-Colo., 5th District)

- **Rep. Loretta Sanchez** (D.-Calif, 47th District)

- **Rep. Niki Tsongas** (D.-Mass., 5th District)

- **Susan Schwab**, professor of public policy at the University of Maryland and a former U.S. trade representative

- **Robin Hayes**, owner and operator of Mount Pleasant Hosiery Mill and a former representative from North Carolina's 8th District

Also expected to attend the meeting are the Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley; Daniel Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Carrol Chandler; Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel; Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, the Academy's superintendent, and other members of the Academy's senior staff.

The Board last met in Colorado Springs July 23-24.

Additional information about the Board of Visitors can be found by clicking on the "Board of Visitors" link under the "Superintendent" dropdown menu at www.usafa.af.mil.



STAFF SGT. DON BRANUM

Cadet 2nd Class Russell Ahrens of Cadet Squadron 06 reviews a glider safety checklist with Robin Hayes during the Board of Visitors' tour of the Air Force Academy Airfield July 24. Mr. Hayes is a former North Carolina congressman and a current member of the BOV. Cadet Ahrens is an instructor pilot for the soaring program.

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Cadet Chorale performs Messiah



TOP: In the spotlight: Cadet 1st Class Shannon Hart sings a solo piece of Handel's "Messiah" in the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel. Cadet Hart is assigned to Cadet Squadron 15.

RIGHT: Bringing the bass: Angus Foster performs bass violin for the annual Handel's "Messiah" concert. Mr. Foster is an Encore! Youth Orchestra coach for the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association.



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RACHEL BOETTCHER



Rejoice: The Cadet Chorale performs Handel's "Messiah" before a near-capacity crowd in the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel Dec. 3. Previous chorale performances have included the 2006 Rose Bowl, Super Bowl XXIX in Jacksonville, Fla., in 2005 and the 2005 NBA All-Star Game in Denver. The Chorale will perform at the 2011 Fiesta Bowl Jan. 10.

Falcons shut down Cal State-Northridge

The Associated Press

Tom Fow led four players in double figures with a season-high 22 points, and Air Force's defense held Cal State Northridge to 34 percent shooting in a 72-63 victory at Clune Arena Thursday night.

Fow made 4 of 8 3-point attempts for the Falcons (4-1) and has led the team in scoring in the last four games.

Todd Fletcher had a career-high 15 points, Taylor Broekhuis had 12 and Derek Brooks added 11 for Air

Force, which won its third straight. Fletcher made a career-best three 3-pointers.

The Falcons' defense forced 19 turnovers and held its fifth-straight opponent under 37 percent shooting from the field. Air Force entered the game seventh in the country in field-goal percentage defense.

After seeing seven ties and five lead changes in the first half, the Falcons took the lead for good at 35-33 on a Fow layup with 17 minutes remaining. Fow, who scored 17 of his points in the second half, then hit a three-pointer and another layup to give Air Force a

40-33 lead. Broekhuis extended the lead to 42-33 at the 14:53 mark.

The Matadors then went on a 13-7 run to close the gap to 49-46 after three-pointer by Rashaun McLemore with 10 minutes left in the game, but a Broekhuis layup and another long range bomb by Fow put the Falcons back up 54-46, and they never led by less than five points the rest of the game.

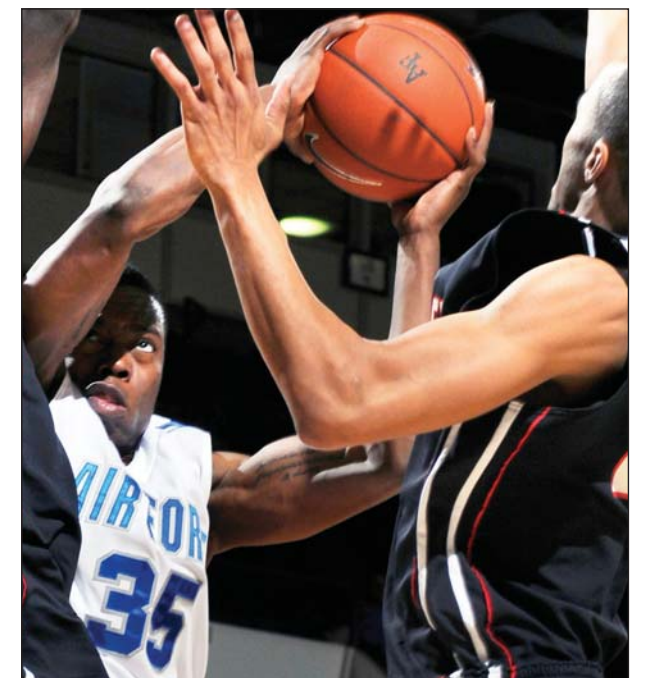
McLemore had 18 points for Cal State-Northridge (2-5), which is winless in three road games. Lennie Daniel had 16 points and 15 rebounds.



