

Academy reflects on women's history

By 2nd Lt. Meredith Kirchoff Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Academy women, and many of their male colleagues, gathered Wednesday to reflect on women's historical and present-day contributions at the Women's History Month luncheon held at the Academy's Falcon Club.

Attendees heard guest speaker Dr. Adis Vila, Academy chief diversity officer, talk about her background as a Cuban immigrant, and the contributions immigrant women have made to their adopted country. She used singer, songwriter, entrepreneur and philanthropist Gloria Estefan to illustrate her message.

Dr. Vila emphasized that she was much more than an international singing sensation. She was a woman who overcame tremendous adversity, did meaningful work in her community and in the business sector, and even fought to recover after a bus accident that paralyzed her entire body.

"I wanted all of us here to relate to someone who we have seen on television or whose music we may have listened to," Dr. Vila said. "I wanted us to dig deeper beyond the surface of people like her to see what they actually mean to the fiber that is this country."

Dr. Vila and event organizers expressed their intent to make the event a more interactive experience for participants. Each table was given trivia and reflection questions to generate conversation and questions for a panel discussion following the keynote address.

The panel consisted of Dr. Jeanne Heidler, professor of history; Dr. Fran Pilch, a political science professor; and Col. Mark Wells, permanent professor of the Academy's history department.



Dr. Adis Vila, Academy chief diversity officer, speaks at the Women's History Month luncheon Wednesday at the Academy's Falcon Club.

ing women today.

"One of the things we tend to do when we talk about women's history is we talk about them in groups," Dr. Heidler said in response to an audience member's question. "But, when we look at history in general, we look at individuals. I think people will gain a greater insight about women's importance in history if they start look-Topics ranged from the panelists' fa- ing at some of the individuals in our past because that is what brings the history alive."

Dr. Heidler went on to talk about a diary of a South Carolinian woman she had recently read who was a widow, mother, farmer and businesswoman; Harriett Horry became incredibly wealthy through her own effort and talents. Dr. Heidler said reading about women like this can shed light on, and bring to life, the experiences of a whole group of women.

memorative event.

"What I gathered from working on the committee is why we celebrate women's history, and the milestones we've had to cross to get here," said Staff Sgt. Athena Ballard. "Celebrating the women of today and what the women of yesterday had to go through to get us where we are now. It has been an eye-opening experience." March was proclaimed National Women's History Month in a joint resolution passed by congress in 1981.

vorite first lady to the most important domestic and international issues fac-

Luncheon committee members said they gained from the experience of planning and organizing the com-

Cadets give up spring break fun for community support, training

By Gino Mattorano Academy Spirit Editor

While spring break usually conjures thoughts of fun and sun, many Air Force Academy cadets spent their time off from studies working on community projects, or taking part in unique training opportunities.

Sixty-eight cadets participated in the Academy's alternative spring break program helping Habitat for Humanity with home construction projects in four separate locations.

Cadet First Class Anthony Correale, Cadet Squadron 38, took a group of 11 cadets to College Station, Texas in a roofing project for a needy family.

"They gave us four days to complete the task, and we finished in two and a half," said Cadet Correale. "I think that says a lot about cadets' effectiveness on the worksite. It was totally worth spending our spring break helping build a house for someone in need. "

The cadets "roughed it" a bit, sleeping on cots and sleeping bags in a local church building, but Cadet Correale says the church members took good care of them and even provided See BREAK Page 4



A group of 14 cadets assisted Habitat for Humanity with a landscaping project for town houses that Habitat had already built.

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Officials focus on sexual assault prevention

by Lt. Col. Ann Stefanek Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force Secretary Michael Donley directed a comprehensive review of the service's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program as a result of information provided by a survey of active-duty members, officials said March 16.

This survey was specifically designed to establish baseline data for addressing this serious issue and to help develop more effective programs aimed at preventing sexual assaults altogether, said Air

Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

"We wanted the clearest possible understanding of the scope and nature of this problem," General Schwartz said. "This survey gave us a first-of-a-kind look at how sexual assaults have affected our Air Force community and informs us what we must do to better protect our people from this crime."

The ongoing efforts to enhance the Air Force's program include Secretary Donley and General Schwartz directing commanders and leaders at all levels to take advantage of the knowledge gained from the survey and increase focus to improve the Air Force's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program.

The general underscored his pledge to give every victim a voice following a sexual assault.

"We want all affected Airmen to feel empowered to report this crime," General Schwartz said. "We want them to know that we're committed to holding offenders accountable through effective investigations, knowledgeable judge advocate advice and strong unit support and leadership."

Department of Defense officials recently released its annual report on Sexual Assault in the Military, which indicated the Air Force had 585 sexual assaults reported in 2010.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, sexual assault is one of the nation's most underreported crimes.

The Air Force contracted Gallup, Inc. to conduct an anonymous survey to better understand the scope and nature of sexual assault in the Air Force and help build a more effective prevention and response program, said Carl Buchanan, the Air Force SAPR program manager.

"The survey took place in July and August of (2010), and the final report was presented to the Air Force in December," Mr. Buchanan said. "Since that time, the Air Force reexamined the entire program."

The Gallup survey used behavior-based questions derived from specific Uniform Code of Military Justice offenses that cover the full range sexual assaults, he said.



ceding the survey, 3.4 percent of women and .5 percent of men experienced sexual assault. Of those experiencing sexual assault in the preceding year, only 16.7 percent of women and 5.8 percent of men reported the assault. The survey also revealed that since joining the Air Force, 18.9 percent of women and 2.1 percent of men had been sexually assaulted.

