

Dedefining

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Polaris 1994

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Redefining roles, C4C Suzanna Moore takes time off from being a student and officer candidate, to become a house cleaner and care-giver. Moore and many of her classmates from Third Group volunteered three days of their time to help out in Operation Heartland. Their efforts helped Boone, Iowa get on the road to recovery after terrible summer flooding. Photo by P.J. Pelkington

Standing at attention
Villalpando takes part
A crowd favorite and
for years to come. At
off the day's festivities

Tradition

The United States Air Force Academy, like its Army and Navy counterparts, is steeped in age old tradition. Known as the youngest military academy its cadets struggle every year with the "borrowed" tradition it received from its ancestor West Point. One dilemma involved in carrying tradition for tens, even hundreds of years is that the new generations of cadets don't see their contributions to the institution. The solution for many groups is to Redefine some old Traditions.

Sometimes tradition changing at a conservative institution like this one is met with much resistance from

the older generation leadership and graduates. Upon convincing these unchanging entities that the new definition is rooted in their hard work, yet updated to meet current needs of the Cadet Wing a new tradition is born. More of these new traditions were sought and realized this year, than any other year.

One of the most fundamental differences came in leadership. The Commandant of the Cadet Wing had traditionally been a graduate of

USAF. Not so this year, a graduate of Texas A&M, brought with him a fresh new perspective and a seemingly open mind. The Commandant opened the year by eliminating the Saturday Morning Inspection (SAMI). The old recognition, the point at which fourthclassmen (freshmen) become upperclass cadets, was completely reorganized. The new program, entitled ascension, eliminated the old "hell week," and provided a smoother transition from follower to leader. The "hell week" system, and SAMI had been part of the institution since its opening in 1958. Continued on page 4



Standing at attention and wearing her uniform with pride C3C Maria Villalpando takes part in the traditional march-on at a home football game. A crowd favorite and a great way to show spirit, this tradition will be around for years to come. At each home game two groups marched on the field to kick off the day's festivities. Photo by B. Boyd

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And, yes, it is in the middle of being

Members of the Cadet Wing also focused less on military leadership "in house". A trend of community service for people in need was very prevalent. Cadets participated in Operation Heartland, a several day relief campaign they organized and executed to aid victims of the huge flood of 1993. Several sports teams sponsored a recreational activities day that provided food and fun for reform school children. The Academy Big Brothers, Big Sisters also were very active with local community children. Continued on page 7.

Freshly shaved and fed, this new basic of the Class of 1997 reads through his copy of Wingtips. This book and all of the activities of inprocessing day, kicked off the first of many changes that the upper three classes had to adjust to during the 1993-1994 school year. Photo by B. Scharton



TOTALLY & COMPLETELY REDEFINED



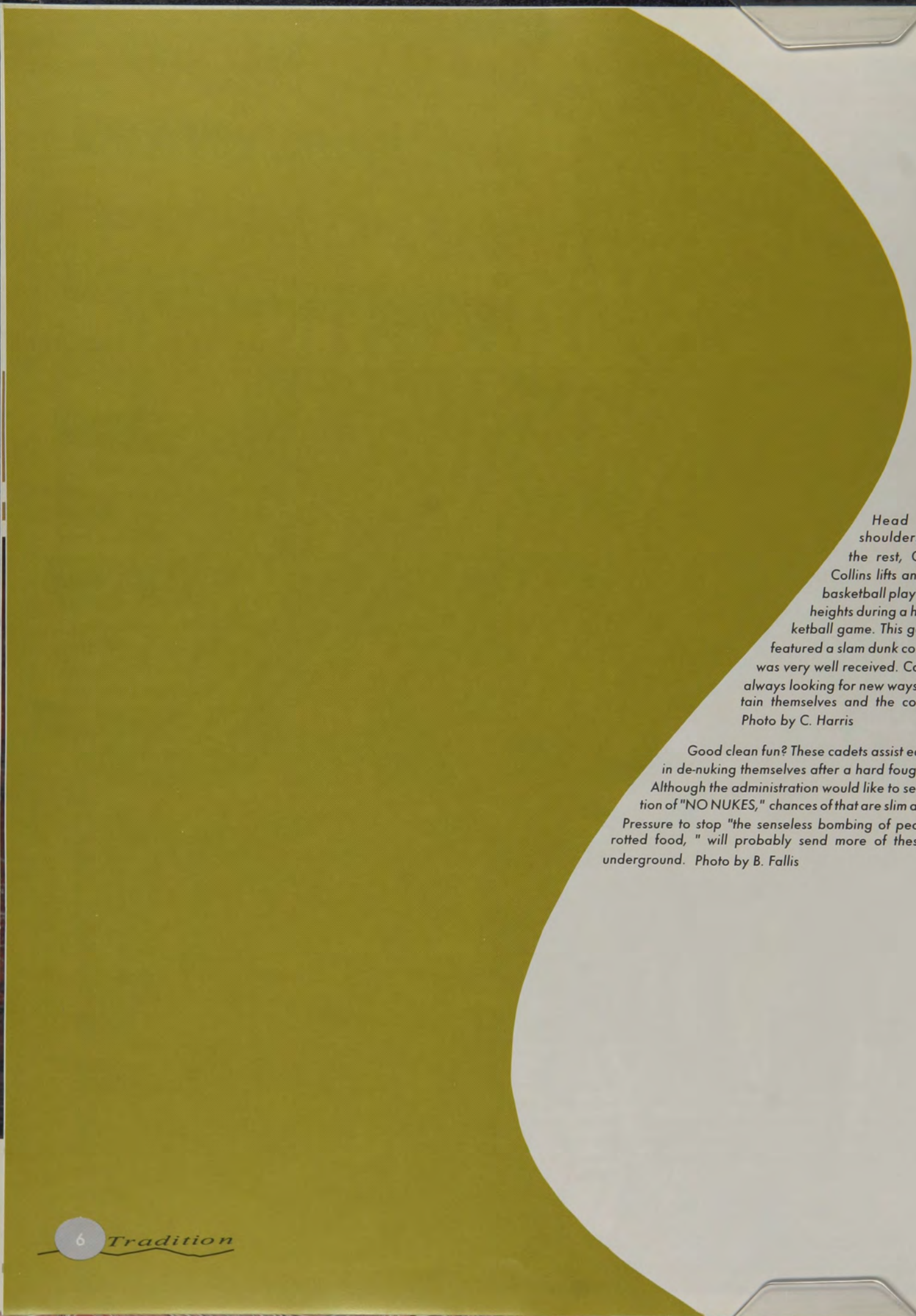
Following the leader, Thurlby, guides his str... around the parade field... occurred in unison w... marched by all who w... athletics.



Following the leader, Fall Wing Commander, C1C Trace Thurlby, guides his staff and the rest of the Wing to a trip around the parade field. Saturday morning parades normally occurred in unison with home football games and were marched by all who were not involved in fall intercollegiate athletics.

"Welcome to your new reality..." cadre member C1C John Aalborg welcomes a new recruit USAFA style. Unlike years in the past, in processing lasted two days and during this indoctrination less yelling went on, unfortunately good things come to an end and training became more difficult as the Class of 1997 progressed. Photo by B. Scharton





Head and shoulders above the rest, C2C Roy Collins lifts an aspiring basketball player to new heights during a home basketball game. This game also featured a slam dunk contest that was very well received. Cadets are always looking for new ways to entertain themselves and the community. Photo by C. Harris

Good clean fun? These cadets assist each other in de-nuking themselves after a hard fought battle. Although the administration would like to see a tradition of "NO NUKES," chances of that are slim and none. Pressure to stop "the senseless bombing of people with rotted food," will probably send more of these rituals underground. Photo by B. Fallis



In the academic arena more civilian faculty members taught in the classroom, than in any year previously. A push for stricter penalties of academically deficient people forced more cadets to leave because of grades. The academic probation policy prohibited cadets from signing out at all, and it was recommended that the probation last one full year instead of the traditional one semester.

These examples are just a few of the notable differences in the Academy. The reforms by this year's cadets marked USAFA as the least rigid schools of its kind. Tradition redefining is good, it presents the core ideals in a new light, continued exploration in this area will surely add vividness to the cadet experience.

By Michael Brevard



*Even military training
couldn't escape modifications*





Tradition and military training go hand-in-hand, but this year nothing was sacred when it came time to change. Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Sheila Widnall addressed the Wing and said

Military

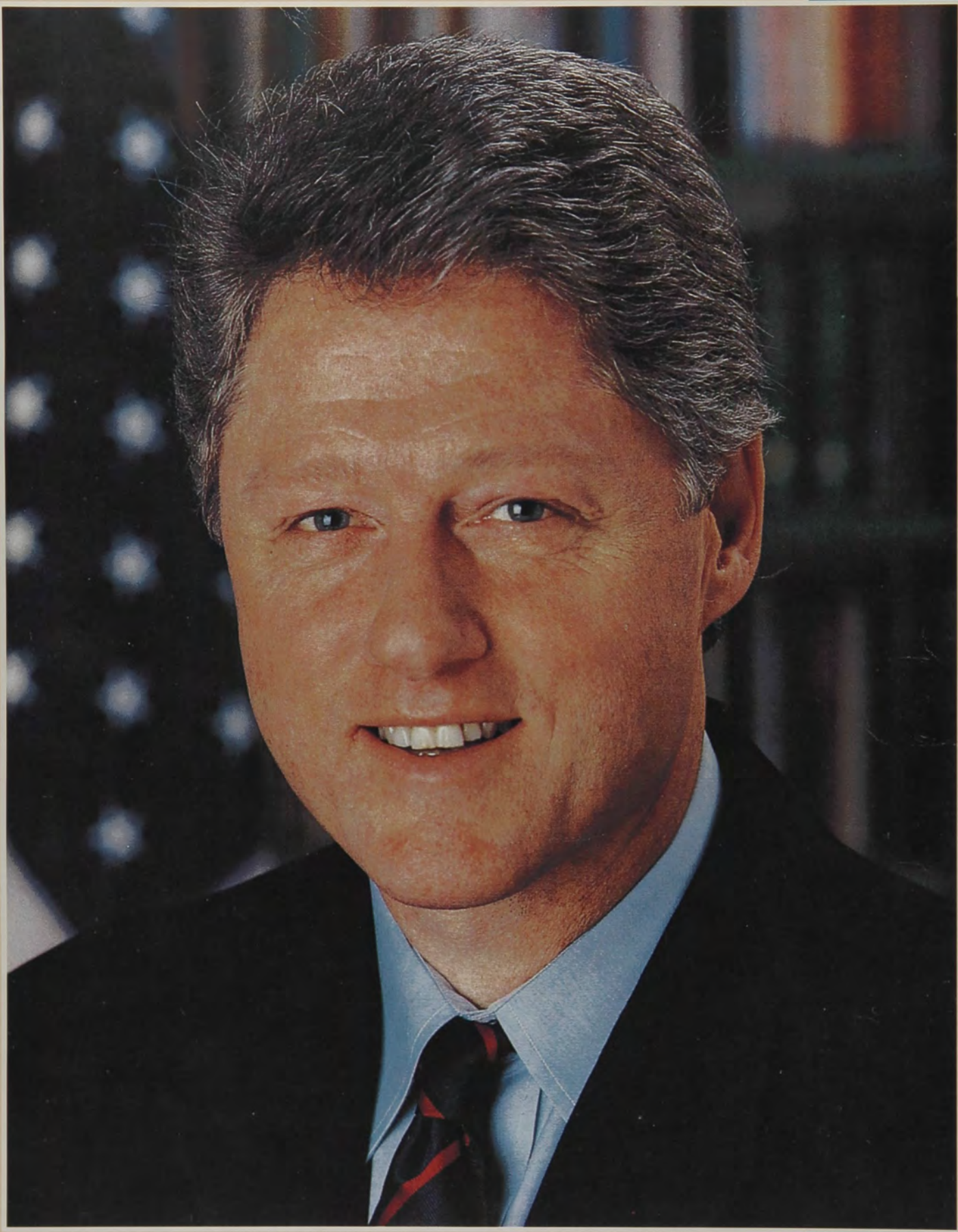
if Academy graduates can demonstrate that they became better officers because they were trained in an atmosphere and manner that fostered integrity (then) "the value of this institution will remain high in the eyes of society."

Maintaining a high profile in society was important and this goal led to serious tradition modifications in regard to the Class of 1997. This class was the first to come in with the understanding that they would no longer receive a regular commission. In addition the fourth class did not receive their prop and wings prior to Spring Break as the classes before; instead their training program included Ascension.

Accepting the redefining of military training was initially a bitter pill for some upperclass cadets to swallow, but most came around. C1C Jason Forest said: "Looking back over my four years at the Academy, there is no way I could have changed so much so fast anyplace else, if only because no place else offers a four-year, 24-hour-a-day military experience."

T radition

Keeping in step, Wolfpack learns unit cohesion on a squadron run. Even with training modifications, morning runs remained popular especially during first semester. Photo by J. Babinski



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The Honorable William Perry
Secretary of Defense



The Honorable Dr. Sheila Widnall
Secretary of the Air Force



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Redefined



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Air Force Chief of Staff*



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Superintendent of the Air Force Academy

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*Brig Gen Patrick K. Gamble
Commandant of Cadets*

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Gen Georg
Patton

The Commandant's Staff

"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."

Gen George S. Patton



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ALL STAFF 1993



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"There is no type of human endeavor where it is so important that the leader understands all phases of his job as that of the profession of arms."



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"A leader is a man who has the ability to get other people to do what they don't want to do, and like it."
 President Harry S. Truman



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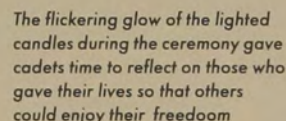


“Without a word this uniform also whispers of freezing troops, injured bodies, and Americans left forever in fallen fields. It documents every serviceman’s courage who by accepting this uniform promises the gift he truly has to give, his life. I wear this uniform for the heritage of sacrifice it represents and more. I wear this uniform with pride, for it represents the greatest nation of free people in the world.”

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By Brian Fitzgerald

During this War Memorial marning, several hundred cadets assembled at the foot of the Class Wall at 2300 to show their respects for the deceased graduates. The chaplains led the cadets in a few solemn prayers. This was followed by a candle lighting ceremony where cadets sang the third verse of the Air Force Song.

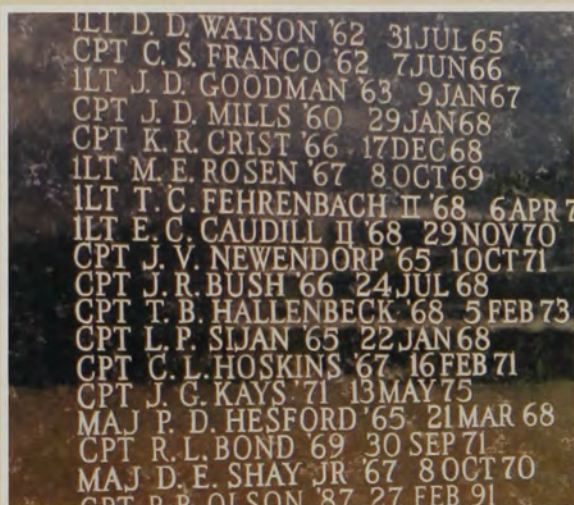


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REMEMBERING those that have fallen, these cadets gather to pay respects Veteran's day. This solemn moment shared by cadets is a glimpse of the regard that cadets feel toward their forefathers. Photo by B. Boyd

ETCHED FOREVER on the wall, these names are but a few of those that gave their lives to our nation. Everyday cadets march by and look right at the names. Few realize that one day they too may be preserved in this stone. Photo by M. Gregory.



MANNING THEIR POSTS, these cadets stand guard at the war memorial. Cadets volunteered to watch the war memorial day and night following the Taps ceremony. The Honor Guard sets the example here, sacrificing their time to ensure a solemn ceremony and that the proper respect is exhibited. Photo by P. Pelkington

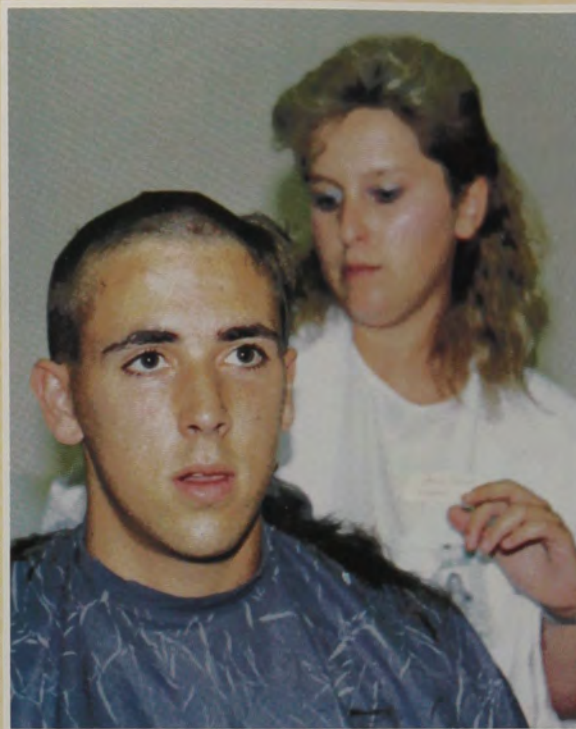


HAVING SECOND
THOUGHTS, hair is one of
many liberties taken from
basics. Basics learn the value
of the freedom they protect.
Photo by B. Scharton

GIVING IT HIS ALL, basics are
required to put forth effort in
every activity of training.
Photo by B. Scharton

REACHING FOR THE STARS,
this basic from the Aggressors
pumps out pull-ups during
field day. Field day pitted all
ten squadrons against each
other during such strenuous
events as the log relay and the
tug-of-war. Photo by B.
Scharton

FROM HERE ON, these basics
make a commitment that no
other profession demands,
giving one's life to defend the
nation. Their words will
continue to echo through their
hearts and minds during BCT,
SERE and their Air Force
careers. Photo by B. Scharton





"Sacrifices must be made."
Otto Lilienthal's
last words,
1896.

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CPT C. S. FRAN	62 7JUN66
ILI J. D. GOOD	8 63 2JAN67
CPT J. D. MILL	1 29JAN68
CPT K. E. CRIS	1 17DEC68
ILI M. E. ROSE	7 8OCT69
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ILI E. C. CAUL	1 68 29NOV70
CPT J. V. NEW	ORD 65 1OCT71
CPT J. R. BUSI	24JUL68
CPT T. B. HAL	3ECK 68 3FEB7
CPT L. P. SIDA	3 22JAN69
CPT C. L. HOS	8 67 16FEB71
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MAJ P. D. HE	10 65 21MAR 6
CPT R. L. BON	9 30SEPT71
MAJ D. E. SH	8 64 8OCT70
CPT P. B. OLS	27 27 FEB 91



TESTING SELF-DISCIPLINE, shots are one of the many demanding activities of the military. During basic, vaccinations are just one aspect of the blur of in-processing. Photo by B. Scharton

aming the BEAST

Basics are introduced to the military profession and the Academy heritage

The theme "Sacrifices Must Be Made" echoed thunderously throughout our stay. From In-Processing to the march out to Jack's, the Class of 1997 made many daily sacrifices. It was the first step of the journey ahead of us.

Learning was an all-day experience. We learned how to fall in, sound off, and speed out very quickly. Memorizing and reciting knowledge from "Wingtips," we were constantly seen with the book one inch from our noses.

Things once taken for granted were suddenly labored for, things like mail was earned by doing pullups. Many of us became instantly religious, praying and wondering just what we had gotten ourselves into. The few moments we had alone, tattoo time and the 4th of July fireworks ceremony, were relished deeply.

"For me, the most memorable moment of BCT was the 4th of July fireworks show," C4C Erik Wallman said. "I reflected upon my reasons for coming to the Academy and started to realize the

extent of the sacrifices which I was willing to make for my country."

A different type of sacrifice was made in Arnold Hall. The mere mention of the word brought the instant fear of flow control, front one-third of the chair, and the front row reserved for "special basics". We continuously chanted phrases for the pleasure of the cadre until we were posted.

"What are you doing in MY Arnold Hall?!?" C2C Douglas Johns, the Group Superintendent, introduced us in his own special way to class unity and Academy heritage. The fear-instilling sound of the metal taps sliding and clicking on the floor ensured that we were falling in. Thankfully, these sacrifices came to an end.

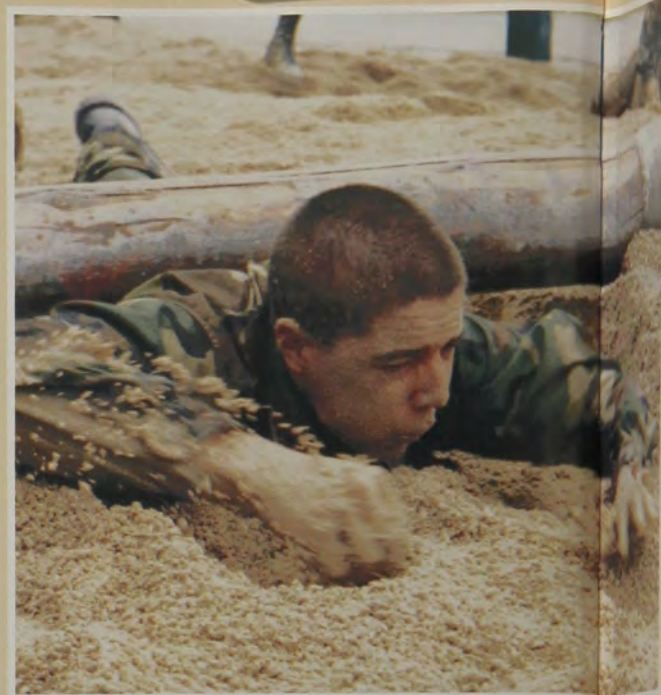
Doolie Day Out marked the transition between First and Second Beast. There, we met our sponsor families, got to eat a whole lot, and call home for the first time. However, the fun was short lived as we returned to the Hill and met our Second Beast cadre members.

By Rusty Evers

NO TIME TO REST, this basic keeps pushing through the Assault Course. Photo by B. Scharton



DIGGING THROUGH DIRT, this basic races to complete the Obstacle Course. Photo by B. Scharton



AN UNPLEASANT WELCOME BACK, physical conditioning is what basics can expect from the Obstacle Course. The O-course tested endurance and strength as basics raced for time. Photo by B. Scharton

DESPITE THE PAIN, these basics take on one of the toughest challenges at Jack's Valley: the Assault Course. The A-course was a scene alive with automatic rifle fire and grenade blasts where the basics drilled in close combat and overcame obstacles such as barbed wire. Photo by B. Scharton





"The true measure of a professional lies in his ability to adapt to new situations."
The Honorable Harold Brown, Secretary of the Air Force, 1966.



n the end, there's one

The class of 1997 beats the beast, and together as one are accepted into the cadet wing

It was another shock as we returned the Academy. We thought that we had gone to the limit, but little did we know that there was so much more awaiting for us. It began with the march out to the Valley. There, we had to get tents set up and memorize new names and faces very quickly.

Many of us faced and often surpassed unheard of obstacles. This fun included the Nuclear, Biological, & Chemical Course, Leadership Reaction Course, Confidence Course, Obstacle Course, and Compass Course. "The only place I got a lot of chit was on the Compass Course," C4C Jen Brannan said. "You knew you were screwing up if you got trained there."

Training, however, was abundant on the Assault Course. The half-hearted chant of "The A-Course is a gay course" soon ended as we were introduced to the cadre and their challenges. Automatic machine gun fire, smoke, and concussion grenades pushed us to our limits. A great sense of pride developed when we finally

conquered Hell's Full Acre.

The one good thing that came out of Jack's was the food. We often got fruit and Gatorade before sleeping in the green mummy bags. Granted, we did get more food than any other class, but we also stayed out in the Valley longer than any other class. In addition to Sweepstakes, we ran most of the courses twice.

"Motivation through hydration" became the daily chant. To prevent dehydration, we downed many canteens full of water and then turned them upside down over our heads to prove that they were empty. It almost never rained during this hot, dusty summer.

Chaplain's Picnic was the festival day as the cadre members left and the fun began. We ate, slept, played volleyball or horseshoes, or listened to a live band. It was a day to step back, take a breather, and write home. We realized how far we had come; it wasn't much further until the march back and Acceptance.

By Rusty Evers



BEATING THE BEAST, the Class of 1997 finishes Basic Cadet Training and is accepted into the Cadet Wing as fourthclassmen. These stoic faces hide the pride felt in the heart after completing such an awesome challenge. Photo by B. Scharton

I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my life and our life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense." Article I of the Code of Conduct



THE SOLDIER'S GAZE is unmistakable. SERE points out to cadets just what sacrifices a member of the Armed forces may be called to give. Cadets had plenty of opportunities to consider the price of freedom during SERE training. Photo by P. Palmer

ONE of the most important aspects of SERE is that cadets not only go through the program, but they teach it as well. Teaching SERE reinforces earlier training which may one day save a life and will of a cadet. Photo by P. Palmer.



CAMOUFLAGE is one of the most important steps to evasion. C3C James Radford applies a base of camouflage which will remain for the next seven days as he experiences the consequences of a hike through Saylor Park. Photo by P. Palmer



SURVIVAL doesn't allow a choice of dining facilities for meals. This meal may not appear appetizing, but cadets experience worse during SERE. Photo by L. Cabrera

SIGNALING with a mirror could be the only means of rescue for a downed person. C3C Beth Weaver practices how to sight the mirror's reflection. Photo by P. Palmer

RAPPELLING FACE FIRST is a heart
lifting experience. Cadets
experience rappelling during
RECONDO. Some summer
programs can be dangerous. This
cadet found out the hard way
after he was half way down this
cliff. Photo by L. Cabrera



WEAPONS are the mark of our
trade. RECONDO offers a chance
for cadets to use some of the
weapons in the inventory. Cadets
also experience small unit
movement and throwing live
grenades during RECONDO.
Watch out, Rambo! This cadet
proudly shows off one of the
weapons he fired. Photo by L.
Cabrera





"On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that on other days and other fields will bear the fruit of victory."
General Douglas MacArthur



ummer training

Cadets take a look at life Army style through RECONDO and Air Assault

Some cadets at USAFA don't always find the "wild blue yonder" appealing. They could be "land lubbers" at heart. Therefore, the Academy offers a variety of summer programs that introduce these demented individuals to the "grunt" way of life. Two of these offerings are Recondo and Air Assault.

Recondo is a two week school in which cadets work with the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Carson, Colorado. During this 15 day program, cadets fire several different types of firearms, throw live grenades, defend positions, perform reconnaissance patrols, and learn mountaineering skills. To enter this program, cadets must meet certain physical standards and volunteer for the 65 slots offered for the program. After completion of the course, cadets may wear the Recondo badge for the remainder of their cadet career.

Other cadets will move to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma to work with the 101st

Airborne Division at Air Assault School. Cadets receive instruction in helicopter assault techniques, aeromedical evacuation, pathfinder operations, and slingloading operations. Like Recondo, cadets must volunteer to take the Air Assault program and meet certain physical and mental standards to qualify. There are 30 slots for each of the two eleven day programs offered and the competition is usually tough. Also like Recondo, cadets may wear Air Assault wings on their uniform after graduating from the course. After graduation, unlike Recondo, Air Assault wings may be worn on their officer uniforms.



To the Bat Poles, Robin! Air Force Academy cadets try their hand at "grunt" skills as they rapell at Air Assault school.

Here at Wild Blue U., many cadets dream about an afterburner strapped to their back. Others want to pound the ground and act like students enrolled at Hudson High by attending Air Assault and Recondo in the summer. How sickening!

By Rob Sepp

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alling from the skies

*Joining the competition parachute team
gives members a sky high perspective*

The Wings of Blue is a parachute team that competes every year in national tournaments. Participants attempt to land on the bull's-eye (a 5 centimeter circle) in a 15 centimeter circle. The judges score the opponents on style, formation work, and accuracy. The United States Air Force Academy had the Masters Division Overall Champion when they travelled to Florida this year. C1C Rick Wageman won this outstanding award. Aside from being an outstanding competition team, they also train approximately 800 new free-fall students every year.

"Members of the team are given a great opportunity to teach, we travel a lot, and represent the Academy. The competition is fun and we normally give a pretty good show," said C2C Jason Fisk, a master jumper. "Teaching students is what I enjoy the most. It is neat to know that the new free-fall students enter the program with no jump experience, but will graduate USAFA with 400 to 500 jumps." The free-fall parachuting course is offered to cadets during each summer.

Upon entering the free-fall program cadet instructors share their experience along with formal instruction to prepare students for the big first jump. C2C Matt Kenton, another master jumper, shared: "The program provides an opportunity for cadets to overcome one of their fears and do something they never thought possible. We also provide an excellent opportunity for them to learn and develop new skills." He continued: "There is nothing like opening that door on the first day and seeing those fourteen faces light up when it's time to jump. It is a lot of responsibility, and the cadets and instructors live up to it!"

The training at the Academy is some of the best in the nation. The basic free-fall parachuting course is another opportunity in which cadets get professional hands on training. The Wings of Blue jump team is solely responsible for organizing and teaching this course. Their hard work and dedication is an asset to the Academy and the Cadet Wing.

By Michael Brevard

"Once real mastery of the air was obtained, all sorts of enterprises would become easy."
Prime Minister Winston Churchill





Birdie afraid of heights! The Falcon, USAFA's mascot lands upright on the field and true to tradition, it kisses the ground. The person in the bird suit is a Wings of Blue member.

This jumper approaches the ground slowly. The Wings of Blue provided an entertaining demonstration for the Wing and tourists at a noon meal formation.



Form it up! These team members practice formation maneuvers well above the ground. Teamwork is a graded criteria at competitions every year.

This cadet escorts the flag safely to the ground, where several of his teammates will receive the colors. The Wings of Blue bring in the flag numerous time during the year.





SETTING THE EXAMPLE, the Grim Reapers demonstrate one of the most visible results of years of training, noon meal formation. Everyday hundreds of visitors look on as cadets perform a part of our military heritage: drill and ceremony. Photo by C. Grosjean

BEARING A SABER, the symbol of an officer, CTC Gregory McCleary reports in to Wing Staff. The saber represents authority and command. Consequently it's also a significant symbol of the Academy and its mission, to develop career officers for the Air Force. Photo by C. Grosjean



NO OTHER organization holds as much respect towards its members as the profession of arms. Even during Parent's weekend, cadets take time to remember those graduates who gave their lives. Photo by P. Pelington





acing the crowd

Tourists catch a glimpse of the strong military heritage and traditions present at the Academy

Formations are the most visible aspect of the United States Air Force Academy. Everyday hundreds of people watch as cadets march. Even on those days that one would think that the tourists wouldn't expose themselves to the weather, they're still out there watching. C4C Michael J. Higgins Jr., looked back on his experiences of the wall: "Before I came here, I visited the Academy and I was on the wall. It was like an attraction. Here it's just a formation. It's nothing special when you do it twice a day. When you are on the other side, you realize there is something more to it."

But why are formations so important? Perhaps the tourists see a glimpse of a unique institution in those formations. It takes a strong sense of self-discipline to be told what to wear and when to march everyday, while others the same age are enjoying a less demanding life at other colleges. The self-discipline exhibited in formations is the quality that General

Patton spoke about that is so necessary for military service.

The tourists however, don't see the whole picture during lunch—their view from the wall doesn't show everything. Motivation goes beyond the terrazzo and can also be found in the squadrons. Almost everyday the Roadrunners pumped out push-ups. The CS-09 Vikings and the CS-10 Tigers demonstrated the rivalry that exists among squadrons in the wing while on occasions cars raced around the terrazzo filled with people throwing candy to formations.

Another aspect that made marching exciting was that the terrazzo became an obstacle course. A maze of construction, fencing, gravel and debris challenged the ability of squadron commanders to navigate their squadrons to Mitchell Hall. There was even cement truck traffic on the terrazzo to dodge during formations.

By Marcus Gregory

"If you can't get them to salute when they should salute and wear the clothes you tell them to wear, how are you going to get them to die for their country?"
General George S. Patton, Jr.



BEFORE KICKOFF, the cadets march on to show respect for the flag and the nation that it represents. After every game cadets take time to remember those that have fallen for the flag.
Photo by C. Grosjean

"UNCOVER!" This command, accompanied by the click of the Stan/Eval teams' cold steel taps against rock hard terrazzo is dreaded by all at formations. Photo by C. Grosjean



TAKING NOTES, C2C Rich Murray trails flight commander C1C Heather Johnson who is inspecting her troops. ORIs allow commanders to inspect their troops and correct problems before Stan/Eval can find any discrepancies. Photo by C. Grosjean

LOOKING ON the formations, tourists don't quite gaze with such a critical eye as Stan/Eval. The squadron's discipline in drill may well determine how fast they can get to their seats in Mitchell Hall the following week. Photo by M. Gregory



DOWN THE LINE, this is the view of noon meal formation through the sharp, alert eagle eyes of Stan/Eval. The crowds gazing from the wall often don't notice the faces in the formations hidden behind the sharp uniforms and military drill perfection enforced by Stan/Eval. Photo by C. Grosjean





"A man has integrity if his interest in the good of the service is at all times greater than his personal pride, and when he holds himself to the same line of duty when unobserved as he would follow if his superiors were present."
General S.L. A. Marshall,
Thoughts on War, 1941.



STEEL STRIKES STONE

Stan/Eval makes their rounds

Sharply the harsh scrape of cold metal against rough stone cuts through the silent afternoon as the cold stare of hundreds strikes at your back. The taunting wind tickles hairs in the back of your neck as that dreadful scrape comes nearer.

Your heart beats faster, and fear grips your inner being. Thoughts race through your head of that missed haircut appointment and that lost moment of shining shoes that has left yours looking like chocolate bars. Your fears are realized as the Stan/Eval team faithfully take up their position next to your formation. Just as the group commander relinquishes command to the squadron commanders, those biting words "UNCOVER!" leap through the air and bury into your ears.

You grudgingly remove your cap, displaying your mane of hair that is about to cost you your freedom this Friday night. As the uncaring, cold hearted judge approaches, your heart stops. Time stands still at this instant, the clap of steel taps strike as a thunderclap from the heavens, deafening you. Then all of a sudden the guard slithers by, and stops at the comrade next to you, and time begins again. You let out a small breath of relief and silently celebrate your escape from another skirmish with Stan/Eval.

This brief harsh scene describes almost every formation of grade

week, or big week as it is commonly called. During big week Standardization and Evaluation teams leave no stone unturned. During formations everything from sizing to wear on shoes is looked at, creating an atmosphere of fear for most cadets. "You tend to get in trouble when you screw up, so I was a little worried. Then they looked at me, didn't say much, and went on." C4C Aaron Barnes stated about Stan/Eval at formations.

While their comrades are outside grading personal appearance, other Stan/Eval teams are searching for discrepancies in cadets' rooms. A fourth class cadet recalled an incident with Stan/Eval in the rooms: "All of a sudden this ugly guy with white gloves walks in my room, puts me at attention, and says 'This room better be good, now get out!', and that's all I remember." The grading doesn't stop there, squadron duties are evaluated on how well they are accomplished these included everything from safety security boards to element leader notebooks. Everything is evaluated, and squadrons are then provided with feedback as to where they place against the other squadrons.

Following the big week, there is a brief period to relax and then cadets are preparing for the next time Stan/Eval might come their way again.

By Marcus Gregory

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ew training hits wing

The do's and don'ts of new system cause controversy

Training. What images does that word conjure up? Are the first images that pop into mind sweaty fourthclassmen in a SAR along with yelling upperclassmen with berets on? Or do you first imagine a superior conducting on the job training with a subordinate?

Chances are, if you are a cadet you see the first right away. Pulling chins, supporting classmates, dropping for push-ups, going on runs in full BDU's. But it is obvious that training should and does encompass much more than physical and mental stress.

This year, training took on a new face than in years past. Ever since the class of 97 entered on 1 July, there were

noticeable changes in some do's and don'ts of training, which has caused some friction.

To hear the upperclassmen talk, you'd think the class of 97 was the worst class to come to the Academy. As someone so aptly put it, if the class was as bad as the upperclass so often say, then by the year 2000 we would be admitting the dregs of humanity!

Chaplain Person explained the upper class perception of the new training system: "every class says the next class has it easy! It will be beneficial to the institution when the new plan is in place and the people trained the old way are graduated."

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Standing with his shoulders back and down, C4C Adam Hardage aggressively bellows out the words to the Star Spangled Banner while C4C Eric Lindberg tries to follow. During "knowledge reviews" well versed fourthclassmen would often recite Contrails at the top of their lungs so as to aid their less inclined classmates. Photo by K. Ober.



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After an hour of standing, "chatting", and pitting, C4C McGee finally loses the staring contest to C3C Kevin Gulick. Although perceived as less intense by many upperclassmen, sweat sessions still challenged and sometimes terrified the unadulterated fourthclassmen.
Photo by B. Fallis.

Quickly but silently, C4C Keith Henderlong and C4C Jon Appelt pour the drinks without breaking any glasses. Along with the silence at the tables, posts, current events, and even the roles of the hot pilot, cold pilot, and load master seemed to fade into obscurity.



Giving C3C Steve Hahn his undivided attention, C4C Jon Appelt listens as he is corrected on his 16 count rifle manual. After this interlude, Appelt then went on to other stations that consisted of such events as Iron Mikes, push ups, and knowledge regurgitation.



C2C Jeremiah Roger asks C4C Tanji Johnson why her shoes aren't up to par. During training sessions in the hallway, it was not unusual for fourthclassmen to fight for a dark, unlit piece of property in the hopes of hiding uniform imperfections.
Photo by C. Grosjean.

Unfortunately for C4C Loren King, bathing was not a high priority of the day for C4C Dan Jenkins and C4C Steve Sztan in front of him. In addition to rote knowledge during training sessions, fourthclassmen had to put up with classmates who needed deodorants and upperclassmen who needed breath mints. Photos by B. Fallis.



Feeling the daggers coming out of C3C James Roy's eyes, C4C Dan "The Checkpoints Man" Ronneberg fires back with a barrage of the day's knowledge beginning with, of all things, Checkpoints. With the advent of USAFANet and 486 computers, cadets could interface with each other on a nightly bases. Photo by C. Grosjean.



Just like in any other university, C3C Kip Kiefer and C4C (three time basic) Matt Quatrara are getting to know each other through a little social discourse. Moving away from the once dreaded Triple Threat (SAMI, ORI, Parade) training weekends became primarily a squadron organized and hence a squadron bonding event. Photo by J. Kajosz.

With an almost pious concentration, C4Cs Dan Rovey, McGee, and Loren King try to anticipate the next question. Knowledge bowls showed cadets who knew their stuff and who didn't. Photo by B. Fallis.





"It should be the duty of every soldier to reflect the experiences of the past, in the endeavor to discover improvements, in his particular sphere of action, which are practicable in the immediate future."
B. H. Liddell Hart



Acceptance of changes slow

Upperclass cadets shy away from new system until positive results are seen

C1C James Davis, who was the 2nd BCT commander, commented that the new system of training was beneficial to a certain extent. In some ways training is more relaxed. Under the old system there was less frat, it was less buddy-buddy. In the old system it was understood that the upperclassmen were there to teach the fourthclass cadets, this year sometimes this idea was less clear. Concerning the kinks in the new training technique Davis said: "I don't blame the three and four degrees, those are the wrong people. It's a maturity thing. All we (the upperclass) know is that we have to scream. We are used to the old regime." He explained that many upperclassmen are afraid of making a mistake when training, and being punished for that mistake. Instead of being innovative and trying to train the new way, some chose to not train at all, or use less effective methods such as: "learning

through negative reinforcement."

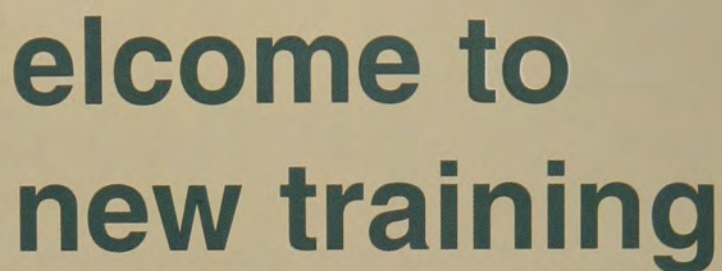
And what do the fourthclassmen see in this training system? "LDM (The Leadership Development Manual) was the most effective (guide for learning). It actually taught you the way to deal with subordinates," C4C Dana Tate stated. C4C Richard Carter commented: "When training is constructive it is instructive. When it is not constructive it is destructive." He added, "We don't seem to know the difference between the two here. That's what I hate, inconsistency in training."

USAFA is taking steps to amend the weaknesses in the current training system. It will take upperclassmen and fourthclassmen alike to change training into a meaningful learning experience. The cynicism must be put aside and cadets must remember the lessons learned from the old, and better the new.

C4C Aurelia M. Dillard



Forced to use delayed push-ups to get a long hard look at the floor tiles, C4C Chris Ledford and C4C Brad Cook tell the upperclassmen what they think of Hell's second floor. Despite the changes in training, the Stairway to Heaven still remained a popular meeting ground between the four degrees and upperclassmen.
Photo by C. Grosjean.



In the past, the culmination of fourthclass training was recognition. During recognition, the four degrees went through a weekend of strenuous physical and mental exercise in order to receive the coveted prop and wings, a symbol of being an upperclassman. This year, in keeping with the current trend, the tradition of recognition fell victim to the changing times.

Recognition gave birth to a new day of training for fourthclassmen called ascension. Ascension was very similar to how recognition used to be. Four degrees went through a weekend of difficult physical and stressful mental work outs. At the end of the weekend, prop and wings were not presented to the Class of

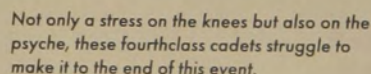
While they were at rest, four degrees were to keep up their military bearing. The purpose for the fourthclass being put at rest was to give a better atmosphere to learn how to become better trained thirdclassmen than those of past classes. Unfortunately, many felt this really wasn't accomplished.

It was rumored that the attitude and professionalism throughout the four degree class seriously declined while they waited for the modified recognition. This was partially due to the fact that roles did not seem clearly defined.

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Follow the lead ... these fourthclass cadets do a duck walk across the Field House floor as they are instructed by this cadre member. All of the obstacles were held inside due to bad weather.



"Geez ... lighten up ..." This fourthclass cadet dons a blue lei to distract cadre member C2C Jason Anderson from his task at hand which included orally recording ascension activities.
Photo by B. Fallis

A familiar sight, but not in a familiar place, this cadet low crawls his way through short tents. This obstacle brings fourthclass cadets a little closer to recognition.

Crunch and hold ... with encouragement from a cadre member, this fourthclass cadet works to keep good form and enthusiasm for the task at hand.



recognition redefined

The pluses and minuses of the new system is debated

Recognition was incorporated into the weekend of CFLEX weekend. CFLEX training was completed Friday evening and Saturday recognition commenced. With most of the regular recognition events transferred to ascension, recognition did not have too much sustenance behind it. Squadrons had some internal training prepared and the entire Class of '97 was to run to complete the Run to the Rock, traditionally the last event of old recognition before prop and wings were presented.

But, even the Run to the Rock was modified when it became an optional event which some four degrees did not participate in. At the end of it all, prop and wings were finally presented to the four degrees. The whole new process got a mixed reaction from the people who went through it.

Happy Hour! These cadets break the class barrier and socialize over refreshments before a celebration dinner. Photo By T. Kudo

"The prop and wings ceremony was very meaningful," C4C Scott Hall said, "but, the ascension and recognition process wasn't that good. Recognition worked for years and should have stayed the same."

Many people want to reinvent the wheel in order to leave their mark on USAFA. One way to do this is to change tradition. Changing tradition also occurs to improve how things are done, but there is a need to maintain tradition for tradition's sake. One thing that falls into this area is recognition. Recognition is a very meaningful experience for all, but if this tradition changes to the new format even prop and wings may eventually lose the meaning that it was originally intended to have.

By Rob Sepp



"The power of excellence is overwhelming. It is always in demand and nobody cares about its color."
General Daniel "Chapie" James Jr



"This is going to hurt me more than it hurts you ..." C2C Brian Bradford gives these fourthclass cadets some brotherly encouragement to get through a push-up session. This was part of recognition activities. Photo by C. Grosjean



"You gotta have trust in your fellow classmates ..." after falling into the arms of his classmates, this fourthclass cadet works at making his body as stiff as possible so that he can be passed down the line.

C3C Jeff Booth pins prop and wings on his mentee's chest. A hearty congratulations is appropriate for these hard working freshman. Photo By M. Brevard



lying among the clouds

Cadets get a taste of the Air Force mission when they go soaring

It would only seem logical that the Air Force Academy would have a rich tradition in aviation. One program that solidifies USAFA's flying tradition is the soaring program.

All cadets during their three degree year must participate in the soaring program in order to graduate. Thirdclass cadets take the soaring program either during their summer programs or during the academic year. The program was designed and continues to exist for two reasons: 1) motivate cadets to fly when they become Air Force officers, and; 2) give cadets the opportunity to fly and solo an aircraft during their cadet career. Soaring, though, is not just for thirdclass fun. It is also a flying and leadership experience for other upperclassmen.

After completion of the three degree portion of soaring, cadets may apply to be student instructor pilots. Cadets who are accepted into the program go through a year long program in order to learn how to teach other cadets how to fly a glider. This program has three phases.

First, cadets become more proficient in front seat flying. Next, they learn how to fly from the back seat. Finally, cadets actually learn how to instruct younger cadets. To go through this program, cadets give up all weekends, off intramural days, and vacations like Thanksgiving and Spring Break. It may sound like a lot, but IP Jason "Doogie" Houser said, "It's worth it."

Soaring is also a leadership experiences for cadets involved. Student IPs have such military positions as flight commander and element leader which are seen on the hill down at the airfield. Many times the soaring squadron is perceived as a blow, but everyone involved is trying to change that perception. "A lot of people think it's not a leadership position, but it's one of the best at the Academy," Houser said. Houser will be a flight commander next year.

Soaring is a long standing tradition at the Air Force Academy and will continue to be taken by cadets as long as flying is a mission of the Air Force.

By Rob Sepp

"Oh I have slipped the surly bonds ..."
John Gillespie Magee Jr.



"Oh I have
slipped the
safety bonds..."
John Gillespie
Mayer Jr.



"It's pull to the elbow, 40-40 to the wrist, and then shoot my watch!" Both students and IP's determined to be fighter pilots someday. Photo by C. Grosjean



This Cadet Instructor Pilot rates his two students on several emergency procedures before flight. Emergency procedures must be memorized to provide quick and safe handling of emergencies during flight. Photo by C. Grosjean

Cadet Paul Heitmeyer recites and emergency procedure during the morning briefing. Reciting the procedure incorrectly wins the student a lot of criticism and a lower rating. Photo by C. Grosjean



lighter look at USAFA

*The Dodo pokes fun at the institution,
those who make it run and their own*

A humor magazine that speaks for itself and definitely needs no introduction is the *Dodo*, this "underground newspaper" was started in 1954 when the first class of cadets entered the Academy.

Undoubtedly every cadet in the Wing has read at least portions of the *Dodo* and laughed at some of its lopsided ... but

often correct observations.

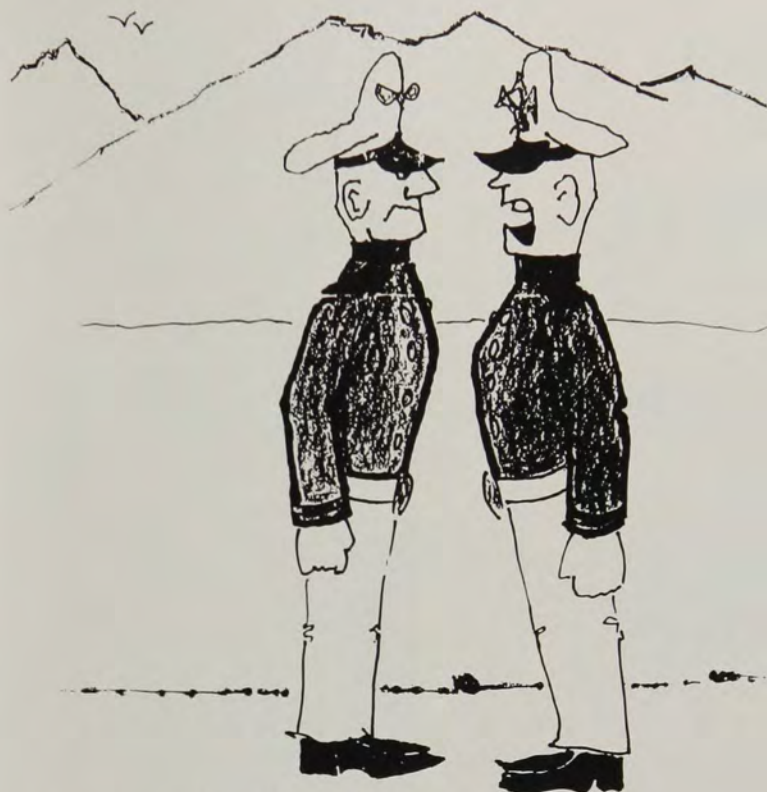
Reading of this journalistic creation however is not just reserved for cadets, many officers at the Academy and graduates have subscriptions to keep in touch with the "attitude of the Wing."

In the following cartoons some of the military traditions and life in the dorms are explored.

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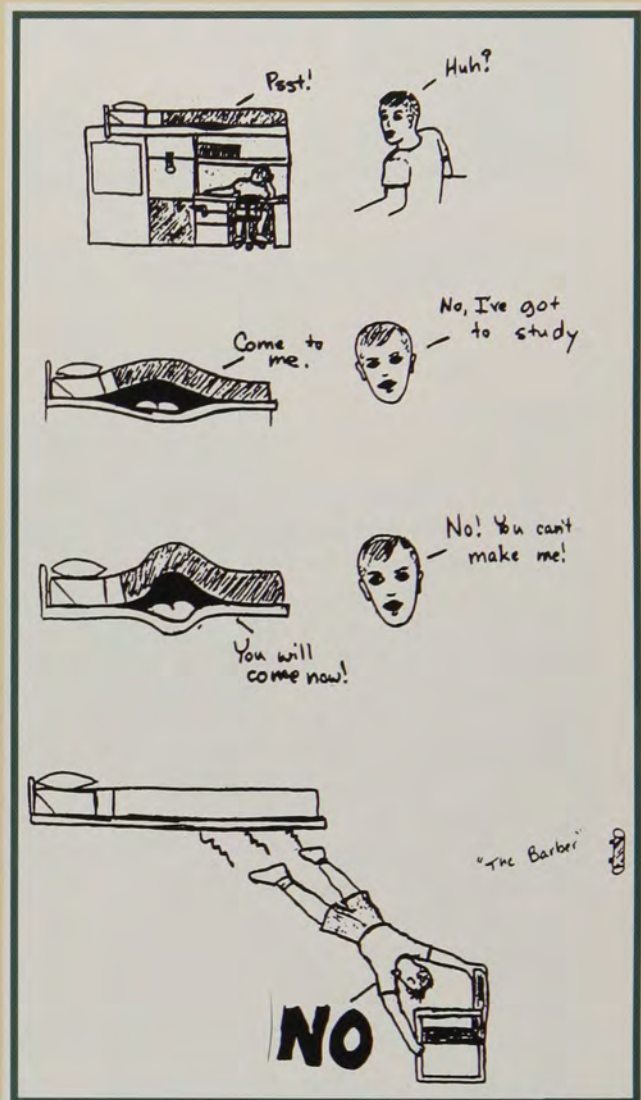
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WHEN CADETS
JUST DON'T CARE ANYMORE.





Admission to attrition

More members of the class of '97 wave good-bye than previous classes

The Air Force Academy has seen many changes recently, and all of these changes are for the better . . . or are they? Some eye-opening statistics concerning the class of '97 suggested some problems in the changes.

What's wrong? For starters, as of prog of spring semester, 1994, 21% of the fourthclass cadets had already left the Academy. Historically only 15% of fourthclassmen leave the Academy by prog. In addition, at prog, 260 fourthclassmen were on academic probation. Traditionally, there's only been around 200 fourthclassmen on academic probation at this time.

What are the reasons for these hikes in numbers? Well, an academic background check of the class of '97 told a mixed story. SAT scores of entering cadets has been slowly increasing since the class of '94; '94 and '95 had a verbal mean of 566 while '96 a mean of 567 on verbal, and '97 a 569. As for math scores, '94 had a mean of 655, '95 a 658, '96 a 659 and '97 a mean of 663.

While the numbers rose from class to class in the above example, the Academic Composite Index recorded a different story. The academic composite which is a combination of college aptitude and achievement scores and high school grade point averages showed that the mean for the classes of '94 and '95 rose from 3202 to 3211. After these classes the mean then started declining with the class of '96. Their mean was 3208, while the class of '97 had a mean of 3201.

What about athletic performance? Results on the means for the Candidate

Fitness Test showed that '97, has the highest mean of 504. The means of the others classes were '94 with 494, '95 with 488, and '96 with 496.

All of these background statistics suggest that numbers wise the potential is there for success and retention of the class of '97. They don't explain why '97 has experienced such a high percentage of cadets leaving the Academy.

Jim Dugan, a retired technical sergeant and manager of four degree records, suggested a couple reasons for the decline in numbers.

"Most likely the cause has to do with the computers," Dugan said. "With all of its extras such as USAFANET and all of the other junk freshmen have, there are distractions. At the ARCs you hear the basic war stories of upperclassmen causing trouble, but you also hear how much the freshmen talk to each other using the net."

Dugan added: "the training environment is also a cause. There seems to be a lack of discipline in the freshmen since training has loosened up."