TOP: Making the play: Air Force senior guard Michael Lyons pushes past Cal State-Northridge forward Lenny Daniel during the Falcons' match against the Matadors. Lyons is a native of Newport News, Va.

LEFT: Getting the tip: Air Force senior forward Derek Brooks wins the tip-off against Cal State-Northridge freshman forward Jordan Mitchell. Brooks, a native of Nathalie, Va., had 11 points and five rebounds in the Falcons' 72-63 win.

BELOW: Eye on the goal: Air Force senior guard Evan Washington goes against defenders for a shot. Washington is a native of Columbus, Ohio.



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Calhoun a finalist for Paterno Award

He's one of four coaches under consideration for the award honoring the spirit of Joseph V. Paterno

by Dave Toller
Athletic Communications

Air Force football head coach Troy Calhoun was named one of four finalists for the inaugural Joseph V. Paterno Coach of the Year Award, announced by Maxwell Football Club president Ron Jaworski Monday.

The other finalists are Frank Beamer of Virginia Tech, Pat Fitzgerald of Northwestern and Chris Petersen of Boise State as finalists.

Calhoun brought the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy back to Air Force for the first time in eight years, beating both Army and Navy. Beamer has led Virginia Tech to 11 consecutive wins, an ACC championship and a spot in the Orange Bowl. Fitzgerald is taking Northwestern to a third straight bowl game, a first in school history. Petersen has won at least 10 games for the fifth straight year at Boise State.

All four coaches have succeeded while maintaining a high standard in the classroom and making a positive imprint on the local community.

The award, the first of its kind, is

designed to honor the spirit of Coach Paterno, whose longtime success on the field has been matched only by his impact away from it. Through a nomination process, each current head coach has been evaluated since the summer based on his school's performance on the field, in the classroom and within the community. For almost half a century, Coach Paterno has demanded all-around excellence from his student-athletes, as will an award that carries his name.

"In what's become a labor of love, our committee spent the past four months searching for those individuals succeeding by Coach Paterno's high standards," said Rich Cirminello, the Maxwell Football Club's director of college awards. "We're thrilled that any one of this year's finalists would be a worthy recipient of the honor."

The formal announcement of the award will be made Dec. 18. The presentation of the award will be made at the Maxwell Football Club's Awards Dinner March 4, 2011, at the Harrah's Entertainment Complex in Atlantic City, N.J.



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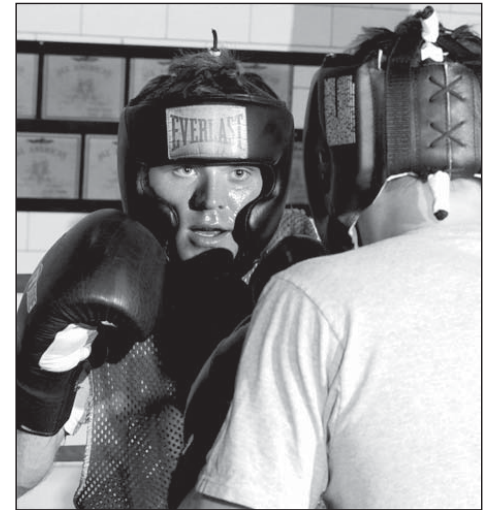
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TOP : Waiting for an opening: Cadet 2nd Class Tyrus Korecki of Cadet Squadron 24 keeps his guard up while fighting Cadet 1st Class Dalton Hall from CS 12 during Friday Night Fights Dec. 3. Hall won the bout in the 168-pound class by decision.