The survey also discovered that most assaults occur while victims are at home station, as opposed to during deployments or temporary duty assignments, and most offenders are other Airmen.

"The results of the Air Force 2010 Gallup survey will be used as a baseline to measure increases or decreases in incidence (during the previous 12 months) and prevalence (during the member's Air Force career) of sexual assault in the Air Force," Mr. Buchanan said. "Having this information will be valuable to senior leadership and commanders so they can make much more informed decisions when implementing programs and policies aimed at preventing sexual assaults and caring for victims."

Survey participants also identified several reasons they didn't officially report their assaults, officials said. Reasons included not wanting other Airmen, superiors, or family to know, distrust in the reporting process, fear of retaliation or recurrence, or not considering the specific circumstance serious enough to warrant reporting.

"I strongly encourage anyone who is affected by sexual assault to take a courageous stand and help bring perpetrators to justice," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy. "We need to stand together against these crimes."

Air Force officials will start Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April with an education campaign focusing on various aspects of the sexual assault prevention and response program, Mr. Buchanan said.

This year's Department of Defense theme "Hurts One. Affects All" and an Air Force-specific message of "Real Wingmen Act" will reinforce the idea of acting as a team, demonstrate the value of bystander intervention and stress collective responsibility for prevention, he said. The Air Force message will be delivered through open dialogue in small groups that will help Airmen recognize behaviors and sustain a culture in which sexual assault is not tolerated.

General Schwartz stressed the criticality of fostering an atmosphere in which Airmen feel comfortable reporting sexual assaults.

"Sexual assault is a crime that violates our core values, and as an institution, we won't rest until we eliminate this criminal behavior," General Schwartz said. "Leadership is key in creating an environment of trust in which all Air-



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Contracting deadlines still in effect

By James Lovely 10th Contracting Squadron

Despite the fact that the federal government is still operating under a continuing resolution, federal law and regulatory guidelines direct the procurement process and establish specific timelines that must be satisfied.

The deadline for purchases over \$100,000 is April 4. If your requirement is between \$25,000 and \$100,000, the deadline is June 3 – which is also the deadline for Planning Form 9's for services that must continue on Oct. 1.

The last date for submitting requirements under \$25,000 is July 5, including those services that must continue on Oct. 1. Unfunded "wish list" Form 9's should be submitted as early as possible.

In addition, Dean of Faculty research grants and agreements deadlines are April 4 for over \$5 million, June 10 for under \$5 million, and Aug. 1 for CAStLE requirements.

"Effective procurement is a team

effort," said Kelly Snyder, 10th Contracting Squadron director. "I invite everyone to call on the procurement experts here in contracting to assist in defining your requirements and conducting market research. We'll also help you with your package preparation so that you can meet the deadlines and fulfill your requirements."

The key, according to Ms. Snyder, is planning your requirements early and contacting contracting if you have questions.

"The bottom line is it's never too early to get contracting involved, but if you miss your deadline you run the risk of non-award," Ms. Snyder said.

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Academy fire department earns re-accreditation

The Air Force Academy fire department was recognized in March for achieving accredited agency status from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

This marks the third time that the fire and emergency services flight has completed the process.

The CFAI accreditation process provides a well-defined, internationally recognized benchmark to measure the quality of fire and emergency services. Only 142 fire departments in the world are accredited, and only 16 of those are DoD fire service agencies.

"As our fire department began reaching for organizational excellence through the pursuit of accreditation, the question I asked myself was, "Would I send my child to a non-accredited university?" said Fire Chief Ernst Piercy. "Since the answer was no, why would I accept less from our fire department?

"Fire department accreditation allowed us to look at all aspects of the organization, then make quality improvements that have resulted in improved service delivery for the citizens



and visitors of the Academy."

Fire service accreditation, similar to hospital and university accreditation, requires the organization to comply with national consensus standards related to the management, staffing and mission execution of a fire department.

The responses to a broad range of performance indicators were validated by a four-person peer team that visited the Academy in January.

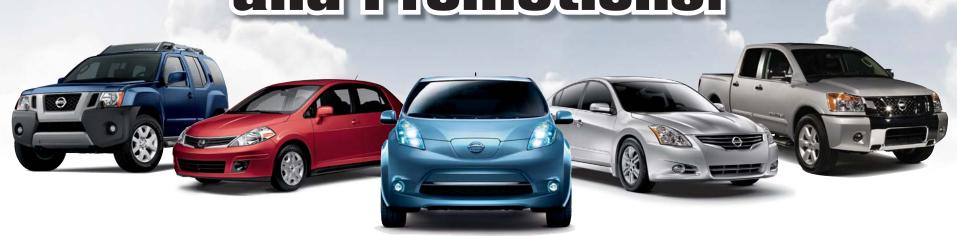
The inspection covered all departmental programs, from fire suppression to public fire education. At the conclusion of the visit, the team briefed Lt. Col. Mark Russo, the commander of the 10th Civil Engineering Squadron, which oversees the flight.

In their report, the inspectors gushed about the department. The inspection resulted in a never-before seen report of "No recommended improvement areas", a first-ever feat. Programs were highlighted as "best seen to date."

The Academy fire department is the longest-running accredited fire department in the DoD, having first achieved accreditation in March 2001.