Whatever the causes were, the problem was crystal clear. "The ARC in January [1994] was the worst I've seen in the ten years I've been here," Dugan exclaimed.

The statistics are in, 21% of the class of '97 left after only three-fourths of the fourthclass year. This is simply, too much. As the Academy continues to redefine traditions and make changes in policies, hopefully the consequences won't include another drop in enrollment.

By C2C Marcus Gregory.

"Two roads diverged in a wood. I took the one less travelled and it has made all the difference ... "
Robert Frost



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Tying up the loose ends, this fourthclass cadet makes his rounds to check out at all the appropriate places before leaving the Academy. Photo by S. Morris

Disenrollment wasn't only for the fourthclass cadets. Many upperclass cadets chose to leave at the end of the school year for a number of reasons. Photo by S. Morris



Checking to make sure everything is complete, C4C Jennifer Tipton checks in with Sgt. Dunn in Cadet Personnel. Some fourthclass cadet disenroll with the hopes of reapplying once they have pulled up their grade point average at a school closer to home. Photo by S. Morris



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acing the elements

Braving the snow and cold cadets turn CFLEX into a successful learning lab

This year, a new military program was introduced to the cadet wing that many people hope will become a new tradition at the Academy. The program was known as Cadet Field Leadership Exercise, CFLEX.

In 1993, a similar program known as Operation Trailblazer was born. However, it was highly criticized and did not accomplish its mission. After much review and reconstruction, CFLEX was created. The concept behind CFLEX was to hone cadet's leadership, followership, and teamwork skills. To accomplish this, A, B, and, C flights were sent out to complete several courses such as the O-Course, point defense, land navigation, the pool scenario, chemical warfare gear,

and weapon assembly. Meanwhile, each squadron's headquarters flight supported the other three flights by acting as victims in the pool scenario and supplying cadets with fresh uniforms.

Many of the activities that made up CFLEX were planned to take place outside. However, there was a catch. The weekend that CFLEX was scheduled the lovely and unpredictable Colorado weather decided to take a turn for the worse by dumping a few inches of snow on the ground and dropped the temperatures below freezing. Fortunately, the planners behind CFLEX had an inclement weather plan and all events except point defense and land navigation were moved inside.

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"This is the only way to ride," says CTC Woody Sepp. Victims for the activities were drawn from each squadron's headquarters flight. Photo by M. Brevard



"You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves."
Sir Winston Churchill



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Looking like a sadistic games of Marco Polo, several flights try to stay afloat. Flights commanders were expected to organize their flights in a simulated water survival situation. Photo by M. Brevard

"GAS! GAS! GAS!" CFLEX tested the ability of individuals to protect themselves from chemical agents. Photo by M. Brevard



Giving the knot one final tug, a cadet checks the tightness of the camouflage. Units from Fort Carson allowed USAFA to use their vehicles for the operation. Photo by R. Evers



With their favorite toy broken, C1C Elliot Salmon and a group of friends won't be letting C3C Melissa Davidson play in any more of their reindeer games. CFLEX gave cadets a chance to review some BCT era knowledge such as disassembling and assembling of an M-16. Photo by M. Brevard

Looking like versions of the Stay Puff Marshmallow Man, two cadets practice for the poopie-suit synchronized swim competition. Many cadets felt that the most trying part of the water scenario was putting on the poopie suit. Photo by M. Brevard



Pulling C1C Jen Allen out of the pool like a rag doll, C4C James Welles demonstrates his water survival skills. Life preserver units assisted rescuers with handling their victims. Photo by M. Brevard





"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse."
John Stuart Mill



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raining heads indoors

Despite lack of cooperation from Mother Nature CFLEX promises to make a repeat performance

No matter where the courses took place, the events challenged everyone's physical and mental faculties. Many cadets involved took away different things from CFLEX. C4C Jason Cardon said CFLEX gave him, "a wide range of training, leadership experience, and teamwork."

Meanwhile, C4C Jamie Campbell, who participated in the wrestling portion of the O-Course, stated, "I might not have won, but I gave it my best and I'm proud of that." Some people did not go into CFLEX with the positive attitude of these fourthclassmen. However, as CFLEX went on their attitude changed. "At first, I thought it would be a haze," C1C Steve Mann stated. "But, once I got into the training it was pretty good."

Another cadet who agreed that the

training was beneficial was C2C Kenyon Bell. He said: "(CFLEX) as a whole is not very relevant to my career as a cadet, however when I am an officer I will have a better understanding of what goes into the set up of a defensive area. We when started we didn't know what we were doing, there was a lot of trial and error." He added that CFLEX also contributed to real life learning.

"I am not very good at swimming or treading water," Bell said. "The pool scenario just reinforced that I need to work on that."

It appeared that the whole CFLEX program was a success, but it still had some glitches to be worked out, with time and cooperation of the weather, CFLEX will be around for years to come.

By Rob Sepp



Vividly imagining that he's Turbo from American Gladiators, this O-Course cadre member prepares to mash a four degree into oblivion. Fourthclassmen could earn extra points for their flight by tossing an upperclassman out of the ring. Photo by B. Fallis

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*Cadets learn to protect themselves from
danger in unarmed combat*

During the end of P.E. blocks, it was common-place to see cadets standing in the middle of the weight room dressed in BDUs (minus the socks and boots). Unarmed Combat(UC) culminated in a GR wherein a cadet walked down a simulated downtown alley where characters by the likes of Bugsy, Moe, Tiny, Slim, and Flathead formed a dark and imposing gauntlet. To shorten the nerve-wracking waiting time, cadets would sometimes jokingly hum the themes from "Mission: Impossible" and "James Bond". For some, UC was like a big playground.

"I had a good time during class," C2C Tony Mirabile said. "People would throw each other all over the place." More often than not, the classes would be mostly male cadets. However, in one class, the women outnumbered the men. "In a way," C2C Tanya Schnorr said, "it was like a big slumber party. It was kind of unusual to see so many female cadets at one time and so we spent a lot of time talking with each other."

In spite of the light-hearted mirth during class, UC had a very serious purpose. "The purpose of UC is help prepare cadets for a possibly unfavorable situation in the streets or wherever they may be in the Air Force where they would

need to defend themselves," Maj Feliz, a UC instructor in AH said. "However," he added, "we first try to teach cadets not to put themselves into those situations or to simply not be there."

When asked about the practicality of what he learned in UC, New Yorker Mirabile commented: "I used to get in a lot of fights and some of the techniques kind of help you get a plan of action together." Mirabile also said that some of the techniques were not so good. "Those [take-away] gun moves are really outrageous," he said. "It's like 'Hey, this stuff only works in karate movies.'"

UC is not meant to be an offensive-type of protection. "In a way," Feliz said, "it [UC] gives the cadet confidence and even a look so as to deter an attack." Although Schnorr agrees, she stated: "I feel more confident after taking self-defense, judo, and UC but I think that UC alone is not enough to defend yourself." She suggests that, "maybe if they [AH] were to offer some sort of refresher course once in a while, but nothing like a PFT or anything, then I think people would retain a lot of what they learned in UC."

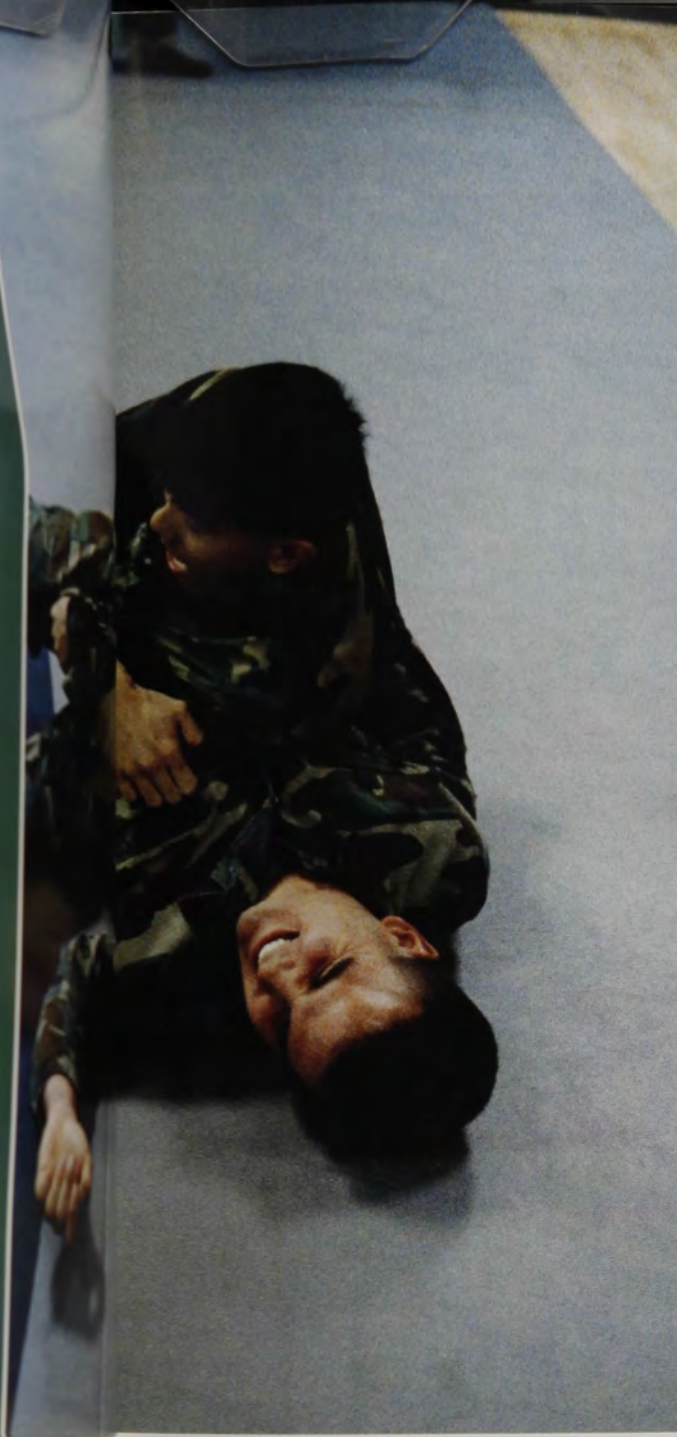
By Joe Gordon



"If I can't go
back with my
self-respect, I
won't go back
at all."

*Captain
Theodore
Harris*





A take down is worth two! After successfully evading a choke hold, this cadet turns the tables on his assailant. Photo by C. Grosjean



Preparing for a crash landing, C2C Matt Adams watches the floor approach quickly after unsuccessfully attacking his partner. Photo by C. Grosjean



"I'm gonna blow you away..." waiting to hear this key phrase this cadet thinks up a strategy to wrestle the gun away from his attacker. Photo by C. Grosjean

"Holler uncle..." this cadet simulates an arm break of his attacker. This move is normally done from a lapel grab. Photo by C. Grosjean



"If I can't go back with my self-respect, I won't go back at all." Captain Theodore Harris

Entering the pool with a splash, this student prepares to make a swimming rescue. This technique was taught because it is the best way to enter the water while still keeping the victim in sight. Photo by C. Grosjean



Approaching with caution, a potential rescuer swims toward the victim. Students were taught to be very careful in a rescue situation because a panicking victim can be dangerous to the rescuer as well as himself. Photo by C. Grosjean



Reaching up to catch a perfect toss, this cadet is an ideal victim. Cadets found it helpful to practice the ring toss whenever possible to help improve their grades. Photo by C. Grosjean

Keeping a close eye on the victim, a student prepares to make an accurate toss. Water survival taught skills that cadets could easily find themselves needing in the near future. Photo by Grosjean





"Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste death but once."
William Shakespeare

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aking the big plunge

Mandatory "water sports class" leave thirdclass cadets all washed up

When cadets think of mandatory core courses that really stink, they think of Thermo, Astro, or Engineering 410. However, even AH offers a mandatory core class that ranks up with those infamous courses, Water Haze (a.k.a. Water Survival).

Water Survival is usually taken during three degree year after completion of Basic Swimming. In this class, cadets are taught basic life saving and survival skills in the water. Skills covered at the gym include several lifesaving holds, how to break holds if a drowning person grabs on to you, different entries into the water and different strokes for varying situations, and treading water.

The culmination of the course is the final exam given on the last day of class. This test starts with fully clothed students

jumping off the 10 meter tower, swimming underwater underneath the bulkhead, clearing the water for oil fires, self inflating their BDU blouses, and finally swimming the length of an Olympic size pool as fast as they can. Most agree that the best part of the final is when it's over. Looking back on the class one cadet said said: "The worst part of the class was the anticipation of jumping off of the 10-meter. Once you could take the first step off all you had to do was make sure you don't hurt yourself landing."

Like it or not, there are inevitable traditions that cadets must take head on. Unfortunately, when cadets take the tradition of Water Survival, they also face the challenge of not drowning.

By Rob Sepp



"Get me out of this pool!" Two cadets scramble to get over the bulkhead in a timed, graded event. Graded events such as these were designed to test skills learned in the class. Photo by C. Grosjean

*Tradition of excellence continues
new teams enter the picture*





The tradition of excellence stayed the same, what was changed was that different teams rose to the top proving that Air Force Academy intercollegiate athletics should be taken seriously. Both men and women's teams earned top rank

Sports

honors in everything from swimming to soccer as well as football to rifle.

In the fall, true to tradition, the Academy kept the Commander-in-Chief's trophy despite the loss to Navy. The tradition was redefined however because this is the first time in the past four years that the Falcons did not beat both Army and Navy. During the same season, the men's soccer team thrilled fans when they earned a spot to compete in the Sweet Sixteen. On the other side of the coin the women's team finished strong in their second year of intercollegiate competition. The athletic endeavors continued into the winter and spring sports as well. The women's swimming team turned heads when it took second in the NCAA Championship,

The teams' successes didn't stop on their respective fields of play. As expected, academics were continually stressed and thus Academic All-Americans were found running cross country, shooting rifle and playing basketball.

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Keeping his eye on the puck, goaltender C4C Pat Kielb provides the necessary defense to foil the play. The hockey team put together a winning season this year. The last one was in 89-90.
Photo by S. Morris

Director of Athletics



Col. Kenneth L. Schweitzer

Basketball arena gets a new name

Former athletic director is honored at dedication



At a dedication ceremony on the evening of December 6, 1993, the 6,007-seat basketball arena portion of the Cadet Fieldhouse took a new name. That night, it officially became known as the Clune Arena.

The basketball arena was named after Col. John J. Clune who was the athletic director at the Air Force Academy from November, 1975 until his retirement in August, 1991. Col. Clune passed away in Colorado Springs in April, 1992.

Col. Clune was a Naval Academy graduate and basketball star. Appropriately, the Air Force Academy was playing the Naval Academy on the night of the Clune Arena dedication.

On bended knee, the Falcon mascot pays tribute to Col. John Clune by giving his wife Pat, roses and a kiss on the hand. The Cadet Wing, especially AH, truly benefited from all of Col. Clune's hard and dedicated work. Photo by B. Scharon

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GAME ONE A BREEZE

Offense vanishes in game two

Falcons chop down Sycamores in season opener

The Air Force Academy football team opened the season with style and flair.

The Falcons pruned the Indiana State Sycamores, a Division IAA foe, by the count of 63-21 at Falcon Stadium on Sept. 4. The 63 points was the fourth highest single-game point total in Academy history.

Several players made impressive debuts for the Falcons. Junior halfback Jeremy Johnson rushed for a game high, 96 yards on 16 carries and scored a touchdown in his first career start. Sophomore halfback Jake Campbell, playing his first varsity game, tallied two rushing TDs and also snared a 34-yard TD pass.

Senior quarterback Scott Teigen had a solid outing in his first starting assignment for the Falcons. Teigen threw for two TDs and ran for another. The Falcons had not thrown for two TDs in a game since Oct. 5, 1991.

On defense, sophomore defensive back LeRon Hudgins recorded three tackles, a pass deflection and an interception in his first varsity start. Junior linebacker Steve Russ had a game-high 12 tackles in his first start.



Senior placekicker/punter Chris MacInnis was picture perfect against the Sycamores. He tied a school record with nine PATs (9-9) and also punted twice for a 50.5 average.

"It's great to win," head coach Fisher DeBerry said. "I had no idea we would win so

convincingly. The defense did a great job."

Falcons go from 63 to 5 points in one week

Following the season-opening win over Indiana State, Falcons' head coach Fisher DeBerry said "A football team makes its most improvement between the first and second game."

Well, not this time around Coach DeBerry. Following a 63-point outburst in the season-opening win, the Falcons could only put five points on the board against in-state rival

LIGHTNING STRIKES! Once again, the Falcon defense dominates the pileup as they sack the quarterback. Coach DeBerry commented that the defense "did a great job". Photo by S. Morris

STEP OFF! The play may be over but linebacker Mike Black, stays prepared in case the down player gets feisty. Photo by C. Harris

Colorado State University (CSU) and suffered an 8-5 setback in a hard-fought Western Athletic Conference (WAC) game in Fort Collins on Sept. 11.

The Falcons got on the scoreboard first when sophomore Brian McCray blocked a CSU punt. The ball rolled through the back of the Rams' endzone and this gave Air Force an early 2-0 lead.

CSU countered with a touchdown scoring drive in the second period. The Rams went for the two-point conversion and made it for an 8-2 cushion.

Later in the second stanza, senior kicker Chris MacInnis drilled a 23-yard field goal for the Falcons to narrow the margin it was 8-5 at halftime.

Defense was the name of the game in the second half. Neither team's offense could manage to score any points and the Rams held on for the 8-5 WAC victory.

The loss evened the Falcons' overall record at 1-1 and left Air Force with an 0-1 WAC mark.

"It's great to win."

Fisher DeBerry after first game

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FIGHTING DRINKS Once again, the Falcons defense dominated the play. They used the quarterback, Cazz, to counteract the defense's "let's go!" Photo by S. Morris

STOP OFF The play may be over, but the Falcons' Mike Black, who played the last play of the game, is still in the game. Photo by S. Morris

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PRECISION EXECUTION ... Combining the talents of quarterback Scott Teigen (13), fullback Joe Parisi (39), halfback Obasi Onuoha (24) and halfback Jeremy Johnson, another Wishbone series gets the job done. Photo by S. Morris

SQUEEEEEZE! Stopping the play, Safety LeRon Hudgins crushes his opponent before slamming him to the ground. Photo by C. Harris

BIRDS LET ONE ESCAPE

BYU - deja vu all over again

Last minute TD nets win for Aztecs

This was another one of those WAC(ky) football games. One week ago, the Falcons lost to Colorado State 8-5 in an unusually low-scoring Western Athletic Conference (WAC) contest. In this outing on Sept. 18 at Falcon Stadium, however, things were back to normal as the Falcons lost a 38-31 heartbreaker to San Diego State in a typical wild and woolly, high-scoring WAC affair.

The game featured a little bit of everything. For the meteorologist, there was lightning, rain, hail, wind, and sunshine. For both teams, two possible starts emerged. For the fans, there was an exciting second half capped by a fantastic finish.

Falcons' sophomore quarterback Demond Cash was impressive in his first career start. As a matter of fact, his 172 yards rushing was the most successful rushing debut by an Academy quarterback. However, the rushing statistics were insignificant to Cash. "The bottom line is, the final score is 38-31 Aztecs," Cash said.

The Falcons dominated the Aztecs for 47 minutes. Unfortunately, there was still



13 minutes to go in the game. San Diego State rallied from a 31-14 deficit in the final 13 minutes that concluded with a 36-yard TD pass with less than a minute remaining to give the Aztecs the 38-31 victory.

"I don't know if I've ever been in a wilder game than this one," head coach Fisher

DeBerry said. "It's just a stinking shame we had to lose it."

The Falcons fell to 1-2 overall and 0-2 in the WAC.

Another BYU game, another BYU win

Same old, same old! Brigham Young University (BYU) owns the Falcons. This time around, Sept. 25 in Provo, Utah, the Cougars clawed the Falcons 30-3. It marked the 11th straight time BYU has defeated Air Force and 15 of 16 times overall.

The 30-3 loss kept the

STRETCH!! Fullback Jake Maloy (30) keeps a death-grip on the ball as he lunges for extra yards after being tripped up. Photo by C. Harris

Falcons winless (0-3) in Western Athletic Conference (WAC) play and 1-3 overall. This setback made for the worst start for Air Force since 1981, when the Falcons won only one of their first four and finished 4-7.

BYU dominated the game on both sides of the ball. The Cougars' offense bolted to a 23-3 halftime lead and never looked back. The BYU defense, as usual, held the Falcons' wishbone offense in check at 193 yards for the game.

"I thought their defense was very motivated," Falcons' quarterback Demond Cash said. "They hit me hard and every time one of them hit me, I could hear some mumbling. They wanted to stop me."

Air Force senior kicker Chris MacInnis was the only offensive bright spot for the Falcons. He booted a 52-yard field goal for the Falcons' only points and had a 44-yard punting average.

"They're big, they're strong," head coach Fisher DeBerry (probably for the 10th year in a row) said. "They made the plays and we didn't."

FREE FALL ... Halfback Jeremy Johnson is literally knocked off his feet while running the ball. Fortunately there is an Aztec player to break his fall. Photo by C. Grosjean

"They hit me hard."

Demond Cash on the BYU defense

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STRETCH: Fullback John Hester is deadweight on the ball as he is carried away after being trapped by C. Harris.

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Air Force senior Chris MacInnis was the offensive bright spot for the Falcons. He booted a 50-yard field goal for the Falcons, two points and had a 44.4 percent punting average.

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FREE FALL ... Halfback Jeremy Johnson was literally knocked off his feet while carrying the ball. Fortunately there is an Air Force player to break his fall. Photo by C. Grayson



WEATHERING OUT THE STORM... Despite a delay for gravel sized hail, halfback Obasi Onuoha (24) still manages to reach the end zone. Photo by C. Harris

NOWHERE TO RUN ... Even Heisman Candidate Marshall Faulk can't evade linebacker Bobby Holloway. Photo by C. Harris



DEFENSE GETS LASSOED

Drought ends for Navy

Wyoming receiver does it again

Wyoming's senior wide receiver Ryan Yarborough had burned the Falcons defense in the past on several occasions. This year's game turned out to be no different.

Yarborough burned the Falcons' secondary with seven catches for 241 yards and two TDs while leading the Cowboys to a 31-18 victory over Air Force. This put Yarborough's career totals against Air Force at 25 catches for 603 yards and six touchdowns.

The loss to the Cowboys dropped the Falcons' overall record to 1-4 and 0-4 in Western Athletic Conference (WAC) play. The 1-4 start was the worst ever for head coach Fisher DeBerry. The Falcons dropped four straight games (worst since 1988).

Wyoming opened the scoring in this game with a TD but Air Force came right back when senior fullback Joe Parisi rumbled up the middle on a 52-yard scoring jaunt. The Cowboys then added another TD for a 14-7 lead.

In the second stanza, Falcons' kicker Chris MacInnis booted a 33-yard field goal to narrow the gap to 14-10. The Falcons would get no closer.



The backbreaker came right after the Falcons' field goal when Wyoming quarterback Joe Hughes connected with Yarborough for an 87-yard TD pass play.

"It was a big hit and I couldn't hang on to the ball."

Scott Teigen
on fumble

Navy finally beats Air Force after 11 tries

Years of frustration, eleven in fact, came to an end for Navy. The Midshipmen defeated Air Force 28-24 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

A record crowd of 35,753 witnessed Navy beat Air Force for the first time since 1981. The loss was the fifth straight for the Falcons (1-5 overall and 0-5 WAC) and put the Falcons' stranglehold on the Commander-in-Chief's

HOLD IT STEADY ... Kicker Chris MacInnis (12) sends one through the up-rights with Paul Willingham holding. Photo by B. Fallis

IMPACT ZONE ... Knowing he is about to get crushed, quarterback Scott Teigen tucks the ball away and reaches for more yards. Photo by B. Fallis

Trophy in jeopardy.

Both teams turned the ball over four times. The most damaging turnover for Air Force came when senior quarterback Scott Teigen was belted from behind and fumbled with nine minutes left in the game. Navy took over and sailed to the winning touchdown.

"It was a big hit and I couldn't hang on to the ball," Teigen said. "That was probably the turning point in the game. It's the toughest loss we've had all year."

Air Force led 10-0 at half and 24-14 after three quarters but they could not maintain the advantage. Air Force senior fullback Joe Parisi rushed for 79 yards, a personal best for 1993.

"It's the biggest win we've had since I've been here," Navy tailback Jason Var Matre said. "Even bigger than the '91 win over Army."

The Falcons still have a shot at retaining the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy but Air Force must beat Army and Army must defeat Navy for this to take place.

PILE ON ... Noseguard Kent Hennings (95) and linebacker Johnny Harrison (43) make sure that this Wyoming player doesn't get one step further. Photo by P.J. Pelkington

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AIR IT OUT ... On the roll-out pass, quarterback Scott Teigen flips one out to the flats before getting hammered. Photo by C. Harris



CUTTING CORNERS ... Attempting to spin around his opponent, halfback Obasi Onuoha turns on a dime to cut up-field. Photo by C. Harris



GIVE THAT MAN A HAND ... tight end David Eaglin scores a valuable fourth quarter touchdown in the Falcons' comeback attempt against Fresno. Photo by J. Babinski

DOWN, SET, quarterback Demond Cash sizes up the defense before the next play. Photo by M. Gregory



SCORE ONE MORE ... Scampering out of bounds, wide out Richie Marsh earns the Falcons another first down. Photo by M. Gregory



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BACK OFF... Avoiding the pressure, quarterback Demand Cash fends off the closest UTEP defender.



EAT MY DUST... Looking for open field,, halfback Obasi Onuoha sprints for the end zone.



Falcons bury UTEP for first win

The Air Force team picked up its second win in a row with a 24-10 victory over UTEP (WAC) by defeating the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) at Falcon Stadium on Oct. 10.

A crowd of 24,000 fans, the largest at Falcon Stadium in 10 years, watched the Falcons keep UTEP in the WAC with the win.

The Falcons averaged 350 yards per game in WAC play and kept their offense, defense and special teams in the top 10 in the WAC. The Falcons improved their overall record to 1-5 in the WAC while UTEP dropped to 0-6 in WAC play.

UTEP scored first in the third quarter with a field goal to take a 3-0 lead. The Falcons then ran off 24 unanswered points to take control of the game.

Falcons' sophomore quarterback Demand Cash returned to the starting position against UTEP. His return was successful with 100 yards on 14 carries. However, he was injured in the fourth quarter and was replaced by Preston McConnell.

JUST MISSED... With determination, halfback Obasi Onuoha (24) sprinted for the end zone to help Air Force win its only WAC victory.

TWO IN A ROW

Falcons beat UTEP and fly by Army

Falcons bury UTEP Miners for first WAC win

The Air Force football team picked up its second win in a row and its first (WAC) win of the season by defeating the University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP) 31-10 at Falcon Stadium on Oct. 30.

A crowd of 24,422, the smallest at Falcon Stadium in 10 years, watched the Falcons keep UTEP in the WAC cellar with the win.

The Falcons avoided the WAC basement and kept UTEP there with an effective blend of offense, defense and kicking. The Falcons improved to 3-6 overall and 1-5 in the WAC while UTEP dropped to 0-4 in WAC play.

UTEP scored first with a field goal to take a 3-0 lead after one quarter. The Falcons then ran off 24 unanswered points to take control of the game.

Falcons' sophomore quarterback Demond Cash returned to the starting lineup against UTEP. His return was a success with 100 yards rushing on 14 carries. However, Cash was injured in the fourth quarter and was replaced by junior Preston McConnell signal



POWER SURGE... Aided by the offensive line, fullback Joe Pastorello wrestles for the goal line. This year marked Army's fifth consecutive loss to Air Force.

straight win for the Falcons (4-6 overall) and the fifth straight victory over Army.

The Falcons held Army without a touchdown for the fifth consecutive game between these two teams. The Falcons have now won 10 of the last 13 games against Army.

The victory over Army was the 100th win for Air Force in Falcon Stadium. The milestone was witnessed by 41,032 fans, the largest crowd of the year at Falcon Stadium.

Falcons' senior halfback Wayne Young had his finest game of the season. He scored touchdowns on the Falcons' first two possessions of the game. The first score came on a nifty 46-yard scamper.

Young and sophomore quarterback Demond Cash both rushed for more than 100 yards against Army. This was the first time since 1991 that two Air Force players had rushed for 100 yards in the same game.

Falcons' sophomore receiver Richie Marsh did not have a pass reception against Army, snapping his streak. Air Force senior halfback Obasi Onuoha got the game started on a good note when he sang the National Anthem.

GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY!

caller.

McConnell, who was celebrating his 21st birthday on this day, rushed for one touchdown and threw for another during his short stint against the Miners. His scoring toss was a 50-yarder to sophomore receiver Richie Marsh. Marsh has now caught at least one pass in nine straight games.

"I feel good about being able to come in, do a good job and help the team win," McConnell said.

C-I-C Trophy still a possibility for Air Force

To have a chance at retaining the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, the Falcons knew they would have to defeat Army at Falcon

Stadium.

The Falcons had to beat Army (because of an earlier loss to Navy) and then Army had to beat Navy later in the season in order for the Trophy to stay in the Falcons' possession.

Air Force went out and did what it had to do against Army by defeating the Black Knights 25-6. It was the third

SEASON NOTES:

Senior punter/placekicker Chris MacInnis led the WAC and the nation in punting with a 47.0 average. As a result, he won the AT&T Long Distance Award which is a \$1,000 donation in his name by AT&T to the NCAA's Degree Completion Fund.

JUST MISSED... With determination on his face, halfback Jake Campbell jukes one UTEP cornerback to help Air Force capture its only WAC victory.

HERE COME THE BIG BOYS ... With the rest of defense closing in, linebacker Johnny Harrison (43) and nose guard Rod Melzer (63) snag the Utah fullback behind the line of scrimmage.

GIVE IT THE BOOT ... Kicker Chris MacInnis sails one deep into Hawaii territory. Photo by C. Harris



WISHBONE ATTACK ... reading the defense, quarterback Scott Teigen calculates if he should pitch it or dash up field. Photo by C. Harris

DRIVIN' IT HOME... Taking the keeper around the right end, backup quarterback Preston McConnell, drives for yardage.



FALCONS FALL AT UTAH

Final game a downer

Utah snaps Falcons' short winning streak

The Falcons had their three-game winning streak snapped by Utah, 41-24. The loss dropped the Falcons to 4-7 overall and 1-6 in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).

The Utes jumped to a 13-3 first quarter lead. Air Force stormed back in the second quarter behind touchdowns from sophomore quarterback Demond Cash and senior fullback Joe Pastorello to take a 17-13 halftime lead.

Following a Utah field goal in the third quarter, senior halfback Wayne Young blasted in from the one to give the Falcons a 24-16 lead with 5:42 left in the third quarter. This would be the last score of the game for Air Force.

On the other side of the ball, the Falcons couldn't stop Utah. The Utes tallied 25 straight points while shredding the Air Force defense.

Utah quarterback Mike McCoy completed 29 of 39 passes for 459 yards it was the fourth time this season the Falcons surrendered 400-plus passing yards in a game. McCoy's total was the most passing yards against Air Force this season and the fifth-highest total ever against the Falcons.

Falcons' junior defensive back Brian Watkins said: "I'm



STICKY FINGERS ... despite tight coverage, wide out Richie Marsh, snatches one in midair. Photo by J. Babinski

Dismal season ends with big loss at Hawaii

The final football game of the season for the Falcons took place in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Nov. 20 against the University of Hawaii.

It was a delightful setting for the season finale but the dismal outcome of the game put a damper on the occasion.

The Hawaii Rainbow Warriors pummeled the Falcons by the score of 45-17. This ended the Falcons' 1993 campaign with a 4-8 overall record and a 1-7 mark in Western Athletic Conference action.

Against Hawaii, the Falcons got off to a good start when sophomore quarterback Demond Cash scooted 34 yards for a 7-0 Air Force lead. It was Cash's fourth rushing TD of the season.

Hawaii countered with a touchdown and then senior placekicker Chris MacInnis gave the Falcons a short-lived lead with a 23-yard fieldgoal.

After the MacInnis' field goal, the game belonged to Hawaii. The Rainbow Warriors reeled off 38 straight points to put the Falcons away.

really disappointed. We didn't play as well as we could have. We had gotten better, but we took a step back today."

Senior placekicker Chris MacInnis booted five times for a 48.4 average against Utah. He also kicked a 44-yard field goal. MacInnis' season average of 46.8 yards per punt ranks second in the nation.

SEASON NOTES:

Army beat Navy during the 1993 season and this kept the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy in the Air Force Academy trophy case. You see, Air Force lost to Navy, Air Force beat Army and Army beat Navy. This created a tie and the current holder (Air Force) retains the Trophy.

Falcon Football 1993



FRONT ROW (L to R): Scott Teigen, Joe Lombardi, Matt Newby, Chad Mathis, Marty Edwards, Rob Melzer, Dave Eaglin, Kent Hennings, Adam Lenhart, Eric Tucker, Curtis Sutton, Tim Dunn, Erik Mitchell, David Grein, Rob Peragine, Sean Madole
SECOND ROW: James Lee, Jeff Burbank, Jason Dyer, Joe Parisi, Joe Pastorillo, Alex Kleckner, Mike Black, Wayne Young, Obasi Onuoha, Chris McInnis, James Chrisley, Saxon Yandell, Jeff Bergstrom, David Gauch, Will McCombs, David Brynteson, Chris Beake, Don Davis, Jim Worley
THIRD ROW: Chad Igl, Kevin Williams, Mickey Datton, Mike Walker, Nakia Addison, J.J. Wadas, Brandon Wilkerson, Randy Roberts, Kevin Mosley, Mark Sotallaro, Tom Ulmer, Jake Maloy, Richie Marsh, Demond Cash, Jake Campbell, Jeremy Johnson, Brian Watkins, John Fontenot
FOURTH ROW: Brett O'Halloran, Danta Johnson, Jim Moore, Doug Thurston, Colby Hoefar, Kelvin King, Danny Alvarado, Matt Young, LeRon Hudgins, Vernon Fletcher, Brian McCray, Preston McConnell, Jason Olsen, Gil Sanders, Johnny Harrison, Steve Walker, Fred Portis
FIFTH ROW: Matt Wall, Paul McCreary, Bret Cillesen, Johnny Vargas, Larry Clifford, Sam Ransom, David Brackney, Steve Carr, Steve Russ, Jason Tone, Dan Palmer, Nick Capotosto, Erik Davis, Mark De Rock, Bobby Holloway, Brad Hall, Brent Kelly
BACK ROW: Cal McCombs, Rob Narcer, Brian Knorr, Dick Enga, Jim Grobe, Jack Brailey, Tom Miller, Kim Gross, Sammy Steinmark, Chuck Peterson,

RECORD

Overall	4-8
Conference	1-7
Home	4-2
Away	0-6

Paul Hamilton, Jim Conboy, Pat Evans, Try Calhoun, Danny Wies, Jack Culliton, Mike Tinsley, Bob Noblitt, Pee Wee
 Photo by Zemi photography

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

OFFENSE

Yards Per Game	351.8
Rushing Yards Per Game	284.9
Leader, Rushing	Demond Cash, 875
Passing Yards Per Game	66.9
Leader, Recieving	Richie Marsh, 321
All Purpose Yards Per Game	431.4
Leader, All Purpose Yards	Obasi Onuoha, 1013
Points Per Games	24.6
Leader, Scoring	Chris MacInnis, 60

DEFENSE

Yards Allowed Per Game	424.3
Rushing Yards Allowed Per Game	172.3
Passing Yards Allowed Per Game	252.0
All Purpose Yards Allowed Per Game	424.3
Total Team Tackles	801
Leader, Tackles	Mike Black, 84
Total Team Sacks	33
Leader, Sacks	Johnny Harrison, 6
Total Team Interceptions	8
Leader, Interceptions	Brian Watkins, 4

SPECIAL TEAMS

Field Goals	Chris MacInnis, 9-14 (64%)
Punting Average	Chris MacInnis, 47.0
Punt Return Yards	105
Leader, Punt Returns	Brian Watkins, 105
Kick Off Return Yards	757
Leader, Kick Off Returns	Obasi Onuoha, 576

It may be cold, but they're still smiling. The varsity cheerleading team takes a moment out of their busy game routine to strike a pose in Utah. Photo by J. Babinski.



Waiting in the wings. Members of the junior varsity cheerleading team wait for their turn at the big time. Photo by S. Morris.

Center court. Cheering in a style all their own, Chuck Perkins and Val Nguyen pump up the crowd at a Falcon basketball game. Photo by C. Harris.



Going Down! Everything that goes up must come down, case in point. The Falcon cheerleading squad constructs a pyramid at the BYU game. Photo by D. Hill.



REV UP THE CROWD

Tough routines & schedules, cheerleaders take it seriously



Smile ladies! Members of the Academy Dance Team show their pearly whites.
Photo by C. Harris.

It's a TV time out in Falcon Stadium, but the crowd continues to roar. Why? Is everyone making a mad dash to get a hot dog? No, a group of men and women are on the field yelling as they imitate doing yard work such as hedge trimming and starting the lawn mower. Who are they? They are none other than the Air Force Academy cheerleading team.

Every spring, cadets tryout for 12 intercollegiate, varsity cheerleading positions. These 12 will eventually keep up the intensity at all Falcon football and men's basketball games. But, before cheerleaders took the field, they prepared for the challenges they face. In the off

season months, cheerleaders lifted three days a week and practiced cheerleading skills twice a week. During the season, cheerleaders continued to lift three times a week, but they also reviewed and perfected their routines every day.

To many, this doesn't sound too difficult, but not

"Skills are important, but not the deciding factor."

Maryann Butler
Coach

everyone can become a cheerleader. Cadets who are interested in trying out for the team must have advanced tumbling skills, a gymnastics background, the ability to work with a partner, a knowledge of sideline cheering skills, and some intangible qualities. Coach Maryann Butler, described what type of intangibles she looks for when choosing cheerleaders, "Skills are important, but not the deciding factor. I look for an outstanding cadet with a good attitude. After someone is selected to be a cheerleader, they will make many public appearances and give numerous interviews. I want the best possible men and women in the Cadet Wing to represent the Academy."

Besides appearances at football and basketball games, the cheerleaders competed several times a year against other schools. The culmination of the competitive season came in April with Nationals that was seen on ESPN. In the past two years, the team has made it to the national semifinals and placed two cheerleading couples in the top 15 in the nation.

The next time you're spending a Saturday screaming "D-Fense" and think that anyone can lead the stands in a cheer, think again.

By Rob Sepp

Count it baby! CIC Mike Murphy celebrates with fellow attackman after a Falcon goal. Photo by C. Harris



It's mine and you can't have it. This Falcon lacrosse player fights an Irishman for the ball during a face off. Photo by C. Harris

Turnover! This Air Force player picks up a ground ball and starts the team transition to offense. Photo by C. Harris



TOUGH SLATE FOR TEAM

Positive attitude gets lacrosse players through season



C1C Jason Boal lets the ball go toward the Notre Dame goal. If the goalie was smart he would have gotten out of the way before he got hurt. Photo by C. Harris

Knowing the 1994 schedule would be one of the toughest in Air Force Academy lacrosse history, head coach Capt Tom Duggan realized team togetherness would be a key to success.

The season opened with two tough losses to eastern powerhouses Navy and Rutgers. The Falcons then suffered a disappointing 12-10 loss at Colorado College,

Get outta my face! C1C Jason Boal looks for a hole in the N.D. defense to get a good look at the cage. Photo by C. Harris

one of the top Division III teams in the nation, and the record was 0-3.

Air Force won three of its next four contests, defeating Colorado at home and Drexel and Stoney Brook on the road to pull to 3-4 going into Great

Western Lacrosse League play. However, league losses to Michigan State and Notre Dame at home ended the Falcons' post-season hopes.

The remainder of the schedule featured a pair of road games against league opponents Ohio State and Butler. To prepare for these contests, coach Duggan told the squad, it was only as good as its last game.

In the final two games, the Falcons turned out to be anything but quitters. The Falcons posted a come-from-behind 11-10 victory over Ohio State. In the season finale against Butler, another come-from-behind fell just a little short in an 11-9 loss.

"We can look back and see a lot of games we could have won, and that hurts," Duggan said. "Despite our record we got a lot out of this year."

Senior Mike Murphy finished the season with team leading marks of 34 goals, 26 assists and 60 points. Goalie Tim Morris recorded 116 saves during the 1994 campaign.

"I am proud of the team," Duggan said. "We kept a positive attitude all year. That's not always easy to do when you lose some games, because players often times point fingers. But this group never did that."

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Coach

AGAINST THE ODDS

Exciting 'firsts' sum up season

They were odds that most gamblers would pass up, the team boasted five freshmen, three sophomores, three juniors and only two seniors. Capt Barb Corbeil was making her debut as head coach and junior Julie Adair, a player of whom they were expecting great things turned her ankle and was out for six weeks. Adversity worked in this team's favor.

Ending the season with a conference record of 10-4 and an overall record of 21-17 the only response that could sum it up was WOW! The team finished in the top 28 out of 226 in the nation.

"We sailed through September with a 8-0 record," Corbeil said. "October didn't go quite as well and we ended up at 15-8. After first round of conference play we were at 10-1 which put us in first place ... but by the end we were third in the conference behind Metro State and Regis."

This top three finish took the team to the the NCAA playoffs, (the fourth time in Academy history). They were knocked out in the first round by Metro who was ranked fourth in the nation. The match went to four games.

"Many of our losses to top 20 teams went to five games," Corbeil said. "Unfortunately we got the short



BETWEEN THE BLOCK ...Karyn Thomas and her teammate provide a forbidding wall as they go up for the block, unfortunately the opponent read it too well. Photo by S. Morris

end of the stick too many times."

This could be attributed to the team's youth. Many of the players that made an impact were freshman including freshman Louella Lovely who made first team All-Conference and first team All-Region.

"We really have the crowd to thank for that win."

Barb Corbeil
Coach

This impact was felt at the UASFA's Premier Tournament where 18 of the top 20 in the nation competed. The Academy took 11th place, it was the third highest finish in ten years.

Yet another highlight was the team's win against Metro State 3-2 at the Squadron Spirit Night.

"We really have the crowd to thank for that win," Corbeil said. "We played in front of almost 1,000 fans, it was great!"

Great certainly sums up a season full of firsts, Corbeil added, "I'm really excited about all the talent we have. Next season we have a strong core of experience returning; I have high expectations."





FRONT ROW (L to R): Lovella Lovely, Billee Gladen, Tara Shamhart, Amie Grabanski, Christine Callahan, Betsy Moore BACK ROW: Asst. Ty Groh, Coach Barb Corbeil, Tracey Smith, Niko Bronson, Karyn Thomas, Lisa Harrigan, Heather Cohea, Julie Adair, Asst. Scott Nelson, Asst. Marcus Darling Photo by S. Morris BACK: Asst. Per Cobeil. Photo by S. Morris



LET'S WIN ... the team huddles up one more time before the starters take position on the court for the first game. Photo by S. Morris



WAITING FOR THE WHISTLE Amie Grabanski (9) and Lisa Harrigan (13) prepare to switch positions so that they can both play in their strongest spots. Photo by S. Morris

SEEING DOUBLE ... after determining where the block's set, outside hitter Amie Grabanski manages to hit the ball over the opponents' hands with finesse. Photo by S. Morris

SEEING SWEET 16

Team finds a formula for success

"How sweet it is ... sweet sixteen that is ... the men's soccer team surprised many with a season that took the players back east for post season play that pitted them against the top colleges in the country. Who would have thought that the season would end on this note? These ending wins were a far cry from the losses at the season's beginning when the team was plagued with injuries and hadn't quite gelled.

"From the start to the end of the season the players really focused on their goals and accomplishments rather than the outside factors that they could not control," Coach Luis Sagastume said. "This started making them more powerful and better suited for the competition. They established high pride in their team and the institution they were representing."

This "new attitude" was partially due to the team's adoption of more sports psychology techniques than in previous years. Megan Nyer, a sports psychologist, worked with the team and coaches to teach them to focus on success one game at a time. This focusing certainly helped, the wins kept accumulating; they even included beating four teams that were ranked in the top ten in the nation.

One win that was



TRANSITION MAN ...keeping the ball away from his opponent, outside midfielder Brian Toth concentrates on moving the ball upfield. Photo by M. Gaupp

especially notable was the battle against Creighton who was ranked number one in the nation. As soon as the game started, so did the snow and it like the competition did not let up until the Falcons beat their opponents 2-1 in the fourth sudden death overtime.

"... we've had a taste of the sweetness."

Luis Sagastume
Coach

"There's a certain amount of pressure that's felt when there are tons of fans two feet away from the sidelines," senior Brian Toth said. "At the end of that game we were all physically and mentally drained but that couldn't dull the feeling of winning."

Sagastume added: "That was the game that all players performed to their maximum capability, it was the most emotional game of the year."

Another game that was emotional was the match up against South Carolina. After the win against North Carolina, the Falcons were ready to claim another victim ... unfortunately South Carolina had other



POWER FOOT...looking for an open player to pass to, forward Rob Behm approaches the ball. Photo by P.J. Pelkington

plans. "We lost our focus during this game," Sagastume said. "Nothing went our way and that ended it, but despite this disappointing game this was our most successful season ever based on the game results and meeting our objectives."

Establishing and meeting objectives was definitely part of the Falcon's recipe for success and Sagastume said that next year this thought process will stay in effect.

"The neat thing about where we've been is that we've had a taste of the sweetness," Sagastume said. "It's very motivating and they (next year's team) won't be satisfied if we're not as good or better than we were this year."

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THROW IN...looking for the open player,
defender John Stratton weighs his options
before making his move. Photo by P.J.
Pelington

CELEBRATION...John Stratton (3) and Brian
Bergeron (12) congratulate John Liller who
just scored. Jeremy Tyler, Scott McDonald
(9) and Brian Toth (8) have their own party
as they walk off the field. Photo by M.
Gaupp



FRONT ROW (L to R): Matt Mennell, Jeff
Pulley SECOND ROW: Kip Kiefer, Brian
Toth, Brian Gesuale, Chris Cullen, Nick
Gismond, John Stratton, Dan Fisher, Coach
Kenneth Sullivan THIRD ROW: Mike
Morgan, Scott McDonald, Jeremy Tyger,
Matt Villea, Jerry Fortuna, Travis, John
Liller, Rob Behm, Brian Bergeron, Coach
Louis Sagastume, Asst. Douglas Hill, Asst.
Steve Tanner. Photo by C. Harris

ON TARGET. Rushing to kick the ball, Kristen Abbott takes a shot from the outside in hopes of catching the goalkeeper out of position. Photo by C. Grosjean



TAKE IT OUT. Bringing the ball out from the backfield defender Nicole Gumina uses some fancy footwork to keep the ball just out of the reach of her opponent. Photo by C. Grosjean

FRONT ROW (L to R): Dolly Pasini, Kristen Abbott, Jill Van Ess, Kelly Healy, Jennifer Brannan, Nicole Gumina, Dion Roland, Marie Peterson, Katie Eckstein, Erika Jones
SECOND ROW: Asst.coach Larry Friend, Trainer Stu Martin, Jackie Percy, Leigh Johnson, Adelle Belisle, Rose Sammon, Stephanie Jardine, Maggie Smith, Melissa Wanwright, Tracy Healy, Julie Pilkington, Janet Halliday, Maria Villalpando, Debbie Olson, Head Coach Marty Buckley. Photo by C. Grosjean



BREAKIN' UP THE OFFENSE. Trapping the ball before sending it down field, Maria Villalpando startles her opponent who was working the ball to the goal. Photo by C. Grosjean

A TOP 20 DEBUT

Second season is as exciting as first

Upperclass experience and freshman enthusiasm proved that the second season of women's intercollegiate soccer could be just as exciting as the first. The team took second in the CAC with a record of 8-11-1, won the Falcon Invitational and were ranked in the top twenty for almost half of the season. This included spending one week at 16th and two weeks at 18th.

"Our goal was to win the CAC and the Falcon Invitational," head coach Marty Buckley said. "It was icing on the cake that we made it into the top 20."

"We definitely improved this year," junior, MVP, Julie Pilkington said. "We had a much tougher schedule; we had to play up to (the level of) the competition, by doing so we made a reputation for ourselves."

It's a reputation that will stay for years to come, more than half of the team was freshmen and sophomores.

"The upperclass players definitely had more experience," Buckley said. "The freshmen players added the punch. Undoubtedly with the returning players they were a winning combination."

The season started strong with a big win (3-1) against the University of Northern Colorado who was ranked 12



JOUST ACTION. Working a little one-on-one foot play junior Dion Roland works to get the ball past her opponent and into a position to pass to an open teammate. Photo by C. Grosjean

the winning shot went into the goal with three seconds left to play.

"Army was our most exciting game," Pilkington said. "It was a heartbreaker to lose, but it was an excellent game. We felt good about our effort."

Keeping a good attitude and breaking through mental fatigue is something that both the team and the coaches plan to work on, like the men's team, they are enlisting the help of a sports psychologist.

"We had a hard time getting out of our losing streak," Pilkington said. "When we won all we focused on was the fun. We need to remember that winning is fun. When we're on the field, we're there to win the game."

Wins not only came as a team but individually. Tracy Healy was named to the All-Far West team, she is the first AFA women's soccer player to earn this honor. Dolly Pasini was voted Rookie of the year for the CAC. Tracy Healy, Julie Pilkington and Dolly Pasini were named to the first team All-CAC while Kelly Healy and Marie Peterson made second team All-CAC. In addition Julie Pilkington, Adelle Belisle and Janet Haliday made the CAC All Academic Team.

in the nation.

"The win set the pace and the players became believers that they can compete," assistant coach Larry Friend said.

Unfortunately this positive attitude came to a halt toward the end of the season. The team suffered from some hard fought losses. The most important being to West Point. The game went into double overtime and

"When we're on the field, we're there to win the game."

Julie Pilkington

THE NEMESIS: UCSD

Falcons take second in WWPA for fifth year

NEMESIS: look this one up in the Air Force Academy water polo dictionary and you will find a picture of the UC San Diego water polo team.

UC San Diego once again proved to be a real nemesis to the Falcons' water polo team during the 1993 fall campaign. In the championship game of the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) Tournament, the Falcons lost to UC San Diego (15-13) for the fifth year in a row.

After starting the year 0-4, the Falcons played a respectable 10-10 the rest of the way. "The 1993 team came a long way," head coach LtCol Jeffrey Heidmous said. "In the WWPA tournament, we scored on more than 70 per cent of our man-ups and had more steals than turnovers. If these two statistics hold true throughout next year, we will be back in the Top 10 and looking for a rematch with UC San Diego."

The slow start to the season was brought about by consecutive losses in California to Navy, UC San Diego and UC Davis. The Falcons then played host to their own tournament and fared much better. The Falcons placed second to UC Santa Barbara (3-0) with a 2-1 record.



COACH'S CORNER. Against Fresno State, Coach Heidmous takes a time-out to discuss the power-play strategy. Photo by S. Morris.

The Falcons next journey took them back to California for the Northern California Tournament. Air Force earned victories over Princeton and Hawaii-Chaminade while suffering losses to UC San Diego, Cal-Berkeley, Long Beach State, and Princeton.

The Falcons sported a 4-9 record at this juncture in the season but improved to 7-11 with three wins in their next five outings. The victories came against Cal Tech, Claremont and Redlands while the losses were to Long Beach State and UC San Diego. The Falcons wrapped up the regular season

with a loss to UC Santa Barbara, a win over UC Riverside and a loss to Pepperdine.

In the first game of the WWPA Tournament, Air Force thumped Loyola Marymount 16-10 to advance to the semifinals. In the semis, the



WHO WANTS IT? Left uncovered, AFA point driver works the ball up to take an easy shot. Photo by B. Boyd.

Falcons defeated UC Davis 12-5, a team they had lost to early in the season. UC San Diego was the foe for the title game and again ruled by the count of 15-13, making it five title game losses in a row for Air Force.

The Falcons will return their top nine scorers for the 1994 fall season and will be seeking to turn the tide, reverse the fortune and become UC San Diego's nemesis for a change.

"We will be back in the Top 10 and looking for a rematch with UC San Diego."

Jeffrey Heidmous
Coach

UCSD

A for fifth year



WHO WANTS IT? Left: ancient point driver wants the ball as it's away from. Photo by B. Boyd.

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GIMME THAT. The offense can score the goals, but defense wins games as is evident by the play of Trevor Davis. Photo by B. Boyd.



The 1993-94 Water Polo Team. Photo provided by the team.

GET BACK. Playing in the hole, Trevor Davis scrambles to get a shot on goal. Photo by S. Morris.



AND THEY'RE OFF. Attempting to establish good field position, AFA runners (L to R) Sara Whittingham, Jenn Kornacker and Sierra Gould set off in the Air Force Invitational. Photo by S. Morris.

HOMETOWN HERO. Obviously well acclimated, local boy Eric Mack, skates across the finish line. Photo by S. Morris.



The Women's Cross Country Team BACK ROW (L to R) Coach Mark Stanforth, Renae Bartalone, Jennifer Kornacker, Kathy Moore, Sara Whittingham, Sierra Gould, Eve Burke FRONT ROW (L to R) Jennifer Robinson, Sandra Acosta, Grace O'Neill, Dolly Patel, Rita Perez, Teresa Larson Photo by B. Boyd.