LEFT: it's a hit: Cadet 4th Class Sean Cork of Cadet Squadron 18, right, lands a punch against Cadet 4th Class Andrew Munoz of CS 02 during Friday Night Fights action. Munoz won the 150-pound bout by judges' decision.

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JOHNNY WILSON

Friday Night Fights

By Valerie Perkin
Athletic Communications

The Air Force boxing team closed out the fall semester with a strong round of Friday Night Fights at the Cadet Boxing Room here Dec. 3.

The card featured seven hard-fought bouts, all of which went to the judges' decision.

"We had a great card tonight," assistant coach Capt Blake Baldi said following the match. "It was probably the best fights of the year. All of the guys ... fought hard, knowing that it was last fights of the semester."

Freshman Zack Spranger was named the Academy's Boxer of the Week following his victory at 205 pounds. He knocked off senior Matt Coates in the final bout of the night, the 205-pound contest, to improve to 3-0 on the season. A strong puncher, Spranger displayed his relentless attitude and determination to win every bout as he earned the decision.

The night opened with a bout that featured two of the program's top 165-pound contenders competing at 173 pounds. Executing an outstanding game plan, junior Nick Cataldo was able to take the judges' vote from

classmate Casey Habluetzel.

Three additional bouts featured classmates stepping into the ring. Senior Patrick Ryan took a decision from classmate Ryan Curry in a 171-pound bout to improve to 2-0, while freshman Andrew Munoz used good combination punching and power to outpoint a 150-pound decision from classmate Sean Cork. Junior Dan Starr decided Craig Spranger at 152 pounds.

Senior Dalton Hall earned a 168-pound decision from junior Tyrus Korecki, while sophomore Glenn Miltenberg defeated freshman Nolan Hebein by decision in a 158-pound bout.

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Gaining the edge:

Air Force's Tim Kirby wrests control of the puck away from a Holy Cross player during the teams' Dec. 3 match at the Cadet Ice Arena. Kirby had one assist in the Falcons' last-second 7-6 win Dec. 4.



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Air Force downs Holy Cross in final seconds

By Dave Toller

Athletic Communications

Lamoureux scored the game-winning goal with 0.3 seconds left as Air Force came from behind to beat Holy Cross, 7-6, in a wild Atlantic Hockey Association game Saturday at the Academy's Cadet Ice Arena.

Kyle DeLaurell tallied his first career hat trick in the game as Air Force improved to 6-7-2 overall and 4-3-2 in the league. Holy Cross fell to 6-7-2 overall and 5-3-2 in the league.

Holy Cross had leads of 3-1 to start the second period and 6-4 to start the third period. After trailing 3-1 to start the second period, Air Force tied the game at 3-3, fell behind 4-3, tied it at 4-4, and then again fell behind, 6-4, late in the second. The Falcons scored three third-period goals for the team's fifth win this month.

Air Force opened the scoring at 8:44 of the first period as De Laurell scored on the power play from Tony Thomas and Jason Fabian. Holy Cross scored the next three goals of the game, in a span of 2:34. Rob Linsmayer scored a five-on-three power-play goal at 14:19 when he re-directed a shot by Mike Daly. Jay Silvia gave the Crusaders a 2-1 lead at 15:21 on the five-on-four power play. Silvia tipped in a shot by Evan Zych. Shayne Stockton scored at 16:53 on a slap shot through a screen at 16:53.

The Falcons came back to tie the game early in the

second period. De Laurell's second of the game cut the Holy Cross lead to 3-2, 26 seconds into the second period. On the power play, DeLaurell's wrist from in tight came from Thomas and Fabian. Just over 90 seconds later, Burnett tied the game from Paul Weisgarber and Lamoureux. Burnett collected a rebound behind the goal line and shot it off the back of goaltender's leg to tie the score at 3-3. Linsmayer's second of the game gave the Crusaders a 4-3 lead at 11:59 on a two-on-one rush. The Falcons answered as Scott Mathis tied the game at 4-4 at the 14:33 mark. His fifth of the season was a shot from the point as Tim Kirby and Burnett assisted on the play. In the final five minutes of the period, Holy Cross scored twice for a 6-4 lead. Matt Gordon scored on a rebound at 14:54 and then Stockton scored his second of the game at 18:58. Stockton's wrist from the right side went off the stick of Falcon defenseman Stephen Carew, over the shoulder of goalie Jason Torf, landed on the goal line against the far post and trickled in.