Left to right, Ernst Piercy, 10th Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief, and Lt Col Mark Russo, 10th CES commander, and Ron Prettyman, 10th CES accreditation manager and assistant fire chief, accept the re-accreditation award from Chief Jeff Jackson, the Commission on Fire Accreditation International's team leader for the accreditation.

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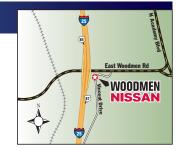




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lunch for them each day.

Since most of the cadets on the trip were from some part of Texas, Cadet Correale says many of them were able to spend some time with family during the trip, which made it even more worthwhile.

"I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys," he said. "The mix of personalities helped us get along really well and we had a blast hanging out while driving and in our free time there."

Another group of 11 traveled to Houston, where they helped Habitat build a house intended for a family with a disabled child with cerebral palsy who is confined to a wheelchair. The cadets helped the family fulfill their commitment to contribute to their new home construction.

"One of Habitat's requirements is that the receiving families put at least 350 hours of work into their future home, whether by working themselves or having friends donate hours of labor," said Cadet Fourth Class Seth Rodgers, CS 10. "Because of the father's demands at work and the unpredictability of the daughter's condition, special arrangements have been made to ensure enough hours are donated toward the completion of the house."

Because Habitat's project manager had worked at NASA for 30 years, he gave the cadets the unique opportunity to meet Gene Kranz, the retired director of NASA, who was featured in the movie Apollo 13.

Another group of 14 cadets travelled to Phoenix where they helped Habitat with a landscaping project for town houses that Habitat had already built for the residents.

According to Cadet 3rd Class Connor Niebrugge, CS 14, cadets spent their time planting trees and bushes and leveling out gravel between the sidewalks and street.

The fourth Habitat project in Ventura County, Calif., gave cadets the opportunity to help build houses for the homeless.

"It was a great opportunity for us to provide sup-



port to the community," said Cadet 1st Class Viludani Yatawara, CS 05. 'The feeling you get after spending the spring break helping others is wordless."

While not part of the alternative spring break program, many other cadets spent their time participating in training or other academic programs.

The Olmsted Culture Immersion and Foreign Service Academy gave 188 cadets the opportunity to spend their spring break learning about other cultures on 41 separate trips to 34 different countries.

Cadet 2nd Class Brandon Roberts travelled to the Ukraine, where he spent his time interacting with Ukrainian citizens, learning about their culture and enjoying the Ukrainian food. One of the highlights of his trip was seeing a ballet, but he especially enjoyed the interaction.

"Meeting people from other cultures was a lot of fun," he said. "One thing that really stood out for me was that despite our cultural differences, we're



Above: Cadets participated in the Academy's alternative spring break program at four separate locations.

Left: Cadets working on the Houston project had the unique opportunity to meet Gene Kranz, seated, 2nd from left, the retired director of NASA featured in the movie Apollo 13.

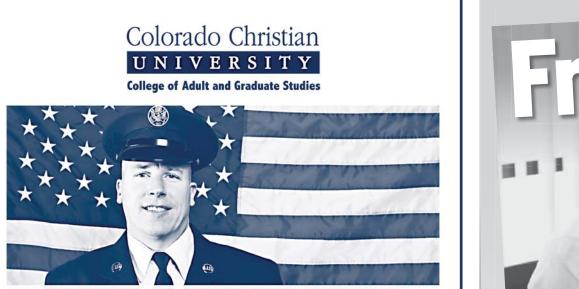
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all very similar in many ways. At the root of who we are, we all work for the same things, care deeply about our families, and look forward to time off on the weekends."

Another 34 cadets spent their spring break focused on aviation at Willcox, Ariz., where they spent eight days in glider training enhancing the semester-long upgrade training for the cadets to become certified Soaring Instructor Pilots, according to Capt. Todd Salzwedel, 94th Flying Training Squadron.

"They are training to teach their peers – either other cadets or sometimes new officers," according to Maj. Aaron Dripps, 94th FTS. "We're giving them the confidence to go on their own."

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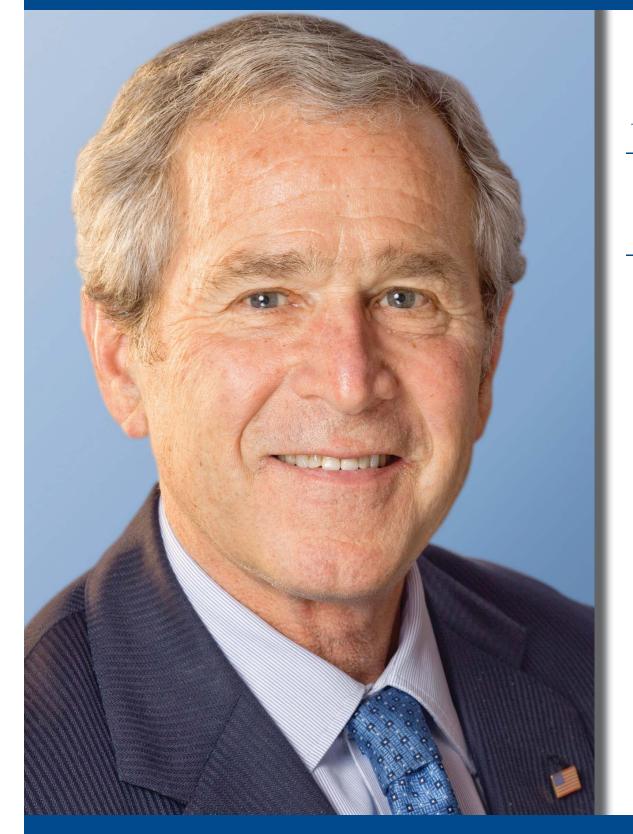
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Academy celebrates 57 years of excellence

By Steve Simon Academy Development and Alumni Programs

April 1, 1954: On that momentous date 57 years ago today, with distinguished Congressional and Air Force leaders looking on, President Dwight Eisenhower signed Public Law 325, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, formally authorizing the establishment of the United States Air Force Academy.