The Men's Cross Country Team FRONT ROW (L to R) Phil Swenson, Chris Ederle, Javier Ibarra, Gregg Hansen, Mike Engel, John Mizell SECOND ROW (L to R) Coach Mark Stanforth, Andy Meehan, Stan Ness, Chris Lindhorst, Aaron Linderman, Cliff Volpe, Nick McFalls, Eric Mack, Stephen Pinchak THIRD ROW (L to R) Paul Messerli, Paul Graddon, Todd Stratton, Ed McCormick, Andrew Marx, Nick Harris T.J. Reyes, Spencer Cox, George Sefzik, Assistant Coach 2Lt Eric Morrow Photo by B. Boyd.

RUNNING TO THE TOP

Team wins in athletics & academics

They're back and once again at the top of the WAC, (Western Athletic Conference) the men's cross country team finished the season in the strong fashion that is now expected. Among the team's most notable accomplishments were: Placing in the top seven of its nine meets, placing first at the Jayhawk Invitational and the Lobo Invitational, placing third in the WAC, seventh out of 20 in districts and qualifying senior, Phil Swenson for national competition. Swenson came in 28th out of 180.

These accomplishments were only a few bright spots in a season that seemed to have a shower of them. Undoubtedly it was the year of the seniors as they brought back their fourth top three finish in the WAC and saw Swenson earn yet another All-American honor and his second All-Western Athletic Conference honor. In addition, the seniors' talents went beyond athletics, during season Chad Erspamer's grade point average was the second highest in his class with a 3.89. His teammates Todd Stratton and Ed McCormick weren't far behind with a 3.64 and a 3.69 respectively. All three earned Academic All-WAC honors.

"I hammer in the importance of academics," coach Mark Stanforth said. And athletics is an important



part of education. They learn a lot about themselves when trying to balance their time and work with others, it has a positive impact on their lives that I hope they benefit from."

Speaking of benefit, Stanforth and the team certainly won't be benefiting from the departure of the strong senior class, however Stanforth is optimistic.

"We will still have a solid team, however we won't be

as deep," Stanforth said. "They will have to work hard but I think that they can be successful if they decide they want to do it."

Deciding that they want to "do it" was also a phrase that was familiar to the women's cross country team. The women qualified for the NCAA championships and pulled off an 11th place finish out of the top 17 teams in the country, but despite this both the coach and the team decided it was not enough!

"We could have competed better and earned a seventh or eighth place finish," Stanforth said. "Most would be pleased with where we finished but we were a little disappointed."

Everyone is taking this disappointment seriously, since only one of the top

GOOD THINGS COME IN THREE.

Sprinting the final straightaway, Sr. Gregg Hansen, Soph. John Mizell and Jr. Cliff Volpe finish strong. Photo by S. Morris

runners, Jenn Robinson, is graduating a strong core will return to make their new expectations a reality.

"They have a good chance to do something great," Stanforth said. "We have good quality women and have a chance at the top five if they put their minds to it."

Something that the team is already putting its mind to is academics, like the men, sophomore Jennifer Kornacker and Renae Bartolone earned Academic All-American honors from the Cross Country Coaches Association.



THE LAST LEG. Knowing he's got Adams State beat, Sr. Todd Stratton brings it home in his last meet as a cadet. Photo by S. Morris.

"I hammer in the importance of academics"

Mark Stanforth
Coach



KEEP IT UP. Maintaining a strong pace, Jim Zwyer, takes a breath during a distance freestyle event. Photo by C. Harris

GO FOR IT. Standing ready to flip like a quarter, John Malard, preps for his next dive. Photo by S. Morris.



DIVE ON IN. About to spring into action, Karim Lazarus, proves that even Floridians can dive at the Academy where air is rare. Photo by C. Harris



SEASON IS A STRUGGLE

Young team looks toward future success

The men's swimming and diving team kicked off the year on a winning note with its first place victory in the Colorado State Early Bird Invitational. This theme however hit a few sour notes as the team finished the season with a 5-5 overall record and a 4-4 record in the Western Athletic Conference. The reason for the struggle was simple: the team was made up primarily of freshmen and sophomores.

"We knew that we would take a lot of lumps at the dual meets," swim coach, Casey Converse said. "Our team was very young; we are looking toward a successful future with our strong freshmen and sophomores."

Converse said that the team knew that seasons meets would be tough so they decided to look at them merely as training for the WAC championships where they would try to swim their lifetime best.

"Cadets don't like to lose," Converse said. "It was hard for them to accept that they swam their best only to lose, but they had to make sacrifices to reach their WAC goal."

The sacrifices seemed to pay off, sophomore Matt Davis defended his WAC title by



RACE FOR IT ALL. Mike Foutch, Jr., Dan Hogan and Brian Pendergast, team up in the backstroke against Denver University. Photo by B. Fallis

winning the 400 individual medley with a meet and Air Force record time of three minutes and 13 seconds. He also took second in the 200 IM and 200 butterfly. These events earned him two more Air Force records. Yet another great performance came from sophomore Jon Kalberer. He placed in three events. He took second in 500 freestyle, fourth

in the 1,650 freestyle and fifth in the 200 freestyle. Due to these combined performances both Davis and Kalberer earned All-WAC honors.

Other top performances included freshman Trevor Kildare, who took fourth in 50 freestyle and junior Garrett Lowe who placed fifth in 100 butterfly.

The points compiled by the swimmers totaled 210. It earned the team a fifth place finish out of seven teams.

"By the WAC meet the team was ready to swim its fastest," Converse said. "There were mostly lifetime bests... we're a team to watch. We should be in the top three of the WAC in the near future."



READY AND WAITING. Listening for the gun, Jeff Marshall, prepares to dive into the water to compete in the breaststroke. Photo by C. Harris.

"We knew that we would take a lot of lumps at the dual meets."

Casey Converse
Coach

QUICK OFF THE BLOCK. A good medley start is tough, but this swimmer, Shannon Goff makes it look easy. Photo by S. Morris.



CONCENTRATION IS THE KEY. Mentally preparing for her dive, Libby Saum runs through her pre-dive routine which includes visualizing a perfect water entry. Photo by C. Harris.



AIR IS RARE. Taking a quick gasp of thin mountain air, Meg Martin drives on in the 500 meter freestyle. Photo by C. Harris

GET READY, GET SET, GO. Setting up for the backstroke, Sarah Kerwin sets her feet on the blocks. Photo by C. Harris.



SECOND AT NATIONALS

Highest NCAA finish since 1983

Achievement and success beyond expectations was the name of the game for the Academy's 1993-94 women's swim team.

During the regular season, the Falcons posted a 3-0 mark against Division II teams and a 5-4 record versus Division I opponents. The team also placed second in the nine-team Pacific Collegiate Swimming Conference championships, runner-up to the Division I team from Northern Arizona.

The crowning achievement came at the end of the season with a second place finish at the 31st annual NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships in March in Canton, Ohio. The Falcons were runners-up to Division II powerhouse Oakland University. The second place showing was the team's best since 1983 when the Falcons also captured second at the national event.

While earning the second place trophy, the Falcons claimed three individual national champions, one relay national champion, 13 All-Americans, and head coach Casey Converse received national Division II Coach-of-the-Year honors. All-American honors were given to swimmers and divers who placed eighth or better in individual events or relays.



GET VERTICAL. Split seconds before entry, Rebecca Curry tightens her body for a perfect dive. Rebecca led the diving team as she was the only senior to compete. Photo by S. Morris

Senior Erika Schenaver captured the first national title of her career in the 400 individual medley and placed in the top five in three other events. In addition Schenaver was selected NCAA swimmer of the year by the coaches at

"I am very pleased with the team's performance,"
Casey Converse
coach



A FABULOUS FINISH. The women's swimming and diving team members are all smiles after receiving the second place plaque at the NCAA championship competition.

the championship meet. Converse said he believes her ability to swim successfully in the 500 free followed by swimming in the 200 IM 20 minutes later proved that she was an outstanding athlete and competitor.

First place national crowns also were also earned by junior Tanja Hauber (100 breaststroke) and freshman Maya Anderson (200 breaststroke). The team of Hauber, sophomore Robbie Kilroy and freshmen Shannon Goff and Claudine Tjhi placed first in the 400 medley relay.

"We were blessed with five returning All-American swimmers," Converse said. "The experience helped at the big meets and helped the younger swimmers feel more confident that some of the team

had already been through tough competition."

The other Falcons who earned All-American status included senior Keri Schreiber, freshman Abby White, senior Brenda Boeckmann, junior Teri Heitmeyer, freshman Julie Freedman, sophomore Yiotula Chiligris, and senior Rebecca Currie.

"I am very pleased with the team's performance," Converse said. "Our goal all season long was a top three finish and we surpassed our expectations."

Converse added that next year should be equally as strong. There will be three All-Americans returning in addition to good juniors. The team is also returning all of the members of its national championship relay team.

STICK HIM TIGHT. With a lock on the ball, Reggie Minton, Soph., refuses to let a pass go by him. Photo by C. Harris.



GET THE BLOCK. Trying to beat the ball to the bucket, (45) Charlie Nelson, Soph., attempts a block as (34) Bryce Morgan, Sr., waits for the rebound. Photo by D. Schin.



LET ME HELP YOU. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, Kenyon Bell, Jr., helps this CSU player get that pesky mustard off his chin. Photo by C. Harris.



GREAT SEASON FOR JONES

Guard has record-breaking year; leads WAC in scoring

Strong, encouraging team performances down the stretch of the regular season and the superbly consistent play of junior guard Otis Jones all season long were the highlights of the men's basketball campaign in 1993-94.

Jones put together a remarkable season that led to the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) scoring title at 25.1 points per game. Jones became only the second Falcon to win the WAC scoring title...the other Falcon was Raymond Dudley in 1990.

In the win against Utah on Feb. 19, Jones set a single game record when he swished 17 free throws. He finished the season ranked fifth in Academy career scoring and his single season scoring total was the second highest in Academy history.

Down the stretch, the Falcons played their best ball of the season and defeated WAC foes Utah, Texas-El Paso and Colorado State in the process. The win (Feb. 26) against Texas-El Paso was the Falcons' first-ever in El Paso.

Senior forward Bryce

OVER THE TOP. Air Force guard Otis Jones, Jr., soars over a landlocked midshipman. Air Force knocked off the NCAA bound Midshipman for the first victory of the season. Photo by B. Scharton.



UP FOR TWO. Getting a clear look at the hoop, Anthony Barrett put up a field goal against WAC rival CSU. Photo by C. Harris

Morgan was the lone senior in the Falcons' starting line-up during the 1993-94 season. Morgan set a new Academy record with six blocks against



ENTER THE SOUTHPAW. Going for the "easy points" left-hand shooter Chris Loll, Jr., concentrates on sinking the ball. Photo by C. Harris.

Navy on Nov. 27 and tied the mark against Doane Dec. 4.

Head coach Reggie Minton wrapped up his 10th season at the Academy. On Feb. 19, he collected his 100th career win at the Academy when the Falcons beat Utah in overtime.

The Falcons lost to Texas-El Paso in the first round of the post-season WAC tournament. This gave the Falcons a final season record of 8-18.

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TEAM NETS BIG RESULTS

Young Lady Falcons take third in CAC

The team was young and the competition promised to be fierce, with this combination the law of averages said the women's basketball team was in for a long season. As anticipated the starting team of two freshmen, two sophomores and one senior did lose some hard fought battles, but each one of them just seemed to make the team want victory a little more.

After the first seven games the team had a record of 3-4, however the season score card soon turned around as the team dug in and won eight of the next ten games bringing the season record to 13-6.

"We (the coaching staff) were very pleased with the way the season progressed," head coach Marti Gasser said. "There's no doubt about it our young players came through when we needed them."

One particular such game was during regular season when the Falcons beat Metro State 84-82 (Metro earned a berth in the NCAA tourney) "In the game against Metro the young players really came through," Gasser said. "Jeannie Roellich was under constant pressure and she really stepped up the game. We were also able to go inside

to our young (Carrie Barker, Carrie Carrow and Carrie Loudermilk) and count on them to get into double figures."

Yet another player that saw double figures nearly every game was senior Jennifer Patrick. After being moved from strong forward to small forward, Patrick proved that she could make the transition successfully; it earned her not only team MVP but also long list of other achievements. It included being named first-team All-CAC, an award that partially stemmed from leading the league in field goal and free throw percentages and being second in scoring and rebounding. Patrick also was the only player to receive CAC Player of the Week two weeks in a row.

Patrick was definitely an asset in leading a team that was still wet behind the ears. "The team was inexperienced

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up now, let's get
on with it'."

Marti Gasser
Coach



JUMP SHOT! Leaping over two grounded Metro State players, Tami Prasse shoots for two to add to her field goal total. Photo by C. Grosjean.

but we did see drastic improvement by the end of the year," Gasser said.

This improvement earned the team an overall record of 18-9 and a 10-4 finish (third place) in the Colorado Athletic Conference. The Falcons competed in the CAC Tournament, but unfortunately they were knocked out in the first round by Metro State.

Gasser said they had



GETTING HACKED ... Drawing the foul, Carrie Loudermilk puts one up in hopes of a three-point play. Photo by C. Grosjean.

hoped to do better in the tournament but that is behind them now and they are looking forward to a very promising 1995 season.

"We started a new offense this year and now we're fine tuning it," Gasser said. "We're also working on improving our defense and becoming more aggressive to make the game faster and more exciting."

She added: "Our attitude is 'We're grown up now, let's get on with it'."

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Carrie Laidemilk puts on a
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DRIVING THE LANE ... burning the defender, team MVP Jennifer Patrick makes her way to the hoop. Photo by C. Grosjean.

SETTING UP ... Waiting for the defense to shift, freshman guard Jeannie Roellich guides the offense to a scoring opportunity. Photo by B. Fallis.



CONCENTRATION IS KEY. Starting free throw pattern, Ann Marie Halterman envisions the ball going through the net. Photo by B. Fallis.



FREE BALL ... Reaching for one of the team's more than 1213 rebounds (23) Tami Prasse and (50) Tracy Wilcox take the front two position while being backed up by a teammate. Photo by C. Grosjean



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TWO ALL-AMERICANS

Men's team places 12th at NCAA Championships

Senior Tim Cullen and junior Ben Maitre earned honorable mention All-American status by placing 10th and 11th, respectively, in the epee individual competition at the 1994 NCAA national fencing championships March 18-22 at Brandeis University.

The duo became the 12th and 13th fencing All-Americans for the Air Force Academy and the first since the 1991 season.

"I knew the guys would fare well," coach Capt George Chandler said. "The competition was tough, but they fenced as good as they have all year."

The Falcons finished 12th in the overall competition after the sabre and epee teams brought home fifth and seventh place finishes, respectively.

The sabre team of Chris Dougherty, Garrett Gulish, Greg Nowak, and Brian Kobashigawa defeated Princeton 5-3, while Cullen and Maitre teamed with senior Alex Gracia to win a 5-1 decision over Ohio State.



Momentarily opening his guard, C3C Chris Dougherty is suddenly down by one as his opponent gives him a chest cut. Unlike epee or foil, sabre attacks consist mostly of slashing or cutting movements. Photo by J. Babinski

Maitre, who also won the Western Regional epee title,

was the Falcons' top finisher at nationals and was the top fencer among all west regional competitors. Dougherty placed 16th to lead the Falcons in the men's individual sabre competition.

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Regionals



C3C Chris Dougherty proudly displays his hard-earned trophy. Chris was instrumental in helping the men's team win the Western Regional title. Photo by J. Babinski

The men's fencing team finished with a 17-8 regular season record and captured the Western Regional title for the first time since 1988.

The women's fencing team closed the season at 11-12 and placed third out of seven teams at the West Regionals. Sophomore Kim Chalaire notched a 53-40 foil record to finish as the top female competitor.

After a successful parry, C1C Brian Kobashigawa prepares to even the score with an immediate counter attack. The wires attached to the lame and mask recorded successful hits by the opponent. Photo by J. Babinski

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C3C Chris Dougherty proudly holds his hard-earned trophy. Chris was instrumental in helping the men's team win the Regional title. Photo by J. Babinski

The men's team finished with a 17-8 season record and won the Western Regional for the first time since 1988. The women's team closed the season 12-2 and placed third among seven teams at the Regionals. Sophomore Chalaire notched a 33-0 record to finish as the top female competitor.

After a successful party, C1C Greg Nowak prepares to enter the arena with an immediate counter attack. He was successful in his first hit by the opponent. Photo by J. Babinski



C1C Greg Nowak takes a touch to the head as his opponent finds an opening in his guard. In sabre, the target consists of the torso above the trunk, the arms, and the head. Photo by J. Babinski

C3C Garrett Gulish rushes the retreating defender with his patented feint and slash the opposite side attack. The Nick Toth Open, sponsored each year by the Academy, allowed local fencers to showcase their talents. Photo by J. Babinski





The rifle team takes aim at number one, C2C Dan Wilcox plans to help make that possible. In their 36 year history, the team has posted 34 winning seasons. Photo by A. Arata.

Shooting to be "Top Gun," is C4C Dan Pempel, the only fourthclass cadet on the traveling team. This season, records were set on a team and individual level. Photo by A. Arata.



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Team set

The Air Force Academy rifle team closed its season in historic fashion with a 21-3 record. The team set an impressive new standard both as individuals and as a whole, that will go down in record books.

There were four Americans on the team this year. Seniors Justin Broug and Will Reinert, sophomore Robin Orth, and freshman Dan Pempel were named All-Americans based on average performance throughout the season.

All-Americans for the rifle team was a new record for the Academy. Two All-Americans was the previous high for the rifle team. These All-Americans set new Academy records in their individual performances. Dan Pempel shot a perfect 10 in the prone position, while Will Reinert shot a 396 and Robin Orth's 395 out of 400 in the kneeling position. Pempel's performance in the rifle earned him a position on the U.S. National team.

At nationals, the team earned its best score in history. The team's 6161 points was good enough for a fourth place finish. This year's national

SHOOTING FOR THE TOP

Team set impressive standards with record of 23-1

The Air Force Academy rifle team closed its 37th season in historic fashion with a 23-1 record. The team set impressive new standards, both as individuals and as a whole, that will go down in the record books.

There were four All-Americans on the team this year. Seniors Justin Broughton and Will Reinert, sophomore Robin Orth, and freshman Dan Pempel were named All-Americans based on their average performance throughout the season. Four All-Americans for the rifle team was a new record for the Academy. Two All-Americans was the previous high for the rifle team. These All-Americans set new Academy records with their individual performances. Dan Pempel shot a perfect 400 in the prone position, while Will Reinert shot a 396 out of 400 in the kneeling position. Robin Orth's 395 out of 400 point performance in the air rifle earned him a position on the U.S. National team.

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Posing in front of Olympic rings at their training site, the Olympic Training Center, the 1993-94 rifle team (L to R): C1C Justin Broughton, C1C Will Reinert, C2C Dan Wilcox, C3C Robin Orth, C3C Bobbie Breyer, C4C Dan Pempel. Photo by A. Arata.

was considered the most competitive ever. For the first time in history, five of the ten teams who shot earned scores over 6150 points. Alaska-Fairbanks took the title with 6194 points. The Academy shooters held the number 1

ranking during the season for the first time in school history. Finally, the combination of Brian Curtis, Broughton, and Pempel combined for a score of 1554 out of 1600 in air rifle for a new school record.

The rifle team, under the leadership of new team captain Dan Wilcox, is already excited about next year because the team will only lose two seniors to graduation and the team has talented underclassmen on the junior varsity team ready to step up and fill in on the varsity level.



It's all in the way he looks at it, team captain C1C Justin Broughton has the look of a winner in his eyes. Broughton finished only 6 points below a silver medal Olympic score at the Holiday match at the OTC. Photo by A. Arata

Looking toward next season and nationals, Coach Alan Arata said: "The teams will be better next year. And we will have to perform that much better as well. Nationals will be a four horse race and it will come down to one day of shooting."

By Rob Sepp

"Nationals will be a four horse race, it will come down to one day of shooting."

Alan Arata
Coach

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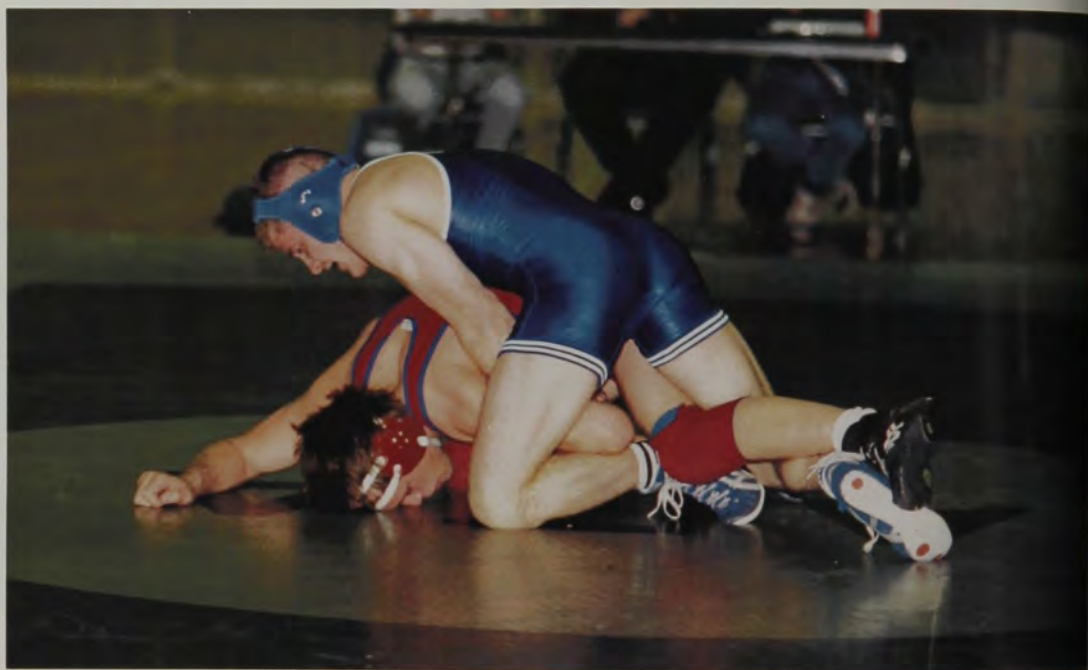
Three advance to NCAA Championships

In between a loss to start the season and a loss to finish the season, the Falcons' wrestling team won eight straight dual matches to finish the season at 8-2.

The Academy earned third place at the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Championships with one individual champion and three second place finishers. Freshman Jeremy Potvin captured the WAC title at 158 pounds. Seniors Brett Machovina (167) and Jeff Dalrymple (142), along with freshman Rangi Smart (150), placed second. All four wrestlers qualified for the NCAA National Championships.

Smart recorded a 3-2 mark at nationals and was one match win short of becoming the Falcons' first wrestling All-American since 1975. Dalrymple and Machovina each won their first match before losing in the second round. Potvin lost his first two encounters at nationals.

Machovina paced the Falcons in '93-'94 with 29 wins and a 29-7 overall record. Smart posted 28 match wins (28-11), Dalrymple went 25-10 and heavyweight Paul



WHAT ME WORRY? Crushing his opponent like a beer can, Troy Henderson has no problem with this excuse for a wrestler. Photo by S. Morris.

Wagner finished with a 23-10 mark.

During the regular season, the Falcons won back-to-back tournament titles at the Colorado Collegiate (Alamosa, CO) and the Tracy Borah Invitational (Gunnison,

CO). The first-place finish at the Colorado Collegiate tourney was the Falcons' first ever in that tournament.

In addition to Machovina and Dalrymple, the other seniors on the '93-'94 squad were Dan Bunts, Troy Henderson, Kirk Schultz, Joe Pastorello, Gentry Stephens, and Paul Wagner. The outlook for the '94-'95 season is bright with ten returning veterans.

Falcons' wrestling team won eight straight dual matches in a row.

THE "M" STANDS FOR MEAN. In the most exciting match of the meet, Frank Bryant matches move for move against Southern Colorado. Photo by S. Morris

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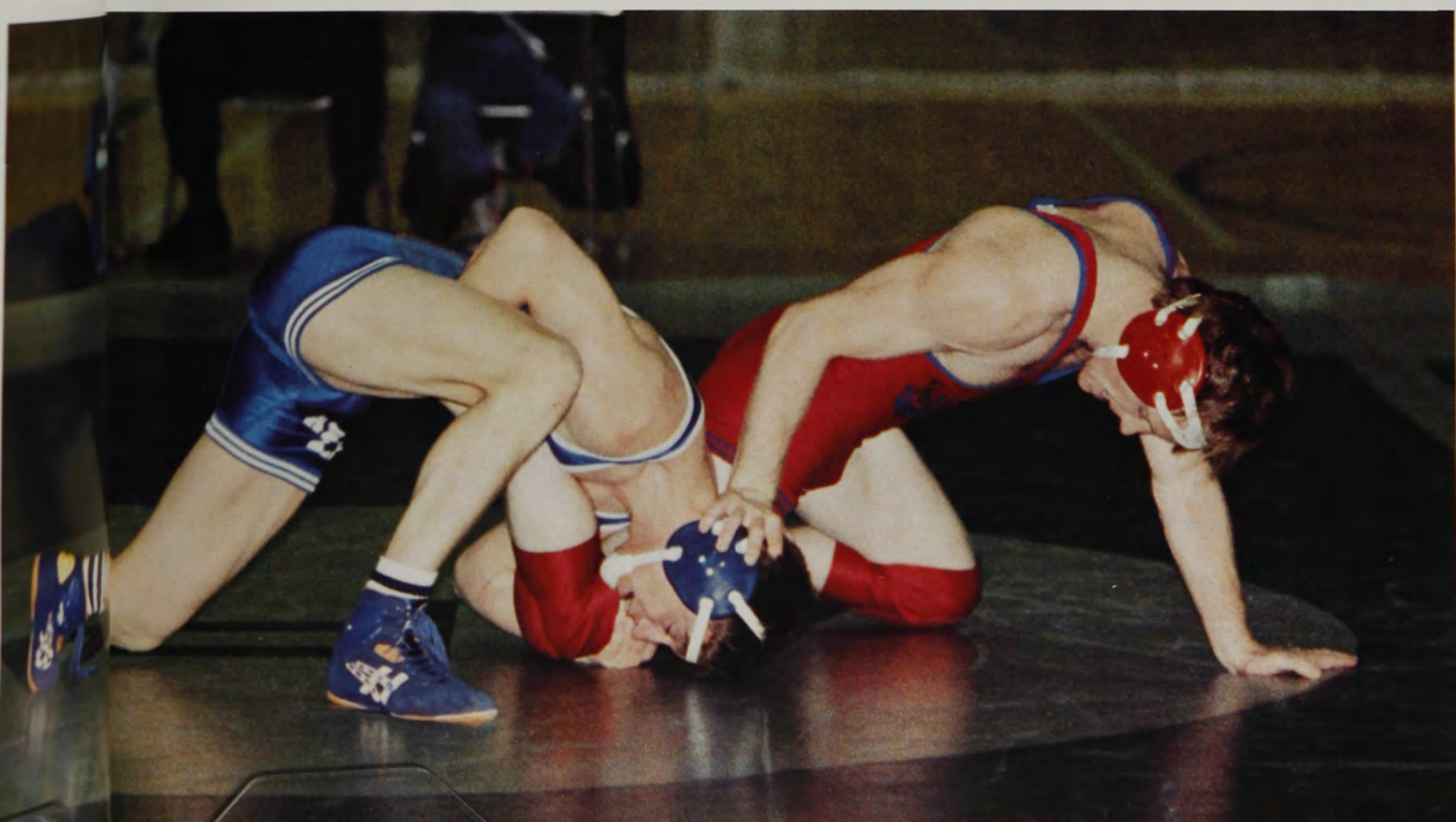
GET A GRIP. Not only can he bulldoze linebackers, but Joe Pastorello also leads Air Force in wrestling. With a hold on the head, Joe anticipates sending his opponent to the mat. Photo by S. Morris.



FANTASTIC FRESHMAN. Three time high school state champ Rangi Smart, grinds his opponents' face into the mat on his way to his second victory in a dual meet. Photo S. Morris



FRESHLY SQUEEZED. In his last home meet, Dan Bunts gets bonus points for riding time against Southern Colorado. Photo by S. Morris



A STRONG SHOWING

Cline wraps up career with four All-Americans

The 1993-94 season turned out to be an injury-plagued one for the Falcons' men's gymnastics team.

Improvement throughout the early part of the season put a smile on coach Lou Burkel's face until late in the season when four Falcons went down with injuries, one of the season-ending variety.

Despite the end-of-the-year injury bug, the Falcons pushed forward and placed seventh in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation and then zoomed to second place at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships.

The Falcons trailed first-place William & Mary by a mere 0.25 points. The Falcons' final team score of 271.55 was their second highest of the season.

At the USA Gymnastics national meet, senior Mike Cline earned four All-American honors: all-around, pommel horse, parallel bars, and rings. He set a new Academy record with an all-around score of 56.35.

"Mike had an outstanding meet," said coach Burkel. "He did a great job not only this season, but his entire



The 1993-94 Men's gymnastics team. Photo S. Morris

career."

Sophomore Brian Rizzoli also earned USA Gymnastics All-American honors by winning the floor exercise at 9.60. Junior Troy Belin gained

All-American status with a fifth place on the vault and senior Jim Miller earned All-American honors by taking fifth on the horizontal bar.

Considering the injuries at the tail end of the season, the Falcons' second place finish was quite an accomplishment. "We almost won it," said Coach Burkel. "Our guys really dug down and competed."

Cline also competed on



ROCK SOLID. Holding a perfect vertical position, Joel Jenne works his way to a personal best score. Photo by S. Morris.

the horizontal bar at the NCAA Championships. During his routine, his finger grip slipped and this cost him a high score and finish.

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Lou Burkel
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KICK! HOLDING a perfect position, Joel Jermu wants to set a personal best score. Photo by S.

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CUTTING EDGE. Leading the way, team captain Jim Miller slices to another routine. Photo by S. Morris

ELEVATION! Proving he's the best, Troy Belin makes a beeline for the judge's table to get a 9+ no doubt. Photo by S. Morris.



LOTS OF FLARE ... completing scissor flares on the floor, Beau Neal stuns the crowd with an outstanding performance. Photo by S. Morris.

HOW CAN HE DO THAT? Combining strength and flexibility, Beau Neal demonstrates his prowess on the rings. Photo by S. Morris.

GRIP IT ... completing an over-bar release, Megan McCann preps for her dismount. Photo by S. Morris.



SWINGING GIANTS ... attempting to gain the most momentum for a dismount, Ann Zionic, Fr., ends her routine with a double back flip. Photo by S. Morris



HOT ROUTINE ... with Latin spice, Rosa Parrales adds artistic flair to her routine. Artistic impression composes a significant portion of the overall score in women's gymnastics. Photo by S. Morris



STYLING ... maintaining her poise and balance, Collette Wright flows through her routine on the four inch wide balance beam. Photo by S. Morris.



TEAM MAKES NATIONALS

Coach Burkel guides young Falcons to Nationals

When Air Force Academy men's gymnastics head coach Lou Burkel also took over the head coaching job of the women's gymnastics team this year, he knew he was in store for a lot more work.

"I knew it would require a lot more work," said coach Burkel. "But I really enjoyed it."

The enjoyment probably was due to the fact the women's team placed seventh in the nation at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships with a very young team. The Falcons had two seniors, one junior, one sophomore, and seven freshmen on the squad.

The Falcons entered the championship meet as the number eight seed in the eight-team field and proceeded to accomplish a team goal. "One of our goals was to finish ahead of at least one team at nationals," said coach Burkel. And we did just that, finishing ahead of the University of Bridgeport (CT)."

The Falcons' seventh place team score of 181.825 at nationals was the second highest score in Academy history. The 1994 team also recorded the highest score ever



MUSIC ON MY MIND ... working with the music, Jenny Lark Goss contemplates the next portion of her routine. Photo by S. Morris.

on March 11 with a 182.725. "Our score at nationals was extremely impressive considering that we did it against the nation's best teams," said coach Burkel.

Freshman Jen Spence earned All-American honors on floor exercise with a 9.75. She became the first floor



The Women's 1993-94 Gymnastics Team FRONT ROW (L to R): Jennifer Spence, Jenny Lark Goss, SECOND ROW (L to R): Shannon Faber, Megan Bir, Dawn Talty THIRD ROW (L to R): Ann Zionie, Melissa Feyerheisen, Antoinette Valero, Megan McCann, Rosa Parrales.

exercise All-American since 1987 and only the third in Academy history.

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Lou Burkel
coach

"We could add as many as ten new women to the team next season," said coach Burkel. With this many newcomers, along with a strong nucleus of returning gymnasts, Burkel and his Falcons have a great opportunity to return to nationals in 1995.

PUCKSTERS FINISH STRONG

Junior class leads the way in 1993-94

By winning seven of its final eight games, the 1993-94 Air Force Academy Falcons' hockey team came within one game of posting a .500 record (15-16-1).

An Academy hockey team has not put together a .500 season since 1989-90 and the 15 victories this season was the most wins since that same '89-'90 campaign.

Only two seniors skated for the Falcons in '93-'94. However, the two seniors, Tony Retka and Doug Smalley, both defensemen, posted the best seasons of their careers. Retka, the '93-'94 team captain, finished seventh on the team in scoring at 2-13-15.

The big offensive firepower came from the team's junior class and these players, of course will be back next season. The juniors tallied 55 per cent of the team's total points. Pacing the attack was defenseman Beau Bilek who topped the club in scoring with 9-33-42. Bilek became only the second rearguard in Academy history to lead the Falcons in scoring.

Junior forwards Andy Veneri (21-20-41) and John Decker (17-20-37) placed second and third in the Falcons' scoring parade. Sophomore Mark DeGironimo led the third class in scoring with 14-22-



SLAP IT. Seeing an open net, Todd Lafortune, Fr., takes a shot just past the blue line. In his first season, Lafortune and the rest of the Falcons dominated the two game series against St. Olaf. Photo by S. Morris.

36 and freshman Greg Dumont was the top newcomer at 17-10-27.

Freshman Pat Kielb and junior Mike Benson shared the net-minding duties for the Falcons this season. Kielb posted a 12-8-1 record and became the first goalie to sport a winning record since the 1989-90 season.

Bilek and Kielb skated

into the Falcons' record book in '93-'94. Bilek tied the mark for most consecutive games scoring an assist with nine. Kielb set a new standard for most consecutive shutout periods with eight.

For yet another season, home and away records were markedly different for the Falcons' hockey team. The Falcons were 3-8-0 on the road and 12-8-1 in the friendly confines of the Cadet Ice Arena. With success at the end of the '93-'94 season and 27 players returning (including the top six scorers and two goalies), the Falcons' outlook for the 1994-95 campaign is bright indeed.

Twenty-seven
returnees are
expected for
1994-95
campaign

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SMOOTH ON ICE. Catching Alaska-Fairbanks off balance, forward, Dan McAlister, Jr., leads a three-on-two break right to the net. Photo by C. Harris



DEFENSE. Helping kill the power-play, defenseman Beau Bilek, Jr., maintains puck control as the penalty time dwindles. Photo by J. Babinski

TAKE THAT. Getting the last word, (#4) Mark DeGiromino, Soph., cross-checks an Alaska forward. Air Force slapped the number one team with a 7-1 loss in the last series of the year. Photo by C. Harris.



READY TO GET ROCKED. Waiting for the face-off, Rocky Northon, Jr., bullies an Alaska defenseman away from the action. Photo by J. Babinski

THANKS WALLY. Taking a rebound from "The Wall," Andy Veneri, Jr., sets up an Air Force attack. Photo by S. Morris

Watch out Serge Bubka. This flying Falcon gets the most bend out of his pole to get the best vault possible. Photo by C. Grosjean.



Hitting the beach. This Falcon lands in the sandpit after his leap. Photo by C. Grosjean.



It's too close to call. This long jumper strains every muscle in his body to make sure he doesn't foul on his attempt. Photo by C. Grosjean.



Giving it everything he's got. This high jumper uses all the body English he can muster to clear the pole. Photo by C. Grosjean.



MAKING THE BOOKS

Gomez, Kuzma and MacFalls make All-Conference

In a sport where success is measured by thousands of a second and feet and inches, Air Force's men's track team had several athletes who ran faster, threw farther, and jumped higher than their competition. And, in the process, put their names in the record books.

During the indoor season, there was only one individual champion. Freshman high jumper Clayton Cole leaped seven feet, one inch better than his competition, to take the



Behind the power curve. This Air Force hurdler does his best to catch the competition. Photo by C. Grosjean.

Western Athletic Conference title. The team, as a whole, came in fifth place in the WAC.

Coach Lindeman predicted before the season a fifth place finish for his team and they kept his word true. The team finished the season with a 5-5 mark and defeated instate rival Colorado for the first time.

Other school record setters for the indoor season were Nick MacFalls in the mile and 1000 meter run, Marcus Nichols in the heptathlon, Jeff Kuzma in the 800 meters, and Eric Mack in the mile and the 3000 meters.

When the men's track team moved outside, they found they had similar success.

There were two individual WAC champions. Jeff Kuzma set a new school record as he ran to the 800 meter championship. In the 1500 meters, Nick MacFalls dashed to the championship and picked up a new school record on the way. Kuzma and MacFalls teamed up with Paul Gomez and Eric Mack to set a school record in the distance medley. In an individual effort, Gomez came in second in the 400 intermediate hurdles at the WAC championships. As a result, Gomez joined Kuzma and MacFalls on the All-Conference team.

Whether indoors or out, the men's track team found success and hope for the same in the future.

By Rob Sepp



The team
defeated
in state rival
Colorado.

C2C Stephine Halcrow prepares to fling her javelin. By the look in her eyes, she could be aiming at one of those annoying magpies. Photo by S. Morris.



"Take it because I don't want it anymore!" C4C Stacey McClain takes a perfect handoff in this relay. Photo by C. Grosjean.



C2C Jana Kokkonen takes flight in the 110 meter hurdles. Kokkonen put her name in the USAFA record books in this event. Photo by C. Grosjean.



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Approaching the turn, this runner from the Academy. Photo by C. Grosjean.

BREAKING RECORDS

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Jessica Renton, the top female scorer with 28 points, made the Academy's top ten list in two events. She ranks fourth all time with a triple jump of 36-6 1/4 and ninth with a long jump of 17-1. Other women to put their names in the top ten lists of their events

were: Jennifer Robinson in the mile and the 800 meters, Stacy McClain in the 200 meters, and Michele Johnson in the 400 meters.

Stephanie Halcrow was the stand out member of the women's team during the outdoor season. She was a standout in shot put, javelin, and the discus. In the discus, Halcrow was a national qualifier for the NCAA championships. She holds the second best discus throw in Air Force history.

Other members of track team that were successful



Up, up, and away. This javelin competitor tries her best in order to put her toy into a subspace orbit. Photos by C. Grosjean.



This Flacon runner drafts off her opponent to save her energy. By her expression, she is probably searching for a little more to pass the Ram runner in front of her. Photo by C Grosjean.

Approaching the turn, this runner focuses on her form and breathing to finish out the race. Photo by C. Grosjean



outside by breaking into the school's top five lists were: Renae Bartolone in the 10,000 meters, Jana Kokkonen in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles, and Brenda Smith in the 100 meter hurdles.

Despite facing schools

and teams larger than their own, the women's track team competed valiantly and constantly placed well. If the team puts forth the effort they did this season, success is assured in the future.

By Rob Sepp

Women's team
beats Northern
Colorado in
regular season

The men's Falcon tennis team gathers to celebrate good times and hard work.

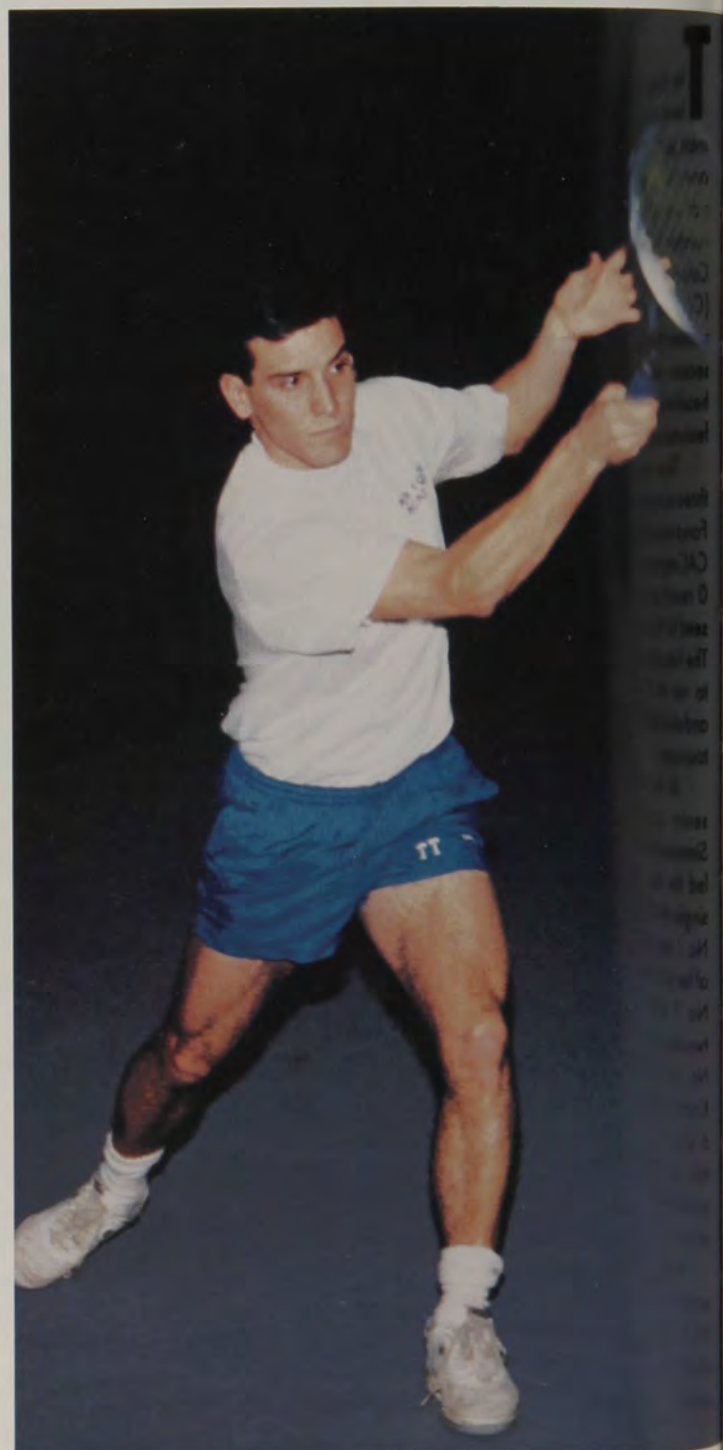
This lady Falcon concentrates on ball placement to advance the lead score. Accuracy is as important as speed and agility in tennis.



CIC Laura Simmons hugs the corner to provide a little "tight defense" and continues on to score on her opponent. Defending power shots provide opportunities to get ahead.



CIC Trace Thurlby demonstrates a powerful return to score on his opponent. "Power Shots" provided many victories for this year's team.



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Falcon

The Falcons' women's tennis team had their main goals in 1994. Number one was to gain a National tournament bid. Number two was to win the Colorado Athletic Conference (CAC) championship. Number three was to finish the season above .500 against head-to-head competition. The Falcons then defeated the regular season champion, the Bears, to win the CAC tournament and a bid to the NCAA tournament.

At the CAC tournament, senior co-captains Laura Simmons and Christine Riklovick led the Falcons by winning the singles titles. Simmons' No. 1 singles was the second in her career. Riklovick won No. 2 singles title and the two combined to win the doubles crown. Amy Krantz captured the CAC doubles title. The CAC title was the second in years for the Falcons and coach Maj. Bob Swanson. Simmons and Riklovick earned bids to compete in the NCAA Division II championships. Simmons advanced to the third round.

SWINGING RACKETS

Falcon tennis teams serve up a game of fun

The Falcons' women's tennis team had three main goals in 1994. Number one was to gain a NCAA national tournament bid; number two was to win the Colorado Athletic Conference (CAC) championship; and number three was to finish the season above .500 against head-to-head competition that featured several Division I foes.

Three main goals set, three main goals achieved. Air Force steamrolled through the CAC regular season with an 8-0 record and earned the top seed for the CAC tournament. The Falcons then defeated DU to win the CAC tournament and a bid to the NCAA national tournament.

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The women's Falcon tennis team huddles up for a proud group shot; a victorious season breeds friendship and camaraderie.

before bowing out while Rilovick lost in the opening round. The Falcons lost both team matches at nationals, but finished the season ranked in the top 10 with a 15-11 record.

Simmons concluded her brilliant career as the winningest player (male or female) in Academy history with a 120-36 career mark. She is a four-time singles All-American and a two-time doubles All-American.

Another season, another 20 wins or more. The Falcons' men's tennis team racked up its 18th straight 20 win season in 1994. The Falcons, a model of consistency for the past two decades, posted a 24-5 record and placed seventh at the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) championships. The

seventh place WAC finish was deceptive, however, because the Falcons were the highest finishing all-American team. All other teams that finished ahead of the Falcons had foreign players.

"I am very proud of the team," said head coach Rich Gugat, who has guided the Falcons to each 20-win season.

"They had a very successful season." The Falcons ran their home court winning streak to a record 41 before losing to Baylor in March. Several individuals recorded outstanding season marks. Junior Jerry Ledzinski had his first 20-win season and tied the Academy record for wins at No. 1 singles with a 24-5 record. Fellow junior Paul Griffiths also won more than 20 matches (22-6) for the first time in his career.

Two seniors who turned out to be two of the best players in Academy history wrapped up superb careers for the Falcons. Trace Thurlby and Mike Bautista combined for a 20-3 doubles record to lead the team in 1994. Thurlby's 84-10 career record made him the most successful player in Academy history with a .894 winning percentage. "We are really going to miss Trace and Mike," coach Gugat said. "They are two of the best we've ever had here at the Academy, as players and people."

Along with Ledzinski and Griffiths, freshman Mike Parks will be one of the top returning netters in 1995. He posted an outstanding 17-1 mark at No. 5 singles in his rookie campaign.

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Rich Gugat
coach

BASEBALL RECORDS FALL

Twenty new records set in winning season

Twenty new records and another winning season (26-24) were the high points for the 1994 Falcons' baseball team.

"We accomplished the majority of our team goals and set a lot of records," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "The guys played hard...they did their best."

The 26-24 season record was the second consecutive winning season for the Falcons. Air Force Academy baseball had not accomplished this feat, back-to-back winning seasons, in 14 years. The Falcons also snapped an Academy record by spending 100 consecutive games at the .500 mark or above. The previous record was 99 games between 1978-80.

Other single season team records shattered by the Falcons in 1994 included most home runs, most triples, most hit batters, highest slugging percentage, and most saves. The Falcons finished the season with a .360 team batting average which was leading the nation at the end of the Falcons' season.

Senior Vern Mullis and junior Glenn Harris smashed several school records during



Tri-captain Sr. Mike Manor fouls off this pitch to stay alive. It would have been a souvenir for the fans, but the catchers face got in the way. Photo by S. Morris.

the 1994 campaign. Mullis, who missed only one game in his four-year career at the Academy, broke Academy records for hits, RBIs, at-bats, total bases, and triples. Harris

was one of the most feared hitters in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). In WAC games, he shattered Academy records for highest batting average (.526), most home runs (12), most RBIs (41), and highest slugging percentage (1.118).

"All in all, it was a great season," Mainieri said. "We will really miss the eight seniors, but I am confident our returning group can work just as hard to get a third straight winning season."

"All in all, it was
a great
season,"
Paul Mainieri
Coach



A, B, C you later! Jr. Chad Day takes the CC pitcher's offering downtown. Photo by S. Morris.

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ning season



Tri-captain Sr. Rob Lisch delivers a curve ball to the unsuspecting batter. Hey, Rob, weren't you ever taught that its not polite to stick your tongue out. Photo by S. Morris.



Sliding head first, Sr. Vern Mullis beats the throw to the bag. Mullis broke multiple records during his cadet career. Photo by S. Morris.

Tri-captain Sr. Anthony Sansano lays down a perfect bunt on the third base line. Besides his contributions on the field, Sansano was known for his comic relief and ability to put away double-doubles. Photo by S. Morris.



for the fans, but the catchers bag



A. B. C. you later in Chad Day
C.C. pitcher's offering downtown
S. Morris

CAPTAINS LEAD THE WAY

Cougar classic is best tournament for golf team

When the weather warmed up, so did the Falcons' men's golf team. The Falcons definitely saved their best for last during the 1994 spring portion of the schedule.

The Falcons' spring results produced only one top ten finish in five tournaments until the team rolled into Provo, Utah, for the Cougar Classic on April 21.

Senior co-captain Jim Fagan shot a Cougar Classic and career best 67 in the opening round to take the individual lead. After two more rounds, Fagan finished eighth overall with 219 strokes. Senior co-captain teammate Jason Vitas was right behind with a season best 221 strokes. The team shot three straight sub-300 rounds, its best outing of the season, to place sixth in the 15-team field.

The Falcons placed ninth overall in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) tournament on April 28-30 in Fresno, California. Junior Owen Shieler was the Falcons' top individual finisher at 30th.



Blasting out of the desert. Despite landing his approach in the sand trap, this golfer sends his ball right at the pin. Photo by C. Harris.

Fagan and sophomore Trey Treadwell tied for 34th, Vitas placed 42nd and junior Joe Dingman finished 49th.

The 1993 fall part of the schedule was highlighted by a fifth place finish in the Falcon Invitational and a second place showing in the Tri-Service

Classic. The team also finished in fifth place when they competed in the Southern Utah classic.

Fagan led the team with a 77.6 stroke average from a team high 30 rounds. Vitas was second with a 78.8 average. Shieler and Treadwell will be the top returning players with 79.1 averages.

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Western
Athletic
Conference

It better break. Assuming he picked the proper line, Air Force golfer Sr. Jim Fagan anticipates another birdie putt. Photo by C. Harris.

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for golf team



Tough line. Knowing the ball always breaks away from the mountains, Sr. Jason Vitas calculates how he will approach this putt. Photo by C. Harris.



Nice approach. Using a sand wedge, one of the school's duffers watches his ball land on the green. Photo by J. Babinski.



On in two. On the back nine, the Falcon golfer goes for it all to try to catch the leaders. Photo by C. Harris.

Clashing in the corner . . . In the heat of the battle, Sr. Anthony Mitchell and Jr. Zach Hess slug it out in the 147lb. weight class. Photo by C. Harris.

Pushing his opponent to the ropes, four time NCBA National Champion Sr. Arturo Alvarado throws a series of combinations against freshman newcomer Sloan Hollis. Photo by S. Morris.



Venting frustration. Desperately trying to catch-up on points, Jr. Tim Kodama lands a left hook right on Jr. Karl Zurbrugg's chin. Unfortunately for Tim, at the end of the three rounds Karl claimed his first Wing Open title. Photo by C. Harris.



WING OPEN A SUCCESS

New fund-raising record set for local 9-year old

Fists were flying, but even more important, money was flying at the annual Wing Open Boxing Championships March 11th, 1994, at Clune Arena.

The Wing Open traditionally serves as a fund-raiser for a charity or an individual as selected by the Cadet Wing. This year, the money raised at the Wing Open went to the family of Michael McCallister, a nine-year old from Colorado Springs who is battling a cancer that attacks the muscular system.

After all the counting was complete, more than \$21,000 was raised for Michael to help offset the huge medical costs associated with this type of battle. This was the most money ever raised at the Wing Open.

Michael was in attendance at the Wing Open and assisted C1C James Stumbo, the ring announcer, with some of the ringside duties. The excited youngster received numerous cheers from the crowd while in the ring.

Senior Arturo Alvarado punched his way to the Col. John J. Clune Award as the Wing Open's outstanding boxer. Alvarado displayed superb boxing skills en route to a lopsided 5-0 decision over freshman Sloan Lee Hollis in the 139 pound division.



Landing a right cross on Sr. Rick Sheffe's head, Sr. Chad Mathis walked away with the title. Following his bout, "Chaddie-Baby" cruised off with a national title by literally knocking his opponents off their feet. Photo by S. Morris.



With a punch, Jr. Bryan Dickson started a bloody bout and finished it against Jr. James McHenry. Photo by C. Grosjean.

At 112, sophomore Chris Lantagne earned a unanimous decision against sophomore Richard Greene. Senior Ronald Watkins narrowly won a decision over freshman Chris James at 119.

A pair of juniors who were both defending Wing Open champions, John Frazier and

Tony DiCarlo, squared off at 125 pounds and provided the spectators with a highly entertaining bout. Frazier bobbed, weaved and counter-punched his way to a 5-0 decision over hard-hitting DiCarlo.

"That was the plan—counter and move, stick and move," Frazier said. "We fought twice before and I lost both times. I knew DiCarlo would be tough, and would come after me."

In the other Wing Open action, junior Bryan Dickson earned a decision over junior James McHenry at 132; junior Zachary Hess won by a decision over senior Anthony Mitchell at 147; junior

Jason Smith gained a TKO over junior Alejandro Antunez at 156; junior Karl Zurbrugg stopped junior Timothy Kodama at 165; and senior Matt Glover pounded out a TKO win against junior Chris Ingleton at 175.

In defense of his 185 pound title, junior Jerry Sanchez boxed his way to a close but unanimous decision over junior Joe DiFidi. This was an exciting, action-packed contest from start to finish. A lean and mean Chad Mathis, fighting at 235 pounds compared to his football weight of 270, punched his way to a unanimous decision over senior Rick Sheffe in the heavyweight division.

Fists and
money flew at
Wing Open

ART REIGNS SUPREME

Alvarado placed in boxing record book

In his native Guatemala, Arturo Alvarado had never been in a boxing ring. He hadn't boxed a single round before coming to the Air Force Academy in 1990.