At the beginning of the third period, Torf was replaced in goal by Falcon junior Stephen Caple. Air Force started the third period on the power play and Lamoureux scored just 71 seconds into the period. Weisgarber and Mathis assisted as Lamoureux put back a rebound to make the score 6-5. With 4:05 left in the third period, the hats flew on the ice and DeLaurell tied the game at 6-6. DeLaurell won the faceoff in the offensive zone and George Michalke took the puck down the left wall. His centering pass was right on

the tape and DeLaurell scored his first career hat trick. With 13 seconds left in regulation, Adam McKenzie was taken down near the post and the Falcons went on their eighth power play of the game. Weisgarber won the ensuing faceoff, put the puck was cleared out of the zone. Mathis sent it deep in the corner where Weisgarber and Burnett battled for control. Burnett fired the puck off the wall to a wide open Lamoureux in the slot who re-directed it five-hole with 0.3 seconds remaining.

Air Force outshot Holy Cross, 18-3, in the third period and 38-24 in the game. AFA was 4-for-8 on the power play while HC was 2-for-3. Torf played the first 40 minutes in goal for Air Force and made 15 saves while allowing six goals. Caple played the final 20 minutes and earned his third win of the season. He faced just shots in the third period, but did not allow a goal. Derek Kump made 31 saves for the Crusaders.

"This was a must win for us," head coach Frank Serratore said. "I am real proud of our guys. Holy Cross didn't give us this game, we took it. In the third period, we were drawing penalties and really took the game to them. We made some defensive mistakes and that was frustrating. But I give our guys a lot of credit, they kept coming back after getting kicked in the gut a lot tonight. A win like this certainly helps going into a long break."

Air Force is now off for 26 days for final exams and the holidays. The Falcons' next series is Dec. 30-31 against Bentley in Waltham, Mass.



Not on my watch: Air Force senior Blake Paige skates upfield to intercept a Holy Cross player during hockey action Dec. 3.



Gotcha!: Air Force forward Casey Kleisinger gets control of the puck as Holy Cross' Kyle Fletcher and Jay Silvia close in to defend during the Dec. 3 match at the Cadet Ice Arena.

10 Things You Didn't Know About ... Cadet 4th Class Jason Torf

Leslie Finstein
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

C4C Jason Torf from Hermosa Beach, Calif. plays in goal for the Air Force Falcons Hockey team. Cadet Torf's net-minding reached a new high Nov. 27 with a career-high 29 saves in a 3-1 loss to the University of Denver in the championship game of the 19th annual Denver Cup college hockey tournament. In the tournament, Cadet Torf made 75 saves, the most of any goalie playing.

For the week of Nov. 22 – Nov. 28, Cadet Torf was the Air Force Academy Athlete of the Week.

1. When did you start playing hockey? Who got you started?

I started playing roller hockey when I was about 5 and had my first ice hockey game when I was about 7 or 8.

2. Favorite sports to play off-season?

Having a South African family, I grew up playing soccer well before I played hockey. I played all the way till my senior year in high school.

3. Favorite professional athlete and team?

Didier Drogba for Chelsea (English Premier League)

4. Favorite Movie/TV show?

My favorite movie is probably "Surf's Up." Favorite TV show is either "Big Bang Theory" or "Blue Mountain State."

5. Favorite food?

It would have to be tortellini, but I have a huge sweet tooth so any dessert takes the cake.

6. Favorite subject in school?

Am I too old to say PE? I also enjoy math or any technical course.

7. If I were not a cadet, I would be ...

Playing hockey somewhere.

8. If my friends had to use one word to describe me, it would be ...

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9. The best part of playing hockey is ...

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10. I came to the Academy because ...

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Falcon goalie Jason Torf tends goal during a game against Holy Cross at the Air Force Academy Cadet Ice Arena. He was named the Atlantic Hockey Association Rookie of the Month for November.