The official birthday of the Academy is now reverently known as "Founders Day" and is celebrated annually by graduates worldwide. Here at the Academy, Founders Day 2011 will be commemorated with the presentation of the Distinguished Graduate Award to two renowned grads (see sidebar) at the Noon Meal in Mitchell Hall today, the Founders Day Dinner at the Falcon Club this evening, and the Founders Day Parade at Stillman Field at 10 a.m. Saturday.

While the history of the Academy ostensibly began at the brief 1954 White House ceremony, the original Founders Day might be more appropriately deemed the mid-point of the Academy's story. The years before the Academy's official establishment contain nearly as much history and lore as the half-century-plus of its official existence.

The notion of an American air academy is almost as old as aviation itself. Within 15 years of the Wright Brothers' historic December 17, 1903, flight, forward thinking Army officers were musing aloud about the need for an air academy.

On July 28, 1919, California Congressman Charles Curry introduced legislation providing for an academy. but his legislation failed amid disputes about cost, operation, curriculum (to include the amount of flying training), and location

ing to convince the Army and Congress of the need for an academy. He testified on Capitol Hill on January 31, 1925 that it was "most essential. . . to have an air academy to form a basis for the permanent backbone of your air service and to attend to the . . . organizational part of it, very much in the same way that West Point does for the Army, or the Naval Academy for the Navy.'

Air power's pivotal role in World War II rekindled support for an academy, though several of the issues raised in the period between the wars had yet to be satisfactorily resolved.

The fortunes of academy advocates received a huge momentum boost when the National Security Act of 1947 created an Air Force on equal footing with the Army and Navy. The idea was further delayed, however, as matters of higher priority were addressed.

With momentum building, in December 1949, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg recalled Lt. Gen. Hubert Harmon from retirement to head the newly established Office of Special Assistant for Air Force Academy Matters. What looked like quick and sure passage of Academyestablishing legislation was delayed each year in the early 1950s by, among other things, the Korean War, conflict within the Department of Defense and Congress, and some of the same issues that dogged the project since its inception. Finally, in May 1953, House Armed Services Committee Chairman Dewey Short of Missouri introduced House Resolution 5337, a bill "To Provide for the Establishment of







Founders Day commemorates the establishment of the Air Force Academy, authorized by Congress on April 1, 1954.

DISTINGUISHED ACADEMY GRADS RECOGNIZED

The United States Air Force Academy and the Association of Graduates are proud to announce the winners of the Air Force Academy's Distinguished Graduate Award for 2010. The award recognizes Academy graduates whose singular and distinctive contributions to our society and nation have set them apart from other graduates.



Advocates such as Brig. Gen. "Billy" Mitchell, however, never stopped tryHearings were postponed until early the following year, but the concept finally had the momentum necessary to carry it to passage on March 29, 1954. President Eisenhower signed it two days later.



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Mr. Max F. James, Class of 1964 Career Highlights

- Helicopter rescue pilot in Vietnam.
- During his tour in Southeast Asia, he flew over 200 missions, shot down twice.
- Recognized with multiple military awards for his actions for courage under fire.
- Previous Executive Vice President of Days Inns of America
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- During 36 years on active duty, commanded a flight, squadron, wing, numbered air force, and two major commands as well as one sub-unified command, two unified commands, and one bi-national command
- More than 5,000 flying hours, including 300 combat missions as forward air controller in Vietnam.

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- Chairman of Armed Forces Benefit Association
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How to be the MVP of your health team

By Tyler Patterson TriWest Healthcare Alliance

As one saying goes: If you don't have your health, what have you got?

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your primary care manager cannot provide. If that happens, remember to wait for your authorization letter to arrive before setting your specialty care appointment. Register for a secure triwest.com account and receive an electronic version of your authorization letter in hours, instead of waiting for days in the mail. Follow the directions in the letter to make sure you don't get a claims curveball later.

Play as a team: When you are seeing a new doctor or specialist, share any medications or tests from your other doctors. This goes double if you have multiple prescriptions, or are taking over-the-counter medicines.

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Academy Post Office to host passport fair

The U.S. Air Force Academy Post will offer a special passport fair at its Main Post Office April 9th.

The passport fair is being held to accommodate Academy cadets as well as any other customers with their passport needs that day. The event is also being held on "Passport Day in the USA" on April 9," an annual day sponsored by the U.S. State Department. and U.S. Postal Service, in which special passport fairs are being held at a number of Post Offices and passport service locations nationwide.

Passport customers can also apply for either a passport book or a passport card application with the State Dept.

The passport book can be used for most international travel world-wide. The less costly passport card may only be used for land and sea travel between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean.

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• The passport application requires two recent identical photographs. If you don't have photos, photo services will be available for \$15 for each application payable to the Post Office.