For Alvarado, the boxing career began with P.E. 710—a mandatory boxing class for all fourthclass male cadets. From there, it mushroomed into four National Collegiate Boxing Association (NCBA) individual championships for Alvarado.

"It was my goal to win four national championships," Alvarado, an exchange cadet said. "I knew it would be a difficult challenge."

Alvarado became only the second cadet in the history of the Academy, and only the third collegiate boxer ever, to win four consecutive national championships. Academy boxing coach Ed Weichers summed it up best when he described Alvarado's feat as "an awesome accomplishment."

Along with winning his fourth national crown, Alvarado also was voted "Outstanding Boxer" at the NCBA tournament. He also earned the same honor at the Midwest Regional Tournament and the Wing Open in 1994.

After graduating, Alvarado faces an 8-year military commitment for his



Locked and ready. About to drive a right cross on C2C Joe DiFidi, C2C Jerry Sanchez earns a decisive second Wing Open champion. Photo by S. Morris.

native country. "I have it in my head to make a career of the military, but I will keep the doors open," Alvarado said. In his spare time, he wants to teach Guatemalan youngsters how to box. For his own exercise, he will turn to swimming, jogging and the team sport of soccer.

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Arturo Alvarado won four-first place titles

Take this and that. In a grueling 175lb. bout, C1C Matt Glover lands a solid punch on C2C Chris Ingleton's face. Although Chris fought valiantly, Matt Glover won on a TKO. Photo by C. Harris.

Alvarado propelled the Academy boxing team to another national team championship and Midwest Regional title in 1994. The Academy has won 11 of 15 national team titles and 15 straight regional championships.

In addition to Alvarado's gold medal at nationals, the other Academy pugilists who won national individual titles were junior Tony DiCarlo (125), junior Karl Zurbrugg (165), senior Matt Glover (172), junior Jerry Sanchez (180), and senior Chad Mathis (Hwt). Second place silver medals went to sophomore Chris Lantagne (112) and junior Jason Smith (156).





Arthur, Alvarado was born
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on CDC Chris Ingels
Chris taught reliably not
a TIG. Photo by C. Harris.



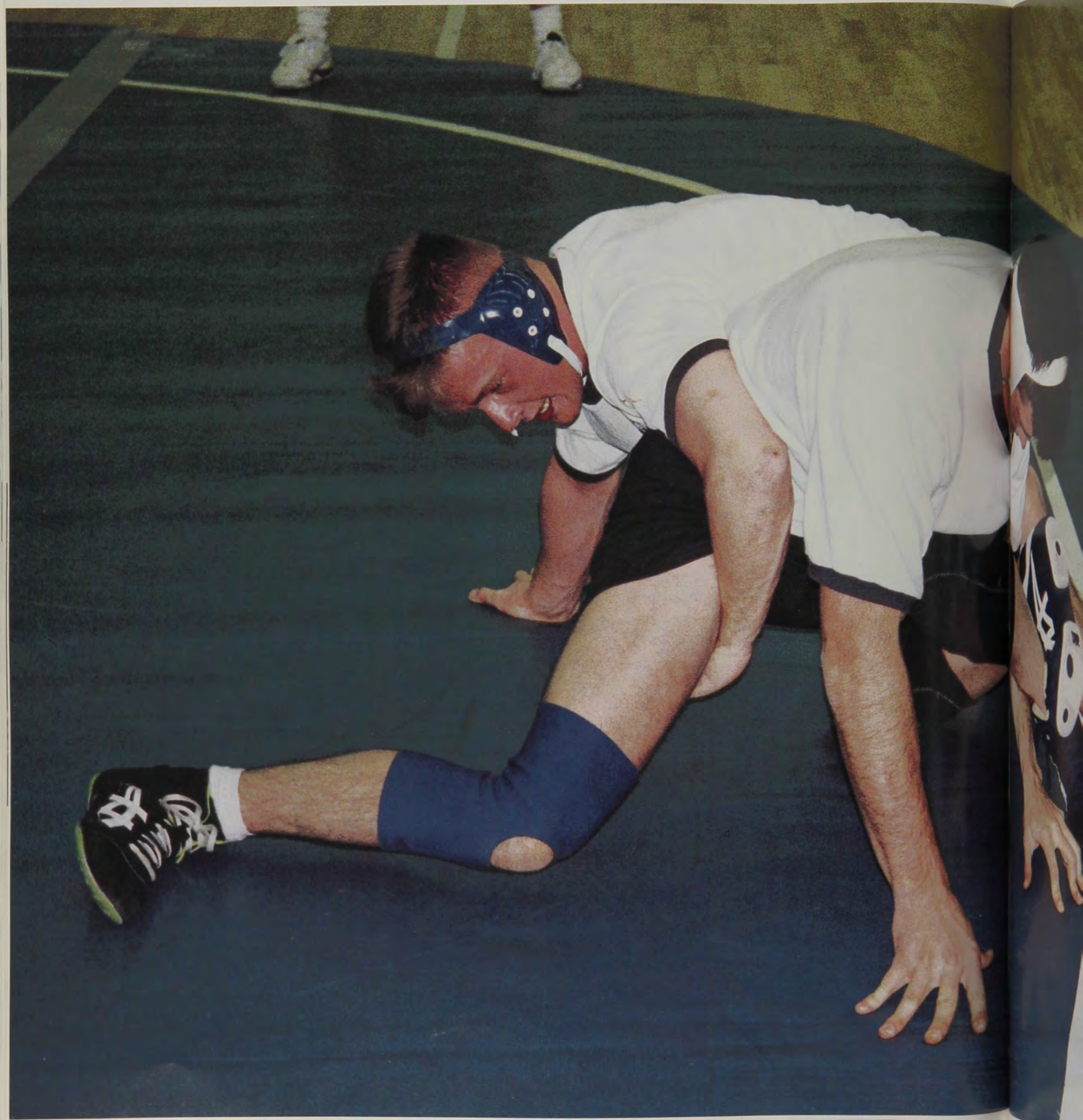
After delivering a stunning jab, Sr. Ron Watkins (blue trunks) prepares to follow with a harsh body blow. Ron won his first Wing Open title he finished second last year. Photo by B. Scharton.



Thanks everybody! Raising a hat he was just presented, this year's Wing Open charity beneficiary Michael McCallister thanks the crowd for raising over \$21,000 to defray his medical expenses. Photo by S. Morris.

If looks could kill, looking for a weakness, Jr. John Frazier gets a feel for his opponent, defending Wing Open champ Jr. Anthony DiCarlo. Photo by C. Harris.

*On the fields of friendly strife
cadets battle to be the best*





Every Monday through Friday after school, most cadets trotted out of their squadrons to defend their pride and honor on the fields of friendly strife. Intramurals are a long standing

Intramurals

tradition within the Cadet Wing and will remain a part of USAFA as long as physical fitness remains one of the four pillars that the Academy is built on.

Every year it is a battle to see which squadrons will successfully defend their titles as opposed to those who will lose to the competitors who wanted it "just a little bit more."

In the fall and spring, cadets headed out to the intramural fields for sports such as soccer, flag football, handball, mountain biking, and the original Air Force sport of flickerball. Cadets returned to the warm confines of the gym during the winter to do battle. Basketball, wrestling, wallyball, and racquetball headlined for the cold season; while spring saw such outdoor favorites as rugby, mountain biking and softball.

No matter what venue they played at, intramurals always proved to be fun and competitive at the same time.

By Rob Sepp

Tradition

Who's got who? After the grueling rounds, these two intramural wrestlers brace and attack to determine a winner. Photo by D. Hill



FITNESS FRENZY

Tightening and toning, cadets go muscle bound

Physical fitness has always been at the heart of most cadets' values. The physical requirements put on members of the military make many feel that the best way to accomplish the mission is by being in the best shape possible. Things like the PFT, the AFT, intramurals, intercollegiate, or club sports provide yet another reason to be physically fit.

At the Academy, there are many ways to increase fitness—from jogging, biking, or swimming, to racquet sports and high-impact aerobics. The aerobic fitness room includes many life-cycles, rowing machines, Stairmasters, and even Nordic Tracks. Perhaps the most popular method is getting into the weight-room and pumping some good, old-fashioned iron. Major Jeff Braley, stated that although there hasn't been much of an increase in the numbers of people using the weight room, separate intramural and intercollegiate weight rooms alleviated the crowding that used to plague it. "Between 1400 and 1600 are the peak times for weight room usage," Braley said. "Cadets can make it easier on themselves by coming down to work out during their free periods." Many cadets utilized the new regulation that allowed them to workout during ACQ. It gave them more options for mingling their training with their academic load.

With such a large number of people using the weight room, there are sure to be some problems. The most prominent was people using equipment and then leaving it out. If people would just watch out for one another, and treat the equipment properly, and put it away when done, the weight room would run a lot more smoothly. To help alleviate some of these problems, several new weight benches, some lat-pull and row machines were ordered.

By Rob Blissett



Watching the instructor for the changes, Debovette keeps with the pace. Aerobics were a popular addition to many cadets' workouts. Photo by C. Harris

Concentrating on perfect form, Rocky Favorito works to pump his traps and delts. The controversy between advocates of form versus heavy weight workouts was always evident in the cadet weight room. Photo by C. Harris



Wearing the latest fashion is PC, Brad Morrison gets started on his arm workout. Stricter uniform policies caused cadets to modify their apparel to comply, but still be functional. Photo by C. Harris



Working out with a smile, Jamie Leighton uses Nordic Track to build his cardiovascular system. The cadet aerobic fitness room has machines ranging from stair masters to life cycles. Photo by C. Harris

Straining to complete his lat workout, Torrence Sanford works to crank out one last rep. Cadets often had to get to the weight room early to avoid lines on popular machines like the cable pull-down rack. Photo by C. Harris

FALL INTRAMURALS

Finally a sport where
everyone fits in..

Basketball, not tall enough. Baseball, can't hit. Soccer, can't run. Football, not fat enough. Intramurals, that's where all cadets fit in! In the fall cadets choose from a smorgasbord of enjoyable sports. Tennis, cross country and soccer are just a few sports cadets get excited about. Come rain or shine, cadets participate in the intramural sports program two days a week.

"A-H," the Academy's foremost authority on physical fitness, shared with cadets the reasons for the intramural program. "Intramurals provide leadership experience to cadets, either as players, coaches, or referees. Intramurals promote physical fitness and an awareness of a physical lifestyle. They promote a positive attitude about physical fitness, competition and sportsmanship in cadets. Intramurals also provide cadets an 'opportunity' to learn administrative lessons through oversight of the program."

In reality though, cadets travel to the athletic fields every other day for a lesson in venting frustration. C4C Reese Evers, a rookie flickerball player, exclaimed: "...flickerball was great. I got to let out all my aggression down on the field, but we didn't do so hot." In other words it's not whether you win or lose, but how much stress you relieve doing it. "I played football before I came to the Academy," Evers added. "I'm used to running the ball, but in flickerball that's against the rules. It was kind of frustrating at first.....that just made the game more interesting." Continued on page 133.

Kyeeah... C1C James Jagodzinski fends off an attacker in a vicious game of ultimate frisbee. Photo by M. Gaupp





Foul... Although many referees get heckled for bad calls, C2C Rob Jayme takes his officiating seriously. Photo by C. Harris

Ready to poach... Strategy is the key to winning at doubles tennis as this cadet stands at the net ready to smash one down his opponent's throat. Photo by M. Gregory



Running a route... Flickerball is more than just a game of throwing a football around, it also requires running good patterns to score. Photo by C. Harris



Dozen does it... Dirty Dozen (12th squadron) had a good year in team handball thanks to smart and clever goal tending. Photo by M. Gregory

I'm pooped... Soccer is a game of endurance, this cadet demonstrates how he crashes into the grass to regain consciousness after a tough game. Photo by M. Gaupp



Take that... Sending a forehand cross-court, this cadet exhibits great form. Although tennis is considered a gentleman's game, some matches turned turbulent this season. Photo by M. Gregory



Reach... Refusing to give up a turnover, C2C Mark Hickman leaps into the air to retain possession. Photo by C. Harris

Get back... Fending off the defense, C1C Raymond Cirasa looks to flip a pass to a teammate down-field. Photo by C. Harris



FALL INTRAMURALS

All cadets are "invited"
to join the fun

C3C Mark Robinson, a tennis player with four years of high school experience, competed in another intramural season. He had a rather different view of the impact of the intramural program in his life. "Tennis didn't really change my life all that much. It did affect my life though, it took away from my afternoon nap time," Mark shared. What made Mark choose tennis? He admitted: "You don't have to do a whole lot of running, and the gym is a shorter walk than the athletic fields."

Several cadet's were able to participate in more than one intramural during the season. C2C Bill Denham, a tennis player, got himself transferred to cross country. He stated: "I was pretty good at tennis...not good enough to teach, but I played alright." What is Bill's fetish with the cross country program? "I was training for the Marine Corps Marathon, and I figured why not use my intramural days as part of my circuit training." He continued: "I could do the short run on my intramural days, and really work out hard on my off days. It worked out to be a really good use of my time, and I killed two birds with one stone."

Across the board it was safe to say that the scope of sports offered by the intramural program did indeed offer cadets a wide range of athletic opportunity. Many cadets received their first choices, while other were "coerced" into participation in the less favorite activities. In either case, all cadets were welcome, and in fact required to participate. "But sir, I suck at that sport" was not a valid excuse to remove one's self from competition..... so some played against their will. Bring the weak, bring the unwilling, bring the professional athlete, the national champion, and let them play in harmony on the athletic fields of the United States Air Force Academy.

By Michael Brevard



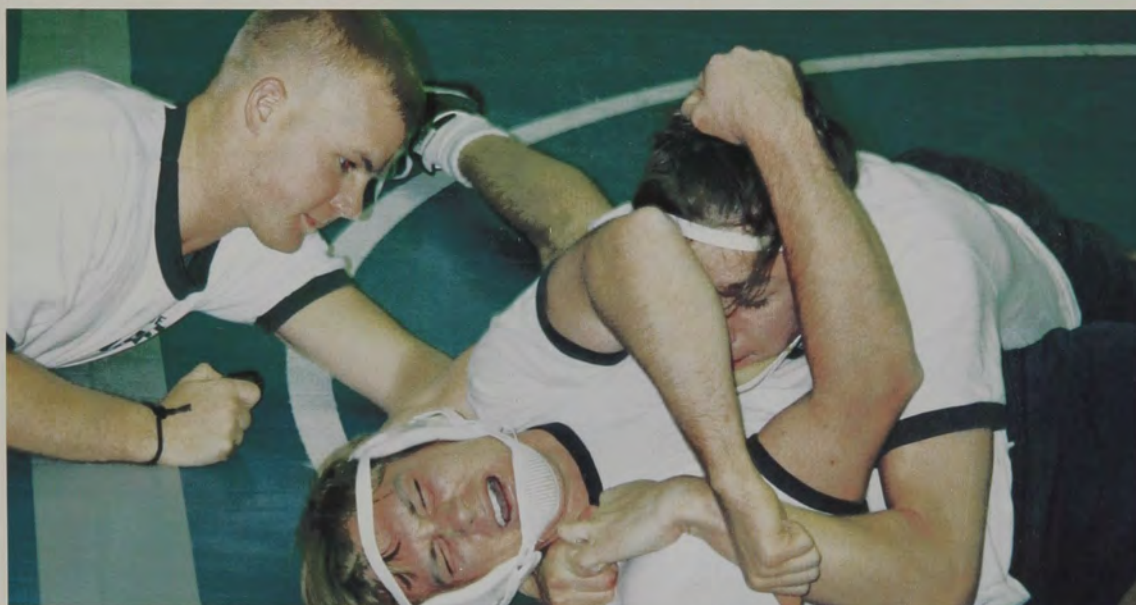
Nothing builds friendship like good competition. These two wrestlers get ready to go. A good bear hug is given to start things off right. Photo by D. Hill.



Fundamentals. This intramurals wallyball team uses the simple fundamentals of sets and spikes to move past competitors. Photo by J. Tipton.



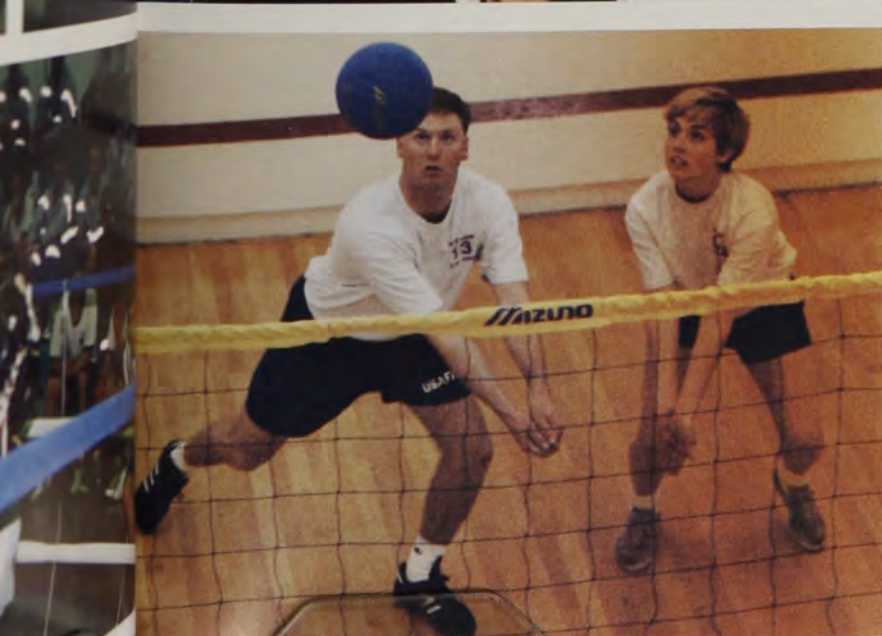
Height does have its advantages. This player looks for the fast break. Photo by C. Harris.



The Agony of Defeat! The ref looks on as this match nears its end. Wouldn't you pull hair to get out of this pin? Photo by D. Hill.

Boot to the head. One of these boxers forgot the important fundamentals: protect your head! Judges watch as the blow lands square. Photo by D. Hill.





WINTER INTRAMURALS

Boxing or bloodletting,
a commentary of a most
notorious sport

The last bout has just ended and now it's your turn. Your mind races as you try to remember how you got yourself in this situation. All of a sudden it dawns on you that, like many others present, you were "ram-jammed" into this. Violent thoughts fill your mind as you try to picture your Squadron Athletic Officer who did this to you. But right now, all you're worried about is surviving the next three minutes.

As you prepare to place one foot in the ring, butterflies eat-away at your stomach. Skipping that lunch in order to "keep weight" isn't helping any either. Unlike C4C LaTrent Burdette who said: "I had no problem because I didn't have to cut weight," you on the other hand are a member of the unfortunate few who must work to meet your weight for at least three out of the four required bouts so that you don't go on Athletic Probation. You notice a slight shortness in your breath. You're trying everything to calm yourself down. You try to picture a beach with calm waters, but that doesn't work. Thoughts of valium smoothly creeps into your mind. Hell, you'd try yoga at this point if only people didn't think you'd look funny contorted on the floor with boxing gloves on. Others, however, seem more composed than you. "I'm calm outside the ring but two seconds before I step in, I get stiff. But, you just have to deal with it," C2C Chris Ingleton said.

Being the warrior that everybody thinks you are for "volunteering", you try to live up to an image. You somehow find enough courage to step into the ring. Continued on page 136

Are two heads better than one? After the aspirin has taken effect and their ears had stopped ringing, these two walleyball players discovered the benefit of playing your position. Photo by C. Harris.

WINTER INTRAMURALS

Three minutes of hell on earth ends with survival

After the first punch, the butterflies seem to miraculously go away. "Once in the ring, you go in automatic mode," Ingleton said. "What you learn, practice, and know all kind of melt together." Well, personally you just hope that by the end of this match, you're not the one counting the ceiling tiles with someone in a striped shirt asking you how many fingers he's holding up.

You never thought so much could happen in a 16 feet x 16 feet piece of property in some forgotten corner of the Academy. It amounts to nothing more than a big kid's sandbox, except in this sandbox, you build your character, not castles, and you make friendships not through play but through adversity. As C4C Rogelio Maldonado said: "It was a chance to get to know people outside the squadron environment."

There is a saying in the boxing room that goes, "Tough times don't last, tough people do!" Each person with the courage to step in the ring and endure three one-minute rounds deserves in the end to hold his head high no matter the outcome. It has nothing to do with being "macho". It is simply about trying and doing. "It [the saying] fits the Academy boxing program to a tee," Ingleton said.

After three minutes of hell-on-earth your first thought is not on whether you won or lost but that you survived. You notice that the butterflies are gone and that you really didn't need valium or yoga. Despite what the officers and the reg books try to tell you about the lessons to be learned from intramurals, you reach your own conclusions: you would have been better off going to the Red Cross because at least you would have gotten some cookies and a cool button for losing as much blood as you did.

By Joe Gordon



Ra, ra, ra, ra, ra... With smiles on their faces, this intramural swim team does "Ra, ra 's" before they celebrate their victory. Photo by C. Harris.



Winner and still champ. One of the toughest winter intramurals always ends in one winner and one loser. These two boxers both exit with scars. Photo by D. Hill.



Battle damage. After three rounds, this cadet seeks a little medical attention to remedy the most common boxing injury. Photos by D. Hill.

The power stroke. This freestyler accelerates away from the competition for an easy win. Many swimmers participated in several events during intramurals. Photo by C. Harris.



WWF, USAFA style. These wrestlers might not be trying out now, but they are ready. The ref looks on as the pin for the match approaches. Photo by D. Hill.

SPRING INTRAMURALS

Frolicking on the fields, cadets let off steam

Ah Spring; when a young person's fancies turn to thoughts of...intramurals?! Well, maybe they weren't the prevailing thoughts in everyone's mind but they sure played a big part in a cadet's life. In many respects, they were a sanctuary from the tempest of academics and the oppression of CW.

"They were a nice break during the week," said C4C Jeanne Bedlek who played group women's basketball. "You get so bogged-down in academics. Intramurals give you a chance to put academics in the back burner." Indeed, the time for intramurals gave cadets a sense of freedom not found on the Hill.

Upon crossing the road between the Hill and the athletic fields, a cadet's footsteps resembled that of a kid who finished his chores and is finally let out of the house to play with his friends. Like the memories made during childhood, memories from the athletics fields can be just as vivid and unforgettable. When asked about what he remembered most about intramurals, C3C Bryan Huffman of Viking Nine said: "I'll never forget when Mark Heppner shattered his nose during rugby. Blood was everywhere. Man, it looked kind of evil!"

Injuries plague the sport of rugby. During spring intramurals, there are more rugby-induced injuries found in the Cadet Clinic's physical therapy room than from any other sport. Perhaps this is why C4C Mariusz Gasiowski, a Polish exchange cadet, had this to say: "I have never played rugby. I regretted playing this game. I was always very nervous about losing my PQ." (Relax Mariusz. You'll still get to fly your MiG-29s. Just hope that you don't get boxing next year). But really, on a serious note, why does a cadet play a sport that he doesn't like?

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This cadet gets decked after passing the ball. Rugby was THE best sport for taking out your frustrations. Photo by C. Grosjean.

Overcome with pangs of joy, C1C Jim Dodd tries to express his feelings to his opponent as his own squadron mates try to tell him that he can't do that in the military yet. Rugby and fights went hand in hand like Mom and apple pie. Photo by C. Grosjean.



Giving it their all, these rugby players perform their rendition of "Swan Lake". With a large number of weather-outs during the season, make up games had to be played as double headers and within a ridiculously small amount of time.



Out of nowhere he jumps into the race and demands, "Two dollars. I want my two dollars!" The popularity of mountain biking is evidenced by the introduction of this sport only a few years ago.

This Wolfpack rugger is stopped cold, but he spots C1C Mark O'Reilly for a pass. Intramural rugby is synonymous with one thing: a ride to the hospital. Photo by C. Grosjean.



C1C Jim Worley gives the perfect pass as C3C Mark Robinson and C2C Matt Whitney look on. Teamwork was the key to the Campus Rads' success.
Photo by C. Grosjean.



Despite the defense of C2C Kim Lipscomb, C4C Nichole Harris "sticks the J". First Group took the Wing Championship in group woman's basketball.
Photo by C. Harris.



Despite being fouled on the arm, this cadet still manages to hang on to the ball. It was not too hard to get away with the rule infractions in the water polo.

SPRING INTRAMURALS

Getting ram-jammed cadets know the feeling

When asked about the reasons why cadets (especially four degrees) played their sport, the top three responses were:

1. "I was ram-jammed!" - C4C Jeff Devore
2. "I played it in high school." - C1C Rob Sepp
3. "I was ram-jammed!!" - C4C Mariusz Gasiorowski

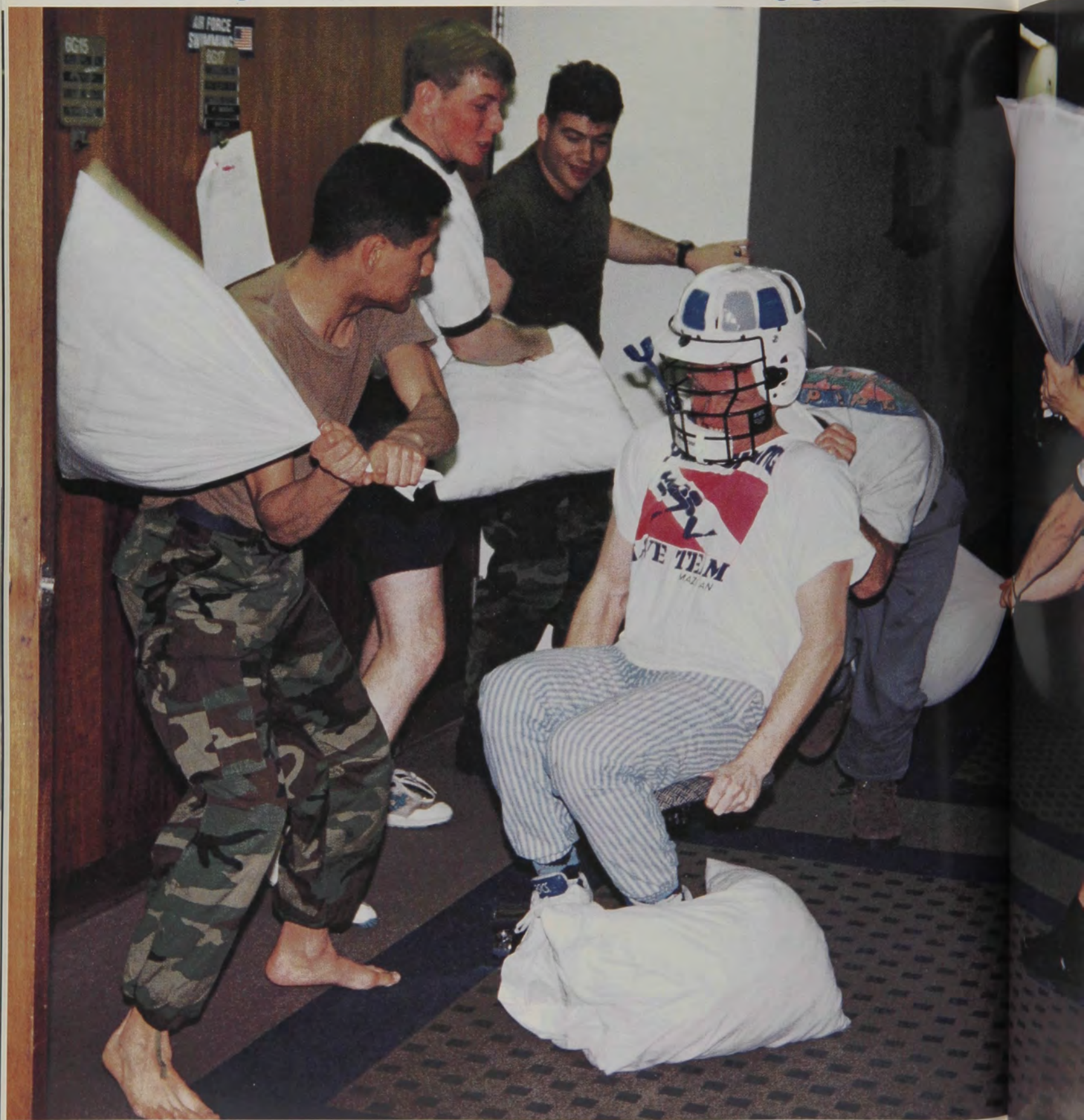
The term "ram-jammed" is a very hated yet common word especially in sports like rugby, boxing, water polo, and cross country. For goodness sakes, the word itself sounds...painful enough. Nonetheless, like lousy referees, being ram-jammed was a common occurrence.

Speaking of referees, where did they dig these guys up from? Some of them seem like perfect candidates for the part of the Unfrozen Caveman Referee. Does this sound familiar from flag football, "I am only a simple caveman and I am unfamiliar with these things you call Football Rules but if you could repeat the play again, perhaps I could ascertain some sort of half-knowledgeable call and continue with the game." Granted, not all of the referees for intramurals were bad. A good deal of them, however, were rather inept. As C4C LaTrent Burdette frustratedly put it: "They [the referees] didn't know the rules." Hey, who put these guys in charge anyway?!" Hmm...you know what? I bet they were ram-jammed. Imagine that.

By Joe Gordon

Looking a lot like Sinjin or Randy, C2C Matt Whitney spikes the ball so hard it leaves the word "Mikasa" imprinted backwards on the forehead of a Tiger Ten member. The Campus Rads went on to beat the Tigers and take the Wing Championship.
Photo by C. Harris.

*Keeping the entertainment
cadets find new avenues of fun*



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To understand how cadets live you can't look at the Wing as one, homogeneous unit but rather it is necessary to look deeper at the

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smaller, functional organization known as the squadron. Each year these groups worked to find their nitch and make life as enterntianing as possible for those they saw on a daily basis.

There are 40 completely different "families" at USAFA that take on their own unique personalities. Whether a squadron thrived on military, academic, or athletic excellence, or lack there of, each one was like a snowflake and couldn't be copied no matter how hard people tried.

Years after cadets leave the hallowed halls of Vandenberg and Sijan Halls and reflect on the four years they spent at the Academy, their thoughts will immediately return to the friends and fun times they had in their squadrons.

By Rob Sepp

Tradition

Knightriders introduce an old game with a new twist, affectionately known as "The Running Man". C1C Dan Radulski falls prey to those who are poised to tag him with pillows. One member of 18 said "people from different squads came for the opportunity to beat on us."

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Mighty Mach One motto: "First takes care of its own"

Being first definitely has its advantages and members of Mighty Mach One can testify to this. What other squadron is the first off the parade field or is the first to sign out? Let's not forget that they also get to live in the "penthouse" which got its name because it's located on the top floor of Vandenberg Hall. C3C Josh Nielson says Mach One is home for him, "Well, I've got to be somewhere, so it might as well be here. Besides it's close to the C-store and the mailroom. The Penthouse rules!"

As appealing as these advantages are, the underclass cadets see both the up and down side of cadet life. According to C4C William Cobb: "If you do your job everything's cool. But, if you mess up, the upperclassmen will be more than happy to point out your mistake."

The underclass cadets usually found out the hard way what goes and what is not acceptable. "Shaving cream bombs were a no go," C4C John Tran commented. During these adventures, Tran and his fellow classmates developed tight bonds with each other and the security police. "(They are) quite the social types we found while doing spirit missions such as taking the X-4 for a stroll," he added.

"Teamwork is stressed daily and so are you," C4C Pam Stewart said. Another aspect of this development of leaders was to assist the underclass cadets in defining goals and reaching them. "Nothing is impossible, except being

able to complete your daily-to-do list ahead of time," C4C Bridget Hall remarked.

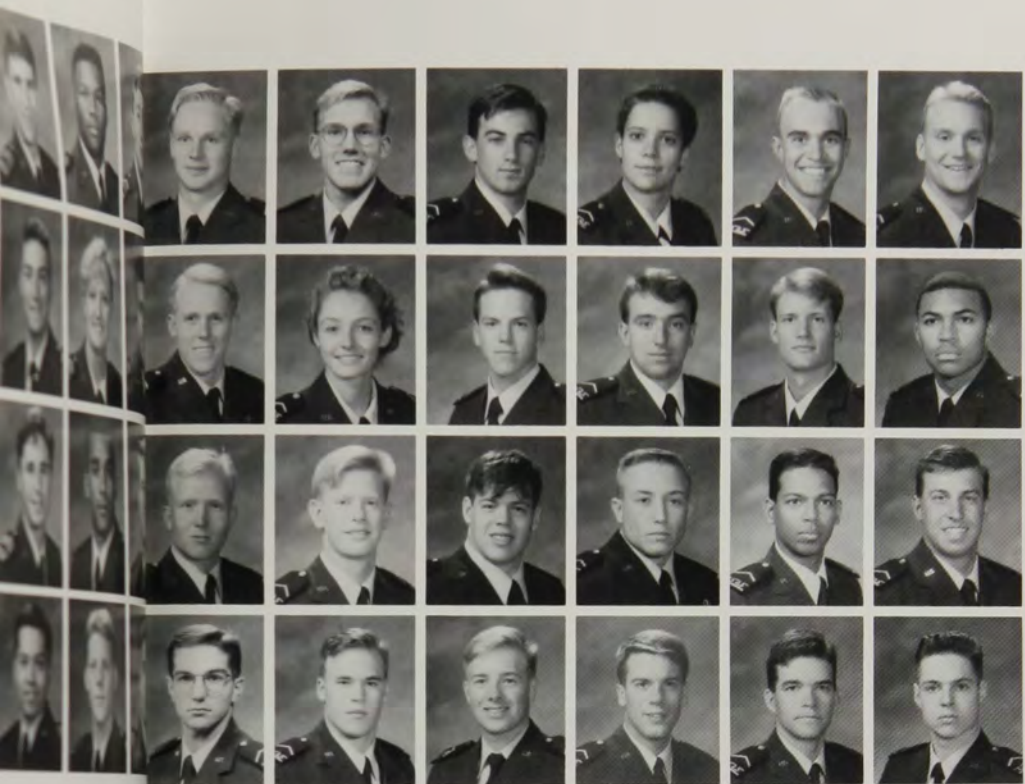
Despite these impossibilities, Mach One's motto which is "First takes care of its own" was emphasized by its upperclass cadets from day one. As a matter of fact, the underclass cadets took heed to what their trainers tried to impress upon them. C4C Nichole Harris said: "...Mach One has made me more religious. The day I arrived, it scared the HELL out of me."

Striking the fear of God into the underclass cadets from day one Academy life may seem a bit extreme, but, it's the traditional management style among the upperclass cadets as a means of intimidation and a way to get their new recruits to adhere to rules and regulations. The recruits can definitely attest to how well this style works to put them into the right frame of mind and sculpt their bodies into shipshape.

Despite the hard times, the underclass cadets persevere and are triumphant in the end. "After working and training hard the feeling we had was not hostility, but indeed pride of achievement and pride at being part of the proud heritage of Mach One," C3C Gihan Seneviratne said.



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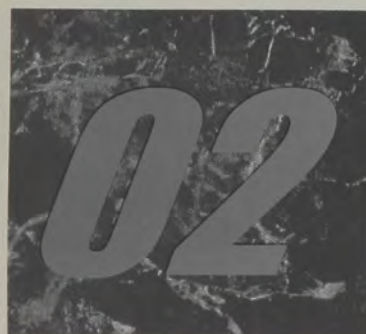
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Maj Gale Brattrud
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Deuce is dreams of "Fields" for fourthclassman

A good way to let outsiders catch a glimpse of squadron life is to have a cadet tell you in his words what goes on. The following story was written by a freshmen and has humorous but serious undertones. We hope that this excerpt will aid in your understanding of life on the hill. The life in squadron two was summed up best by Curtis Fields.

Sometimes you don't know where to begin. Do I start by telling you about our surrogate daddy, Captain Brattrud, or by telling you about us, the lowly freshmen. I guess it would probably be best by starting at the bottom and working our way up.

There are now twenty-five of us, lemon oiled hands and all. No one really knows why we all came, but we are here and in Deuce. Some are from college, some from the prep school, one prior and a host of others fresh out of high school. It sounds just like any other squadron, but ours is different.

Anyone will do anything for anybody. Of course, they may not enjoy it, but they'll do it. Brothers and sisters surround me and that gives a person hope. Some people can't stand their squadron, but I call mine home. Besides I'm usually grounded so I guess it would have to be home.

Then there is the upperclass, the ones in charge. They do A LOT to make us the best we can be. I think they think we have a learning disability. Despite what we haven't

learned, they have taught us a lot. They've shown us teamwork, strength, compromise, and hope. They've made it that far so maybe we will too.

The upperclass has made it a long way, but it hasn't been without their share of rule bending. That's where daddy, uh, I mean Captain Brattrud comes in. Some AOC's aren't very understanding, but Captain B is different.

He tries to help. He makes you feel important, and that's not something you always see. He's a second family for anyone here, if they need it. His wife and kids bake everyone cakes for their birthdays, and they invite people over to jump on the "trampoline o' death" every now and then.

Evidently, Captain B has done something out of the ordinary with Deuce and has had an impact on the squad. Many of his cadets praise the work he has done. According to C2C James Wades: "Our AOC is the best I've had at this Academy. His attitude and leadership are a great example to us soon to be officers."

Story Courtesy of C4C Curtis Fields

Note: Capt Gale Brattrud was promoted to major during the course of the year.



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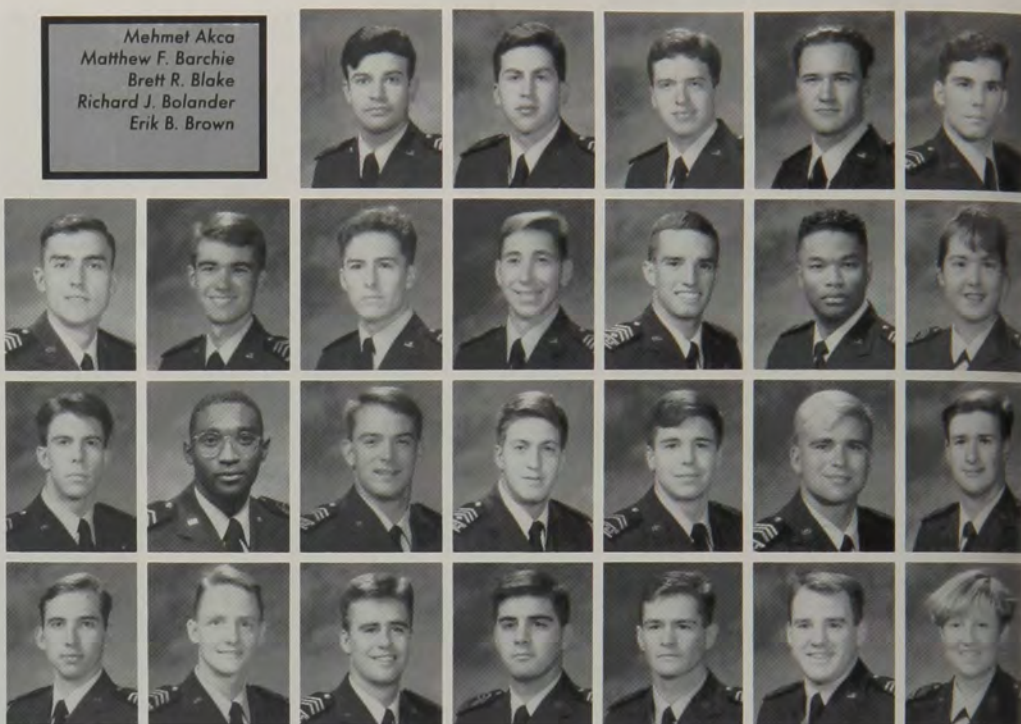
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Maj Eric Pell
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"Pack mentality" makes for a cozy Squadron 3 doghouse

No one said that cadet life would be easy and no where does this hold more true than in squadron three where everything is going to the dogs! C2C Teri Heitmeyer said: "(the dogs of three) are an eclectic group of mutts! Oh, you'll find a few of us with our nose way into the group or wing scene, but we mainly stay with the pack."

This "pack mentality" makes squadron three a place where activities and individuality are stressed. "There is never a dull moment in the doghouse," C4C Shawn Serfass affirmed.

"After our noses have been to the grind in one of those dog days weeks, it's nice to know that you can let off some steam by partaking in outlandish activities," Heitmeyer remarked. Jello-sucking contests and pumpkin-tosses were up everyone's alley. But fun didn't get in the way of work.

"We let everyone do their jobs and have fun along the way. (It was) a relaxed atmosphere that brought everyone together," C2C Chad Meyering said. This laid back environment helps cadets feel more comfortable and makes the transition from home life into military school life more manageable.

Even the most nurturing atmospheres won't curb against people encountering problems. But, acting as mentors, the upperclass cadets assist their comrades in working their difficulties out. "The upperclassmen understand and remember what it's like to be a freshmen, so they try to work with us rather than against us," C4C Chad

Clementz commented. According to C4C Michael Sovitsky "the upperclass cadets try to inspire self-efficiency among us. They allow us to attempt to fix our problems without their intervention."

Being able to analyze a situation independently and resolve the problem is important, but as C4C William McCallister said that while they tried to become good officer material they also worked toward a much higher goal: "We push ourselves to the limit, however, we understand that these are supposed to be the best years of our lives, so we work hard and play harder."

This attitude was shared by all. "We have found a utopian medium of doing our duty and then moving on. We exemplify the 'work hard, play hard' motif right up until 2000 every Sunday night," C2C Jason Brown said.

It seems as if this doggy-dog style of three is here to stay Heitmeyer summed it up when she said: "We represent many different dogs from the St. Bernard searching for the noble cause, to the Greyhound in a constant battle to sweep intramurals, or better yet, the typical Heinz 57 variety mutt trying to keep up and do everything those purebreds do!"

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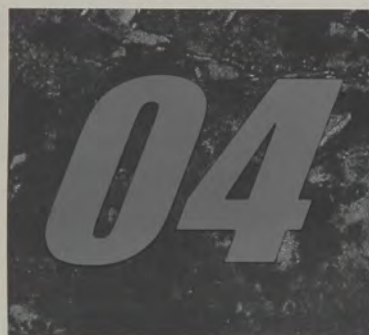
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Maj Curtis Perry
Squadron Air Officer

Jet black JAG for a buck, you can't win if you don't play!

It was sleek, black, fast and very nineties. Everyone had a chance to take it home with them. What was it? How could one have won it? Well, the contest was open to cadets, civilian and military personnel at the Academy. This prize was compliments of the "ingenuity, creativity, originality and outlandishness" which is the nature of the Fightin' Fourth in an "unprecedented contest to give away a Jaguar XJ12," C2C Pierry Goin said.

Actually the whole idea came about as a fluke. Major Perry, who transferred in as the new AOC for the Fourth, received a telephone call from his brother who works for Adco Financial Group. His brother told Major Perry that the company had repossessed a car and wanted to know if he was interested in buying it. The AOC told his brother that this type of car was not his style, but that he would see if there was anyone that was interested at the Academy. Of course, when squadron members heard about it they were fired up about the idea. The AOC along with two cadets, C1C Mark Bjorgen and C3C Jeffrey Cannon, worked with Academy personnel for approval to use the car in a raffle. This process took over ten weeks to get finalized. In the meantime, Major Perry had bought the car for an undisclosed amount and the Fourth in turn bought it from him.

While trying to get approval for the event, it was discovered that "raffles are illegal, but you can do a

game of skill," such as "guessing the number of balloons in a cab," said Major Perry. Although the cadets in the Fourth helped to blow up the balloons, the AOC was the only person that knew how many were in the sports car. "The number is locked away in a safe at home," Major Perry added. He continued, the guess "closest to the number without going over wins."

According to C2C Phiet Bui, the squadron "managed to appropriate a 1993 Jaguar XJ12 to raise funds for our MWR activities." The contest "...drew the attention of the cadet wing. One dollar and a correct guess would make a person become the owner of this sleek car," C3C Moises Querol commented.

The money from this fund-raiser went to the Major in charge to cover the cost of the car he bought, the squadron itself, and the Toys For Tots program. So while people were trying to guess the magic number they also helped out some worthwhile causes. C3C Jeffrey Cannon did all the footwork for the event and "if I could give out an honorary MBA for his work and dedication I would give it to him," reflected Major Perry.

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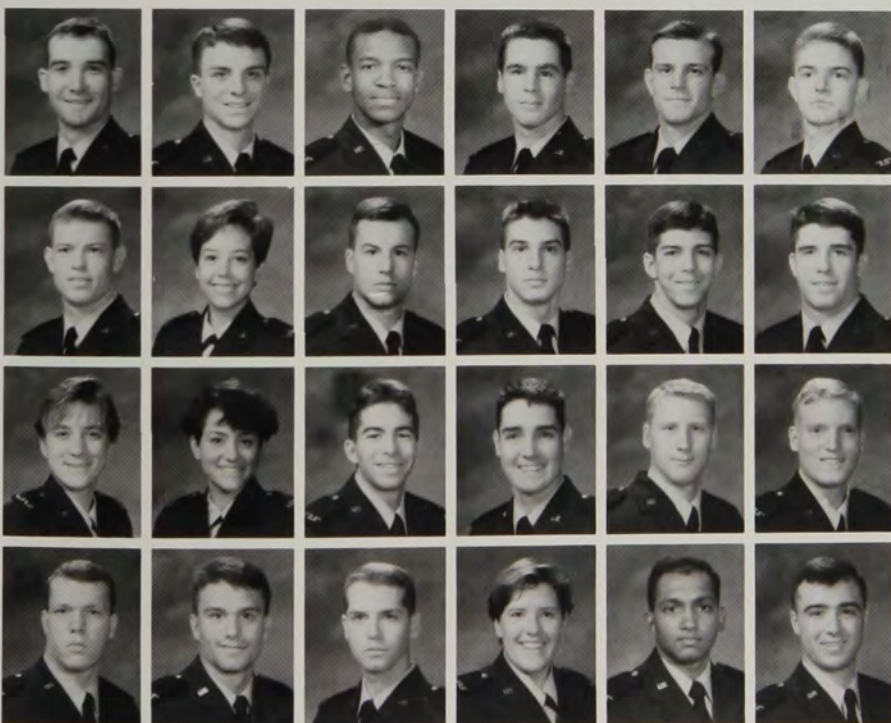


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Wolfpack makes the dorms a safer, healthier place to live



Maj William Roy
Squadron Air Officer

Not Pictured
Christopher E. Mushrush '95
Peter C. Van Doren '95

Stealthily they permeated the squad, two per door. Then, with SEAL-like precision, the Morale, Welfare, and Health members began their raid at 0515 on a Friday morning. Immediately, they pounded on the doors, and got the cadets out in the hallway so they could conduct their search for contraband in the dorms.

The inspectors, comprised of officers and cadets, sought a variety of items. Among these were guns, knives (with blades over three inches in length), martial arts weapons, flammable substances, electrical hazards, and any other general safety violations. The inspector's mission was to ensure the safety of the members of fifth squadron. The inspectors didn't particularly enjoy their job, but the subjects enjoyed it even less.

"My first thought... was that I was back in BCT," said C3C Charles Law. Indeed, when the health and safety inspection team came through Wolfpack, it seemed like Beast all over again. The Academy's SWAT team of 30 AOC's, four Lt Col's, a full-bird Colonel, Group, and Wing Staff came storming through looking for illegal

drugs, alcohol and weapons in each of the cadets' rooms. "It looked more like an ATF raid than a MWH inspection with all the chaos in the hallway," C2C Craig Cornichuck commented.

This was the first of many unannounced inspections that the Academy implemented, with Wolfpack being the first on the prowl. Many items were collected, including a bottle of champagne, one weapon and ammo, and some hunting knives. "I am glad that they didn't bust me for having a slingshot like they did to my friends down the hall," Law continued. "What really amazed me was how my roommate and I got trained by an AOC for the dust on our closet shelf, when it was supposed to be an inspection for weapons and alcohol."

Wolfpack's AOC, Maj William B. Roy, said that the inspection on his squad has sent a message out to the Wing that the storage of contraband will not be tolerated. He said: "It's not like the AOC's want to be monsters, but we have a job to do, that is making the dorm environment a safer, healthier place to live."

By Rusty Evers



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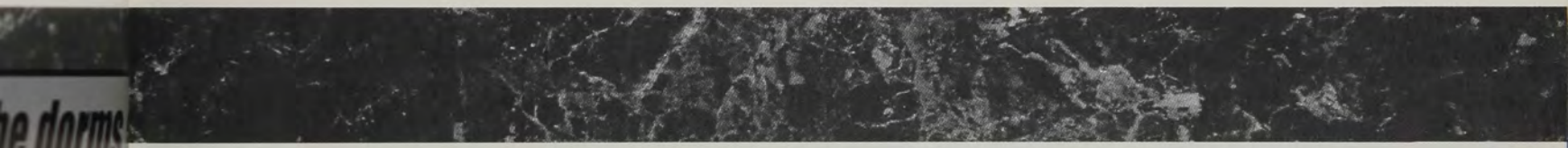


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By Rusty



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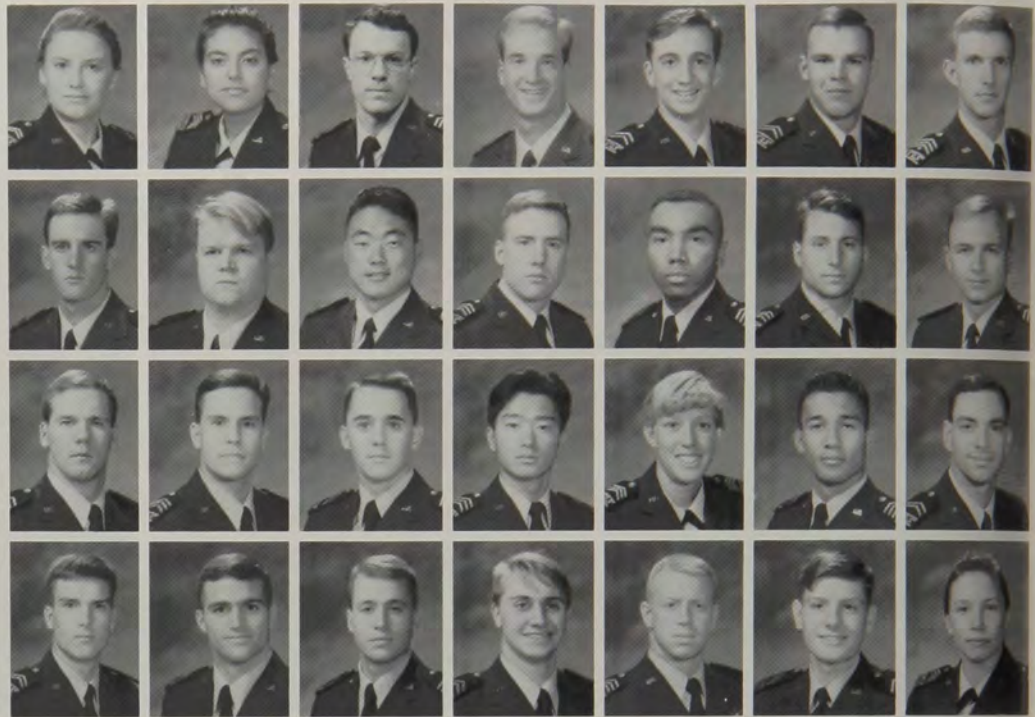
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Meet a squadron that gives its people tens for performance!

So what is it really like to be an underclass cadet? It's hard to imagine what things will be like once you pass go. It can be mindboggling. It can be a rude awakening. It can be a very enlightening experience. What if you are a member of the Ragin' Bulls of Six?

"Bull Six has always been known as an easy squad. Many people like to call it 'Blow Six,'" C3C Brandon Stadel commented. However, some changes took place that would make people rethink this label. "Training staff improved our marching, MWR did alcohol checks, and the thirdclassmen were told exactly what their place was in front of the squadron. Rooms were improved with the new leadership philosophy of Bull Six. CQ grades less than 100% were harshly punished with whippings and Form-10's, making all thirdclassmen strive to do better," according to a cadet.

Of course, all cadets were here to do the best they could, and hoped for a better year than last year, but at times this was not easy especially in light of the dreaded Form 10. "'95 kept the pride and continued to act like three degrees and '96 was tough as a brick and got treated like four degrees. Well, at least they let me keep my civilian clothes. Constant reminders abounded of last year such as daily inspections and Form 10's for messy rooms. It would be safe to declare 1993-94 the year of

the Form 10 in Six. Miss a question on a CQ grade: Form 10. Miss a formation: Form 10. Put a four degree at rest: Form 10. Demerits were up for grabs, but merits were scarce, C3C Keith Ober shared.

In light of these changes, some cadets had strong feelings about what was happening in Six. We did a "180 degree turn around attitude compared to last year. It had some good points, but it also made the squadron a little uptight," C2C Sang Park said.

Although the cadets might have been uncomfortable with what was going on, they tried to maintain a positive attitude. "The upperclassmen really make an effort to treat us as people, not just smacks, particularly when it came to training. There was always a point behind our exercises, it wasn't just a haze," C4C Scott Parman stated.

A contributing factor to some of the frustration was the inability for underclass cadets to get sleep. C4C Eric Lindberg concluded: "It sits there each day, constantly tempting us to indulge. But no! We must study or do something more productive. Aw, who cares. I'll just lie down and rest my eyes for a few minutes. Then it happens, the blue magnet wins. Sleep is far too precious."

By Rhonda Cochran



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Capt Michael Flynn
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Seven "can't wait to get back in the bottle again"

Smmooottthhh Seagram Seven not only greets loud and thunderous, they live it. Seagram's proudly boasts that they consume the most alcohol in the Wing. This is quite a boast considering how much alcohol is consumed merely at the Sports Bar on any given night. The fact that Seven is a drinking squadron wasn't discovered through any sort of investigation, its members brag about their good times, and high speed life style.