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Falcons to face Yellow Jackets at bowl

By Troy Garnhart
Athletic Communications

Air Force will play the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in the 2010 AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl, Dec. 27 at 4 p.m. on ESPN2 at Independence Stadium, bowl officials announced Sunday.

Air Force and Georgia Tech will meet for the fourth time in the schools' history, with the last meeting in 1979.

The Yellow Jackets have won all three previous matchups. This will be the third Independence Bowl appearance for Air Force, who won back-to-back appearances in 1983 and 1984, and the first for Georgia Tech. The last service academy to play in an Independence Bowl was Army in 1996.

"We at AdvoCare are honored and excited to have both Air Force and Georgia Tech in this year's Independence Bowl," said AdvoCare president and CEO Richard Wright. "These two teams bring a long

tradition of excellence, and we believe these two teams will fill Independence Bowl stadium and also draw a large national following."

The Falcons finished their season with an 8-4 overall record and a 5-3 mark in Mountain West Conference play, good for a third-place tie in the conference with BYU and San Diego State.

The Falcons have posted at least eight wins and qualified for a bowl game the last four seasons. Air Force enters the 2010 AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl riding a three-game winning streak. Air Force claimed the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the first time since 2002 with wins over Navy and Army this season, capturing the trophy for the 17th time.

The Yellow Jackets are making their 14th-straight bowl appearance, which ties for the fourth-longest active streak in the FBS. They own a 22-15 all-time bowl record. Air Force is making its 21st appearance in a bowl game.



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For more information, contact Natural Resources at 333-3308 or CDOW at 719-227-5200.

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

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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.

A&FRC offerings

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

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.

Transition Assistance Program

Dec. 13-17, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The TAP workshop is designed to provide those separating within a year or retiring within two years the knowledge and skills necessary for a successful transition into the civilian workforce. Reservations are required.

Newcomer Orientation

Dec. 16, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

This orientation is mandatory for all newly assigned Air Force Academy personnel. Spouses are welcome to attend. The event is held at the Milazzo Center.

Smooth Move

Dec. 21, 9 to 10 a.m.

Being prepared lessens the stress of an upcoming move. Learn innovative and proven ways to make your move a smooth one: know before you go.

This class is mandatory for those leaving the Air Force Academy.

Family Advocacy classes

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

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 parenting program is held at the Community Center Chapel for parents with children ages 5-18.



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, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: 6 p.m.

Jewish Worship

Fridays, 7 p.m. (during academic year)

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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.
Dinner followed by Religious Education (September-May)

Sundays

Evangelical - 10:15 a.m.
Gospel 11:30 a.m.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Dodge truck model
- Launch, note or mattress
- 22nd Greek letter
- Elderly
- Sheep genus
- Swiss river
- Pulsate repeatedly
- Not gained or won
- Red organic pigment containing iron
- Mother of Ishmael
- Financial gains
- Point midway between E and SE
- Strikingly appropriate
- Examine with care
- Indian for carrying sling
- Saddle horse
- 92860
- A field of mowed grass

- Animal for heavy loads
- Transport, usually in a truck
- Protestist
- An eagle's nest
- More massive & firm
- Public squares
- Type of paint base
- Daman and _____, India
- Anesthetized
- 55120
- A person who inherits
- Indian frock
- Training by multiple repetitions
- Dentist's group
- Not crazy
- Opposed to prefix
- Spanish Mister
- Preceded
- Obtained

CLUES DOWN

- Ripening early
- Struck with fear or dread
- Combination of two companies
- A person active in party politics
- River in England
- Flat circular plate
- Pause in a line of verse
- The thigh of a hog
- Wrath
- Arrived extinct
- Opposite of go
- Shouts of approval
- Hailed
- Dentist's group
- Not set afire
- Of I
- Opposite of starboard
- Past participle of "saw"
- Point that is one point N of due E
- One who examines methodically
- Davenport
- Aegle marmelos fruit
- About Eurasia
- Stained with blood
- Tangelo fruit
- Vituperated
- Come to pass
- Outer border strip
- Island in Venice
- In the year of Our Lord
- Impertinence
- Not set afire
- Afrikaans
- European sea eagle
- Macaws
- Birther
- Tokyo

SUDOKU

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