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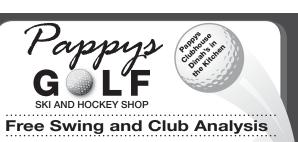
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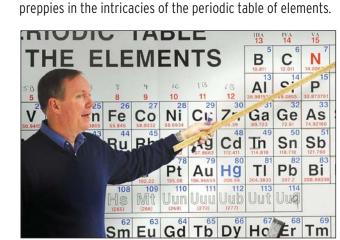
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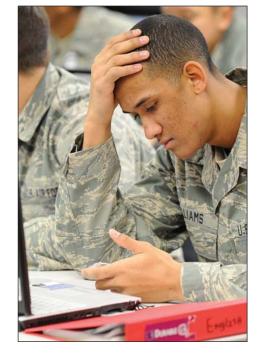
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RIGHT: A cadet candidate is deeply engrossed in his studies. **BELOW:** Dr. Mark Dibben, a preparatory school professor instructs





BELOW: Cadet candidate Zachary Modly contributes to a class discussion.



Academy's Prep School: School of transition

By David Edwards Academy Spirit Staff Writer

At most schools, being called a preppie isn't exactly a mark of distinction.

But the Air Force Academy Preparatory School isn't most schools and these "preppies" readily adopt the nickname. More than a high school but less than a university, the "other" educational institution at the Air Force Academy is intended to be a feeder school for the Cadet Wing.

Since its founding in 1961, the Prep School has yielded many thousands of appointments to the Air Force Academy.

There is no class standing at the school. With no freshmen or seniors, all students are peers, and about 75 to 80 percent of the student body participates in sports.

Enrollment is kept constant at 240. But it is not possible to apply directly to the Prep School. Its admissions are handled by the same people who ethnicity or gender. handle applications to the Academy.

"It's a thorough vetting process," said Col. Carolyn Benyshek, the Academy's director of admissions. "There's probably more scrutiny on the can-

as we do for direct entry."

riculum focuses on academic preparation, with there, done that. That's tremendous." intensive instruction in math, English and science. And because the school serves as a pipeline for the mission to the Prep School should not be consid-Cadet Wing, students are also put through their military paces while many of them learn what it means to wear the uniform in service to their country.

The student body at the prep school consists of tion. There are countless benefits to shoring yourself both active-duty enlisted personnel and those who need extra academic preparation before entering the Academy. Students range in age from 18 to 22.

"Our focus is getting them away from a high school mentality and more toward a college curriculum," said Col. Bart Weiss, Prep School commander. took few English classes in high school, according "Kids go to college for a lot of different reasons. to Colonel Benyshek. They get prepared differently."

Academy. About 56 percent of its students fall into forge quick and lasting bonds with their peers. And the category of diversity from a standpoint of race, they become aware of how they fit into the grand

Enlisted Airmen are not left out, either. In fact, 50 spots in each class are reserved for them.

"We look at enlisted Airmen as diversity," Colodidates going down to the Prep School than the nel Benyshek said. "They bring the perspective the process. Hopefully we've opened their minds to ones for the Academy. We look for the same factors of working in the Air Force. When you're talking (the fact that) talent exists everywhere."

about deployment, when you're talking about Iraq, The course of study lasts 10 months, and the cur- Afghanistan, some of these candidates have been

> Colonel Benyshek also said that being offered adered a letdown or a fallback option.

> "It is not a Plan B," she said. "The prep school is not something you can plan for. It's a great transiup academically so you can be successful here."

> Generally, students at the Prep School are extremely bright and academically accomplished. They just have deficiencies in their prior education. For example, a student might be a math whiz who

Through the combination of academic rigor, mili-The Prep School also helps foster diversity at the tary training and small class size, preppies typically scheme both at the Academy and in the Air Force.

"We're all part of a bigger team," Colonel Weiss the prep school was instituted for their benefit, and said. "That's what I try to pound home to the candidates. That's a really neat thing to see the metamorphosis of these candidates as they go through

Notable Preparatory School graduates

Lt. Gen. Richard C. Bethurem, PL Class of 1962, USAFA Class of 1966	Lt. Gen. Daniel James III, 1 1964
Thomas D. Boettcher, PL Class of 1963, USAFA Class of 1967	Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz, PL 1969, USAFA Class of 1973
William T. Coleman III, PL Class of 1967, USAFA Class of 1971	Dr. Fred Milanovich, PL Cla USAFA Class of 1967
Larry J. Funk, PL Class of 1964, USAFA Class of 1968	Dr. Orderia F. Mitchell, PL USAFA Class of 1973
Maj. Gen. Daniel J. Gibson, PL Class of 1963, USAFA Class of 1967	Lt. Col. Gilbert D. Mook, Pl 1963, USAFA Class of 1967
Lt. Gen. Michael C. Gould, PL Class 1972, USAFA Class 1976	Lt. Gen. Glen W. Moorheac of 1965, USAFA Class of 19
Col. Thomas E. Griffith, Jr., PL Class of 1975, USAFA Class of 1979	Maj. Gen. Anthony F. Przyl Class of 1972, USAFA Class
Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper, Jr., PL Class of 1965, USAFA Class of 1969	Judge Gerald J. Rafferty, 1963, USAFA Class of 1967

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TOP OF PAGE: Cadet 4th Class Chelsea Renfro, CS-14, performs a chemistry expirement during a Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development conference. Enlisted Airmen make up 50 spots in each preparatory school class. **ABOVE:** Col. William Walker, vice director of athletics, addresses Prep School candidates.