"We do consume quite a bit of alcohol," C4C Christine Callahan said. Indeed, the tradition began last year and has continued success with the self-proclaimed title. "Last year, some four-degrees came back drunk all the time. Consequently, they had a lot of hours on the tour pad. At the beginning of this year, they were still marching off last year's hits," C4C Derek Marvel said. The punishment is a part of the cost of having such a good time. The right to party may be costly, but the party must go on!

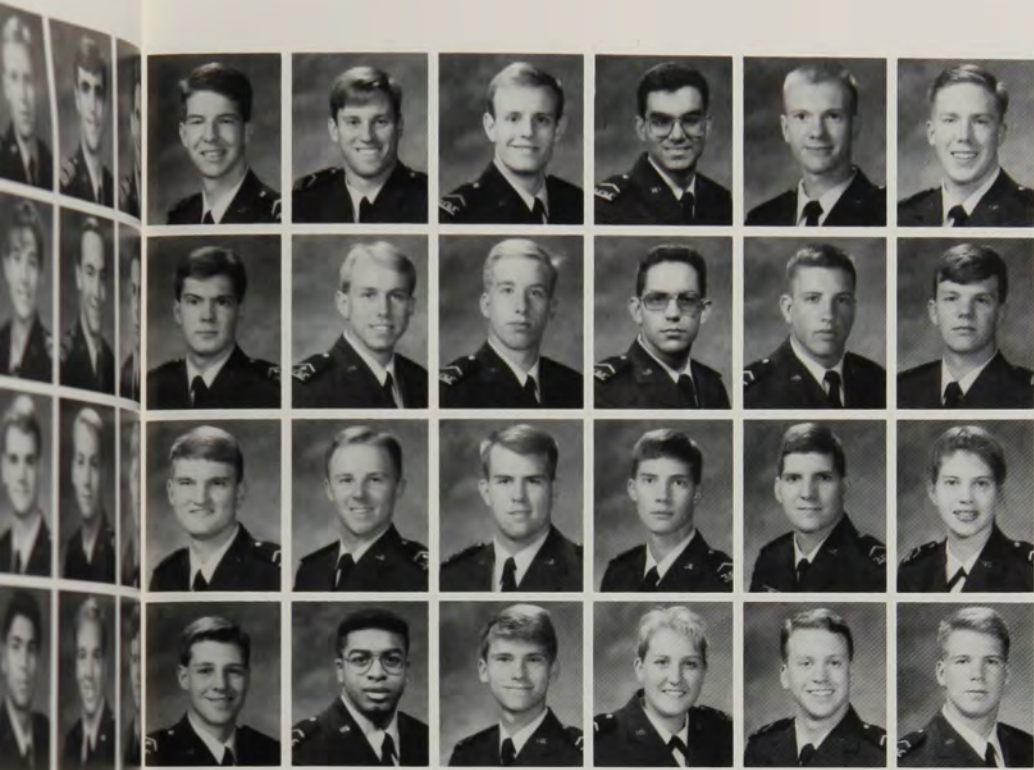
Finding a reason to party was never a difficult task because every day is a reason to party. The

biggest cause for celebration was someone's 21st birthday. "We have one secondclassman who had to be rolled back in a laundry cart from the Sports Bar," Marvel continued. "I guess that he was going for the '21 shots on the 21st' thing." He may have gone for it, but it appears as though he didn't make it!

The hard-core, varsity members of the drinking team created a group called the Brat Pack. These upperclassmen constitute the nucleus of Seagram's spirit. Led by the squadron's first shirt, C2C Fred Damuth, or "Mooch" as he is called, this group of consumers frequently hit the bars in town.

Partying in town on a weekend is becoming more and more popular in the Cadet Wing. Living in Colorado Springs, most cadets complain that there isn't much to do except drink. The partying members of Seagrams live up to their name by cruising the town every weekend. If your life has lost its spice and you need something else to do, head down to Seven, the beer is cold and the party's on!

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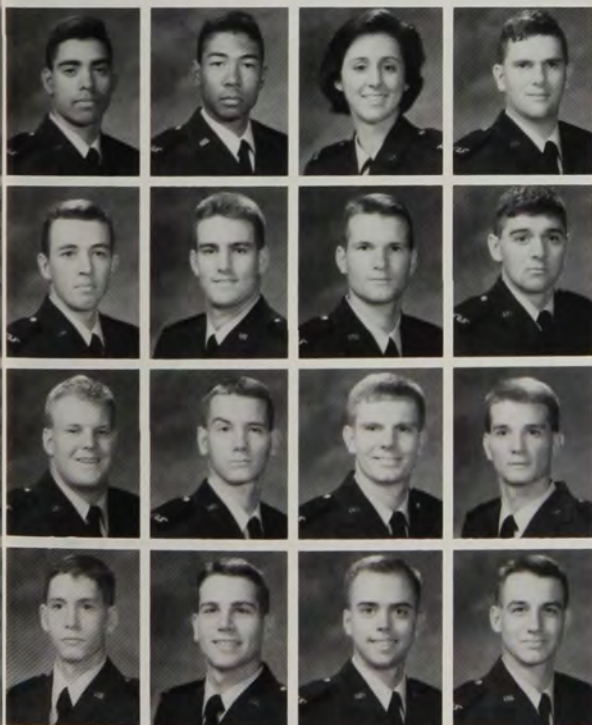
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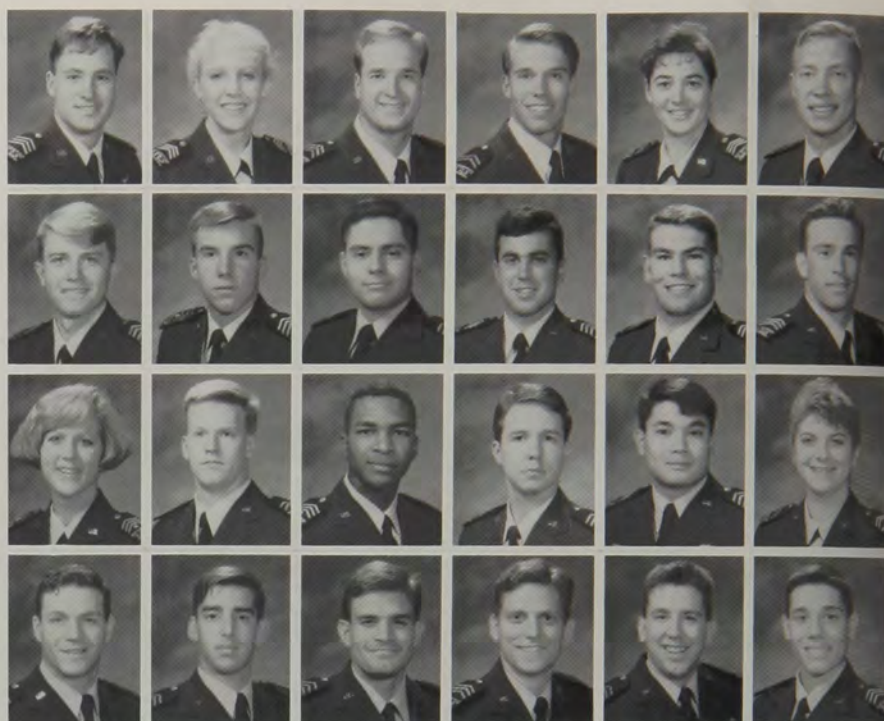
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Maj Virginia Tonneson
Squadron Air Officer

Eagle Eight gets a face lift; members tell the tale

It happened in our first briefing of the semester. Brigadier General Gamble met with the Class of 1996 to introduce himself and give some expectations for the coming year. My roommate and I were sitting quietly, listening to the questions posed to General Gamble. Then someone asked about the new prototype rooms and what was being proposed for changes in room arrangement. We were interested - after all, we were chosen to be the guinea pigs who would test a prototype room. Before we knew what hit us, the general invited the entire class of 1996 to "check out those new rooms in Eighth Squadron." My roommate and I looked at each other, rolled our eyes, and prepared for the influx of curious cadets and officers alike who were sure to invade our once-quiet squadron.

So they came. At every hour of the day, especially Saturday mornings when we were, of course, asleep. Dorm management was working on fixing our broken lock, but for the meantime we had to put up with the people simply walking in like they owned the place. "Excuse me," I said more than once, "but we LIVE here!"

In the end, the room has been seen and the awe is gone. We don't get many unexpected guests, except the occasional visit by General Gamble or General Hosmer. "We like it," we tell people when they ask. "It's

different." We're just delighted that we have the carpeting that the fourthclass cadets next door don't!

If Eighth Squadron was somehow magically moved over to the boondocks of South-West Sijan, it would still be unmistakably Eagle Eight. You see, we have something no one else has. We have a phenomenal monument of discovery to our individuality. Anyone who has visited the C-Store walked to KAFA, or ran from First Group Staff in fear and horror can attest to the fact that there is a solid rendition of peculiarity and standing alone at the heart of "Evil Eight."

It is a firm monolith of recent technology and experimentation that incorporates more thought of human factors than the bridge of the Enterprise. The seat is fixed - measured with precision from the edge of the sitting place to allow for unquivering human movement to and from the place of service. Step up to it - and feel the grain of the write-proof, crackproof, stainproof, fireproof, bulletproof, and bombproof composite slide under your tingling fingertips. Step up to it - and notice the unequalled length rivalled only by the QEII and the occasional Olympic swimming pool. Step up to it - and be amazed by its ingenuity. Step up to Eagle Eight's CQ Desk - and step up to the bar...

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Nine, no longer the hunted, now the hunter

During the Cadet Field Leadership Exercise (CFLEX) cadets learned many military survival skills. One of these many events was the outdoor evasion exercise. During this exercise cadets would evade, normally by quickly low crawling, to avoid being captured by the aggressor force. This aggressor force stalked the woods in order to grade cadet evasion skills and at the same time correct those cadets who needed extra instruction. In order to reach the area for this exercise cadet squadrons had to force march approximately four kilometers in snow, sleet, rain, and subfreezing temperatures. The bad weather not only changed people's outlooks on the training, but also their actions.

Viking Nine was one such squadron. "We were about half way there, the conditions had gotten real bad. It made no sense for any of us to be out there. Some of the other squadrons had the evasion part of the training cancelled," C4C A.J. Pelkington stated. The attitude of the members had soured, now their only concern was completing the course (in one way or another) and keeping warm.

Once they reached the evasion sight, the squadron was briefed and sent out into the woods, knowing full well that other cadets would be in the woods "hunting them." They slowing and reluctantly descended to the ground and began low crawling. The tempera-

ture, already cold, seemed to drop even more. After a short while, "everybody went from evading to just standing up and chucking snowballs at each other," C2C John Griffiths shared. C3C Mike Lenhart added: "We eventually started attacking the other squadrons around us. Once we conquered them, we would make treaties and they would join our effort!"

"Most of the squadrons were pretty cool about it, when we ambushed them, they would attack us back. A few squadrons, like Tiger Ten, they just ran." Griffiths shared with a smile. So the members of Ninth squadron attacked virtually everyone they saw, including each other. When aggressors would stumble upon them, "they got tagged with snowballs also." C3C Lenhart said: "The lessons we learned through conquering other squadrons and making treaties is more applicable to the real Air Force than all of the other CFLEX stuff we did."

Before it was over Viking Nine had attacked several squadrons with snowballs, and had a lot of fun. The cold weather called for some serious action, and the Vikings knew how to have a laugh along with the job. Griffiths stated: "That's just our typical squadron attitude, to screw around," he continued, "a really bad situation was turned good with a little fun!"

By Michael Brevard



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Read all about it! Tigers keep up with important news

"A lot of times squadrons are united more in their differences and I wanted to introduce something that would bring people together," C1C Matt Brougdon commented. Likewise, cadet Brougdon understood that good communication among members of a squadron was essential. In order to promote this and keep Tiger Ten cadets informed about what's going on and upcoming events, the Tigers have a newsletter called the "Tiger Times."

This newsletter has been around since Fall '93 and from the looks of it, it will be around for a long time. It was the brainchild of Brougdon, who after being an exchange cadet at West Point for a semester, came back to the Academy with the idea of finding a way to reinforce his squad's identity. He felt that the newsletter would accomplish this task as well as give his associates a creative outlet for communication. Brougdon, an English major, understood "the power of word" and the newsletter was a way for everyone to contribute regardless of their class. Aside from the regular features such as "Notes From The Commander" and "MWR News", Brougdon endeavored to "get it to the point where everyone feels it is their newspaper." He continued: "top ten lists, cartoons, human interest pieces and birthday announcements to give people a reason to read it."

This year's newsletter editor was C1C Jen Ball who admitted that it's not always easy to get her comrades to write and submit articles. On the hill, cadets "only do the things that have a purpose, especially if they have to do work," commented Ball. So she decided to be more creative to get her associates involved. She set up a contest of sorts for people to write the funniest story, biographical or fiction. The winner would get the squadron commander's parking space or a weekday pass. Unfortunately, busy schedules prohibited many people from meeting the contest deadline. Therefore not many stories were written.

Overall the newsletter had a successful year. An upperclass cadet spends about three or four hours writing and editing the newsletter every two weeks before it goes to the printer located in Arnold Hall. The time spent is worthwhile because "everybody reads it and I get good feedback about it. It doesn't turn out to be trash after it's read. It's not just information. They can write jokes and funny stories. Since it's not gossip, you want to read every article," Ball explained. "Since our den has so many busy members our five star newsletter lets us know exactly what is going on in the squad," C3C Kevin Keene said.

By Rhonda Cochran



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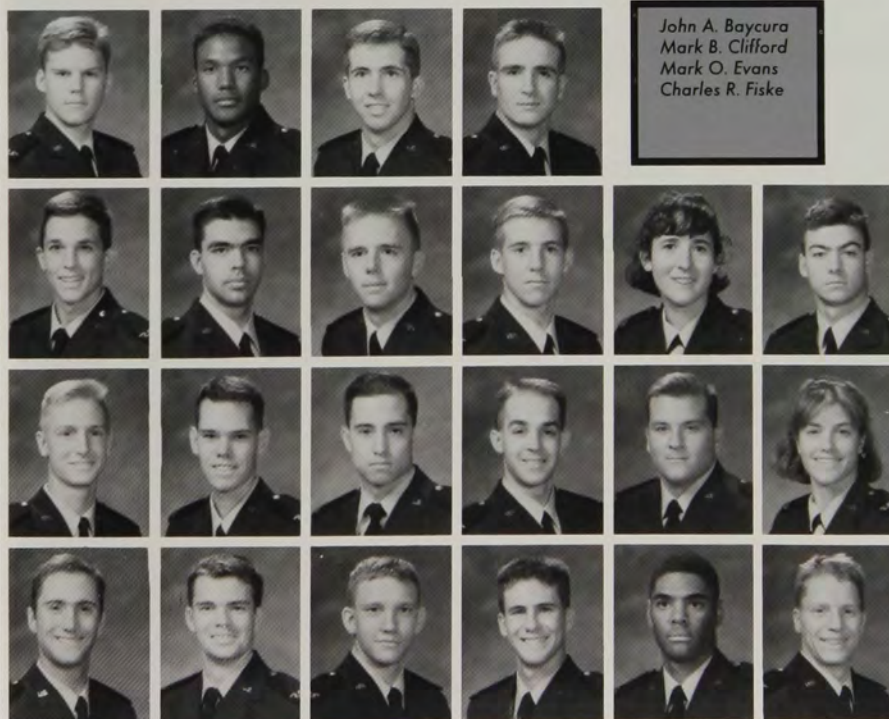
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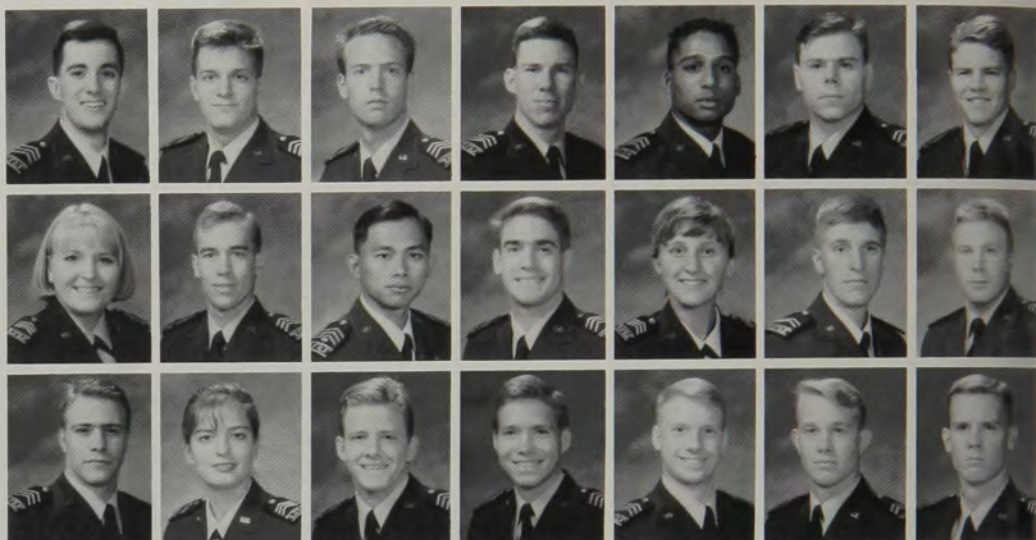
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From parties to training, they make it fun in Rebeleven

Good times and good friends abound in the squadron known as Rebeleven, no matter what the occasion they seem to have a fitting social event! The Halloween party, which was held out at Lawrence Paul Pavilion was one that won't soon be forgotten. It came complete with a costume contest and plenty of food and drink. Certainly fun was had by all, "(the party goers) got so excited that they pulled the rafters down in the bathroom," C2C Ricardo James said.

Rebeleven is a very close, tight-knit squadron, according to C2C William Warton, they really know how to "keep the Academy in perspective". James added that they maintain their closeness among all the classes by following the motto "work hard, play harder".

This "camaraderie" was exemplified by the Rebels' MWR events, intramurals and training. Last fall, after several football games, the Rebels meandered down to the athletic fields and had a Rebeleven "blowout party". These parties had "tons of food", softball and volleyball.

"The Rebels know how to have fun, even without alcohol," James said. Their closeness also helped them do

well in intramurals, especially soccer. Goalie C2C Thomas Rose help led the team to nearly four consecutive wing soccer championships. Top performances in intramurals helped keep squadron morale high, this attitude carried over into training.

The fourthclass training was a lot more motivational than in the majority of other squadrons. Most training sessions were a result of actual mistakes (details being done incorrectly or poor scores of knowledge tests) which needed correcting.

"[The upperclassmen] didn't train just to be *%\$cks," C4C David Browder explained. C4C Jimmy Fuller added: "They didn't degrade us as much as they did in other squads."

The Rebels, not to be mistaken, do work and work well with the system. But the Rebels always "have fun in everything they do."

Wharton summed it up when he said: "no one in Rebeleven is afraid to be themselves."

By Ian Tate

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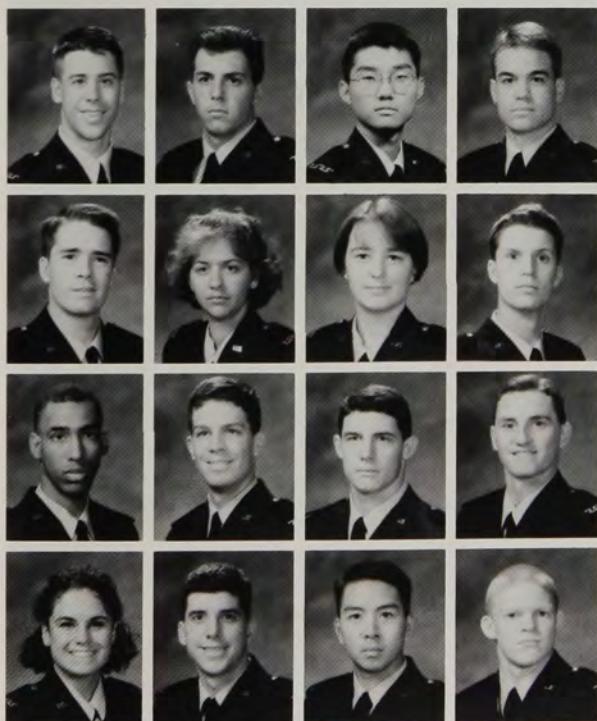


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Kurt C. Selko
Christopher R. Thompson
Matthew F. Tucker
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Robert J. Bonner
Matthew J. Bradley

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Christopher D. Forman
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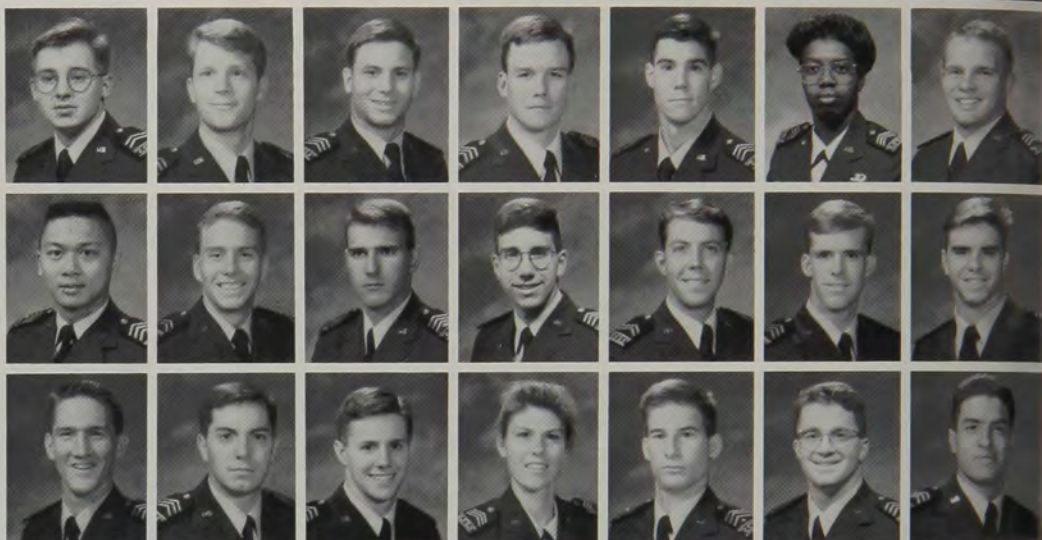
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Renae M. Bartolone
Dane B. Crawford

Michael S. Garrett
Kenneth D. Gjone
Daniel C. Gunn
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Christopher G. Hummel
Michele G. Johnson
Loren M. Jones

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Christopher D. Keister
Mark A. Lindsey
Nicholas J. Martin
Barrett T. McCann
Richard M. Murray
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12

It takes more than marching and shiny shoes to be the best

"It takes something more than marching and shiny shoes to be the best," a member of twelve said. "It takes a certain pride and unity among your squad mates. Anyone can practice marching, but the true test of greatness comes when people from all walks of life can live and work together and get the job done. Lewis added: "Other people in other squads don't even like each other, but I can honestly say that my best friends in the world live ten feet away from me. And that makes the Dirty Dozen the best, the people."

Consequently, its members make the squad function like a well oiled machine. Machines do break down from time to time, but members come to the aid. "Each class has developed a sense of camaraderie that helps them watch out for one another. This type of camaraderie sees them through all of the disagreements, all the fights or outright dislikes and is there when you need a hand," a squad member commented..

A helping hand is just what the freshmen ordered. Freshmen year has highlights and low points that would rather be forgotten. But after it's all over, it does give a cadet a sense of pride and accomplishment for awhile, until another hurdle comes. Just when you think the challenges are over (when your four degree year is done), the academics of the three degree year are

waiting to work you over. "But the people in Dozen are ready to help out," C3C Garrett Stumb remarked.

Great or not, it's a fact. The upperclass cadets try to test the fourthclass cadets on knowledge, not to catch them off guard, but to see if they are on top of their readings. This may seem like a rude awakening, especially before dawn, but the upperclass cadets are instilling values that will last a long time to come: Be prepared at all times. "They (upperclass) always encourage us to perform and strive for excellence even when the other squadrons have relaxed on their fourthclass cadets," C4C James Becker said.

Lastly, Dirty Dozen take their name from what goes on around them. C4C Brian Reece summed it up best when he commented: "The difference is so subtle it cannot be noticed, yet so blaring it is obvious. The principle of companionship is not to be all the same, or completely different. It is to find a happy median where they can co-exist. Such is with the twelfth squadron. All different yet the same. If it were not for the jokester and the serious, or the level-headed and the straight man, nothing would ever be interesting. That is the difference. We are all basically, in heart, the same confusing entity."

By Rhonda Cochran



Capt Sandra Petrie
Squadron Air Officer

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Norman B. Tyler



Linell A. Bartholic
Matthew K. Burba
Jonathan G. Downing
Scott A. Drummond



Brian D. Egbert
David L. Ferris
John D. Foster
Brad C. Garey
Christopher M. Greene
Matthew T. Hall
Christopher P. Kirby

Jason S. Kuchera
Marcus A. Llanusa
Ryan W. Logan
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Chad V. McGarry
Matthew J. McGarry

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Patrick J. Obruba
Ada P. Ojile
Robert N. Olson
Marco J. Parzych
Aundrea C. Peak
Toni M. Reid

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Randall L. Roberts
Jason B. Rudd
James A. Simonds
Garrett C. Stumb
Antionette L. Thompson
John A. Wellman

1996



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Kari A. Agnew
Heath A. Arstingstall
James A. Becker
Jonathan T. Berardinelli



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Rusty C. Cook
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Byron P. Formwalt
Walter D. Gibbins
Dawn M. Grover

Joshua S. Johnson
Todd J. Lafortune
Philip W. Lynch
Andrew J. Marx
Michael S. Nolan
Luis Nunez

Brian L. Reece
Jeffrey S. Risdon
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Laura Swift
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13

Pranks and folly help cadets to pass the time



Capt Peter Edgar
Squadron Air Officer

What would you endeavor to say is the most important attribute needed to help a cadet endure four years of utter madness? No, it isn't really that bad, but some days cadets may feel like that's what's going on around them. Let's talk about a sense of humor. A cadet has to be able to take everything with a grain of salt and laugh to make the bad days good, and that's what the Bulldogs of 13th have done.

According to C2C Chris Recker, he thinks that what goes on in the thirteenth is definitely not the norm: "For one of America's most demanding collegiate institutions, it's interesting the pranks we'll pull to entertain ourselves in times of boredom or to procrastinate before studying for tests. Like when Sam got a mysterious appointment form to go see proctologist, or when Peacedog was told to return a call to Colonel Sanders, and the lady at KFC got all irritated with him." "Oh, let's not forget the other unmentionable happenings such as the burrito bombings", Recker added.

With all this joking going on, you might wonder what about the work? Well, the cadets are worked day and night literally, especially if they haven't memorized Contrails or haven't been doing their homework assignments, or sleeping in class. Yes, a few cadets have been caught in that predicament and it's not pleasant. Likewise, not keeping up with squadron training can be a

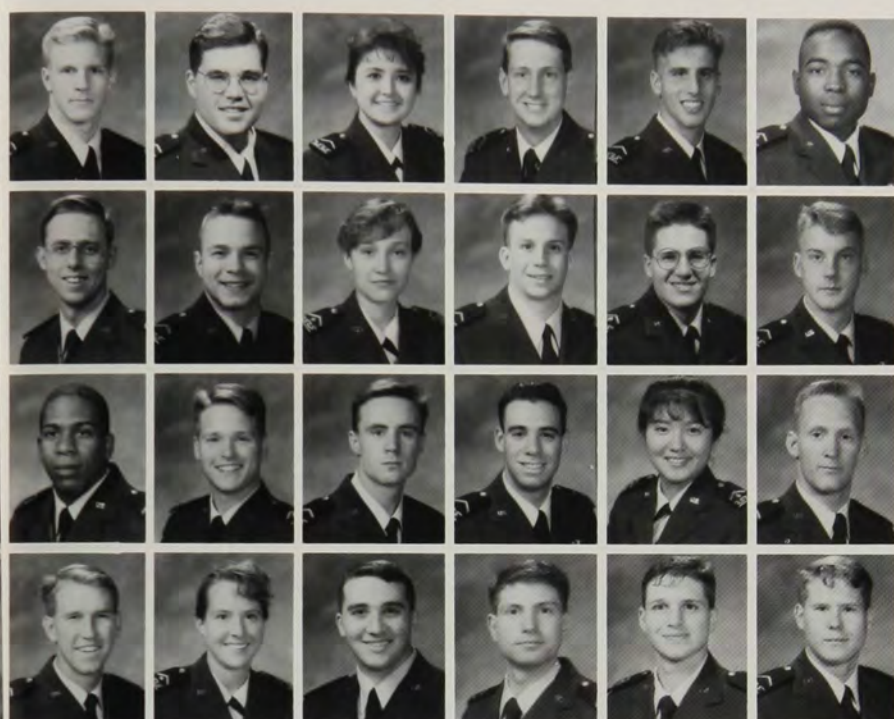
nightmare if a cadet isn't prepared, but the thirteenth doesn't let that happen.

"I believe that our squadron is one of the few that has truly embodied the new training philosophy and had great success, as shown by our fourthclass cadets' knowledge bowl performance," C3C Robert Williamson remarked. "Also, all the thirdclass cadets are willing to do their share while the secondclass cadets do an excellent job of supervising. All the firsties have to do is just sit back and delegate while still asserting their authority."

Wait, let's not give the impression that life for a sophomore class cadet is smooth sailing. It's not, as described by C3C Scott Bries: "A typical day as a Dawg is dangerous. After dining out, you come back to the squad and as soon as you sign in, someone is standing behind you with a Form 10 documenting that you, as a three degree, were in civi's. Oh well, that's another one to add to my file. As I walk back to my room, a four degree in a bathrobe and slippers is on his way to bed. From 1900 to 2000, they get time to do their homework and now can go to bed. This just begins my night papers, projects, and presentations. And don't forget that Physics 215 GR tomorrow morning. Freshmen enjoy it while you can!"

By Rhonda Cochran

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Alexander E. Mask
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Edward P. Stratford

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14

"Savage" yell gets mixed reactions from fourteeners



Capt Mark Hedman
Squadron Air Officer

Not Pictured
Douglas J. Distaso

From across the terrazzo a powerful voice could be heard. Exercising authority over his voice, the owner echoed several statements off the buildings. The message would pass, but shortly return as it bombarded nearby Vandenburg Hall. "Good morning ma'am... mighty venomous vipers!" By midsemester everyone knew his voice, but few knew his face or name.

C4C Lynn Savage, the man behind the voice explained: "In technical school at Kiesler AFB, we were taught to sound off like the Training Instructor. The goal was to be able to echo cadence calls off the C-130 hangers." C4C Savage learned the art of boisterous communications as an enlisted person and continued to practice it when he became a cadet last year. His habit of bombing people with typical fourth-class greetings has effected people in many different ways.

"I was laying in my room (in fourteen squad) and I heard him greeting people as he was leaving Mitchell Hall," said C2C Angel Negron. "I've said hello back in the same tone and volume before."

No member of the wing can refute that Lynn sounds off. However, there are many varying attitudes toward his behavior. C3C Kelly Chase commented: "Everyone complains about him sounding off most of the time, to them it is annoying." C4C Sean Montiero agreed: "Some people seemed to get ticked off because

they thought he was mocking the system."

"Since tech school I just try to get as loud as I can, to see how loud I can be." Lynn shared: "I don't do it to make people mad. It takes more effort to sound off than to not." That's not to say that being loud doesn't have its advantages, he continued: "It helps me work out some frustration, and it makes my job easier. When people hear me greet once, they post me whenever they see me."

Although some people might have an adverse reaction to Lynn's action, others respond quite differently. "He does what every standard fourth class cadet should do and more." C3C Kelly Chase shared: "I think he's motivated and he does quite well."

Exchanging the C-130 hangers of Keisler for the Halls of USAFA has forced Lynn to "calibrate" a new measure of success for himself. "Here the goal is to echo twice off the buildings and mountains. It has to be twice though because once is too easy."

In the end it doesn't matter to Lynn what people say or think. To him it is just a matter of sounding off, being heard. He doesn't do it to impress people or even draw attention to himself. All that really matters is his own drive to be loud... and loud he'll be.

By Michael Brevard

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Ronald E. Cheatham
Kimberley M. Davis
Thomas P. Davis
James N. Englehart
Jeremy R. Fowler



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Jeffrey A. Hansen
Robert S. Hilliard
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Jesus A. Ramos
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"Dan, Dan, Checkpoint Man" getting the info out wing-wide



Capt. Scott Lardner
Squadron Air Officer

Checkpoints for 04 Mar 94: Senior Officer of the Day: C/LTC Wimberly Next Air Force Day: 26 Mar 94 in commemoration of the same day in 1926. On this day, Dr. Robert H. Goddard launched the first liquid fueled rocket in history. Days until commissioning: 1* : 85 2* : 437 3* : 895 4* : 1121 Menu: Breakfast: Pancakes, OJ, Yogurt ...

Although this information may seem trivial to most of the wing, it is what carried '97 through the meals, formations, and uniform grades. Thanks to C4C Dan Ronneberg of Wareagles, all the information was at everyone's fingertips. "There's just so much about him, you can't put it into words," C4C Charles Creech said.

Dan was definitely a dedicated cadet and very involved in Cadet Wing Activities. He participated in everything from USAFA Sabre Drill and the Chess Club to the Reading Club. He was master-of-ceremonies for the Special Olympics, and was on Command Post staff.

According to C4C Tanji Johnson: "Dan was very considerate, and would do anything for you such as staying up until three to help you study math." Due to his generosity and desire to provide help, he volunteered to distribute checkpoints in his squadron. "He is the computer genius for the War Eagles," C4C Justin Vincent said, "and was always attempting to upgrade and

improve the squadron computers." C4C Conrad Koehler added: "He took his squadron detail very seriously."

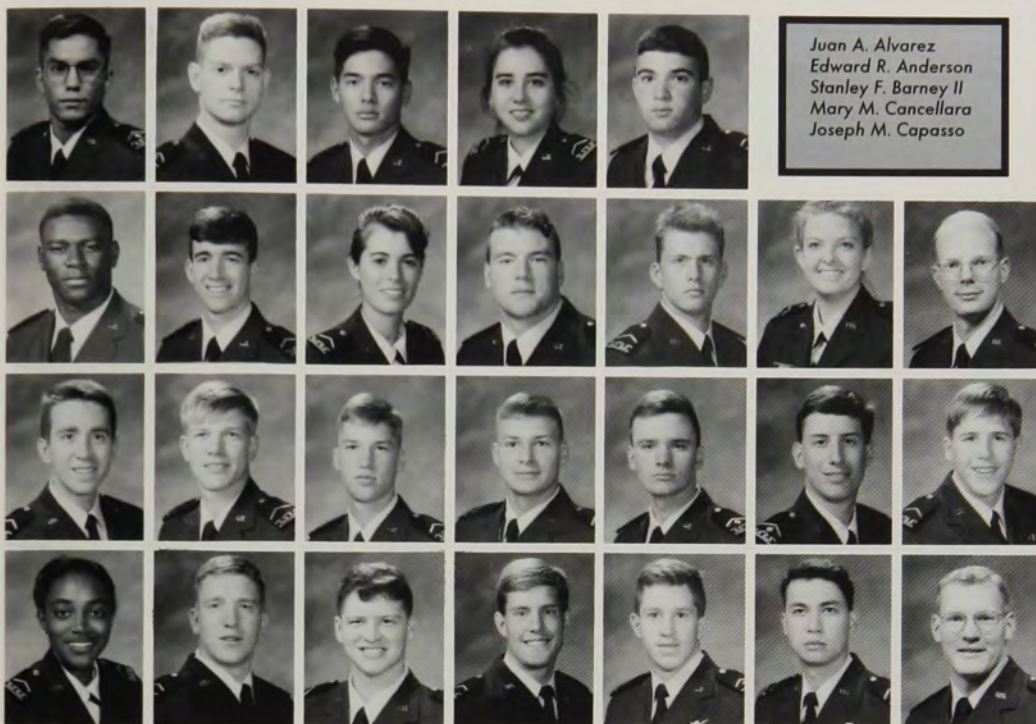
Ronneberg commented on how his squadron service went wing wide: "Someone told me all I had to do was change the e-mail address from *97@cs15 to *97@cs* to create a wing-wide message. I felt "it was a good idea because it would keep us standardized."

He was under pressure occasionally from his classmates for having this as a wing-wide detail. Yet, "despite complaints about incorrect info, he stuck it out," C4C Carol Palmer said. Admittedly, he did an excellent job at sending out "checkpoints" and most of the fourthclassmen in the wing used his mail to get through the meals the next day. In fact, for doing such an excellent job, at the class of '97 Dining-In he received an award for sending "checkpoints". He mentioned that he "wasn't looking for a reward and it definitely helped us out."

The "checkpoint man" was someone the class of '97 should appreciate for helping them get through their four-degree year. In the words of C4C John Pulbratek, he truly was "one of a kind". Ronneberg concluded: "People still tell me 'thanks, you saved us during meals and formation.'"

By Ian Tate

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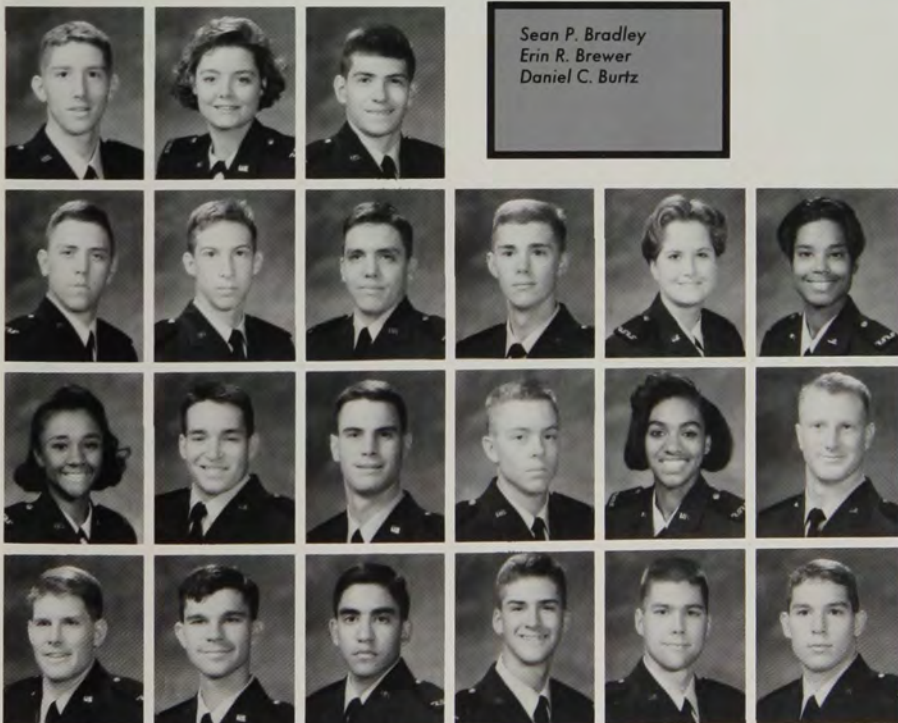
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Whether it rains or shines the Chickenhawks will fly for eggs



Capt Brian Finn
Squadron Air Officer

All the eggs were hidden on the hill behind Harmon Hall. The hunt would not begin for another day, but the snow began to fall. Several hours later the eggs were buried in a foot of snow, and the contest hadn't even begun yet. "The contest was supposed to be on Easter Sunday, but being a free weekend we figured not too many people would show," said C2C Chad Riggleman. "So we planned it for 'Easter Monday'." The contest was only open to the Chickenhawks and an entry fee of \$1.00 was collected from each hunter.

Why so much motivation for Easter eggs the Monday after Easter? "Most of the eggs have candy in them, but one of them has a hundred dollar bill," C4C Heather Mitchell exclaimed. The MWR staff had funded an Easter hundred dollar bill, to add a little incentive to the hunt.

The snow on the ground combined with a misunderstanding of egg placement made the contest quite a challenge. C3C Frank Howard, an egg hunter, emphasized: "The eggs were supposed to be on the hill right behind Harmon Hall. Once we got about five miles out and snow was up to our waist. We figured we should turn back."

"Most people went up everyday looking for that egg. I froze my butt off the whole time I was out there."

C2C Chris Jones shared. Many people had just heard about the contest and forgot to get a coat before tackling the hunt and the snow. In fact there was very little people wouldn't do for a hundred dollar bill.

Cadets searched in the morning, during free periods, and after school. They even stayed out all night searching for that egg. In some instances teams were formed to "walk a search line" with the understanding that the money would be split evenly. Chad Riggleman elaborates: "Basically there isn't anything I wouldn't do for that hundred dollar egg!"

Four days after the contest began, the egg was found and the search was over. C2C Amy Hulten and C2C Ryan Welch working together stumbled upon the egg, about a mile from Harmon Hall. After that, the search was over and no other eggs were found.

"Heck, there are still about 106 eggs left on that mountain out there and if anyone wants them they are more than welcome," said Jones. "To me it's easier to go to the C-store to get any candy that I want." There is a lot of interest in searching for a hundred dollar bill, but not much interest in wacky taffy.

By Michael Brevard

1996



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David J. Ciesielski



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Douglas D. Eaton
Lanell J. E. Fountain
Anthony R. Gibbs
Brian J. Grasky
Francis F. Howard Jr



James P. Hughes
Mary K. Jones
Blair I. Kaiser
Thomas E. Livingston
Eric P. Moraes
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Gerardo L. Smith
Daniel L. St Clair
Philip L. Stodick
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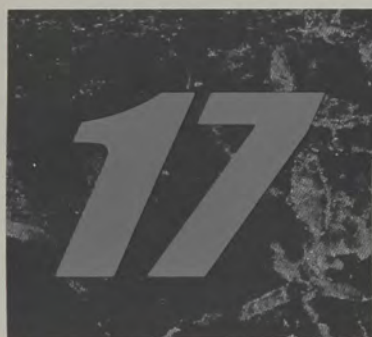
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Kristin A. Foster '96
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Stalag Seventeen, the people truly make the difference

There is a place at the USAFA named Stalag 17, in remembrance of the struggles and brutality of war, and as a tribute to the character of those who endured the prison camp," a member of the Seventeenth commented.

There were many things that made the Seventeenth special, such as its location as described by a cadet: "Today Stalag can be found at the northwest corner of Vandenberg Hall, at the very top. And more than just the sixth floor, the top means above and beyond the rest. It's a place where the upperclass cadets are 'MEAN' and the four degrees are 'PSYCHO'".

Despite these labels, the squadron couldn't perform its duties without the help of its members, and Stalag seemed to have its personnel in tip-top shape." C4C David Morgan commented, "It's the people of Stalag that set 17 apart. Great firsties who were dedicated to their job (most at least), motivated two-degrees, hyper three-degrees, and most importantly, awesome four degrees."

Not only were the four degrees putting out, but the other three classes were as well. C4C Matthew Smith acknowledged that there was a "current cynical state" among the Wing, but that Stalag remained with a positive attitude.

Smith added "There was more to Stalag than winning marching, logistics squadron or even the Wing

knowledge bowl. It's about the attitude and heart. Prisoners of Stalag had a sense of pride in what they did, not just a sense of duty."

Consequently, optimism and determination were a big part of the Seventeenth and that kept its members going, especially in light of problems that do occur from time to time..

C1C Mark Torreano said: "The juniors take the cake for the most grief given to our beloved AOC. Extra long probations were given out to some juniors which wasn't a surprise in Stalag if you ask the prisoners from the classes of '92 and '93. Foul words were heard year round in the AOC's office in conjunction with typing sounds."

Whether trouble followed cadets or cadets stumbled into trouble, who's to say. What was known is that the prisoners of 17 seem to run into it. These accidents often turned into learning experiences for the cadets and will be a reminder to them of the time they spent in 17. A member of 17 summed it up best when he said, "once you have been in 17, it will always be a part of you, you can never truly escape."

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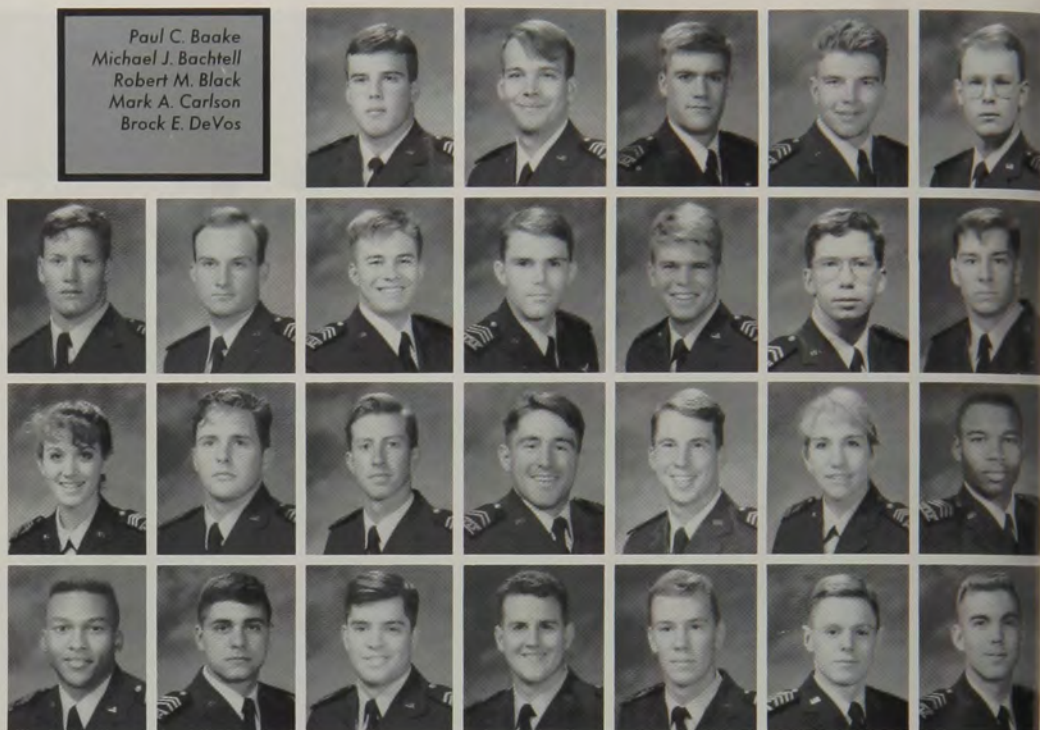
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Maj Ralph Nardo
Squadron Air Officer

MWR activities bring out the best in Horny Eighteen

If diversity is the spice of life, then squadron 18 is full of it. According to one member of the squadron, there are a fair number of cadets "enforcing annoying standards," however there is also a fair amount of "blow cadets" to even it all out and make 18 unique in its own right..

"Eighteen is special not for its greeting, its patch or its history," C4C David Johnson said. "It's because of its people. They are hard, but fair, and they take care of their own."

Taking care of their own as it was known, went far beyond the training aspect of the squadron. This group of individualists managed to pull off some MWR events that will long be remembered.

"The one thing I like about 18 is the fact that we always had activities going," C4C Philip Strouse said. "From playing pool downtown, to chariot races through the hallways, we knew how to have a good time. We could get our jobs done, plus have a fun time doing it."

C3C Colleen Lehne added: "Horny 18 realizes the importance of having fun, and lots of it, to counter all

the 'great times' we have during the week. Thanks to the MWR staff, life here become a little more bearable with every dining out and lip sync contest."

Speaking of contest, it is evident that Horny had 18 plenty of pride to go around as well. "Our squad is the best," C3C Russell Barker said. "Just ask our four-degrees!" Yes, the fourthclass cadets, as well as the upperclass cadets had plenty to say about their happy little family.

"This is my squadron, there are many squadrons like it, but mine, is mine," C4C Heath Holtz said. "My squadron is my best friend. In conclusion, I love my squadron. Drive on Horny, drive on!"

Drive on is what 18 does best, by continuing to plan new and exciting things for its members to do.

A member summed it up best when he said: "Although there are real divisions between the classes, when we do activities as a squadron, we somehow manage to have a good time."

He added: "It's too bad that the entire school year can't just be one big social activity. GO Horny!"



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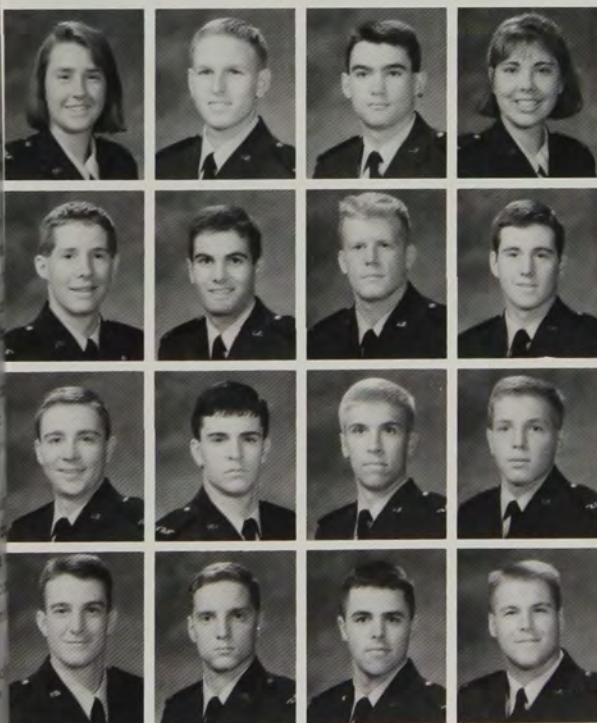
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If training is boring, Wolverines find alternatives

Preparing for the semester PFT can be a strenuous thing. Most squads have morning runs or athletic activities in the stairwells. However, the members of Wolverines decided to change the schedule for this event. An alternative method of training proved to be the most exciting way the Wing has seen.

C3C Crier proudly proclaimed, "Right before the PFT, we went out and played in the snow." Farrish camp ground offered an atmosphere for them to play flag football, broom hockey, and inner-tube down the hills.

What looked like a snow covered field for flag football was actually a frozen lake. "We started playing and realized we were on a frozen lake," C3C LaRose said. "It turned into an upperclassmen vs. freshmen game."

C3C Ramos continued; "Aaron, a recruited player, went out for a pass and Heather Laws just picked him up and dropped him on the ice." LaRose added: "All I could think was, gosh, I'm glad she's on my team."

The broom hockey game was pretty much one-sided too. "Ed McCormick announced we have no chance

of winning. The object when the puck was dropped, was to take out everyone in front of you," C4C Benjamin Crossley said.

Later, most went inner-tubing down the hill. "There was a big ice hill and no way to stop; so we would hit the people on the way down," C3C Joseph Krieger said. "Some went down on their bare chests, and just got messed up."

"The BBQ vent was jammed; a lot of smoke poured out of it. We had to battle the smoke to get something to eat," C4C Thomas Lee said. To improve their mental skills, and wait for the smoke to clear each element was given a challenge. Using seven words, and the AOC's name, they made up a good story. This was to overcome the smoked out pavilion.

Such a different approach towards training was accepted. Krieger added; "It showed initiative, it passed, and let us get out instead of sticking around here."

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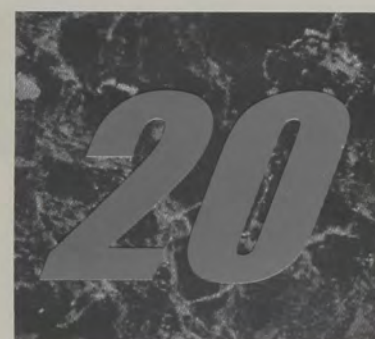
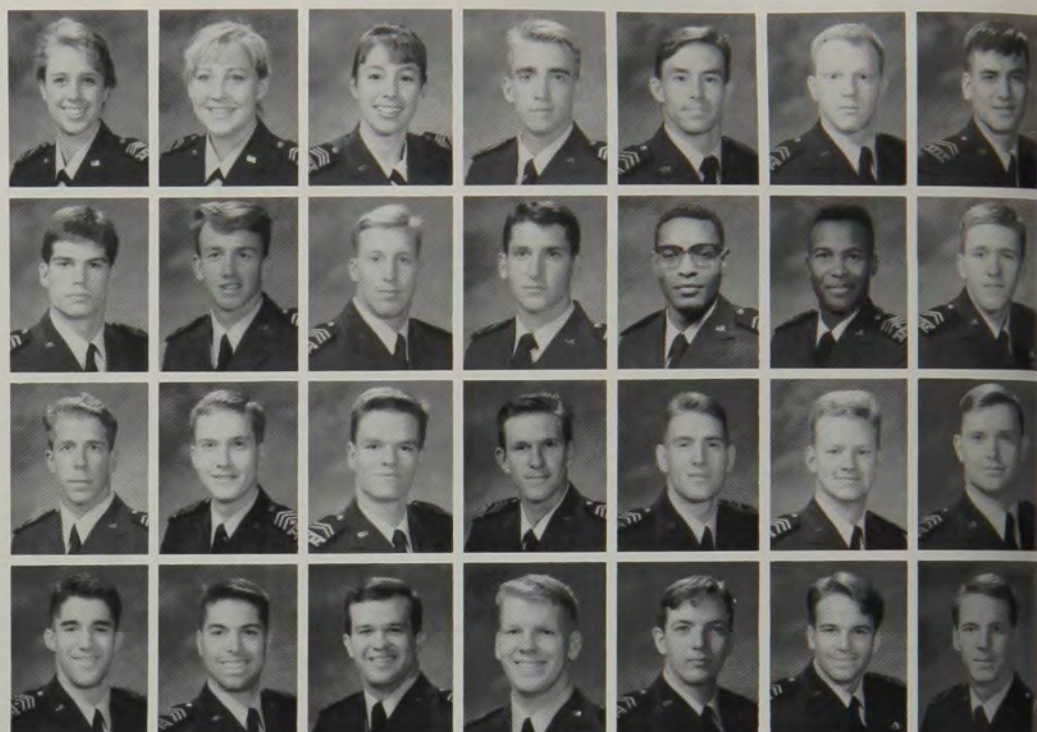
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Squadron Air Officer

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Casey A. Cornish '96

Trolls march to the beat of a different drummer

"Trolls are a rare breed and thus tend to stick together," C3C Jeremy Jenness said. "We may not be the prettiest squadron in the wing but we are one of the proudest." Jenness' feelings were well shared through squadron 20 where everything has a positive side.

Not known for their marching skills, some squadrons may perceive the Trolls of 20 as sub-mediocre. Not so, the members answer back. "We are big, ugly, awkward, clumsy creatures and thus totally incapable of marching very well," Jenness said. C4C Douglas Trask added: "Despite our inability to march, we accomplish every mission with spirit and enthusiasm. It's a quality that sets us apart from the rest." He added: "No matter what corner of Mitch's we are stuck in, we will always stand out."

And stand out they do. Those who are Trolls sometimes even surprised themselves with how much they identified with their own group.

"When my parents came out, I realized that I associated my entire existence at the Academy with being a Troll," C3C John Orchard said. "Almost every-

thing that I showed them, or talked about, revolved around my squadron."

This attitude is not surprising considering they are constantly on the look out for fun. "Trolls know how to have a good time, at parties, lunch, even training," C3C Mike Rider said.

This quest for fun and knowledge of training left a standing impression on the fourthclass cadets.

"I believe I will have a good career in the Air Force," C4C Dustin Tyner said. "I will look back on my freshman year as the establishment of a good foundation."

This attitude was the consensus among the fourthclass cadets who considered themselves lucky to be among the Trolls.

"No matter how good or bad things are, I can count myself lucky that I'm in Trolls," C4C Kevin Strauss said. "I am a Troll, and wherever I go, whatever I do, I'll always be a Troll. The only difference is that I'm a lot better looking."

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Daron E. Olmsted
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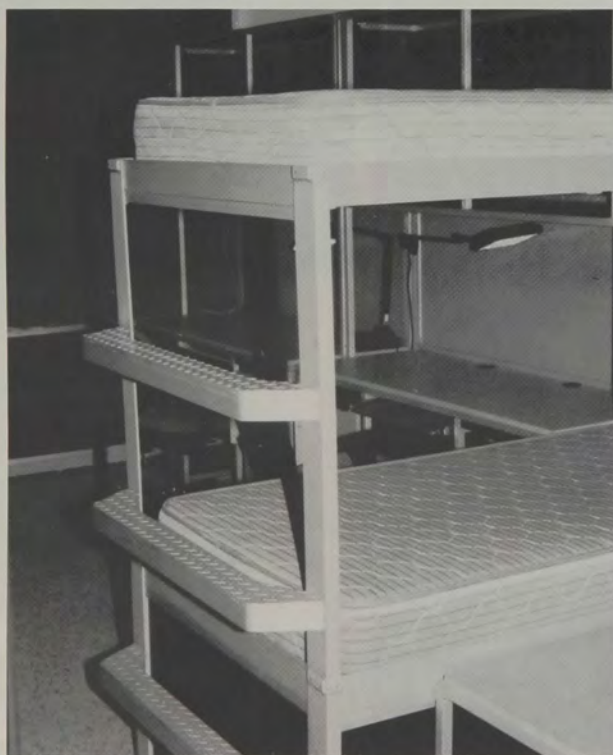
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Some of the prototype furniture, like what's seen in this room, offered more bookcase space than the old bedunits. Photo by R. Blissett



Giving some of the new prototype floor tile a work out, C4C Peter Hsieh runs to drop off laundry to upperclass cadets. Squadron Eight had many different types of floor coverings for cadets to try out. They included several different types and colors of tile and carpet. Photo by C. Harris

Entertaining the idea of going to bunks, the roommates in this room had more floor space than their peers, however it is rumored that they resorted to a game of paper, rock, scissors to see who was stuck sleeping on the bottom bunk. Photo by R. Blissett



Home takes on a new look

Some people may not cope well with change. Since this can be expected, experimental guinea pigs are used to help make the transition. This year was the year that Eagle Eight got to show how they handled change and what their opinions were regarding the new atmosphere that they lived in. Of course, we are referring to the prototype cadet room and the CQ desk.

The lucky recipients who would test out the new furniture and carpet were C3C Jenny Kornacker and her roommate C3C Rebecca Motto. According to Kornacker: "the new furniture was not the standard high bed units with drawers underneath the bed." While the two cadets awaited the prototype furnishings which were due to arrive in March, they used separate dressers against the wall and the original cadet steel frame beds. They also had separate desks with a set of drawers down each side. "We really like it. We did have to adjust to the changes," Kornacker said. "The room is so much more open. There is a problem with lack of space, but this new arrangement allows for shelf space."

Space was not a problem for the carpet layers who put down a prototype carpet in the room and in the hallway which is a different brand and color than the standard carpet, AOC Major Tonneson said. Not only did they put down the carpet, officials also decided to try out tile in a cadet room next door.

Then the testing started on a carpet with a blue background color on top of a speckled print of red and cream. "The cadets got to trash the carpet to see how it would clean up. And it cleaned up nicely," Tonneson said. "The cadets used edge dressing, tomato sauce, paint, Coke, and other typical things a cadet might spill."

On the other hand, the tile didn't get such high ratings. "Overwhelmingly the carpet is better. The tile is

loud. What I mean is that the tile amplifies everything, since there's nothing to dampen the sound. You can hear people down the hall. It is not very easy to clean and it is very cold," Kornacker exclaimed.

If the floor wasn't the topic of discussion for Kornacker and Motto, then it was definitely having so many people come and look at their living quarters. They soon understood the old saying the quiet before the storm because these cadets experienced a train of curious onlookers.

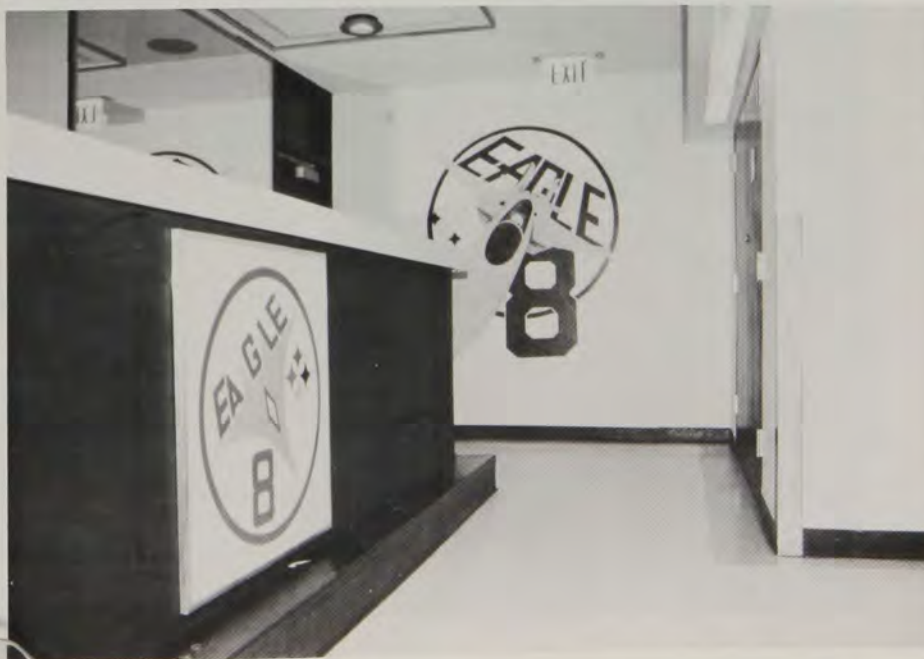
"And they came. At every hour of the day, especially Saturday mornings when we were, of course, asleep. We had to put up with people simply walking in like they owned the place," Kornacker remembered. She went on to add that she said more than once, "Excuse me, but we live here!"

So they came and went and when all was over the two cadets breathed a sigh of relief. "In the end, the room has been seen and the awe is gone. We like it. It's different. We're just delighted that we have the carpeting and the four-degrees next door don't," Kornacker commented.

As different and unusual as the room was, the CQ desk that adorns the entrance of Eagle Eight was also a unique concept. Eight was chosen to test the desk because it is such a high traffic squadron. "This squadron gets many visitors touring and cadets coming through to get to the mailroom and the cadet store," Tonneson said.

The desk sat on a pedestal of sorts with black decor. It certainly was a nonstandard CQ format. Instead of the half square figure that most squadrons have, this desk is long in length with a high front wall. It definitely was a piece of work to be admired.

By Rhonda Cochran



Standing as a tribute to CQ desks everywhere, the new desk in Eagle Eight is larger, more beautiful and not to mention user friendly. It was even designed so that those who are sitting CQ can see over the desk without straining neck muscles, Photo by C. Harris

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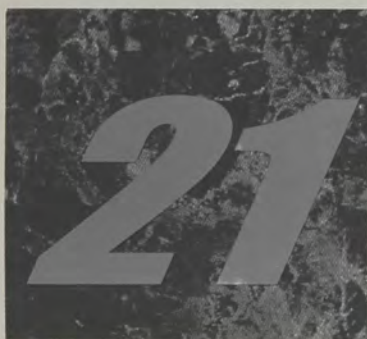
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Letting off steam with hall brawls and individual merits

"Sometimes life here at the Academy can get pretty hectic, and it can almost make you crazy. The pressures of academics, military, and athletics build up, and we tend to take it out on each other. But in 21, this is usually not the case." C3C J. Travis Garnett remembered. "The people in 21 set our squadron apart from the rest of the wing, because we take care of each other and look out for each other. In 21 there isn't any backstabbing or stepping on people to get ahead. We work together in such a way that everyone shares the work, instead of ten people carrying the squadron."

Sharing the load makes life a bit easier for these cadets, but it isn't always smooth sailing, from time to time arguments and disagreements do arise. "It's sometimes hard to get along with so many top notch people. We have so much to contribute and we often end up arguing about who is right," C3C Anthony Rivera commented.

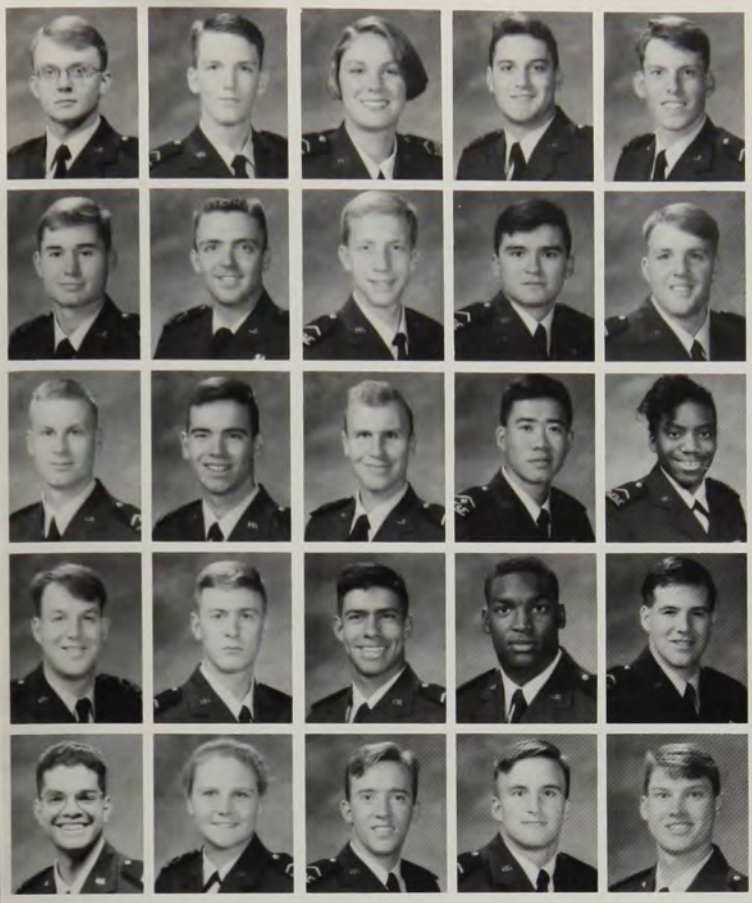
Arguing happens in the best of families and can often be a healthy emotional outlet as long as it doesn't affect the quality of teamwork. There are "occasional problems, but the differences of opinion that arise and the personality conflicts that exist do not hinder the performance of the squadron as a whole," a Blackjack stated.

Performance is the name of the game on the hill, since each squadron is striving to produce the best cadets that it can, life can be very difficult at times. This is where 21's leaders step in and help its own get through the bad times by having the infamous hall brawl. "It's like a volcano of frustrations that has built up all week exploding all over the upperclassmen," C3C Jeremy Brigham exclaimed. "Ketchup, lotion, shampoo, and anything else is fair game to bombard the victim of choice and his cronies. I love it!"

Aside from this unique way to let off a little steam, 21 also has another way to spotlight its cadets. This is a time when the cadets are highlighted for their ingeniousness or foolish behavior. A member of Blackjack shared: "Misfortune always found the poor, little Blackjacks, or was it stupidity?" Illustrating how close knit the group was, they publicly announce all (mis) adventures of the Blackjacks, firsties and smacks alike. Every class fiercely competed for the honorable title. From falling asleep in the bathroom to discussing physics in Burger King, all winners deserved their title. To this day the tradition still holds. Every Blackjack gets a share of the spotlight when they are proclaimed Weinee of the Week."

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Tarantulas trash trucks and jeeps... time for safety lessons



Maj Robert Seaberg
Squadron Air Officer

One of the many concerns of the Air Force Academy Officer Staff is the safety of the cadet members of the Wing. Each semester some 4000 cadets leave the Academy at various times and for various reasons to travel all over the world to represent USAFA in their sphere of interest. On occasion, though, cadets don't leave USAFA to represent it, they leave to get away from it. Typically when they do this they "let their hair (what little they have) down." When this takes place, commonly people get hurt.

The leading cause of injury to cadets during leave time is car accidents that occur on long road trips. A lot of training and a little luck provide cadets what they need to get through their breaks safe and sound. Unfortunately that luck was not with the Tarantulas of twenty-second last March. When asked what makes his squadron different, C2C Mike Thode replied: "We flip cars." Simply stated, the Tarantulas had the uncanny ability to wreck and ruin many of their POVs (privately owned vehicles).

It is said that disasters occur in threes. Within a period of only three weeks, three Catch Twenty-Two upperclassmen rolled their vehicles. C1C Rob Smoker began the trend for the squad. He smashed his convertible Ford Mustang on his way back to the Academy from his Spring Break in New Mexico.

Following suit was the squadron first sergeant, C2C Ed Casey. Also returning from Spring Break, he totalled his Jeep just north of Raton Pass. Casey noted that the Tarantulas average three accidents per month. After adding that his squadron commander had recently driven his jeep off a steep incline, Casey said: "The demand for jeeps is going down!"

Finally, C2C Michael Thode closed out the month, managing to render his Jeep unrecognizable on a return trip from Denver. Although not driving his Cherokee, Thode awoke to smashing glass as his vehicle tumbled into the median. On a serious note, Casey remarked that everyone was wearing a seat belt. Fortunately, all cadets involved came away from the accidents unscathed. However, some thirdclassmen started wondering if having a car is really worth it.

These examples are a humorous look at the bending metal, and breaking glass involved in totalling an automobile. These stories, however, remind us of how dangerous cars can actually be. This is the reason the Academy places very strict driving regulations on its cadet members. It is also the reason driver safety briefings have commenced, are commencing, and will continue to be given at the United States Air Force Academy.

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Amanda S. Myers
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Anthony R. Caragan
Jeffery S. DeVore



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Lester Gregory
Jeremy J. Haas
David K. Hammer
Nicholas A. Harris
Jimmy T. Jacobson



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Jeffrey R. Lewis
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Kyle E. Carpenter
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The freaks come out at night, say hello to Twenty Three



Maj Mark Muhlenberg
Squadron Air Officer

Although their freshmen greet "Barnstormin' Two-Three," the members of Twenty-third squadron prefer another name. This year the squadron acquired the nickname "Freak Show Two-Three." C3C Shawn Lane proudly declared: "We strive to be different."

Unlike any other squadron in the Wing, the Barnstormers present "Freak of the Week" awards to cadets who accomplish the most idiotic feats. Not only do the recipients have their episodes described in formation; they are also granted sleep-throughs!

When asked for reasons why they merit such a nickname, squadron members cited several incidents. One thirdclassman was found with a blender, a toaster, a refrigerator...and a boa constrictor!

Other supporting evidence included a firstclass cadet who returned to his room slightly intoxicated, only to mistake his sock drawer for the restroom. Needless to say, his roommate was not thrilled in the morning.

Another firstie went to Hooters for a dining

out. There, one of the waitresses asked to buy him a drink, and he refused. After he had realized what he had done, he begged her for him to buy her a drink. She flatly refused him.

When a three degree left his computer on, a classmate came in and typed out a letter declaring that guy's sexual preference. He meant to send it to the squad, but accidentally sent it out to the Wing. Later, he received a 30 demerit hit and a sleep through.

At a parade in the fall, C1C C.C. Masotti-Maxwell announced the name 'Freak Show 23' without any negative feedback. Ever since, the pet name has stuck and continues to be announced without opposition.

The Barnstormers take great pride in the many "freaks" who reside in their squadron. Several cadets stated that this is the most excitement that has occurred in the Twenty-third in years. The cadets are currently working to have their name and patch officially changed.

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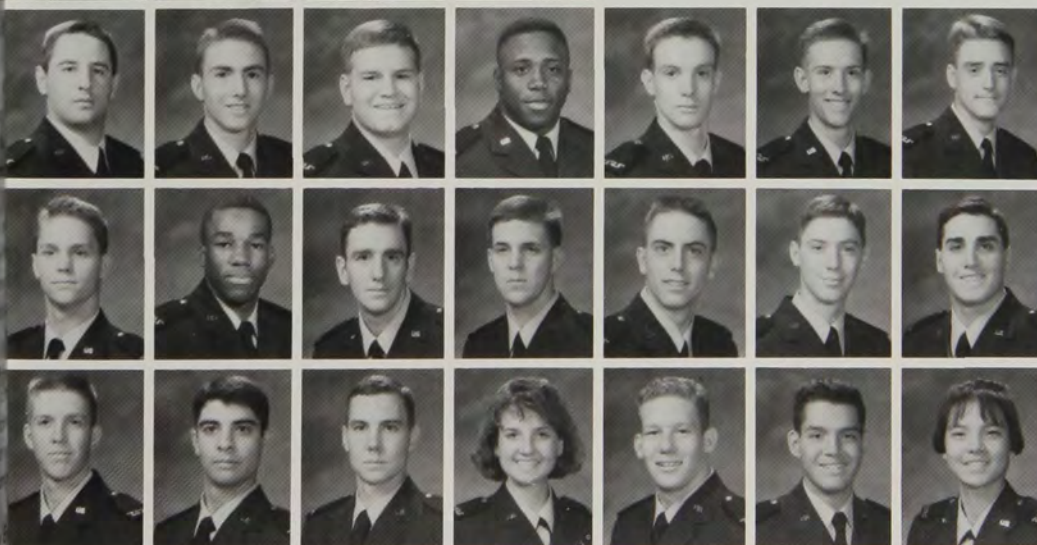
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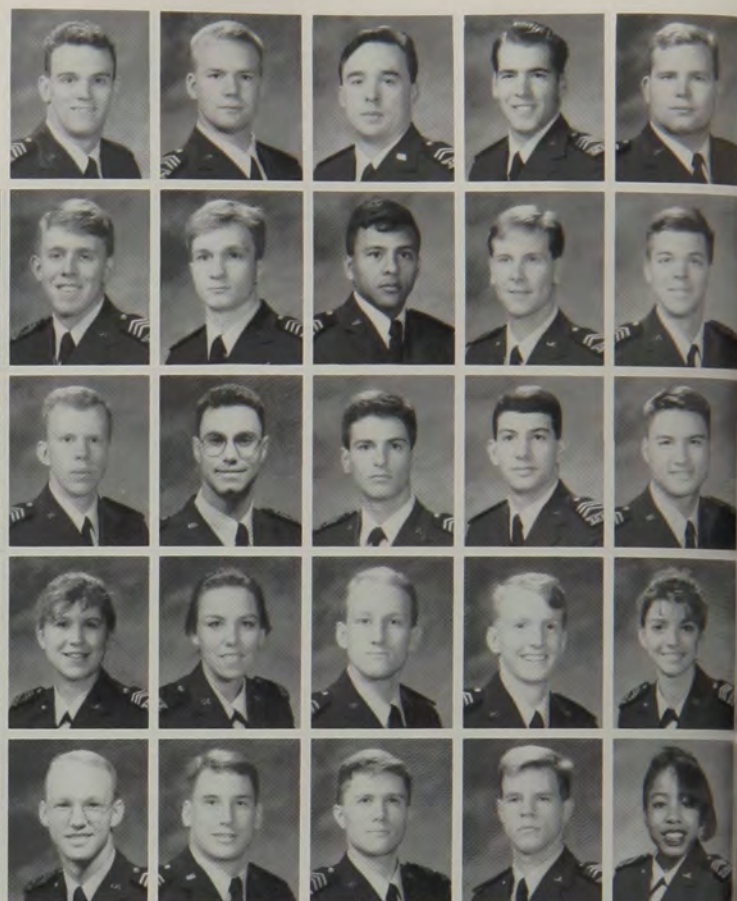
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Winning isn't always better ...it's just more work

Each year one squadron in the wing is exalted as the "Honor Squadron." This award is presented to the squadron that fulfills more criteria, in the military excellence aspect of the Academy, than any other squadron. By setting and achieving military goals, marching well, scoring well in inspections and displaying high standards of military conduct, a squadron can acquire this unique commendation. Typically a squadron rejoices at the attention received through such an achievement, but one squadron viewed their attention in a very different light.

Last year the Phantoms of Twenty-Four proved that they were "Hard Core" by earning the title of Honor Squadron for the year. Throughout the year, they marched with perfection and scored impeccably during inspections. The Phantoms said that this year their goal is to NOT be the Honor Squadron. Describing the Honor Banquet, C1C Jessica Matthews set the scene: "There was 'Battle Star Galactic' music in the background. It was a 'Star Wars' banquet." Not quite the event squadron members had envisioned to celebrate their success.

Having the title bestowed upon them also entailed standing at attention during the Organizational Awards

Parade as the entire Cadet Wing passed in review. The sentiment was nice, but "the pass in review seemed to last a lifetime." It seemed their hard work and discipline had led to more of the same... hard work and discipline.

Not only did the Phantoms have to participate in these activities; according to C2C Chris Kibble, the squadron was forced to spend hours practicing for the banquet. C2C Kibble explained that colonels had to tell them where to stand, where to walk, and how to look. He said: "Everyone was stressing out that we wouldn't do it right." Doing it right was how they achieved honor squad in the first place.

Although it was nice to be known as the number one squadron in the wing, Hard Core Two-Four hopes to never go through it again. After all of the formalities, the Phantoms can now look back and laugh about it. C1C Matthews added that, through it all, they were still able to have fun. The work will soon be forgotten, but the fun and furry they faced will last for a long time. The members of Hard Core Two Four will continue to work very hard... it's just that their emphasis will be in a different area.

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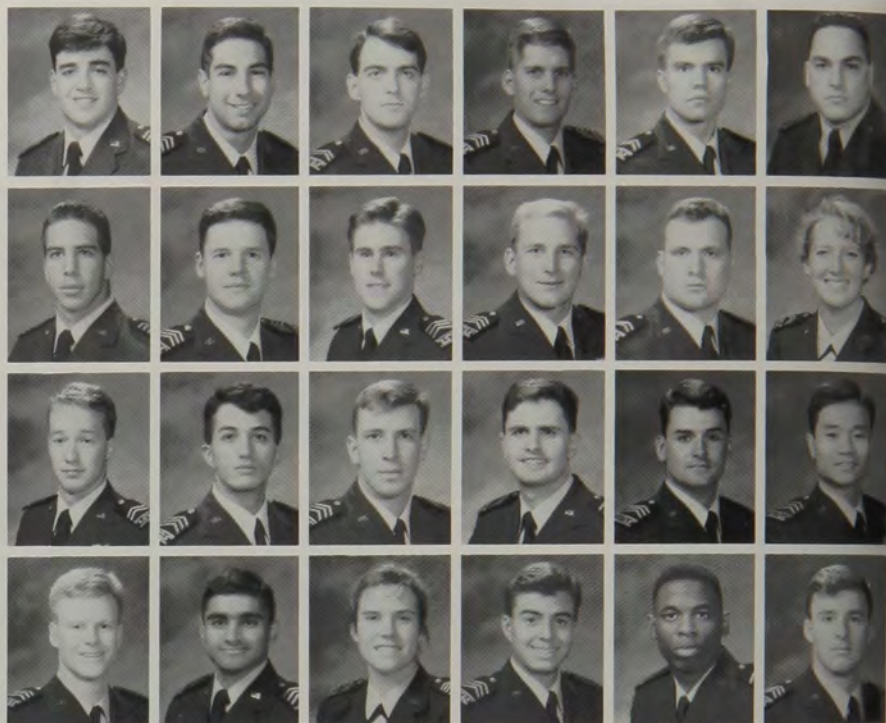
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Redeye "spooks" up Halloween fun for little ones

Every year, the cadets of Redeye partake in a Halloween event as a community service project. Organized and executed by cadets in the squadron, this project has now become a tradition in the squad. "It is something that the squad takes pride in," C2C Vince Wells said.

About two weeks prior to Halloween, the Redeye organization team, headed by C3C Matt Adams, started to collect money and ideas for the event. "We write the event announcement on the grease board a few weeks in advance," C3C Chad Goldizen stated. Then, interested cadets offer their services, time, and talents to the cause by setting up the haunted house at Timberview Middle School after school and weekends.

At the middle school, Redeye takes a room and turns it into a haunted house. This is just one room in the carnival that the school puts on. However, it is one of the most-enjoyable rooms every year.

Cadets dress themselves as monsters, vampires, and the like and enjoy scaring the kids as they walk by. "We had a firstie who dressed up as a witch, and a vampire who came out of a coffin, and some ugly monsters," Goldizen continued. "Jered Pavlich repelled from the ceiling and scared the kids pretty good."

C3C Rita Perez said she enjoyed working in the community and seeing the kids have fun. "I volunteered for it because it is a big thing in our squad. I think it is fun, different," Perez said. "Especially for the four degrees; it's a chance for them to get out of the squad and into town. It's good for the community, because we present a good image; better than going out to the bars and drinking."

The community enjoyed the service that the cadets provided them and in appreciation, the school gave free food to the workers of the carnival. "The community loves it," Goldizen said. "They throw a lasagna party for us after the show." The parents appreciate the effort that the cadets put into their haunted house. "The parents see it, the kids may not know who we are, but we always leave a good impression on everyone," Goldizen said.

The cadets of Redeye pull together for this big annual event and make it a success not only for the community, but for themselves. "They view us as a bunch of nice guys," Wells said "kinda role models and examples."

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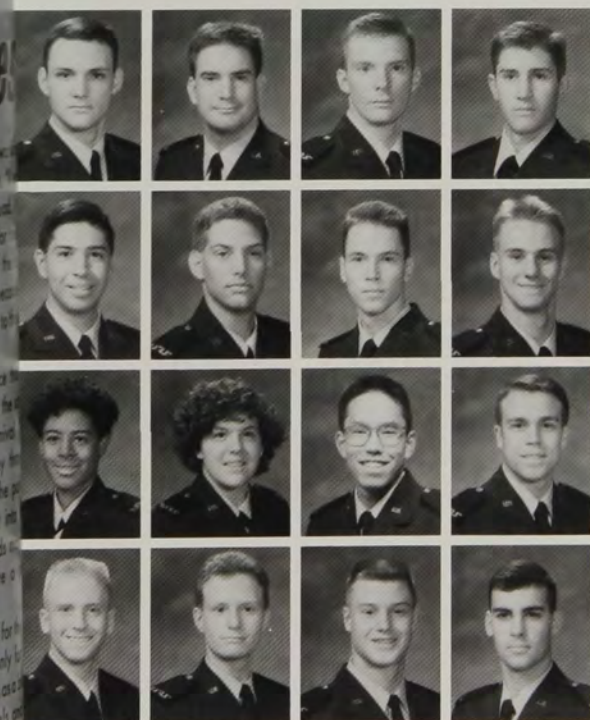
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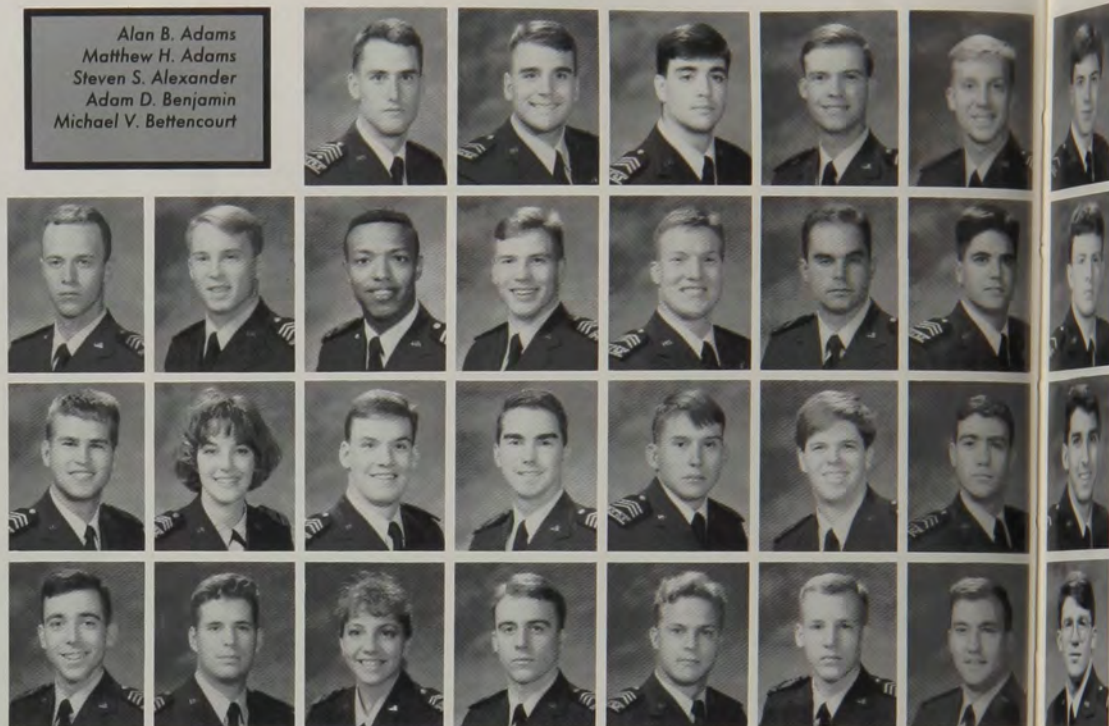
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Want to be nutty? Join the Mighty Barons

What do Snoopy and "dirty Jake" have in common? They both are right at home with the Mighty Barons of 26th squadron. What kind of squadron is worthy of bearing America's most loved cartoon? And what squadron could foster an environment in which a certain thirdclassman by the nickname of 'dirty Jake' has time to solo or have a birthday every other week? Only a place full of professionalism, character and peanuts.

The members of the squadron aren't crazy. They do know how to relax when it seems like everything is going to the dogs. The members are fun loving and work hard till quit'n time. After work however they like to kick back with a cold brew (or soda..wouldn't want to break the law) and smoke a big stogie. They don't do these thing alone, mind you, they gather in big groups and participate together.

For those members that seem to get a little out of hand, the dog pound is available for a short stay. They don't like to mark their members, but a trip to the "snoopy pad" once in a while never hurt anyone. Stereotyping all the squadron members as "peanuts

freaks" couldn't be farther from the truth.... They also read Beetle Bailey.

C4C Mark Sandor and C4C Don McNutt enjoy their squadron because, "We can pick on the upperclassman and they don't do anything. It's not completely stract. Professional, but really relaxed." As C4C Sandor spoke he pointed to his training NCO and continued: "...he's what makes it special" (how sweet!). Another member of 26 then walks by and loudly belches... yep, this squad is full of character!

Undeniably all classes in twenty sixth squadron left the year with many memories. In addition to good times, the secondclassmen struggled with the fact that UPT slots would be limited and started researching other career fields. They didn't let this get them down, they merely continued to improve things as much as they could, and went on with life.

C3C Jennifer Bivens quickly and painlessly summed up the question, "What makes your squadron special" with the answer, "Snoopy!" It's not weird, it's just that squadron pride showing through!

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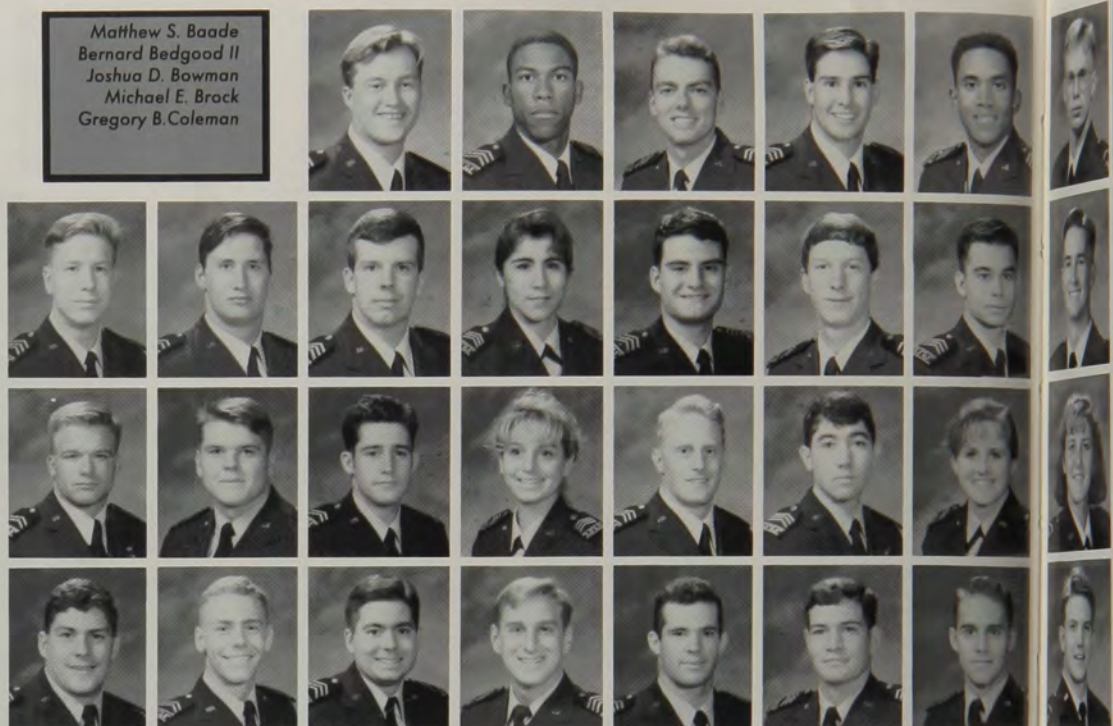
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Members of the Thunderbirds make it a point to care

Leather underwear, lipsync contests, a red-headed guy called fire-crotch, cupcakes who ran everyday to CATM...What do these descriptive, lively words conjure up? Why, these are words that describe the Fabulous Thunderbirds of 27. These and many other wonderful things set the T-Birds apart from everyone else.

All joking aside, it was quite obvious that the Thunderbirds of 27 cared for one another. When C4C Benjamin Conde was asked what was special about his squadron he replied: "Everyone looks out for one another and loves each other. All the classes work together. We get the job done but we have a good time doing it. We don't give up enjoyment to accomplish the mission."

Many times other squadrons get so caught up in the mission they forget about the people. Not so with the Thunderbirds. They have a special way of looking at things. They are surely interested in every members performance, you can see it in their actions. Simple little favors here and there lead the way to a better year. Each member will swear by his/her squadron because of the family bond.

For example, when C4C Angel Santiago thought about the merits of his squadron he stated: "I get treated like a human. Twenty-Seven is doolie heaven. When there's work to be done we work hard and get it done, but when it's time to have fun we know how to do that too."

The Thunderbirds made it a point to make the year a memorable one. Beyond the military training and the academics, cadets from this squadron found themselves watching movies, eating ice cream and wearing cowboy boots on certain nights... Camaraderie was high as they partied hardy, but were careful to watch out for each other at the same time. No matter how hard the party was, things never seemed to get to far out of hand.

So if you like cupcakes, or if you're just looking to be treated like a human, take the time to drop by squadron 27. Home of the fabulous thunderbirds. If you don't you are missing out on a great treat. The saying "times change and people change" typically holds true. This doesn't refer to the caring and family like atmosphere of the members of Twenty-Seven. Just ask anyone the T-Birds are the best around... without a doubt.

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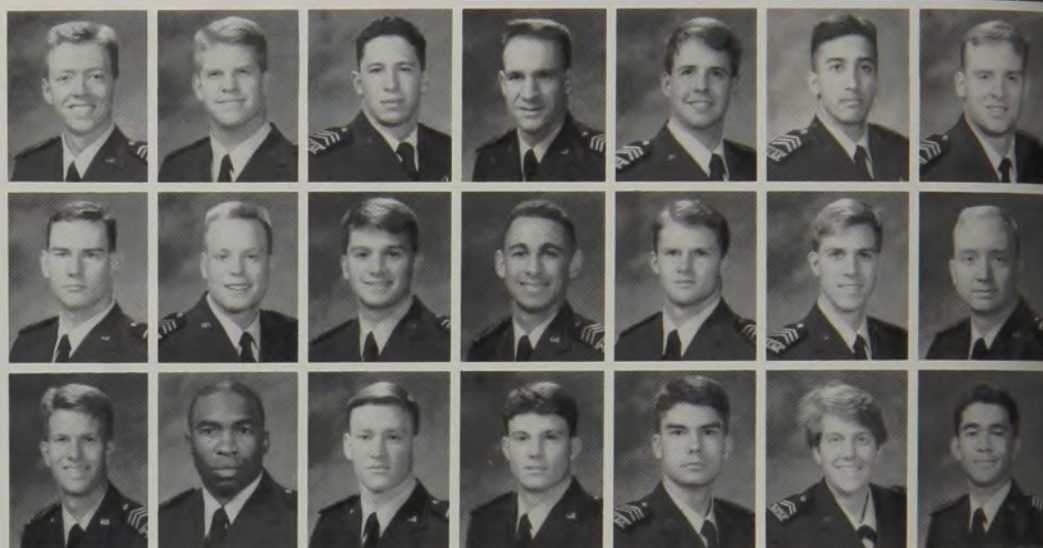
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Real life officer experience stressed in squad's mission

Life here can be described as a mock run to see if the mechanics run smoothly before the war. In this case, the war is the real world of the military. Sometimes the training can be overwhelming in a squad, but it's up to the squad to help its members realize their highest potential and how it can have a direct impact not only on themselves, but others as well.

"Twenty-eighth squadron is different from other squadrons," C3C Stephen Schell commented, "What qualities are important in the real military? Loyalty, courage, camaraderie, sacrifice and devotion to friendship; these are stressed in my squadron."

Developing the above characteristics required of officers was emphasized by the Blackbirds because they know that life here at the Academy is just a glimpse of what cadets will face on the outside. "We are not ranked top of the marching scores, IG grading, or all of the other little crap that general officers base their officer potential on," C3C Jon Cominiello remarked, "Instead we concentrate on the real things such as loyalty to one another, and simply getting the job done. After all, in times of war who really cares how clean your room is or how your shoes are."

This cadet was not alone in how he felt about the chores that he and his squadronmates had to accom-

plish. Similarly, some cadets saw the tasks as just another way to haze them. But the long term goal of such activities was to illustrate the commitment that cadets have to themselves and their pride in service.

C4C Kyle Minarik elaborated: "It's the unique feeling of self-responsibility and dedication within the squadron. In this squadron, people do not feel pressured to do their jobs, they are just done automatically. This essentially creates a productive working environment in which things get done, not for individual gain, but for the good of the whole squadron."

The Blackbirds were always looking for projects that would benefit its members and others as well. "If there is a project to be done this squadron can pull together. For instance, HQ Flight took four hours one Sunday to help Care and Share downtown Colorado Springs, C3C Jobie Turner remembered. The Blackbirds also took part in the relief effort for the Iowa flood victims.

Helping others whether in the squad or the community, the Blackbirds demonstrated that teamwork and responsibility to ones-self and community are integral components of an officer candidate.

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New training returns positive results, incites family unity

During the previous several semesters, the Academy has changed its squadron training philosophy rather drastically. Mixed reaction and sometimes confusion within the squadrons has sometimes been the result. Some argue that the "weaker" (newer) system is only harming cadet discipline and increases cynicism in the wing. The counter argument is that "mutual respect" is a quality lacking in cadets, hence the pull to improve the situation. The members of the Black Panthers have seen the improvements, and the beneficial side effects it brings.

The Black Panthers made a special effort to ensure professionalism this semester. C4C Devin Hammond explained: "...29th squadron had fewer training sessions than anyone in the wing. Does this symbolize a weakness in the upperclassmen? No, it represents the willingness of them to support a new system and observe its outcome. From the looks of it, we have not turned out the worst squadron of all due to lack of training sessions. We placed first in marching for the first semester and second just recently." Added to this their staff gave members a sense of lightheartedness without sacrificing responsibility.

C4C Hammond continued: "We might not be the only ones, but our staff likes to have fun, not only off duty,

but they like to incorporate this into their work which makes the job more enjoyable for all involved. I think that when we put our minds to it, professionalism can be turned on and off when needed just like a light switch. The style of the Black Panthers makes us unique in that we have the ability to be two sided both on and off the job."

This newly found professionalism spread an attitude of "family" to every member of the unit. "As freshman, our squadron was a place of stress and friction for our class," C3C Hayley Parker said. "However, as we all transitioned we became more than peers, we became friends. I love our squadron. It is full of lifetime friendship, respect, and fun!" Attitudes like this certainly help a squadron achieve its goals.

Twenty-nine proved that the overall attitude of helpfulness and caring can be achieved without losing rank distinction and respect. After all with out a supportive atmosphere no squadron can compete effectively. C3C Chris Sims concluded: "I felt like we all got along better as a squadron this year. Everyone looked to help each other through the hard times and have fun during the good times." The year ended with a smile of satisfaction. The work was forgotten, but the friendships were not.

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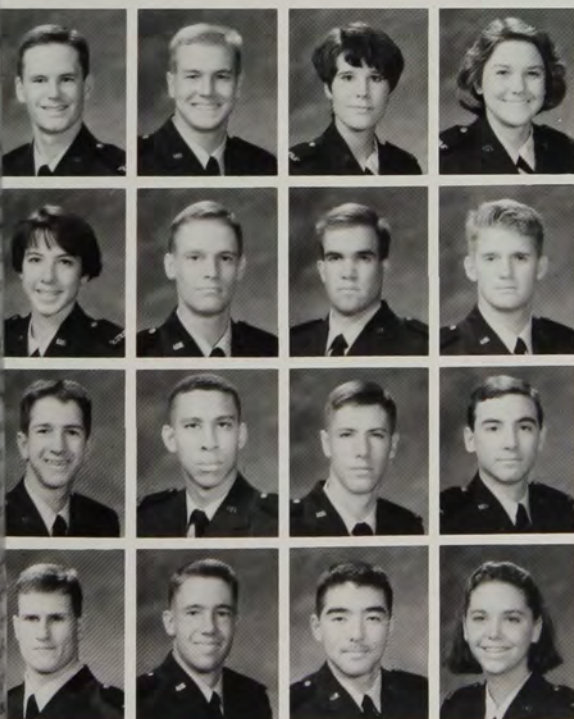
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Sims concluded: "I felt like we all
a squadron this year. Everyone look
er through the hard times and have
times." The year ended with a
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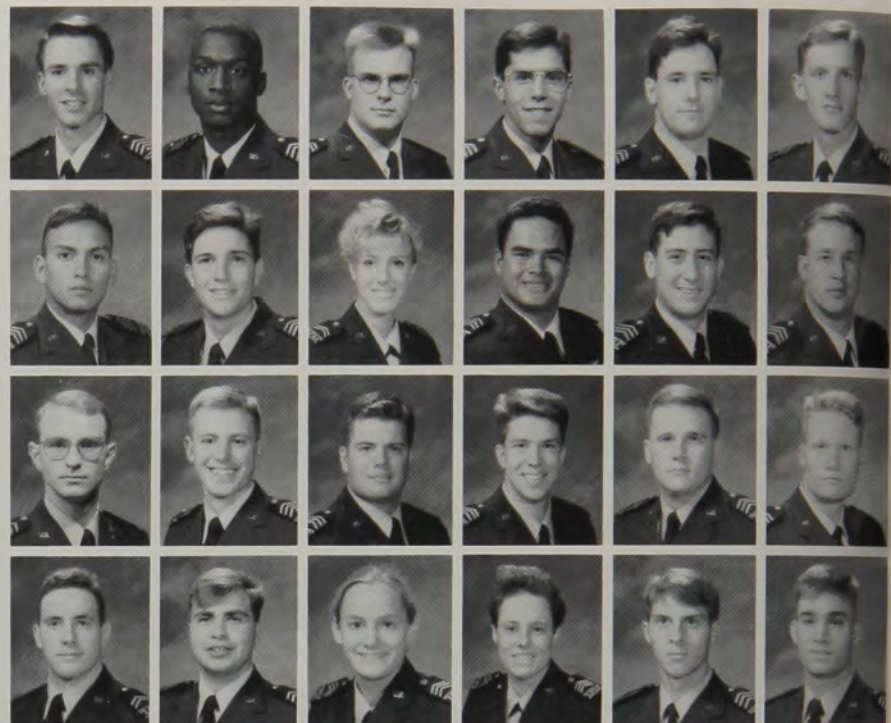
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Maj Dennis Braun
Squadron Air Officer

Once a Knight... that's all they study

Many squadrons in the wing concentrate on the central "time eater" for cadets known as academics. It has been commented that "next to honor, academics can get you kicked out faster than anything else at the Academy." Many squads strive to receive recognition as the most academic squadron in the wing. Every grade report period the squadrons are ranked (1-40) academically, based on the average GPA of its members. One squadron in the wing, The Knights Of Thirt, don't share this same concern with the other squads.

"Everyone in our squadron works very hard," C3C Bryan Hay stated. "Of course, that work obviously isn't in academics since we're 39th in the wing, but when you're having fun..." "Following" the wing in academics is not to be frowned on, not everyone can be first at everything. The course loads carried and the academic majors of squadron members has a serious effect on the squad's collective average GPA, this is such the case in 30.

When the Knights weren't studying, they were typically at the gym putting effort into some

recreation. Team sports were very popular and a method for members to expend some energy on their competitive edge. C4C Derek Sellnow explained: "We all share an interest in doing poorly in school and exceeding at athletics." Even when their workout is over they find other things besides academics to fill their time. C3C Ray Pastora shared: "As soon as 1600, 'er 4 o'clock hits, everybody chills, the SAR fills up with people and everyone lets go until the next morning. When we work, we work hard, but chill when it's all over."

Only one minor set back prohibited the 30th from reaching absolute academic mediocrity. The minor set back on the road to education was summed up by C3C Mike Gilliam: "We even had our Truman Scholar and Harvard Med School appointee!" Apparently if you are looking for extra instruction, go to Fairchild Hall. On the other hand if you are looking for a game of ball and a good time, hook up with the Knights.... they're at the gym.

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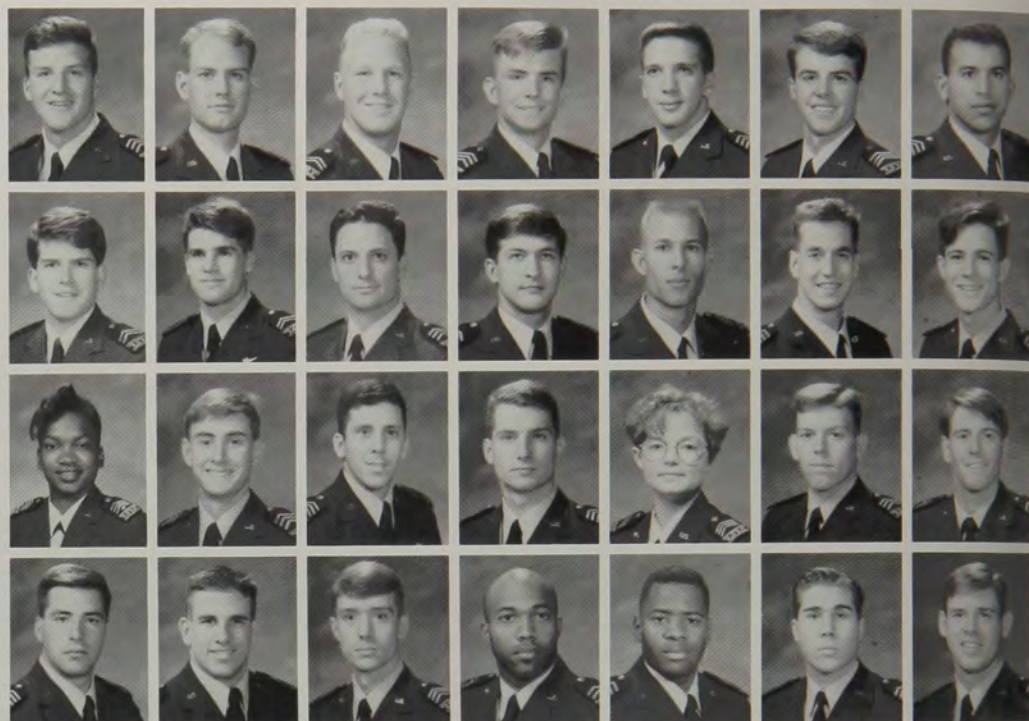
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Capt Stephen Wade
Squadron Air Officer

They're off in the far corner of Sijan but they still stand out

Have you ever wandered near the far west end of Sijan hall, the part that's so far away it has its own zip code? So far that the cadets actually 'commute' to school and back? C'mon, sure you have. You probably remember it now. Cadet Squadron 31, the Grim Reapers—that squadron that stands out from the rest. Oh, that's cocky. How can they say that?

First off, the Reapers started out with success in mind. The staff defined the goals for the fresh four degrees, and the entire squadron, the first day by making it clear that "we won't settle for second best." Dang, it worked too.

The Reapers worked hard and ended up one of the top few squadrons in the wing. "It took a lot of work, but I'm proud of our squad and what we've done," C4C Christopher Kay said. "All the classes had to pull together and work really hard, and they did."

Well, what else? The Reapers like to do more than just that military stuff. They don't stop at the nine-yard line, either, (and) speaking of this well rounded officer idea we are all striving toward... the Reapers participated in several projects. Firsties, set the example, they lent time to help out with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization and donated generously to other foundations such as (CEF) and the Wing Boxing Open—a charity to assist a child in need. The other classes also pitched in with time and good will

for many projects which included Thanksgiving and Christmas projects in the Colorado Springs and Denver areas. "I like helping out because it makes me feel like I'm doing something worthwhile," a secondclass cadet said.

The 'Grimmies,' as dubbed by several fourthclass cadets, seemed to be on top of the wing. Were they? According to that pennant on their guide-on flag they sure were. The Reapers were in fact the overall Squadron of the Year.

"We did well in academics and had a good time with some of the exercises that went on," C1C Graham Bloxom said, "...we just had to keep a positive attitude." The positive attitude was what kept the Reapers out in front all year.

OK, but what about fun? How about all of those hamburgers C1C Gill Ness dropped in the fire (and that C1C Eric Tucker ate anyhow)? Not to mention those crazy dances in the SAR or the halls to music like 'YMCA.' It was a good year, well, as good as it gets. But hey, that's what cadet life is about; working hard and playing harder. The Grimmies were no exception.