FAR LEFT: Maj. Kristina Meyle, an English instructor, helps a Prep student in her classroom.

LEFT: Athletics is a big part of the prep school program, with many preppies going on to play on Falcon sports teams.

Air Force lacrosse falls to number 15 Denver

DENVER, Colo.—The Air Force lacrosse team dropped a 14-7 decision to No. 15 Denver Saturday afternoon at the Peter Barton Lacrosse Stadium, in its third-straight game against a ranked opponent. With the loss, the Falcons fall to 2-6 overall on the year and 1-2 in the ECAC, while the Pioneers improve to 6-2 overall, 2-0 in the league.

After more than eight minutes of scoreless action, Denver was first to get on the board with a goal from Cameron Flint, while the Pioneers added another score a minute and a half later.

Denver tacked on two more goals in the first five minutes of the second period to grab a 4-0 advantage before freshman Erik Smith found the back of the net for Air Force at the 9:06 mark in the quarter. It proved to be the last goal of the period, as the Pioneers took a 4-1 lead into the break.

Following the low-scoring first half, things turned around after the intermission, as Denver opened the second half with five straight goals in the first seven minutes of action to pull away from the Falcons. Freshman Air Force defenseman Matt Puleo scored his first career goal off a face-off win to halt the Pioneers' offensive onslaught, but Denver registered another goal to take a 10-2 advantage with 7:06 remaining in the third period.

Down by eight goals, Air Force began to fight back, tallying the last three scores of the third quarter, with freshman Kyle Cassady, senior Zack Carroll and junior Adam Paranka each registering goals for the Falcons. However, Denver got back on the board early in the final stanza, notching a goal just 12 seconds into the period. With the Pioneers outscoring the Falcons, 4-2, in the fourth quarter, Air Force went home with the seven-point loss.

Denver dominated on face-offs, winning 18-of-25 for the game, including 12-of-18 in the second half. The Pioneers also outshot the Falcons, and picked up 35 ground balls, compared to 25 for Air Force.

The Falcons travel to Macon, Ga., Saturday to take on Mercer in a non-conference match-up.

GAME NOTES

No. 15 Denver 14, Air Force 7

Air Force	0	1	4	2	7
Denver	2	2	6	4	14

AF Scoring: Goals: Cassady 2, Smith, Puleo, Carroll, Paranka, Crampton. Assists: Smith, Carroll.

Denver Scoring: Goals: Matthews 3, Carraro 3, Demopoulos 2, Baxter 2, Lay 2, Flint, Noble. Assists: Demopoulos 3, Lay, Law, Flint, Matthews, Schuette, Noble.



Freshman Matt Puleo scored his first career goal off a face-off win during the Academy's 14-07 loss to Denver Saturday.

BILL EVANS

Freshman Lucas Marin-Salcedo goes after a shot during his doubles match against Denver's Andrew Landwerlen and Jens Vorkefeld Tuesday. Marin-Salcedo and his partner senior Taylor Soster went on to lose the match 4-8.



Tennis team drops 6-1 decision

By Jerry Cross

Athletic Communications

The Air Force men's tennis team dropped a 6-1 decision Tuesday to in-state rival Denver at the Academy. The Falcons fell to 9-7 this spring, while DU improved to 4-12.

The Pioneers captured the doubles point with wins at the top two spots. Andrew Landwerlen and Jens Vorkefeld started things off with an 8-4 win at No. 1 over senior Tay-

lor Soster and freshman Lucas Marin-Salcedo. The Academy's No. 3 team of freshmen Andy Jackson and Alex Grubbs took the No. 3 match, defeating Alex Clinkenbeard and Varun Gunaseeluan, 9-8, winning the tiebreak 7-4. The doubles point then hinged on the No. 2 match, where DU's duo of Enej Bonin and Yannick Weihs, edged AFA sophomore Lance Wilhelm and freshman Steven Young, 9-8, saving two match points in the tiebreak to win, 9-7.

MATCH NOTES

Singles: 1. #55 Enej Bonin (DU) def. Lance Wilhelm, 7-5, 6-1 2. Yannick Weihs (DU) def. Lucas Marin-Salcedo, 6-0, 6-2 3. Jens Vorkefeld (DU) def. Andy Jackson, 6-4, 6-1 4. Andrew Landwerlen (DU) def. Taylor Soster, 6-2, 6-1 5. Alex Clinkenbeard (DU) def. Steven Young, 6-2, 6-4 6. Alex Grubbs (AF) def. Angel Alvarez, 6-0, 6-4 Order of Finish: 2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 6

Doubles: 1. Landwerlen / Vorkefeld (DU) def. Soster / Marin-Salcedo, 8-4 2. Bonin / Weihs (DU) def. Wilhelm / Young, 9-8 (7) 3. Jackson / Grubbs (AF) def. Clinkenbeard / Varun Gunaseelan, 9-8 (4) Order of





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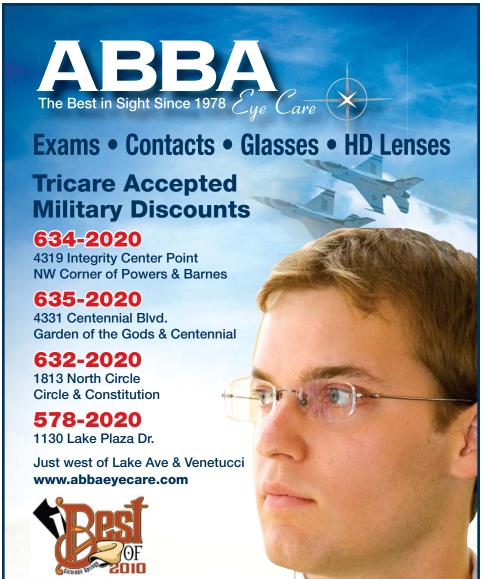
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Led by freshman Kyle Westmoreland, the Air Force golf team placed 17th at the Border Olympics, hosted by the University of Houston at the par-72, 7,125-yard Laredo Country Club.



Air Force golfers place 17th at Border Olympics

By Melissa McKeown Athletic Communications

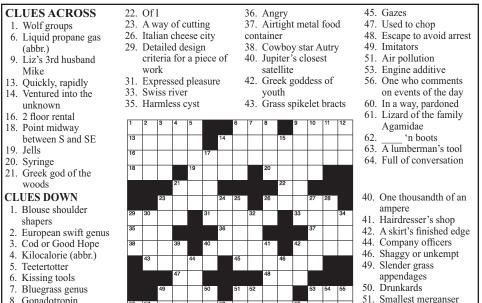
LAREDO, Texas — Led by freshman Kyle Westmoreland, the Air Force golf team placed 17th at the Border Olympics, hosted by the University of Houston at the par-72, 7,125-yard Laredo Country Club. The Falcons, who fired a 303 in the final round, turned in a team score of 897 (+33) for the tournament.

Westmoreland finished the weekend tied for 55th place individually with a score of 222 (+8). Junior Caleb Leestma was next for the Falcons, tying for 79th place at 226, while freshman Philip Colwell finished a stroke behind in a tie for 85th place.

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Final Results

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Senior Kyle Bailey turned in a score

of 229 for the tournament, while sophomore Andrew Hoops, whose 75

in the final round was the low score of

the day for Air Force, finished a stroke behind. In addition, Junior Mark Boy-

er, competing as an individual, posted

Sixteenth-ranked Arkansas captured

the team title, finishing with a three-

round score of 832 (-32), while Rice's

Michael Whitehead earned medalist

honors, finishing 19 strokes under par

Air Force returns to action Mon-

day and Tuesday, when they head to

Scottsdale, Ariz., for the annual Cow-

boy Classic, hosted by the University

a three-round total of 254.

with a score of 197.

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Mills and assistant coaches receive top USAG awards

Mills was named the Most Outstanding Senior, Robinson and Schweiss were named the Assistant Coaches of the year

By Valerie Perkins

Athletic Communications

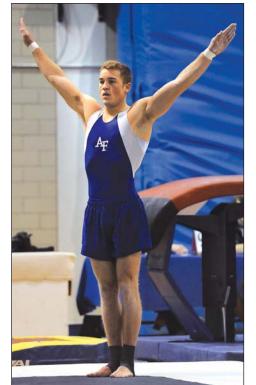
SPRINGFIELD, Mass. —The Air Force men's gymnastics team concluded a stellar weekend at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships with a pair of USAG national awards Saturday. Nash Mills was named the Most Outstanding Senior among varsity teams, while Jeff Robinson and Chuck Schweiss were named the varsity Assistant Coaches of the Year.

In the midst of a strong senior season, Mills became the sixth Air Force gymnast to ever earn the highest collegiate gymnast award from the USAG – and the fourth in the last five years. Mills capped off an impressive weekend at the USAG Championships that included a pair of individual national titles and an Academy record, while leading Air Force to its second straight national team title.

Mills posted an Academy-record score of 15.200 on the parallel bars during the event qualifying session March 25, before successfully defending his national title on Saturday. He also picked up his first USAG title on the still rings during the individual event finals with a career-best matching score.

Robinson is in his first season with the Falcons, while Schweiss is in his third year with the program. It is the second straight year that Air Force has earned the top varsity assistant coach of the year award from USA Gymnastics, as Schweiss and former assistant Brett McClure shared the honor last year.

The Falcons successfully defended their national team title March 25, with a score of 345.700, while Mills (still rings, parallel bars), sophomore Tory Brown (vault) and classmate James Okamoto (pommel horse) earned individual national titles Saturday night. In addition to the event winners, freshman Colton Wulf (floor exercise, high bar, all-around), freshman Ben Zaiser (vault) and senior Matt Thorne (parallel bars) claimed USAG All-America honors.



Air Force senior team captain Nash Mills was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week, the league office announced Tuesday. Mills set an Academy record and won two individual USAG national titles, while helping Air Force to its second consecutive USAG national team championship.

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All family advocacy classes are open to Active Duty, family members, DoD civilians, and retirees. Please call 333-5270 to sign up.

Passport day

The Academy Post Office will offer a special passport fair April 9 at its main location, 5136 Community Center Drive. The passport fair is being held to accommodate Air Force cadets and any other customers.