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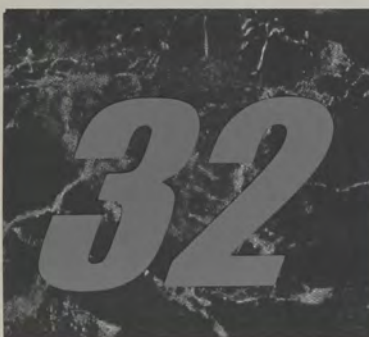
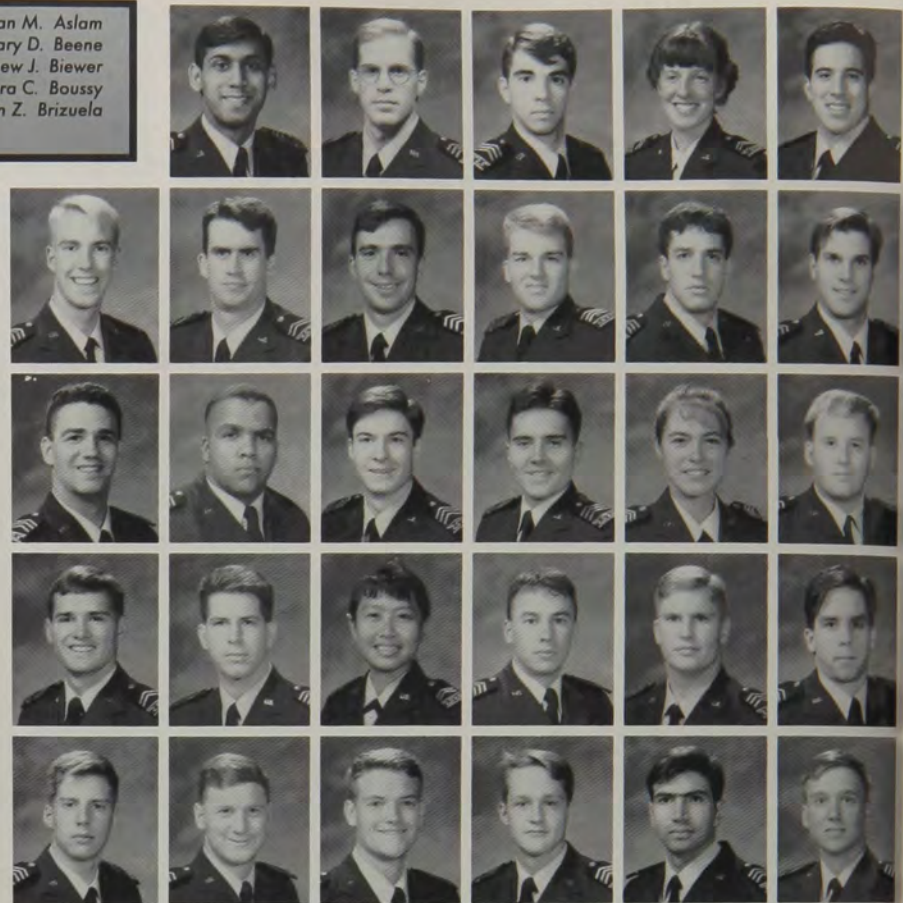
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Escuela Militar Dg Aviación: cadets see new perspectives

Most people are aware of the foreign exchange program offered by the academy. Several students from various foreign countries complete the four year program and return to active duty in the military of their respective country. "The Roadrunners are special because of the diversity of the people, We have six foreign nationals and a lot of 'characters'." C3C Clay Freeman shared. Occasionally a squadron receives a foreign national, but more than two seldomly occurs. One of the foreign national cadets, who is presently a Roadrunner was more than happy to describe his country's USAFA equivalent.

Escuela Militar Dg Aviación (EMAVI) is a small aviation school in Colombia, South America. Its graduating classes only contain 50 to 60 people, but the life of a Colombian Cadet is rather different from that of a Zoomie. The morning begins with the sound of the bugle. "Everyone gets up out of bed and gets ready to roll in seven minutes. In this time they have to shower, shave, dress, clean their rooms and form up," C2C Fuad Velasco stated. He added: "comparing that to the time we have here I don't know how they do it!" The morning begins busy, and the day is filled with many physical activities as well as academics.

The program requires one year of academic education, combined with heavy loads of physical activity. The remaining two years are dedicated to preparation for flying. Every member of the institution studies "aeronauti-

cal administration." Likewise every graduate of "EMAVI" will fly either a helicopter or fixed wing aircraft for their country. They do not have an Under Graduate Pilot program because cadets in their final two years actually learn to fly the aircraft they will man in the operational Colombian Air Force.

The cadets of EMAVI are in a realm where military/policing combat is a reality. "Because of the drug dealers and drug lords, soldiers guard the base during the week while we are in school," Fuad said, "but on the weekend cadets guard the base from outside intruders." Every cadet has a live weapon to be stored in their rifle rack in their "barracks room." Fuad commented on the seriousness of this situation: "There you're not playing around, every cadet has his own weapon. It is dangerous and you can't screw around." As a result, discipline in the wing is kept at much higher levels, and safety is a priority.

Gaining perspective on different countries is part of the Academy experience. Spending time with members of those countries and militaries can surely help us gain an appreciation for various ways of life. Thanks to these members of 32, cadets have an opportunity to learn more than just text book facts.

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Be all that you can be Ratz work toward perfection



Capt Gary Langford
Squadron Air Officer

The members of Ratz started their year off marching to the beat of a different drum (or is that service?). The vibrant colors of army Green and Brown were seen roaming the halls down in the cellar of Sijan Hall. Army Captain Gary Langford became a Rat this summer when he was appointed the new Air Officer Commanding of squadron 33. The squadron seemed to stress mostly upon its members the importance of academia. Even standard level work was not acceptable, perfection was the expected goal.

C4C Miliani, a member of the Ratz explains: "...we have a friendly-good-good atmosphere, we really like each other (except for a couple) and show it by always thinking that no one in 33 can do any wrong." By thinking in terms of perfection, a squadron can learn to be perfect and through perfection, perform to the level of excellence expected by its Air Officer Commanding, and Academy.

In many squadrons in the wing the push for "Excellence in Education," as well as other things may not be very strong. NOT the case with the Cellar Ratz. They have "an intense family atmosphere with an emphasis on a drive for excellence that can only be found in the infamous cadet squadron called RAAAATZI!"

The drive is so strong in fact, that in some cases members might feel adverse effects. C2C Robert Techner

alludes: "I think there's one phrase which best sums up this squad this year. 'Attack, Attack, Attack.' For those who know what I'm talking about, need I say more?" No matter how futile an effort seemed to help someone of lesser academic prowess, the squadron and its AOC still managed to come to anyone's aid. In or outside the squadron, they could handle it all.

In certain cases the AOC may have found attempts by cadets outside his squadron to be abysmal at best. Having gained experience in these matters in the Army, he decided to help the cadets so they would grow to become professional Air Force officers. Through his example of professionalism, cadets could see the perception of perfection through an Army officer's eyes.

Simply stated the Ratz spent much of their time in an academic setting improving their minds and grammar. They were after-all a family that could learn together, and lean on each other. If a problem arose that they couldn't handle Capt Langford would be on hand to give advice or proofread a letter. This was beneficial to the squadron because everyone can learn from one cadet's mistakes.

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Fighting the stereotype Loosehaws really let loose

It's 2230, do you know where the Haws are? Chances are pretty good that they'll be seen pouring out of their bedrooms ready to participate in squadron antics that include stall stuffing and pillow fights, not to mention the infamous fast food and movie adventures.

"There is nothing loose about life as a Hawg," C4C Leigh Johnson said. "After all the training is over, we always manage to find our own unique ways of having fun, egg-nog funneling, stall stuffing, cabbage soccer, only at USAFA would these things bring such amusement."

What's even more amusing is that the "outside world" doesn't seem to know about the lighter side of Hawgdom.

"It's funny to live with the reputation that CS-34 has of being a high strung, stract, training squadron," C2C Alejandro Antunez said. "We just did our job, our duty and the rest took care of itself."

This care came in many forms, C4C Gregg Beeber said that the Haws were just one big family. He added: "When you do something wrong, 'Mom and Dad' are sure

to let you know about it, but they are also sure to give you a hug if you do something outstanding."

Speaking of aiming for outstanding, having opportunities to develop officer skills in the Hawg squadron is what it's all about. "Training is taken seriously," C2C Cordis Foster said. "It is up to each individual cadet to develop into the type of officer he/she desires, no one is forced to behave or perform in such a manner as to compromise their own leadership and followership styles."

The training seems to be working on all levels, "Being a Loose Hawg is tough, but I wouldn't be in any other squad," C4C Josh Van Orman said. C3C Jasin Cooley added: "When our freshmen are recognized or whatever they get this year, they will know that they have been through more than most of their classmates."

Clearly those who live there know that which is a mystery to most others in the wing, being a Hawg is educational but also fun.

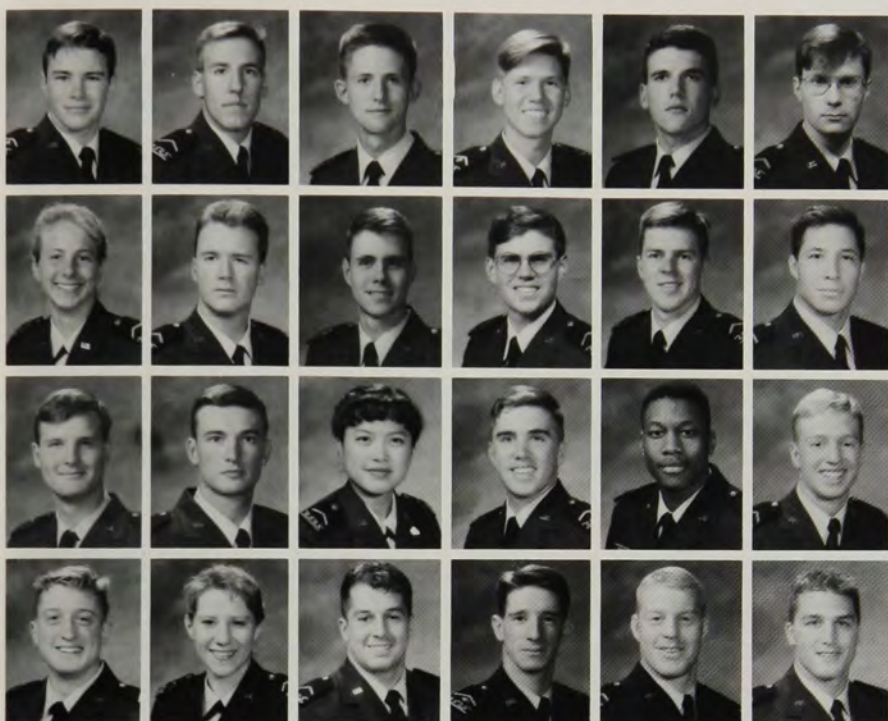
C2C Antunez summed it up best when he said: "The Loose Haws are not the monsters they are made out to be, we just do our job and then love to roll in the mud."



Capt Richard Burgess
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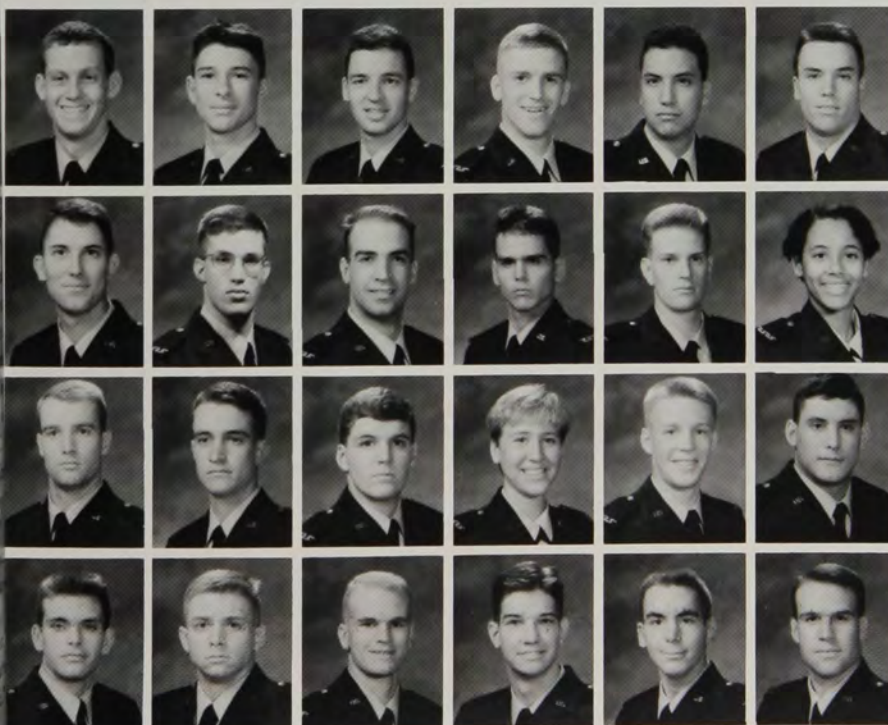
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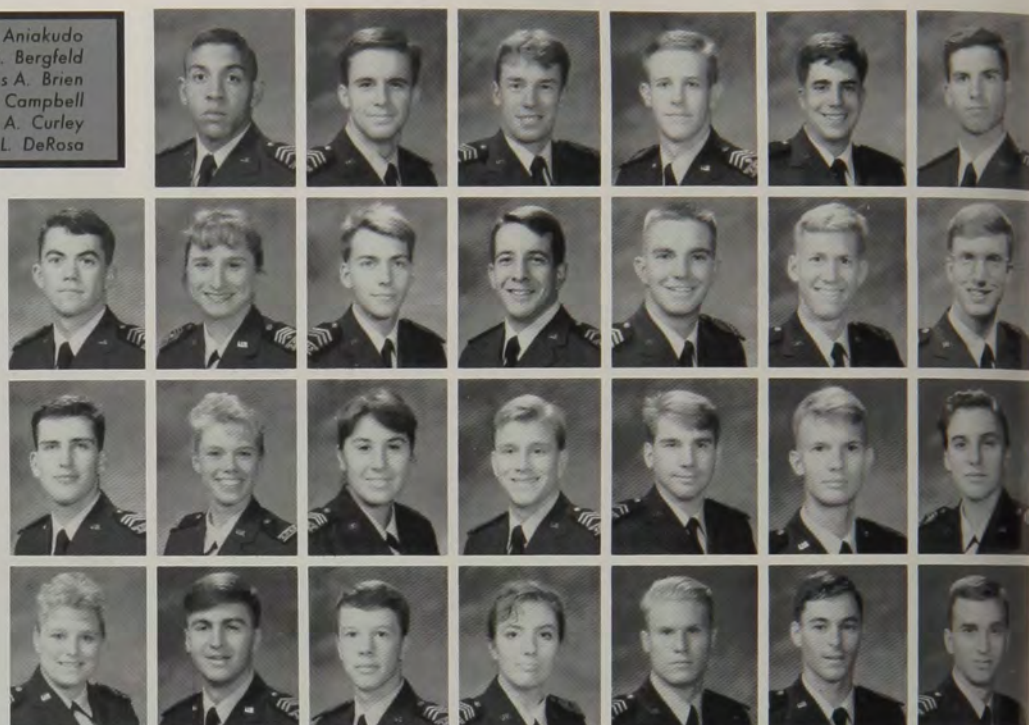
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Maj Zulu and the Magic Lever 35 experiences Las Vegas



Maj Roy White
Squadron Air Officer

The troops in cadet squadron 35 went off for a learning experience in Las Vegas. No, not to learn the secrets behind the craps tables, not that they didn't try. Their first official intention wasn't exactly to visit the "City of Lights", but their sponsors, the 531st Wild Weasel Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nevada. Earlier in the school year pilots, wizzos, and air crews visited the cadets of Wild Weasel. Members of the last active Wild Weasel Flying Squadron came in for an AF football game, providing a fly over. Because they had such a nice time taking in the sights of Colorado Springs, the 531st extended an invitation for the cadets to come out to Nellis and learn all about "The Real Air Force", and just what they did.

What made this sponsor base different from other squadron visits? Three important things. The length of the trip, the "Shadow Program", and the number of fighter rides cadets received. The visit started on Thursday and ended on Sunday, and the squadron made good use of those four days. One of the main goals of the trip was to try to get as educated as possible about the jobs and opportunities available in the Air Force. The Shadow Program matched up cadets who were interested in a field or job with an Air Force officer who is currently working in that area. In most cases cadets spent at least a day following and learning. Those who found

it boring and a waste of time realized that the job they were so interested in was really not for them. Others were enthusiastic like C2C Bergfeld. "I was happy to see them doing the same things I am learning in class."

In the area of the all important incentive ride, CS-35 secured 13 seats. Not too shabby. Here again, the trip became a learning experience. C2C Kevin Wells was one of the fortunate who was given an opportunity to experience what it feels like to be a fighter pilot. Sitting in the back seat of a F-4G Wild Weasel, it started to taxi to the runway, Kevin was told to lower the canopy. In a major miscommunication Kevin pulled the lever that is supposed to jettison the canopy. "Does this mean we don't get to fly?" Kevin did not get his ride, instead he spent the rest of the day filling out safety reports and drug tests. Way to go Hatch.

The cadets also had a chance to see the sights. There were a few small time winners, and big time losers. Sunday afternoon at 1600 was the scheduled take off, well according to Major White's schedule, the man who had every detail of the trip planed down to the minute overlooked a small detail. The take-off time was given to him in Zulu, seven hours ahead of real time in Nevada. With a chain of frantic phone calls, and a race to the airport the Wild Weasels made it back to USAFA in time for ACQ. Whoa, what a close one.

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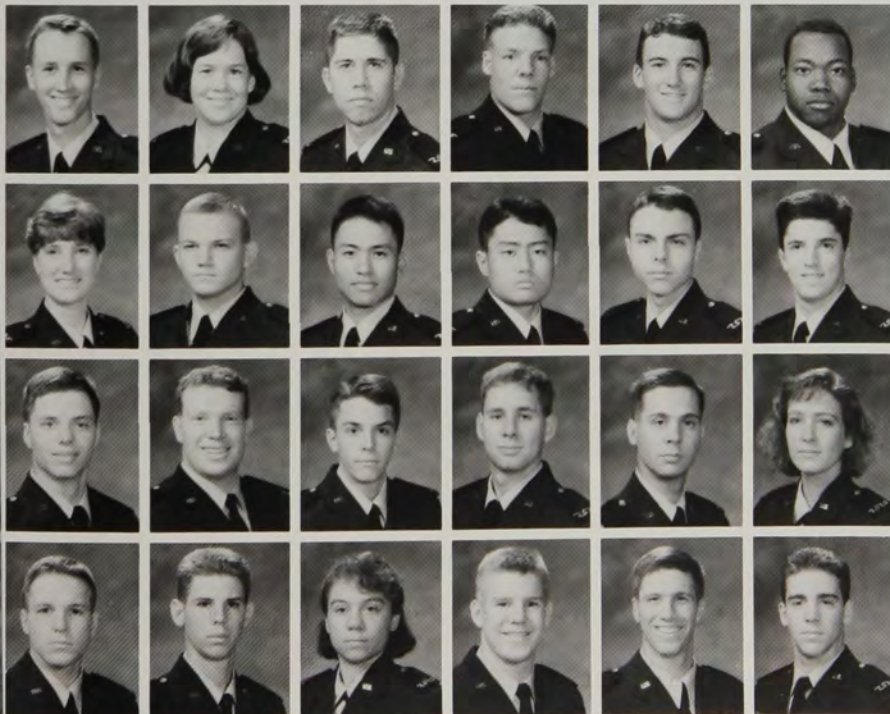
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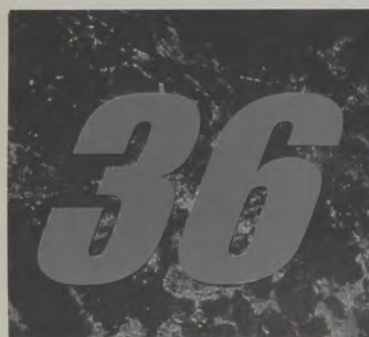
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Capt Steven Hodgkins
Squadron Air Officer

Panthers keep it on track by looking after their own

Upperclass cadets often get a reputation of being tough, hard, and difficult. Cadets often comment "Don't they remember what it's like to be an underclass cadet!" Well, actually they do remember those days when they were at the bottom of the totem pole and that's why they act the way they do.

Of course, part of it is tradition. The other part is that it is their duty and responsibility to see that their fourthclass cadets are well trained and able to handle any situation that may arise. The Pink Panthers of 36 have been known to push their cadets to strive for excellence in whatever may be at hand. On the other hand, they also act as watchdogs making sure that the underclass cadets are taking the right path to officership. C2C Jeremy Johnson explained: "No other place in America can you go and have this many people looking over your shoulder all the time."

This isn't all bad, it's even kind of good, C2C Phillip Donovan said: "If you think about it, we spend about five percent of our entire lives here at the Academy and three quarters of that time is spent in this squadron. We all experience the same things and see like things through the same perspective. WE could never get this closeness or this type of relationship with this many people at a regular school."

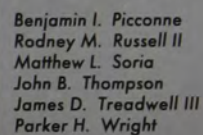
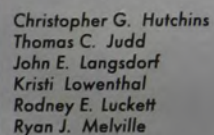
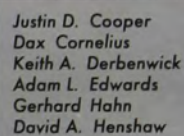
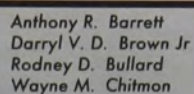
This closeness that the cadets of 36 experience

makes the difficult times bearable. "It really helped me make it through the hard times having so many people backing me up," commented C2C Travis Ingber. According to classmate C2C Ronnie Hall: "We have a few hard noses which are making the squadron run. To counter that there are a lot of people who are putting in extra hours to make this place bearable."

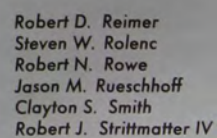
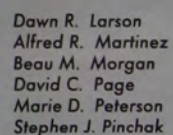
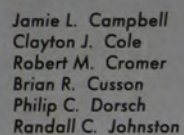
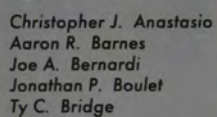
Consequently, there can be many trying days and nights for the cadets due to the rigors and pressures of academics, military training and athletics. When a cadet is expected to excel in all of these areas it can cause much anxiety, and it helps having the squadron in one's corner. "When someone is having a rough time everyone chips in to help them out," C3C Andre Rodriguez remarked. "When we see a fellow Panther going astray we try to get them back on the track."

Enabling people to be on the fast track to being a successful officer is what squadron life is about. As C4C Christopher Anastasio summed it up: "life in 36 squadron has been a difficult but rewarding experience. Throughout this semester, I have had many new experiences which have served to increase my pride in myself and in the 36th squadron."

By Rhonda Cochran



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Capt Phil Bossert
Squadron Air Officer

Don't like the competition? Start another group, 37 did

Cadet Squadron 37 seemed to be having lots of trouble performing the ordinary tasks expected of a military unit at the United States Air Force Academy. The problem was that performing jobs in the same Group with nine other squadrons made the jobs seem ordinary and unimportant.

C4C Daniel Clayton explained their solution of creating their own Group: "It is ironic how differently we treat jobs that we choose. When it comes to our regular jobs we are average or less than standard. However, when we are assigned unique, different, tasks we perform exceptionally. I think this is why our squadron fared so poorly in fourth Group. The solution was to form a Group (Fifth Group) in which we are the best and only squadron." Since the conception of Fifth Group, the Skyraiders performance has improved tremendously.

C4C Matt Durkin elaborated: "Since the beginning of second semester Skyraiders has finished at the top of our Group in marching and been named log squad of the month. Skyraiders no longer settle for the bottom of the pile, now we are standing tall and marching proud."

The squadron has gone full blown since they entered Fifth Group. Fifth Group flight Olympics, marching competitions, and study nights abound. In fact the Skyraiders

don't seem to even compete with anyone outside their own Group anymore. If you're not sharp enough to be in the Fifth Group they don't even want to bother dealing with you. The Fifth is an organization for the elite "squadron" of the cadet wing.

However, this decree is not to be taken lightly, Fifth Group is deeply rooted in the wing now. They even have a competition record for the other four Groups to break. "Since we hold the Fifth Group elevator stuffing record (46 cadets with rifles) I think we will be number one for a while," C4C Brendan Halloran said.

Since Fifth Group has taken hold so strongly and quickly, they will surely be around for a while setting records for the wing. Every member of the Thirty Seventh takes pride in their squad and their Group. Other squadrons will surely want to join, but unfortunately the Group is no longer taking applications from other squads in the Wing.

"What sets the Skyraiders apart from the wing, besides being in Fifth Group, is there unrelentless drive to be the best in Fifth Group," C4C James Pointer said. "Here all the rules are thrown out the door and the party goes on. The competition just can't hang among the Raiders of Fifth Group."

By Michael Brevard



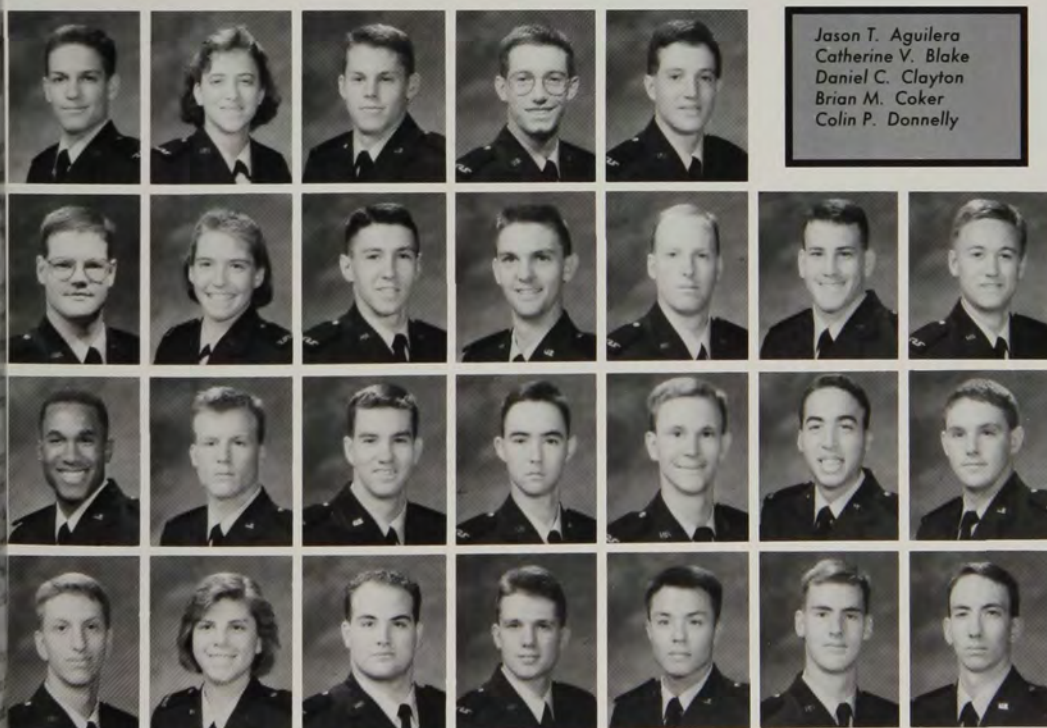
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Capt Kevin Smith
Squadron Air Officer

Not alone, yet still lonely: a tale of transition

One cadet's impression of the transition from superstar highschool life to average cadet life

The topic of conversation was normally the same, getting out of here. Some of us longed to go home, if just for a weekend while others sought comfort in the arms of a loved one. When that loved one turned out to be loving another, most everyone found their comfort at the bottom of a bottle. Despite the fact we all relished the idea of getting away from this hill and avoiding other cadets. In a way it is paradoxical that we tried so hard to get away from the place we all worked so hard to get

into. At the tables discussion would wander off into stories of high school fame and glory, where "I hit that last shot at the buzzer to win the game" or "I threw the picture perfect pass to take us into the state finals." No matter what the tale, the common theme was always a singular effort. The glory was there, but it was not to be shared, we were all alone then. Now we recount our adventures in that very text when the 'I' has become the 'we', and the in a subtle way everyone of us has acknowledged the satisfaction we take for granted, in that we have made the best friends of our lives. The glory days haven't passed us by, they are just getting started, but this time none of us will be alone.

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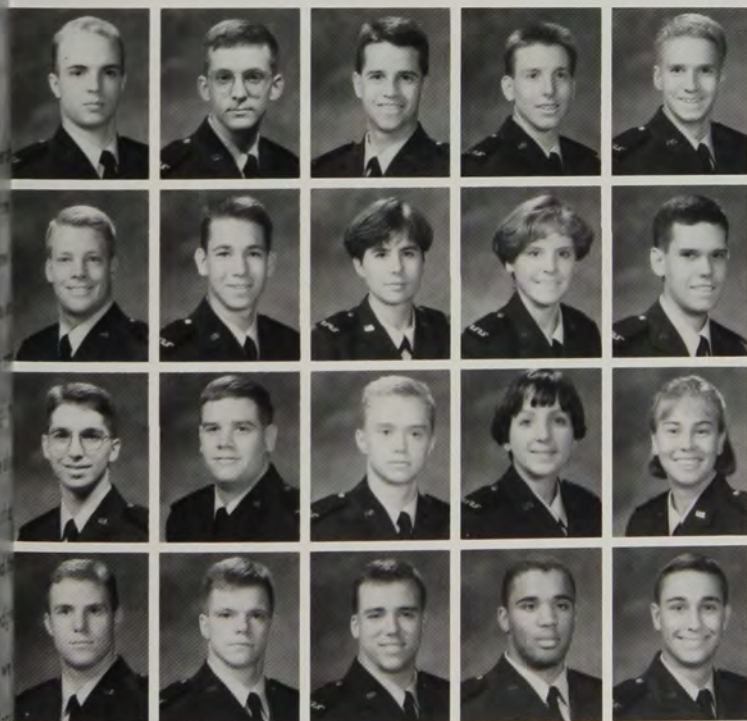
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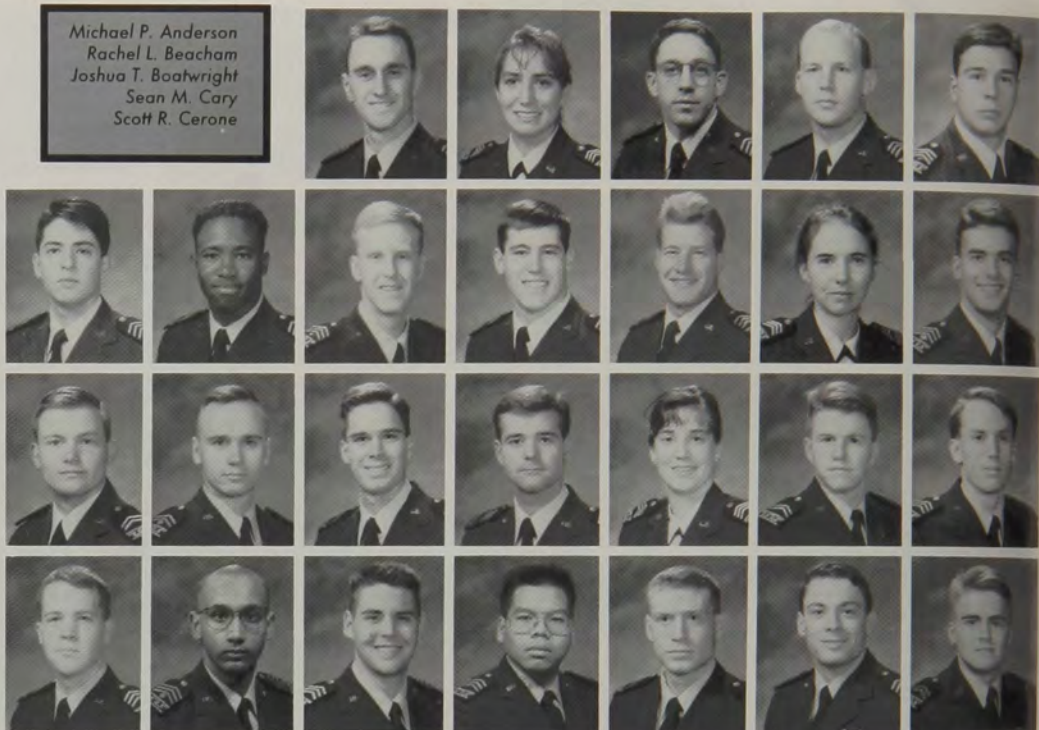
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Capt George Nelson
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Do you know your roomie, come to 39 and play the game

The answer was "go away Hortie" ... the question was what does your roommate say in his or her sleep. The question was ... "What is the most embarrassing thing your roommate ever confessed to doing ... the answers from most are not printed to protect the innocent, Welcome to MWR in 39, best known for infamous Roommate Game and tailgate parties for practically any event that they can dream up.

The Roommate Game, played much like the old Newlywed game, was an event each semester that guaranteed to cause an uproar in normally quite surroundings.

"When players are asked questions, the response usually causes pure pandemonium," C3C Jim Stevens said. "It never fails that spectators hear the unexpected, and you can bet that whatever is said, it will be taken the wrong way."

So why do roommates participate when they can be assured that it will end up in embarrassment? The reasons differ as much as the answers to the question of the day. One fourthclass cadet who participated said "My roommate and I didn't know any better, now I understand why the upperclass cadets hesitate."

Two firstclass cadets, who roomed together for four years, never hesitated to play, however much to everyone's surprise they always did poorly. One mem-

ber of the squadron said: "Morris and Bogue, they've been roommates for four whole years and they still know nothing about each other."

It is just these type of relationships that make the game fun, "No one wins prizes for playing this game," Stevens said. "They just get embarrassed and help the squad have fun."

Speaking of the squad, the members of 39 cleaned out their trunk room and had a huge auction to raise money for future events. Everyone participated, especially the fourthclass cadets who spent outrageous amounts of money for weekend passes and cars. One group of five freshmen spent \$150 for use of the squadron commander's car and passes, needless to say they contributed to the cause. Another member who contributed to the cause was Rachel Beacham, she offered to take the highest bidder out to dinner ... the honor went to that day's SDO who happened to walk through the squadron when the bidding began. Lance Wilkins made many friends when he contributed \$50 to the MWR pot.

Another person who made many contributions to the squadron was the AOC Capt. Nelson. According to a member: "It's too bad that he's leaving, Capt. Nelson really set the tone for the squad. He let the cadets run the squad before it was the in thing to do."

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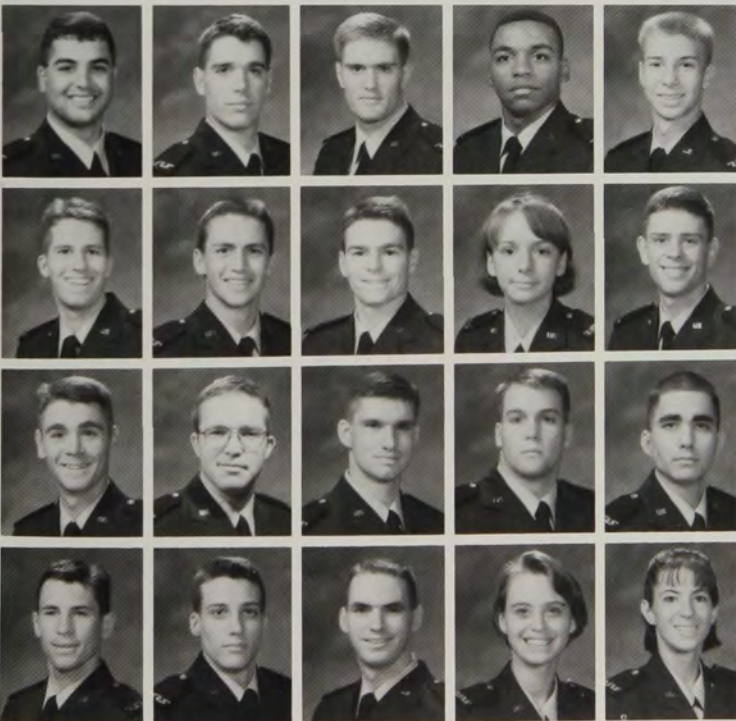
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 Maj John Rank
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"Warhawk pride" a greeting that goes beyond the terrazzo

Comments please, "what sets squadron 40 apart from the other 39 in the Wing?" the fourthclass cadets of the squad were quick to come up with the answers.

Our squadron can be summed up in two words C4C Tara Shamhart said. "Reason and pride. We are the only squadron where the freshmen want to be back for training, want to be at knowledge bowls and want to excel not only for ourselves but for our upperclassman."

C4C Michelle Carns further supported this feeling when she said that each person in the squadron is treated with respect and they watch out for one another. This caring attitude surfaced in many different areas but one of the most interesting was creative training methods and constant explanations as to why and what the fourthclass was learning.

C4C Billy Booth said that he appreciated the efforts made by the upperclass to make training more interesting. He told of one session where the squadron hallway was turned into a series of runways that were then used by the fourthclass cadets to complete a simulated bombing

mission. Each cadet was assigned to be specific aircrafts such as F-15s, F-16s, KC-135s etc. After receiving their planes, each fourthclass cadet had to bomb the target (a trashcan) in Iraq and return safely to the U.S. In order to complete the mission successfully, fourthclass cadets also had to evade MiGs (upperclass cadets who could tag them out). During the dogfights only those who were assigned to be F-15s could defend themselves and the other aircrafts. Booth said: "It was an interesting training session. It was a fun way to learn about the missions of aircrafts and teamwork."

Teamwork and pride runs rampant in 40. "The thing that touches me the most about our squadron is that we stand together," C4C Tamara Davis said.

C4C John Roche added: "We changed our greeting from 'high flying P-40 Warhawks' to 'Warhawk Pride,' it was not just a cosmetic change. It was the way all of us have always felt, we just decided that it was time to express it. We will carry on as proud Warhawks because that's the what we are."



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*A life style as unique
as cadets themselves*





Being a cadet at the Academy gives new meaning to the phrase "taking your work home with you" because cadets live

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in the same place that they work. With these unusual living conditions, cadets rely on old, traditional events on the Hill such as MWR functions, tailgates, and going to church to relax.

However, this year, tradition took on a new look, a major concert in the form of INXS pulled into USAFA and pasttimes such as terrazzo sailing and painting murals gained popularity. These among others caught the fancy of some cadets as a new way to blow off steam.

Cadets did not limit themselves to the Academy. Cadets went out into the community in the local area and abroad to spread their good will to others. Projects like senior citizen dances and Operation Heartland took cadet life all over.

With a unique life style, cadets do what they can to enjoy their rare, spare time.

By Rob Sepp

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What could be better than a parade? Ask these fourthclass cadets, they'll tell you. The football games after the parades provided an avenue to go wild while watching the Falcons destroy their opponents.
Photo by B. Fallis

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alking the line of wackiness

*When cadets let their hair down,
there's no telling what will happen*

Imagine a tropical paradise ... you sip margaritas (minus the alcohol) while listening eyes closed to the soft soothing melody ... then the crowd comes and revs up the rock and roll, turning your tropical island into the hottest pool party of the century! According to C4C Janine John, when her squadron put Plexiglas in the door of the men's bathroom and filled it knee high with hot water ... well, "it was absolutely the best!"

Finding entertainment that was absolutely the best was a common quest shared by most MWR staffs. These people took on the jobs in the squadron to help others take advantage of the lighter side of life at the Academy. The events these groups planned were as diversified as the squadron themselves. Some of the more common included squadron Flight Olympics, chariot racing, movie nights and fast food nights. Granted these were enjoyable but the real story came about due to those squadrons that walked the line of wackiness.

Sharing this title were the Cobras of 14, these cadets created their own ideas of fun by hosting Thursday night extravaganzas. The meat tossing event, where competitors launched either chicken, steak or hamburger down the hall for distance and accuracy was fun but

unfortunately rather messy. The squadron cleaned leftovers off the walls and ceilings for weeks. Another event that wasn't nearly as messy but just as entertaining was their Tight Parade Pants Contest. Those bold enough to enter, walked down the "cat walk" to the song "I'm Too Sexy" sung by the band Right Said Fred.

"Everyone did their dance on the cat walk," C3C Jeff Booth said. "Except C3C Jeremy Fowler, he could hardly walk to the cat walk, let alone dance. He shuffled out of his room, did one flex before the pants and boxers split needless to say he won."

Another winner was C3C Kevin McGowan from squadron 29, only his title came in a different category all together. He told of their Fall Element Toss. "Every element chose a person to launch down the hall," McGowan said. "I was chosen for our element. Even though I didn't hit the ceiling this year it was still a blast to win."

Undoubtedly everyone who took the time to participate in squadron MWR events won in the respect that they got closer to their squadronmates while having a blast.

"Our squadron had a white water rafting trip and about 40 people turned out," C3C Shawn Anger of 37 said. "It was relatively cheap and the weather was great. After rafting, we went to a small park and had a picnic. The event was a big success."

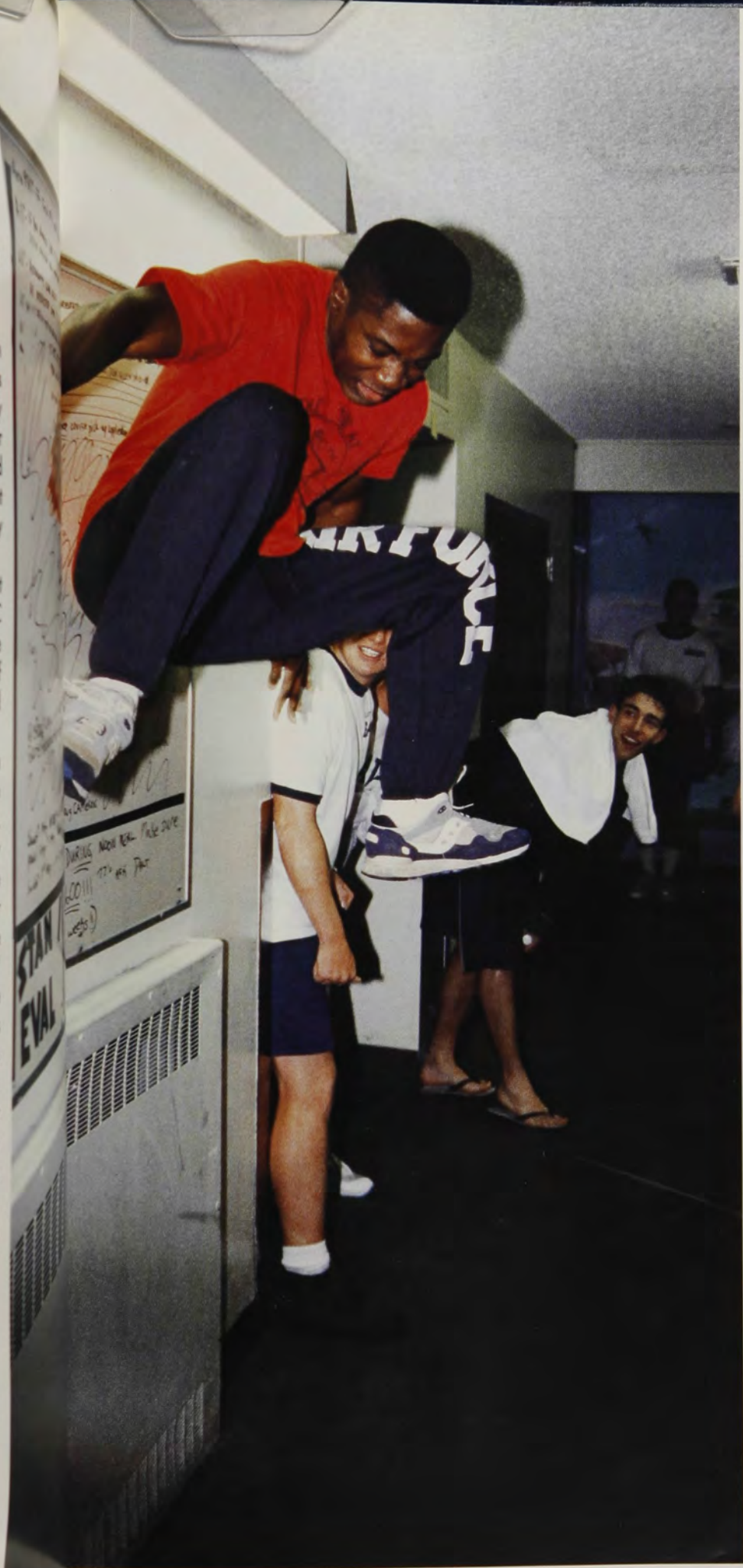
Such grace, such form
... a newcomer to the
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Ackerman gives it the
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Dance fever strikes
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C2C Rich Mott shows
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It's gotta be the shoes! Springing into action C1C James Samuel wipes out the competition during Cs-17's Butt Wipe Competition. Photo by B. Fallis

More than a mouthful, choking down another cold, wet, slimy hot dog C3C Eric Macai goes for the gold in CS-35's Wild Weasel Weenie Wound-Up. Macai took second in the event.



Buck, buck number two on final approach, squadron 11 proves that unwinding after a training weekend is the perfect place for cadets with a little extra energy to burn. Photo by C. Grosjean

T

he secret recipe for success

Wolverine MWR takes its fun seriously by planning events cadets want to attend

Everyone knows that squadron MWR can make or break the spirits of cadets. A good MWR staff equals smiles and laughter throughout Vandenberg and Sijan Halls. But, what makes a cadet MWR staff successful? Cadet Wing Media found the secret to successful squadron MWR from the staff of Cadet Squadron 19, who was rated number one in the wing, in an exclusive interview.

The first important thing they told the inquisitive reporter was building the staff. The Wolverines had a large staff with several clerks, two cadet NCOs, and was headed by one cadet officer, C1C Chad Hazen.

Once the staff was organized, they revealed to Wing Media that establishing goals was the next step. The big ideas they came up with were a ski trip, a squadron auction to raise money, and an end of the year pig roast. Other smaller activities planned included: a squadron store to sell snacks when cadets get the munchies during academic call to quarters, inter flight competitions known as squadron Olympics, and movie nights.

Next, the staff determined that in order to make these events successful a good line of communication was necessary. Things such as an MWR board to post all up

coming events, word of mouth to talk up events, and formal announcements in formation told everyone in CS-19 what was going on. Also, communication to the MWR staff from the squadron on how events should run and what people wanted to see were equally important. Surveys were distributed throughout the squadron to find out what movies people wanted to see, what events people wanted in the squadron Olympics, and what night would be best for the squadron to hold these functions.

Of course, for a successful event there had to be participation. Involvement by all classes was important, but four degree participation was key. Why? The staff discreetly told the reporter that it always seemed like the smacks did the funniest and stupidest things. And when the freshman made fools out of themselves and others along the way, everyone laughed and really got into what was going on.

If other MWR staffs can take these top secret suggestions and combine them to working formula, a successful semester is almost guaranteed. But, there is one more thing to consider in this equation, why be on MWR staff? One member of CS-19's winning staff revealed that the reason why he and his buddies ran MWR was: "We're in it for satisfaction."

By Rob Sepp

"I haven't got time for the pain." This fourthclass cadet is mistreated by his squadronmates during a friendly game of running down the hall to get beat to death by pillows. Pick up games, such as this one were very popular.



All dressed up, and to dinner they go. Fourthclass cadets from squadron 29 get creative with their issued gear and head into a football spirit dinner. Photo by C. Grosjean



Ninja power taken to the extreme. These cadets battle it out in the hallway of their squadron, it seems that sometimes video games just aren't enough to take care of cadets' more aggressive sides. Of course battles like this were always in "good fun."

John Travolta eat your heart out. Getting down and groovy, these cadets take a walk on the wild side. Reinitiation of the disco craze has hit the squadrons and many had special nights to commemorate it.



Finger lickin' good food. These cadets throw down a couple sandwiches in their squadron's SAR during an evening of costumes, food and fun. Wacky events combined with edible treats were always well attended.

Buckle up for safety, these cadets get settled in to enjoy the long, loud flight to the Navy vs. Air Force football game at Annapolis. This game gave exchange cadets a chance to go back to their school and catch up with friends and classmates. Photo by B. Fallis



Free at last, free at last, Air Force and West Point cadets alike anxiously await the end of the Prisoner Exchange ceremony so they can once again "join their own." Photo by S. Weston

Across the country (and back) in three days, these lucky contingent winners prepare to leave for the Naval Academy. Due to the pending conflict in Somalia which pulled away many planes, fewer cadets than usual attended this trip. Photo by B. Fallis





B

During the Army and Navy weeks exchange cadets pay for the 'sins' of their respective services

eware those who are hunted

"Freshman, go get 'em," shouts an upperclassman as a squid foolishly screams, "Go Navy, Beat Air Force!" over the staff tower. The fourthclass as a whole rushed the tower trying to catch the elusive squid, who ran for his life. But, darn it, he just wasn't fast enough, the fourthclass poured juice, water, and food on him (see the nuking story page 239). Standing up finally, he tried to shake himself dry when a heroic Smack hit him in the face with a Boston Cream pie and the chaos started again. You would think that the squids would learn, but they never seem to learn.

Meanwhile, Navy captains teaching here experienced the same sinking feeling as they stepped into their offices to discover just how creative their fellow teachers in blue are. For two weeks every year, typically curious, polite cadets and officers turn evil and hunt down their counterparts from sister service academies. Why? It's due to the Army and Navy weeks.

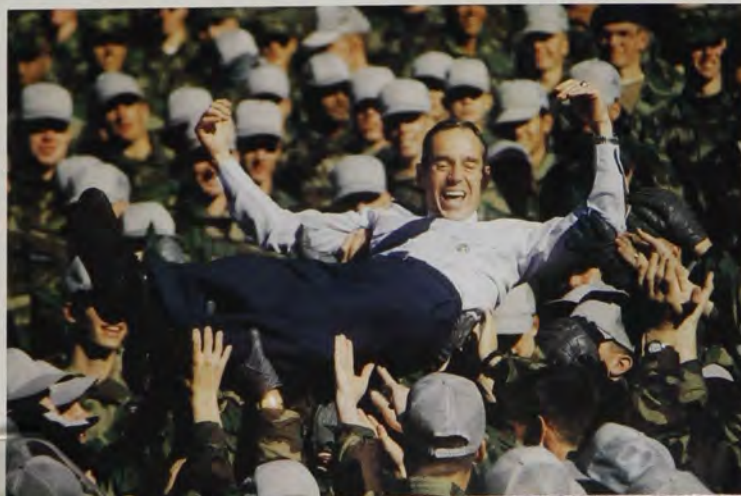
One week in October and one week in November, cadets get psyched up to help out the football team in their fight for the prestigious Commander-in-Chief's trophy.

The trophy was retained as the Academy beat Army once again. The story concerning the Navy game wasn't as sweet, the Academy fell to Navy thus breaking Navy's 11 game losing streak against the Academy.

The way that most got excited for the games was to find exchange cadets and make them pay for the sins of their respective schools. Don't feel sorry for them however, because the Air Force Academy exchange cadets were suffering the same fates at West Point and Annapolis. Whether the incidents were staff tower maulings or stealing all of a grunt's clothes and bed, fourthclass cadets as well as the whole Wing joined in on the fun.

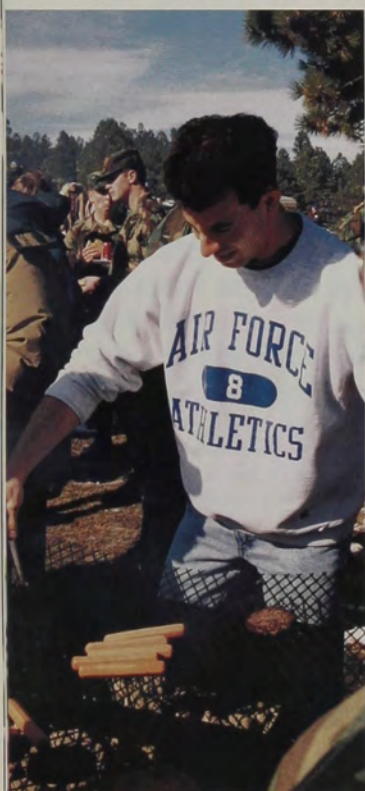
As expected the exchange cadets were quick to fight back, but their small numbers alone made them nothing more than a proverbial gnat on the back of the Air Force Academy. Despite this the West Pointers and Annapolis cadets continued their little spirit missions against Wing Staff and large gatherings of the Cadet Wing. These little battles are usually thwarted and once again the Air Force was victorious.

By Trung Tran



Up goes the Supt, enthusiastic cadets pass up General Hosmer in the celebration of the victory over West Point. West Point has not beat the Academy in more than five years. Photo by B. Boyd

Hear no evil ... These secondclass cadets pose at they watch the Falcons slip and slide by San Diego. The game started cloudy, rained, hailed then cleared into sunny skies. Photo by K. Whitaker



"We've got your dogs and your burgers..." Even though there was still snow on the ground, it wasn't hard to work up a sweat cooking at the Army game. There were always willing chefs to feed hungry crowds. Photo by C. Harris

Covering his buddy. C4C Peter Hsieh watches the San Diego game with his classmate under the shelter of a lone raincoat. Even the smell of wet polyester could not dampen USAFA spirit. Photo by C. Harris





B

The action wasn't always on the field at football games, tailgates and stand antics contributed to the real party

urgers before the big battle

Saturdays in the fall can only mean one thing. A parade? No, something much more important and fun. What can be more fun than a parade? A football game, of course. Several times in the semester, cadets will put on their Saturday best and helped cheer the Falcons onto victory. But, before the Wing enters the friendly confines of Falcon Stadium, they go through an old tradition that won't go away, the tailgate.

For the members of Eagle Eight the actual events that take place during the tailgates don't stand out, but they would be missed if they were discontinued. "Our tailgates are not mandatory," C2C Brian Jackson said. "but they are a good place to go to get free food before a football game." Regardless of whose squadron tailgate it was, the smell of burgers, dogs, chicken or steak permeated the air. Normally one or two people were assigned to "man" the grill; it's a job taken very seriously. C1C Chris Cunic, the Project Officer of Eagle Eight held the precious title of "Grill Guy". "He can really cook a burger," Jackson said. "He does a good job with 'em."

Another scent not nearly as noticeable but still present was beer. Sometimes it could be smelled rising above the parking

lots surrounding the gridiron. A member of Dirty Dozen said: "We enjoyed a bit of "doctored up" hot apple cider before the chilly games, if it was hot out a red cup of brew did the trick." Whether throwing back burgers and cokes or beers cadets liked to gather together before kickoff to kick back, relax, and talk about how the wishbone will wipe out that day's opponent.

After partying outside the stadium, cadets liked to take the party inside and bring the stands alive. Normally, the Wings of Blue jumped into the stadium with the game ball while "The Bird" swooped down on the opponent's mascot to make mince meat out of it. Cheers of "D-Fense, D-fense, D-fense", "Lets go O", and "Air Force Cheer on 2... 1,2" emanated out of the stands to inspire Coach DeBerry's boys to another W in the column. When victory was in hand, the Supt usually made his appearance in front of the Cadet Wing for the usual passing up the stands.