Cadet Chapel

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

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Tuskegee Appreciation

The Academy's Way of Life Committee hosts a 2011 Tuskegee Airmen Appreciation Weekend today and Saturday. Events include a Confederate Air Force Red Tail P-51C Mustang Flyover at 11:55 a.m over the Terrazzo, and an appreciation dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Doolittle Hall. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr., former commandant of cadets. To purchase tickets, call Maj. Julian Stephens at 333-4767 or Master Sgt. Bryant Ward at 333-8994. Advance purchase required. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Education news

Attention October 2010 and April 2011 CCAF graduates: Pursuing a Bachelor's Degree? Apply for the Pitsenbarger Award Scholarship of \$400 at http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/ pit.pdf Submit your application to the Education Office by Friday, April 15. Winners will be announced at the ceremony.

Award nominees sought

The Academy is seeking nominations for the 2011 Air Force Academy Distinguished Service Award, which the superintendent will present to a service member, civilian or group whose contributions outside their official duties had a positive effect on the Academy.

Nominations must be submitted no later than today to: HQ USAFA/ CMA, 2304 Cadet Drive Suite 3200, USAF Academy, CO 80840-5002. Packages should include a single page with biographical data, including

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CCAF graduation

The Éducation Office will hold a Community College of the Air Force graduation and reception May 5 at the Falcon Club for the October 2010 and April 2011 graduating classes. For more information, contact the Education Office at 333-4821.

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Flu vaccine is available for 10th Air Base Wing civilian employees at the immunizations clinic. The clinic hours are as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

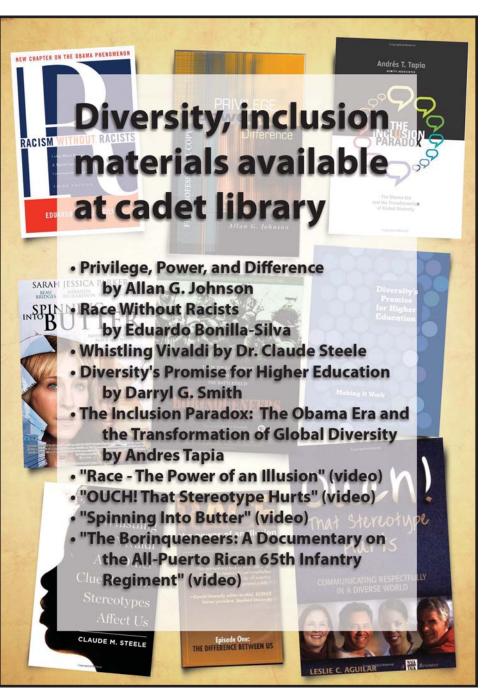
The clinic is closed for training the first Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. If you have any questions, call 333-5080, option 5.

Community Activity programs

Family Night Bingo - April 8 in the Milazzo Center ballroom. Cards are distributed at 5 p.m.; calling starts at 5:30 p.m. Cards, pack of ten, cost \$5. Snacks will be for sale (not dinner).

Free Movie Night - April 15 at Community Center Auditorium. The first movie starts at 6 p.m. and the second movie at 8 p.m. Sodas and popcorn will be for sale.

Bridal Faire - April 16 at the Milazzo Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The faire offers venues, catering, wedding cakes, a fashion show, wedding coordinators, travel planners, florists, music, dance instructors, beauty consultants



(day spa, hair, and make-up), photography and more.

Chess Tournament - April 17 at the Milazzo Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. There is no entry fee, but participants must be a member of the U.S. Chess Federation. This tournament is open to the entire community. Trophies will be awarded.

Community Dance - April 30 at the Milazzo Center, 8-10 pm. Cost is \$10 per couple or \$5 per person. Ballroom and Lind Dance music will be provided by a DJ. Please sign up by April 22.

Lakes of Colorado

Join Ed Elkins and Jim Foster for a free presentation of "The Lakes of Colorado" at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Outdoor Recreation Center at the Community Center. The main focus will be on trout fishing, but pike, walleye and bass will also be discussed. Call 333-2940 for more information.

Soccer stuff

Intramural soccer preseason begins either the week of April 11 or 18. Contact Dave Castilla at the fitness center at 333-4078, for more information.

Youth baseball program

Baseball registration for all ages, now through April 15. Call Falcon Trails Youth Center for more information 333-4169.

Rodeo funds scholarships

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade Foundation is funding two \$2,500 scholarships for children and spouses of military personnel from our region who have died in combat operations since 2001 or who have received the Purple Heart.

For more information or to request an application, contact Brian Binn at 575-4325 or brian@cscc. org.

Soccer coaches needed

The Academy Youth Center is looking for soccer coaches for two teams ages 5-6 and one for a 6-7year-old team. Assistant coaches or volunteers are also needed. Practice times for the 5-6-year-old teams are Monday, 5 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, 5

JEWISH WORSHIP Shabbath: Fridays, 7 p.m.

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Mass: Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, 11:30 a.m. **Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. **Religious formation:** Sunday, 10:15 a.m. September-May

PROTESTANT WORSHIP Wednesday Night Live: 6 p.m. Dinner followed by Religious Education Evangelical: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Gospel: Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

LENTEN SCHEDULE Friday Stations of the Cross, Lenten Suppers: Today, 1, 8 and 15 April 5:30p.m.

to 6 p.m.

This age group practices only once a week. The 6-7-year-old team practices twice a week, Monday and Wednesday, 6 to 7 p.m. Practice begins March 28, and the season ends May 20. If interested, contact David J. Kyle, activities clerk, Youth Programs-Falcon Trail Youth Center, 333-4169.

New York special election

New York will hold a special election May 24 in the 26th Congressional District to fill the seat vacated by Rep. Christopher J. Lee. The 26th Congressional District includes the following counties: Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming.

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