Football by itself is good. But, the tailgates before and the stands during the game made it great.

By Rob Sepp



The junk food junkies ... taking a snack break before heading into the game these cadets enjoy the sun. Many squadrons held tailgates before the Army game as well as the other ones at Falcon Stadium. Photo by C. Harris

C

Cadets sail away to paradise, armed with a dolly and sheet they take the ride of their lives

atching some serious wind

Armed with a dolly and a bed sheet, cadets embark upon an incredible journey across the terrazzo. This sport is much more important than America's Cup or the World Yacht Racing Championship . . . and there is more at stake. The danger, the excitement, the adrenaline. It can only be one thing—terrazzo sailing.

For those who are daring, on a windy night during "high wind warnings", these brave souls head straight for the terrazzo (do not pass go, do not collect \$200). A terrazzo sailor will then tie two ends of his sheet to his dolly, hold the other two ends in his hands, raise his arms, and "whoosh" take off for record speeds. The feeling is great, but please, don't try this at home.

Terrazzo sailors are professionals, they come from every squadron and class, but they are professionals nonetheless. There are several different classes of yachts that can be seen sailing across the terrazzo. Of course there is the ever present single sailor model built for one. These were the majority of the sailing vessels seen on the terrazzo as they were easy to obtain.

Another type of ship that gained popularity was the two person dolly, it allowed people to share that romantic sailing experience with someone special. The physical sailing vessel was the same one used for one rider, however this time the rider got up close and personal.

Finally, the hottest new ship cruising the terrazzo was the stand up roller blader. Armed with only a raincoat or parka, the "stander", which they like to be referred as, opened his coat so that the wind could catch it like a sail. This boating was only for those with lots of courage and little brains.

One bit of advice for all sailors, though: don't get swept away down the "Bring Me Men" ramp at 25 miles per hour. It's hard to stop. Many unlucky riders who found themselves in the Cadet Clinic the next day can attest to that fact. Unfortunately, Lake Terrazzo has been drained by the powers that be with Forms 10, the reason that was given for this closing was, sailing could be potentially dangerous and even worse, fun.

By Rob Sepp

Streaking across the marble at blistering speeds this cadet skillfully pilots his craft toward the ramp. Many times the wind would not accelerate these daredevils fast enough, so the ramp was used for additional velocity.



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Resembling members of the Olympic luge team, the driver and his partner throw caution and their sheets into the Colorado wind. With typical wind speeds exceeding 30 m.p.h., terrazzo sailors had plenty of backing for their sport.

Showing their equipment and enthusiasm, this group of sailors demonstrate the excitement of their sport. Terrazzo sailing originally began with wooden carts, but some feel that rollerblades and skateboards are equally effective.



Preparing for a late-night race, this thrill seeker readies his cart. Terrazzo sailors traditionally practiced their art well after Taps to avoid the normal congestion of terrazzo traffic.

Unraveling his sail for maximum velocity, this terrazzo sailor makes his way across the blocks. Blankets and comforters were sometimes seen, but sails were most often supplied by Wayne, the linen guy.



Promising bodily harm to unsuspecting upperclass cadets, these fourthclass cadets cheer another successful nuke. Many underclassmen feel the key to a good nuke is being willing to sacrifice oneself.
Photo by B. Fallis



Getting snowed is C2C Scott Cerone, Cs-39's "First Sergeant, First Snow" is one that, although supposedly outlawed, still happens when that white stuff makes its initial appearance.
Photo by J. Tipton



"Stop it, that tickles!" This victim of yet another heinous nuking seems to be enjoying his punishment a little too much. Nukings occurred for many reasons including birthdays, first solo flight, being annoying or being an exchange cadet during the week of the Army or Navy football games. Photo by B. Fallis



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When night falls so do the rules, cadets look toward good natured rough housing as a means to let off steam

ey pal, please pass the syrup

What does salsa, honey, steak sauce, tobacco spit, and spoiled milk make? Well, it's come to be known as a nuke and it's a tradition that has come under fire in the Cadet Wing.

In a cadet's life there are many monumental events: soloing in an aircraft, turning 21, or getting engaged. When these things happen, everyone likes to celebrate. Friends may go out for a drink, but freshmen prepare the nuke. After the happy guy or gal returns from the festivities, the freshmen strike. As a class, the freshman jump the upperclassman, drag him outside and pour the stomach wrenching mixture all over the unfortunate soul.

As the four degrees return to the squadron, their laughter turns to groans as the second half of this tradition begins, the hall brawl. The classmates of the nuking victim usually will defend their fallen comrade's honor by wrestling the smacks into submission. Arms and legs usually go flying through the halls (and sometimes mirrors) it looks like a mix between a WWF Royal Rumble and a baseball fight after somebody charges the mound. When it's all over, everyone goes back to their rooms, to lick their wounds, and plot what to do in the next nuking and the hall brawl.

For the most part nukings and hallbrawls are good natured and fun. Unfortunately sometimes things go awry and bruised egos look for revenge via the administrative side of the Academy. This was just such the case this year when a cadet joined his friends in another squadron for a nuking. After the smoke cleared, it was plain to see that the piper wanted to be paid in blood. To make a long story short, people were recommended for disenrollment only after being subjected to: assault and battery charges, a Cadet Disciplinary Board and a Military Review Committee. One of the members involved, who had been in approximately 20 other similar events said: "Hallbrawls and nuking are supposed to be fun. We all go into them knowing that 'anything goes.' I guess that some don't see it that way."

This lack of humor for these tension breakers and forms of celebration have seriously cut back the numbers of squadron antics involving nuke soup and physical jostling. Since they are under attack, they will probably fall by the way side, but for those diehards who appreciated them for what they were, a sludge of orange juice, chocolate syrup and shaving cream will always hold a special attraction.

Adding a little spice to C2C Scott Campbell's life is C4C Scott Rider. Army week was a favorite time for nuking those who were considering cross commissioning to the Army. Photo by J. Tipton



Feeling smug about his latest conquest, this fourthclass cadet wears his shaving cream with pride. Shaving cream was often used, as it was a convenient nuking aid. Photo by B. Fallis

G

Original art and ideas are brought to life in the halls of Sijan and Vandenberg

iving the place a little color

Although cadets are typically from the same mold, squadrons take on their own personalities. Whether it's the heritage of those halls or the heroes that were a part of the organization, each little squadron expresses themselves in a different way. Some squadrons have traditions among its members or pieces of memorabilia from past classes or sponsor squadrons. One form of expression that is gaining popularity throughout the Wing is murals.

Cadets will usually choose the A-Jacket patch, squadron tattoo, or patriotic themes to decorate the walls of their halls. These pieces of art help to make the dorms a little more homey. These murals also allow cadets to showcase their own artistic abilities. However, murals aren't always painted by the artistically inclined, sometimes they are painted by those cadets who have misbehaved and need to atone for their errors. Punishment through painting although rare, did occur.

The paintings ranged from Calvin and Hobbes to Wild Weasels. They liven up the white walls of Vandenberg and Sijan halls.

Some murals that made debuts this year were wolves in squadron five, a fighter pilot in 40, a tribute to Iwojima in 12, a knight slaying a dragon in 30 and astronauts on the moon in the Fourth Group Staff hallway.

Besides the intrinsic motivations of murals, there are also some external benefits to having them. Dorm managers and group staffers like to see murals when they graded for squadron of the month competitions. Freshmen also reap the benefits of murals on the wall because they usually cover up the black marks that mysteriously appear on the walls. This means less work for the freshmen because they don't have to scrub those strange marks off the walls to make them white again.

The murals also serve a purpose of nostalgia. Years later when grads roam the halls during reunions, they can look at the walls in their old stomping grounds and remember the mark their squadron left on the Wing.

By Rob Sepp

Some squadron put murals even on the smallest wall. The actual reason for the placement of this mural was the artist wanted to remember where his room was. Photo by S. Morris.



The flannel shirted painter steps back to look at his work. When asked which Cellar Rat resembles the mural the most, without any hesitation, he said Rob Teschner. Photo by S. Morris.

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This cadet works hard to finish his squadron mural. When people walk down the hall now, they will be mooned.

Details count. This cadet does meticulous work on defining the biceps and the triceps. Photo by S. Morris.



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The larger than life fighter jock will always adorn the wall. The artist gets directions from the paint the mural by numbers CD. Photo by S. Morris.



A

Cadets, especially the fourthclass wander to A-Hall to relax and grab a pizza ... or two

place of refuge for the weary

Fourthclassmen, punch bowls, speakers, broken railing...these words lead to only one thought: recognition night? No! These images refer to the fun and wild times had by all this year at Arnold Hall.

Though the primary customers at Arnies were usually the fourthclass, the upper three classes also found their way over for a change of pace. All classes played pool and video games, watched movies, ate pizza and calzones, danced the night away at dances like Sal-Soul, talked with friends or used one of the many phones to call Mom and Dad. Others, believe it or not, even went there to study.

One thirdclassman stated that Arnold Hall had good concerts at good prices. She attended the Samples and Big Head Todd, she said she was surprised at the quality of concerts since A-Hall was such a small place.

Another aspect of Arnold Hall that cadets couldn't miss was Arnies, the

Academy's answer to a Student Union food court. One cadet commented that he liked to watch the game on the big screen TV that Arnies provided; however, he also said that the food prices were reasonable but sometimes the food was greasy. Lucky for him that Arnies changed their pizza recipe three-fourths of the way through the year so that problem is closer to being eliminated.

Another cause of concern about Arnold Hall other than the entire class of '97 now having an acute phobia of A-Hall punch bowls, was that the jukebox didn't have enough selections on it to choose from. Different strokes for different folks.

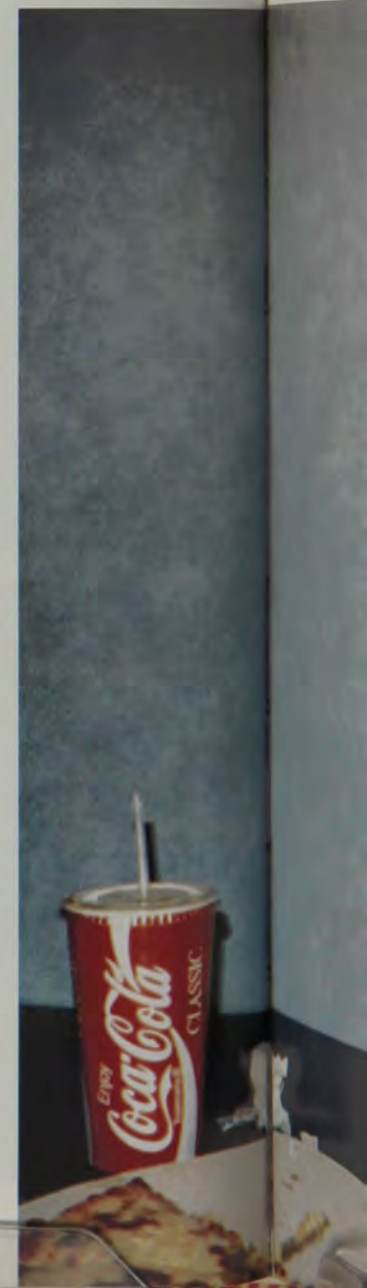
Needless to say, Arnold Hall got a lot of use, whether cadets went to watch the big screen TV or to shoot pool, they enjoyed themselves. After all, the primary function of the building is to give weary cadets a place, other than their squadrons, to relax and unwind.

By Aurelia Dillard

"Their bodies grew closer as the passion grew ... " As the world keeps moving, this fourthclass cadet remains deep in the realm of the story. Just getting out of the squadron on weekends provides plenty of relaxation.



Just call 1-800-COLLECT ... "Guess what Mom you are paying for this call." C4C Brad Head gets the weekly scoop from home. On the weekend it's easier to get a phone at A-Hall rather than in the squad.



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"Now how does the song go?"
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Steve Wiggins encounters a bit of
(cough, cough) memory lapse.



"But Sir, I was working on my
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work, blasting away his meager
salary, C4C Lucas Flanigan
relaxes by taking out his
aggressions on innocent video
game controls.

Connoisseur of Arnie's fine
cuisine, in a single bound C4C
Joshua Piccirillo can down an
entire slice of Arnie's Italian
Wonder Bread. Pizza boxes
frequent fourthclass cadet tables
every weekend at A-Hall.



During his act, comedian Rich Hall got so hungry it appeared as if he would eat the microphone. Hall's claim to fame is inventing Sniglets which are made up words for descriptions of everyday occurrences and things. Photo by S. Morris



"You lookin' at me?" CIC Mike Carney, winner of the cadet comedy night competition gets to play with the pros. Carney's act which only needed to be five minutes long ran for more than 20 minutes much to the delight of his classmates. Photo by S. Morris



Comedian Troy Thirdgill delivered his routine after sucking on a lemon. Thirdgill is best known for his work on Fox's "In Living Color."





C

*Miller Lite sponsors a night of comedy ...
it was less filling, but tasted great*

razy Carney & the Comedy Crew

After the tears dried and the equipment was stowed; after the liquid courage was gone and the floor swept, all that remained was a memory of a night of wild and unforgettable comedy?! The "Comics on Duty" comedy tour sponsored by Miller Lite was packed with enough slapstick and humor to put a smile on anyone's face.

The infamous Mike Carney (always a cadet favorite), kicked off the crowd assembled in the Arnold Hall Ballroom. With a spot that he competed for against a dozen other cadets, he opened up for such nationally renowned comics as Rich Hall, Chuck Martin, and Charles Bucker.

"C1C Carney was the highlight of the show for me." C4C Mark Hadley said. "I just hope he follows his every-other-stall rule." Hey, don't ask...

Anyway, the comedy night was a success. Mr. Jim Kime, Director of Cultural Arts and Entertainment, advertised the comedy night with posters in the squadrons, flyers in Mitchell Hall, and staff tower announcements. This gave the Cadet Wing a chance to escape their daily toils with a bottle of spirits in one hand and a tomato in the other. Fortunately, no tomatoes flew as the comedians tickled the audience throughout the night.

For some, the night was a myriad, a plethora, in short, a virtual cornucopia of revelations. As C2C Chris Mills from CS-29 discovered, "Here I am drinking Miller Lite, surrounded by friends, laughing till it hurt - then a freshman in uniform walked by - it hit me like a ton of bricks: Hell, I'm restricted! It made me realize you can get away from the Academy without leaving." Whoa! Easy on the sauce, tough guy.

There were about thirty five events in the Sports Bar each semester, they included such acts as Michael Barkley, the Poor Boys, comedy nights, and yes, even Karaoke. So, with such a long list of events, there was always something to do at the Academy for those who looked. This year especially proved that cadets want to be entertained and comedy works just fine.

"The rise in comedy is a phenomenon," Kime said. "Fifteen years ago no one would have expected this interest; this is largely due to the exposure comedy's gotten from HBO, T.V. specials and new clubs."

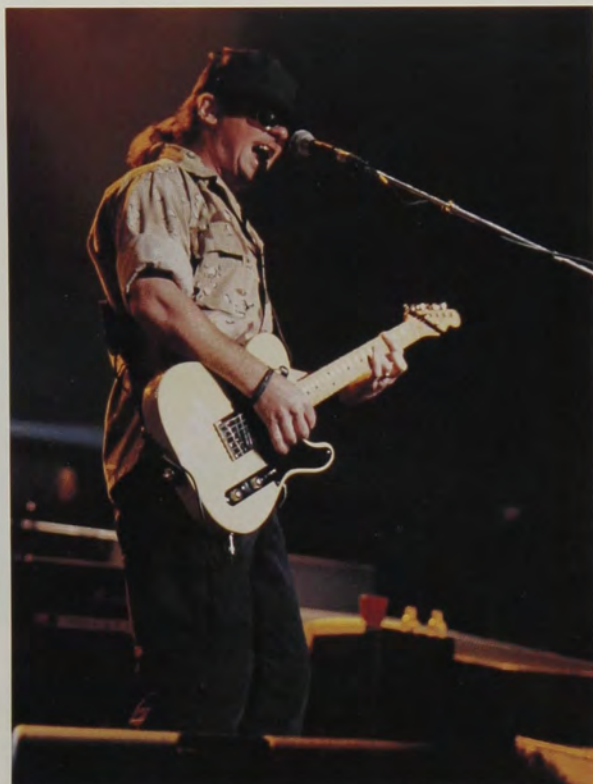
C3C Brett Taylor summed the Miller Lite Comedy experience: "The laughter was large. I enjoyed it very much and would definitely recommend a repeat performance."

By Joe Gordon



Cadets and comedians share the spotlight one more time. If laughter is the best medicine, this gang could cure anything. Photo by S. Morris

Backing up the leads' vocals on "New Sensation" is guitarist Tim Farriss. He accompanied the lead on most of Inxs' hits, as well as many of their new songs. Photo by S. Morris



Playing the bass guitar is something Gary Gary Beers takes seriously. Many fans felt their insides shake with the thundering sound of the bass at Inxs. Photo by C. Harris

Lead singer, Michael Hutchence works to bring the meaning of his music closer to the audience. An excellent performer, Hutchence actually walked down in to the audience to help fire up the fans. Photo by S. Morris





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*Academy gets first major rock/pop band in years
and cadets couldn't be happier*

n "old sensation" hits A-Hall

INXS has seen their popularity dwindle with the release of their most recent recordings, but if their April 17th, 1994 performance at the Arnold Hall Theatre proved nothing else, it proved that the fickleness of the music industry is to blame for their decline in popularity—not a lapse in their vitality. This band still has its finger on the pulse that drove their mid and late '80s hits. Michael Hutchence still has a voice that grabs you by the lapels and demands to be heard. Andrew Farriss still writes songs that transcend pop and deserve praise from critical listeners who have forsaken this band's talents.

When asked to autograph a copy of their hit album KICK, Michael Hutchence all but pocketed the CD in shame. "Our newest is the best we've ever made" he said as he signed the older disc. Hutchence's emphasis on the present is shared by the rest of the band. Bassist Garry Gary Beers had trouble finding himself on the inside sleeve of Shabooh Shoobah (a picture of the band with only a frail sheet to conceal their masculinity is found there). Beers said, "I haven't seen this in years."

INXS is not a band to cling to their

successes. They're intent to move on. The bill for this show included only a taste of their most popular work. What was left out made room for a surprising amount of newer material that has not been received well by radio. The band even dedicated an unrecorded song to the late Kurt Cobain who had committed suicide earlier in the week. Hutchence said that he had originally written the song for his brother.

Familiar and unfamiliar material alike was well-received by the Arnold Hall crowd who had been thirsty for a major act. INXS was the first major rock/pop band to take the academy stage in over two years. Perhaps it was an appreciation for aviation that swayed the band toward the Academy. In a pre-concert guest reception, Michael Hutchence revealed to Col. Cafiero that his grandfather had flown spitfires with the RAF in WWII. Whatever it was that brought sax-man Kirk Pengilly, guitarist Tim Farriss, Keyboard-guru Andrew Farriss, drummer Jon Farriss, Garry Gary Beers, and Michael Hutchence to A-Hall, the whole Wing was grateful.

By Chris Harris



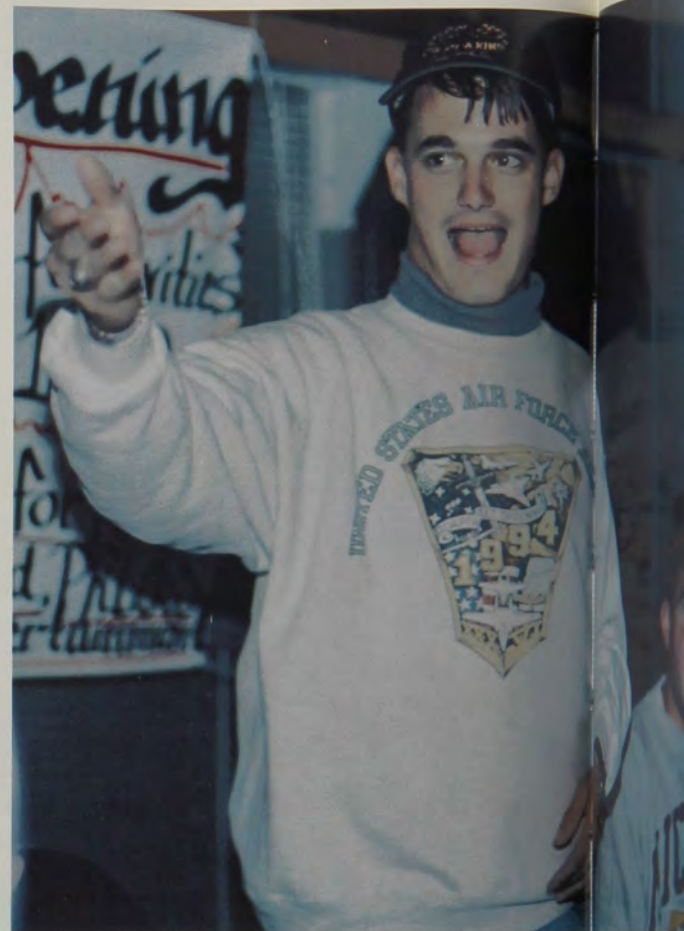
Keeping the rhythm for the rest of the band, John Farriss rocks "Suicide Blonde." His instrumental talent ranged from the standard drums to moroccos and tambourines. Photo by S. Morris

Gotta sing, gotta dance, C1C Alex Anastasiou is having such a good time he can't help but share his enthusiasm with the whole bar. The Sports Bar was a popular place to have a drink with the pals during the week. Photo by S. Morris



Here's to good friends tonight is kinda special ... secondclass cadets from Wild Weasels, celebrate with their First Shirt who is enjoying his 21st birthday. Secondclass appreciation nights like this one allowed cadets like these an opportunity to prolong the party. Photo by C. Grosjean

Look Ma no hands, working on his fifth shot of the evening, C2C Paul Wojtowicz masters the finer art of theme shots. Many new 21-year olds attempt to drink 21 shots in one evening ... it usually doesn't make for a pretty evening. Photo by C. Grosjean





Bigger, better ... beautiful

The Sports Bar undergoes cosmetic changes to better serve cadets

Once again, the cadet Sports Bar was a focal point for upper-class cadet social life when they stayed home to tie a few on. As always, the Sports Bar hosted such traditional events such as torturing your friends on their 21st birthdays and blowing off some steam after a big GR. However, the bar did undergo some changes.

In the fall, the bar moved from its usual location in Arnold Hall to a temporary home in the bowling alley during expansion to the old bar. The smaller location did not stop cadets from enjoying the good times and spirits of other cadets.

In the spring, the Sports Bar moved back home. But now, the bar was twice the size with two places for service and two pool tables from the old upper-class game room. This new expansion with the two bars

could only mean one thing, more room for drunk cadets to participate in organized havoc. For the grand reopening, the place was packed and cadets took advantage of drink specials all night.

Even with the several moves the Sports Bar made, it still hosted many of the same events. Regulars such as Michael Barclay and karaoke still made their appearances no matter where the alcohol. A new feature for the Sports Bar this year was two degree appreciation night. Second classmen, who are usually out of the bar by 2000, were allowed stay a few hours extra to tie a few more on.

The Sports Bar remained and will continue to remain a way for cadets to let it all out, in more ways than one.

By Rob Sepp

Examining his shot before diving in face first C2C Paul Wojtowicz anticipates wearing this one on his running suit with the other shots of the evening. Photo by C. Grosjean



Diving in, C2C Paul Wojtowicz counts to three before engulfing the shot glass in his mouth. Photo by C. Grosjean

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pending time in the Heartland

Cadets volunteer four days of their time helping with the flood relief efforts in Iowa

When people think of the military and military service, the image that comes to mind is one of grim faced soldiers squaring off against enemies in foreign fields. Some might even say that the only way that the military serves is by dying to defend this country. This is an important aspect of being in the military but it ignores the thousands of men and women who have pitched in to rebuild homes and lives after some of this nation's worst disasters.

This fall, members of Third Group carried on this tradition of service by sacrificing their time to help those who were victimized by the floods in the Mid-West. They simply could not just sit and watch fellow Americans lose their homes and livelihood. They had to do something. That something was to fly to Boone, Iowa and directly pitch in the clean up effort.

"It was nice to be able to help others and see how my small contribution could benefit someone," C2C Aaron Hartzler said. "It was also devastating, however to see complete homes ruined by the water and throwing away possessions that meant something special to someone."

As the cadets helped Boone, Iowa clean up they did not complain, in fact the usual cynicism that surrounds cadet activities was strangely missing. They pitched in as a team and worked flawlessly together. C1C Lamar Pettus stated: "We came ready to work and we accomplished more than I thought possible in three days." C2C Kristen Palmer added: "I had a great feeling of being part of a team that had such a big impact on the lives of so many." The time sacrifice and hard work paid off, and not only in the thank yous from those they helped. They received a letter of recognition from President Bill Clinton.

"While being on Operation Heartland I saw the view of the military by the public change," C2C Ty Little said. "We built a picnic table for a needy family ... the children were watching. I know when I was a child I saw the military as little plastic green figures holding weapons of destruction. Now they are seeing us holding hammers and saws helping restore the peace in their lives, not holding weapons of destruction and waging wars."

Coffee Break. After a hard day of completely cleaning out the gutted remains of a house, these cadet grab a bite to eat as they pack up. The cadets' work even earned them special recognition from President Clinton. Photo by P.J. Pelkington



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Lending a helping hand, these two do some serious housecleaning; it kept them quite busy. C4C Amanda Sickafoose said: "Helping people rebuild their lives was one small way I could begin to truly serve my country. Photo by P.J. Pelkington

It's all in the wrist. Cadets amassed a huge pile of debris from cleaning out the flood damaged home. Cadets did more than just house cleaning, some helped unbury parks, bridges, roads and creeks. Photo by P.J. Pelkington



Shoveling off the sidewalk. These cadets are wishing they had brought some of the big construction equipment from USAFA with them. In addition to helping a needy community, the cadets brought positive publicity to the Academy. Photo by P.J. Pelkington.

A real case of dishpan hands. Cadets work hard to clean all the debris from a kitchen counter in an effort to try and find the sink. More than 250 cadets from Third Group participated in Operation Heartland. Photo by P.J. Pelkington

"Look everybody I got a Ring Dance Date, well at least a date for the evening." C4C Charles Yun escorts this lovely lady to the dance floor to polish up on his moves." Photo by J. Babinski



C1C Lauren Sheahan tries to trade hats with her little buddy. Why?, a white stocking cap would make a better fashion statement with her uniform of course. More than 125 cadets participated in the Big Brother, Big Sister program. Photo by C. Harris

Muncha, muncha ... boy, a hot dog and chips really hit the spot. C3C Brian Solsbee and his little sister have a snack before watching the battle on the gridiron. The children, affectionately known as "littles" are paired with two cadets each. Photo by C. Harris



"So is this the salad fork?" C3C Lawrence Grillo practices proper meal decorum with two senior citizens at a Sunday Brunch. Not only did cadets get to meet new people on these types of outings but they were fed as well. Photo by J. Babinski



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From adopting a highway, to 'escorting' senior citizens and children, cadets stay community conscious

adet goodwill goes beyond the Hill

The lives of the cadets are not limited to the borders of the cadet area. On the contrary, cadets like to go out into the community and help those who are less fortunate than themselves.

One organization that cadets got involved in was Big Brother/Big Sisters. Cadets went downtown to be role models for children who needed a fill-in sibling to learn from. In the fall, the kids came to the Academy to take in a football game with their new friends. This program was a huge hit with the Wing and as usual always successful for all involved.

Another community event that the men and women in blue got involved with were senior citizen dances. Cadets went to senior citizen homes and cut a rug with their "dates". Both cadets and seniors enjoyed themselves thoroughly every time they got together.

Some squadrons got involved in service projects as one unit. Cadet Squadron Eight participated in the "Adopt A Highway" program. The Eagles cleaned a part of Interstate 25 right in front of the Academy.

C4C Gregory Nita makes a new friend at a downtown function. The only thing on his mind is hoping that the circulation to his arm is not cut off. Many squadrons organized functions with senior citizens.

Photo by J. Babinski



Cadets also raised money for charities. Once again, the cadets' opened their hearts and wallets for a good cause at the Wing Open. Although the event had free admission, the hat was passed around to raise money for a sick child. A new record was set for the total donation made the Wing Open. This year, a new fund raiser hit the Wing. Fourth group sponsored the Terrazzo 10K run and 5K walk. All entrance fees were given to charity; food and drinks given to the participants after the race were donated by local businesses.

The Colorado Springs area was not the only recipient of the Cadet Wing's goodwill. Cadets in Third Group traveled outside the state to Iowa to help the victims from the flooding of the Mississippi River. "Operation Heartland" went off without a hitch and brought great credit upon the Cadet Wing.

The community has always been supportive of the Air Force Academy and cadets never forget to give back to those who help them.

By Rob Sepp



Seen here is an unknown two degree with his son ... just kidding, his little brother. In the fall the Big Brothers, Big Sisters took their "littles" to a Falcon football game. Photo by C. Harris

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Good organizing and a social consciousness lead people to get involved in volunteering

adets lend a helping hand

Looking for a fun way to spend a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday? Wondering what would be a worthwhile way to spend some freetime? Talk to C2C Dave Abrahamson, the Wing Special Projects NCO of first semester, he could hook you and your group up with community services project that meets everyone's needs.

"One of the biggest things I did in my job was set people up with volunteer projects," Abrahamson said. "It kind of started as a hobby, to look around and find things that cadets could do. A lot of people called with projects for us so it was pretty easy to set up."

Cadets like Abrahamson, C2C Nate Lockwood and C2C Chris Kean got others involved in working at senior citizens houses cleaning, volunteering at senior banquets and nursing homes and helping out at soup kitchens throughout Colorado Springs.

"There were plenty of places to go," Abrahamson said. "What was frustrating

was trying to get the word out to squadrons about what was available."

He added that once cadets got the information groups would go to one of the organizers or just set up things on their own. Either way worked, as the main goal was to help as many people as possible. The efforts of cadets paid off in more ways than one, at a senior banquet volunteers were given a standing ovation for their help.

"Most cadets love to do this stuff (volunteering)," Abrahamson said. "There is always plenty of work, it's just a matter of knowing where to look for it."

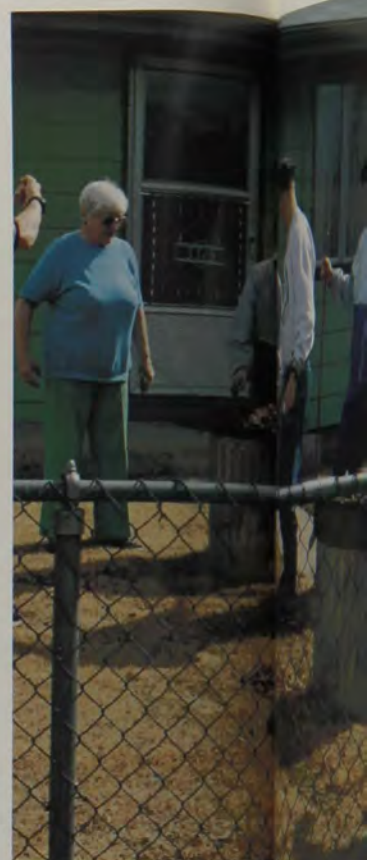
Cadets looked for it everywhere, from setting up haunted houses at local middle schools to helping with the flood relief efforts in Iowa, those who wanted to stay busy did.

"I came from a small town," Abrahamson said. "There were no such things as homeless people. When someone needed food the community pitched in, that's just what we are doing here."

Scrub-a-dub-dub, C3C Rich Dodge soaks his hands in Palmolive while helping wash the dishes at the soup kitchen in Shov Chapel on the Colorado College campus. This soup kitchen was open on Saturdays and Sundays. Photo by D. Abrahamson



Making sure the table is full of food and utensils, C3C Morris Fontenot counts to see how many sets of silverware are left. Fontenot volunteered at the soup kitchen along with other members of Squadron 33. Photo by D. Abrahamson



With the help of Hefty Bags and cadets, this woman oversees the raking of her yard. This community trip helped senior citizens prepare their yards for the fall and winter.

Overseeing the loading of the bags into a car that is waiting at the bottom of the stairwell, C4C Mike Higgins counts the packages that they have left to load. This Thanksgiving Baskets for Families project was sponsored by Squadron Six. Photo by B. Boyd



Earning a few blisters through some hard manual labor, this cadet rounds up some leaves that fell from the trees. Helping clean senior citizen yards was one of the many community services cadets performed.

Passing off the cans to the packer, C1C Stephen Wales divides up the vegetables that will go in Thanksgiving Baskets for Families. These baskets went to needy families throughout Colorado Springs. Photo by B. Boyd



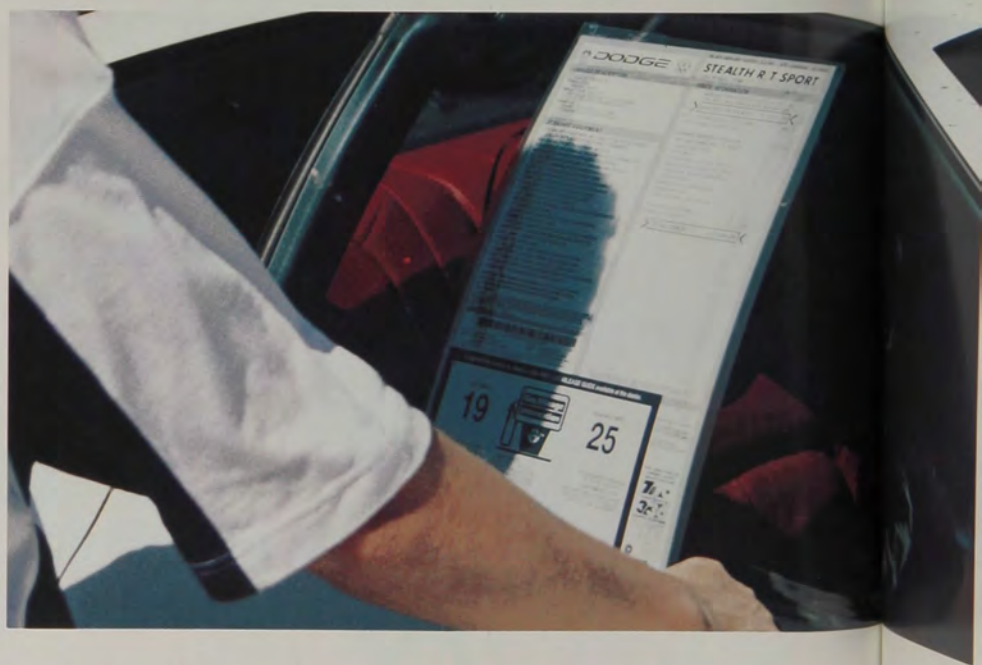
"You mean if I buy this car, you'll throw in the ring dance date for free?" Even though buying a cadet is a serious matter, cadets always try to bring a smile to someone's face. Photo by C. Grosjean.

"I wonder if my girlfriend will like me in this?" Although performance is important to cadets, appearance sometimes overrides fuel economy.



Listening intently as a dealer explains the intricacies of a Jeep Wrangler. Many dealers were present to answer cadet's questions. Photo by C. Grosjean.

Checking the estimated economy of cars was a cinch on the Stealth. The car show was made to be as informative for cadets as possible. Photo by C. Harris.





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*Secondclass cadets get \$13,000 loan
to buy their "dream cars" or something close*

rab some cash, buy a car

One tradition that signifies the two degree transition to being firsties is the annual car loans. Every spring, secondclassmen have the opportunity to borrow money to purchase a car and for many this is the first car they have ever owned. "This is the first car I ever bought," stated C2C Fran Miller, "I don't have to worry about borrowing cars anymore, now I have to worry about who I lend my car out to."

With their loans, cadets buy vehicles that come in different shapes and sizes. "I bought a 1990 Jeep Wrangler with my loan," Miller continued, "It was a good deal. Since I don't have to start making payments until I graduate, it's free money for a year." Another good deal about the cadet car loans is the interest rates cadets receive. This year the rates the banks offered the Class of '95 ranges from a low of 1% to a high of 2.29%. Even with all of these benefits, some cadets still have some criticisms about the loan.

The car loan is valued at \$13,000. With this money, cadets are to buy a new car or a used car that will last several years. However, new or quality used cars many times exceed \$13,000. Some people would like to see this tradition changed by raising the amount of money cadets can borrow, but only time will tell on this matter. Also, if all of the money cadets borrow is not used for a car it could be considered an honor violation. The Academy continually preaches about how cadets should take more responsibility for their actions. If cadets cannot spend their money the way they see fit, how will they ever learn about financial responsibility?

All in all, the cadet's car loan is a great deal. Cadets' civilian counterparts do not get this opportunity while they are undergraduates. Secondclassmen use their advantage to reap the benefits in the form of a new car.

By Rob Sepp



"Just hop in for a spin." Although the cars were not available for test driving, cadets had the opportunity to "try them on" on the terrazzo. Photo by C. Grosjean.

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From the Cadet Chapel to churches off base, cadets look for new ways to worship

inding a place of their own

A home away from home...a place in which one can worship and be at peace...a place to congregate with fellow believers and gain strength from each other, this is a description of what the church means to many cadets.

As a cadet, many options are open to fulfill spiritual needs. The chapel and its programs, the chaplains, as well as Special Programs In Religious Education (SPIRE) on Monday nights, seek to provide instruction and sound council. C4C Jeffrey Brach explained why he worships here on base: "During beast I attended the chapel and that habit carried on into the school year. Once I started, I didn't want to find another church. I like the 1100 contemporary praise and worship service the most."

C4C Natalie Cupples, a member of the praise team at the contemporary praise service stated: "I have never encountered a church service that worships as openly as the 1100 service. My experience with the praise team has been one I'll never forget. I also like being able to worship freely with all the Christian friends I've made here."

Though many cadets choose to worship at the Cadet Chapel, others have found their niche elsewhere. "I'm one of the few people that goes to Crossroads Chapel,"

C3C Terence Kudo, who attends an off base church said. "I play in the worship team up there. I grew up in a small church and I really feel uncomfortable in large crowds, which is why I tend to shy away from the Cadet Chapel."

C4C Denver Collins explained why he attends another church: "I like going to church off base because of the contact with younger children. My friends also attend the same church, and rides are available. I enjoy the services at the Chapel, but getting off base whenever I can is a priority."

Because many attendants of the chapel services are tourists, some cadets prefer off base services. "I started going to church off base because the chapel is less personal," C2C Blake Rodgers said. "The off base church is like being at home. I grew up in a Southern Baptist church and going to one now makes me feel more at home. Everyone at church is like your own family."

Whether one attends church services at the Cadet Chapel, or chooses an off base service to attend, it is evident that this added spiritual dimension is vital to many. And as many cadets have come to realize, as soldiers of the cross, no matter where they worship, they are united as one.

By Aurelia M. Dillard

Entertaining their friends, Cadets Johnston Coil and Eric Springer sing at the OCF winter retreat. The retreat was held at Spring Canyon by Buena Vista. Photo by C. Grosjean



Fighting the early hours, these cadets enjoy a morning bible study. Many fourthclassmen took advantage of their time in the morning to attend religious services.

Brimming with intensity, this group looks forward to winning the game. Most cadets didn't know that the chapel staff offered so many diverse opportunities. Photo by M. Gregory



Getting ready for an exciting game of "Trivial Pursuit", C2C Scott Moore reads his first clue. Members of the BSU had the opportunity to participate in many enjoyable activities throughout the year. Photo by M. Gregory

Playing a game of "Outburst!", the members of Baptist Student Union get to know each other better. The Union met weekly to discuss events, the Bible, and play some group games. Photo by M. Gregory

Screaming down the slopes, this cadet combines form with speed for a little bit of thrill seeking during a day-trip to the Summit.



Not quite a home for all seasons, but it serves the purpose for tonight. This cadet stops to wipe his feet before entering the snow cave he and his buddies dug out. This cave is where they will sleep once night falls. Photo by C. Volpe

Wipe out! Part of the fun of skiing is trying to get up after falling. This cadet chooses to take off his skies before getting himself pointed in the right direction.



"This will be the door..." C2C Cliff Volpe starts hacking away at an entrance for the snow cave he and his friends will camp out in. Snow camping was a sport for those with a serious tolerance of the cold and a great love of the outdoors.





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Taking advantage of the winter activities, cadets ski and snow camp when Jack Frost visits Colorado

itting the snow covered slopes

Cast your imagination: The day is bright, but brisk. The air is still, and the light glistens off the newly-fallen snow like colored lights off a glitter-covered holiday scene.

You've just arrived at the top of the mountain, and you're peering down a monster run covered with unmarked waist-deep champagne powder. Your mind spins, your pulse quickens as you push off to begin your first run of the day.

So goes the scene that calls cadets back to the ski slopes of Colorado weekend after weekend. It's an adrenaline rush. A way to meet people. A time to get together with your friends, or just to get away from it all.

Whatever the reason, skiing is one of the most popular activities that cadets participate in at USAFA. Rumor has it that the real reason Colorado Springs was chosen as the site for the Academy was not due to the favorable conditions for flying, as everyone was led to believe. After all, one has only to look at the high altitude and high winds to realize that flying is far from ideal here. The real reason was, in all reality, that the members of the original Academy site selection panel were skiers!

Yes, skiing is an activity that many

cadets take advantage of, while some head off to the mountains in their own cars and with their own equipment others take advantage of the Cadet Outdoor Resource Center and all of the services it offers.

This year the Resource Center offered cadets more than 20 one-day and three-day trips. The two most popular were, as usual, the Thanksgiving Holiday three-day trip and the Presidents Weekend three-day trip. For the Thanksgiving trip more than 150 cadets "skied the Summit." For \$125 participants got a lift ticket good at Keystone, A-Basin, Breckenridge and Copper Mountain, transportation, lodging and food.

One cadet who went said: "It was a great way to spend a holiday, I didn't have enough money to fly home but I managed to scrape up enough to ski for a few days."

According to Betty Fox, assistant manager of the Cadet Outdoor Resource Center, that's exactly their goal - make skiing affordable.

"We sell cadets tickets at substantial savings," Fox said. "They get the military discounts and we'll also provide transportation; more than anything we want cadets to get up to the mountains, ski and have a good time."



Not quite an Olympic jump, but getting air nonetheless, this cadet makes the most of the moguls on his flight down the mountain.

*On the cutting edge,
education at Academy*





Keeping on the cutting edge of education has and continues to be one of the main goals of the Academy. Making this a reality could only be accomplished from a continuing process of modifying some of the more traditional policies

Academics

and methods of teaching classes.

In an effort to get cadets to make the most of their academic time, the Dean set new policies. They included a mandatory lights out time of midnight, and mandatory hookup onto USAFA Net for the classes of '97, '96, & '95 ... USAFA Net allowed instructors to send messages to all the students in their class at any time of the day. In addition, cadets could send completed assignments to their instructors.

In addition, the faculty started working to become 25% civilianized by the year 2000. The Academy hired 16 full-time instructors in addition to the 25 visiting professors. The purpose of this change was to help give cadets a more well-rounded educational experience. In Checkpoints magazine Col James H. Head wrote: "They (the first civilians hired) have accepted responsibility to join us in developing and inspiring air and space leaders with vision for tomorrow. They bring an exciting and challenging new dynamic to the faculty."

Tradition

Putting on the finishing touches on the aircraft C3C Ellen Miller, C3C Mark Mitchum and their partner make some minor adjustments in hopes of making their craft fly further. Aero 215 is a core class that most thirdclass cadets take.
Photo by D. Hill

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A CODE

OF HONOR

*Academy's
standard of
integrity
examined by
Annapolis*

"We will not lie, steal, or cheat..." These words form the first part of the Cadet Wing Honor Code—the oath that binds every cadet to a higher standard of honesty and integrity. While in some ways more stringent than the codes at Annapolis and West Point, the Air Force Academy Honor System has seen profound changes in the past year.

When C1C John Childs spoke to the Wing earlier in the year, he talked about a redefined Honor System designed to encourage honesty and forthrightness. The new system revised the probation standards, it reduced the penalty for self-reported cases to

three months probation. In addition, a cadet could still admit to an Honor violation, and be given the standard six-month probation. Both cases, however, require extensive honor counseling to rehabilitate the cadet in question.



Mathematics Department

This change was a result of the new climate surrounding the Academy. Brig Gen Gamble, the Commandant of Cadets, identified the current situation when he was interviewed by the Gazette Telegraph. He stated that cadets today are not entering the Academy with the same values that they did twenty years ago—he was quick to add that this is society's fault, not the individual cadet.

In his Academics With Honor letter to the Wing at the beginning of the Spring Semester, Brig Gen Cubero stated: "We are a community of soldier-scholars...forthright honesty is vital to our profession." This letter came on the heels of a cheating scandal involving the fourthclass in Computer Science 110. According to the Dean, honor and academics are important because "you are developing moral habits that will serve you and your nation well."

Concern with honor issues is not limited to the Air Force Academy. Our "Non-Toleration" clause which charges every cadet with a higher responsibility of reporting offenses when knowledge is gained of an incident is now being considered as a measure to instill at the Naval Academy. Currently Annapolis has only an Honor Concept, but the recent cheating scandal in an Electrical Engineering class taken by the Class of '94 may redefine their code.

By Michael Grunwald



Bring me men ... many phrases are inscribed in places of high visibility to remind cadets and visitors alike about the mission and duties of cadets. Although always surrounded in controversy the famed Bring Me Men ramp will be keeping its phraseology ... at least for this year. Photo by B. Fallis

Academy Core Values:
 Integrity First
 Service Before Self
 Excellence In All We Do

This new sign emblazoned its words of wisdom outside the Commandant's Office. It serves as a gentle reminder to some of the duties of being an Air Force Academy cadet. Photo by R. Turnbull

An Inquiry Finds 125 Cheated On a Naval Academy Exam

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 15

Trying to make
 sure a code of
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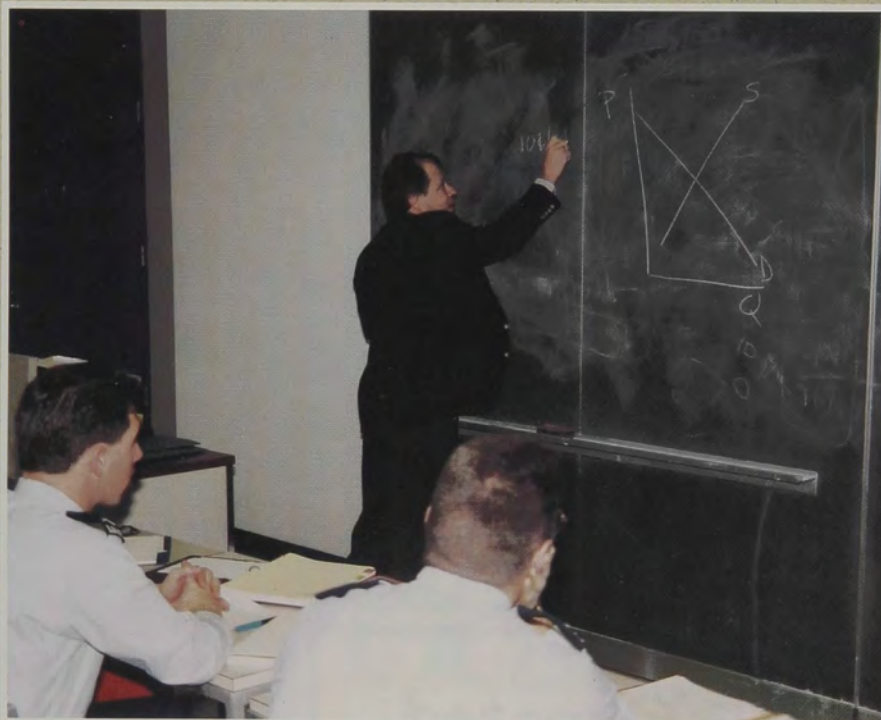
Code of Dishonor

Cheating at the
 Naval Academy
 isn't its fault.

Trial under fire, those midshipmen accused of cheating brought much publicity to Annapolis. In an effort to cooperate with the media, Annapolis worked to let the public know about the steps they were taking to remedy the problem.

Preparing for the lesson plan, visiting professor Jon Epperson looks over a calculus problem before going to class. There were more than 10 visiting professors this year.

Illustrating the finer points of the supply and demand curve, Professor Douglas Kreshover, works at getting the ideas to sink in to his students' brains. Econ 221 is a core class that many cadets do better in the second time around.



On a GR review day, this civilian aero instructor gives her class the proverbial "hook." It's rumored that cadets sleep in class until the "hook" is cast.





GOING

CIVILIAN

Considered one of the nation's premier military institutions, the Air Force Academy is being invaded by outside forces. No, two-headed monsters from Mars aren't coming; the USAFA faculty is accepting civilian instructors into its ranks. This move has been mandated by Congress for all three service academies, and the Air Force Academy has already begun accepting new members.

In reality, this change has been occurring for quite some time. For years, the Dean has allowed civilian faculty members to serve in a department for a one-year term. It's known as the Visiting Professors Program. As of the end of the 1993 Fall Semester, the faculty had thirteen civilian members among its staff.

Many of the history majors will never forget Dr. Dennis Schowalter, who taught for two years, as a World War II and Vietnam specialist in the department of History. He came from Colorado College, and stated many times he enjoyed teaching here - he has since returned

The Academy makes efforts to diversify faculty



Department of Law

on several occasions to guest lecture and visit former students. Uninhibited by normal military regulations, Dr. Schowalter went out of his way to make his classes different and exciting.

Edging towards the goal of a 25% faculty by the end of the century, the Academy is sending out feelers across the country to recruit top scholars to train tomorrow's officers. Among the 'new recruits' is Dr. Myron Nordquist, in the Department of Law. Revealing the caliber of civilian members, Dr. Nordquist has taught graduate students in Washington D.C., and served as legal counsel to the former Strategic Air Command at Offut AFB, Nebraska.

Diving into his first year as a professor, the former Marine Corps officer faced many challenges integrating into the faculty and teaching cadets. "This was the first time I had ever dealt with undergraduates, and the experience has been great for me," the officer said. The cadets in his classes seem to enjoy his relaxed, but informative, teaching style.

This new and exciting program has its champions and opponents from all over the Cadet Wing and Fairchild Hall. Some argue that military officers provide more services than just teaching (flying duties, advice, etc), they give cadets role models of Air Force officers. However, civilians on the faculty offer cadets another perspective on academic issues and current events. In the end, this fresh view may enhance cadet's education, and produce more well-rounded officers.

By Michael Grunwald



Expounding her wisdom professor Jeanne Heidler addresses her history class. Heidler was an American history specialist.

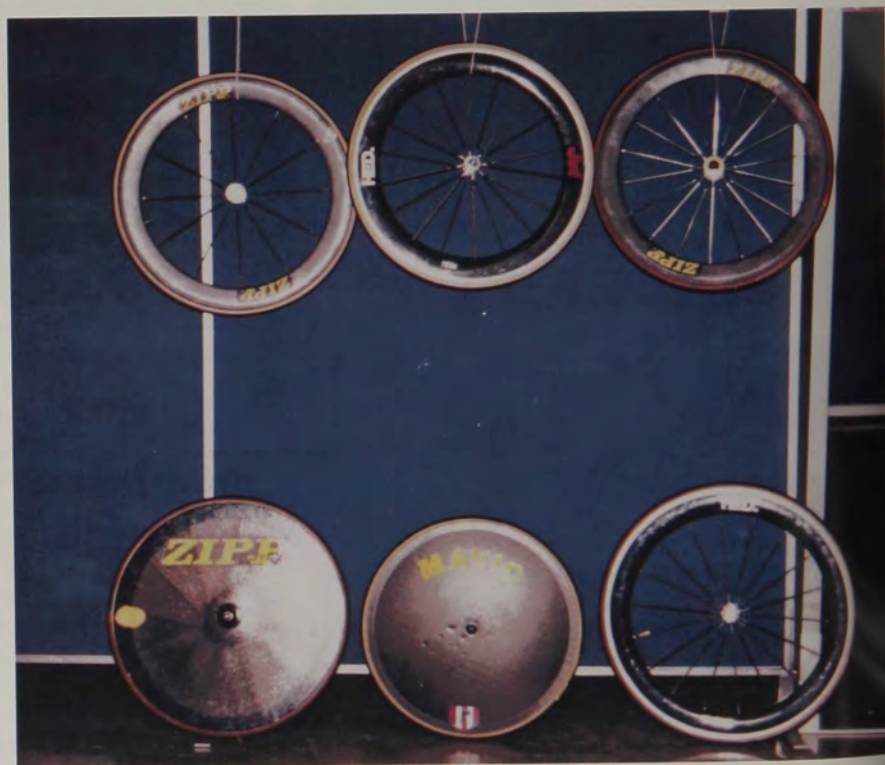
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Working to figure out what speeds to run the tests at, C1C Sam Pang and C1C Mark Strub consult lab technician George West. Several hundred tests were run per wheel. Photo by C. Grosjean



Preparing to close the door of the wind tunnel, George West makes sure everything is in place. The door alone weighs close to 6,000 pounds. Photo by M. Strub



Making the wheels go round and round, that was what the testing was all about. The wheels included: Top Zipp 400 with composite spokes, Head Jet with composite spokes, Zipp 400 with stainless steel spokes Bottom: Zip 870 with composite disk wheel, Mavic composite disk wheel, Head composite spoke wheel. Photo by M. Strub

Setting the wheel into the fork before closing the tunnel, C1C Mark Strub looks to make sure everything is as specified for the test. The entire project relied heavily on the testing. Photo by M. Strub



HITTING THE ROAD

Cadets do research of Olympic proportions

Cadets are making inroads into Olympic competition, not by their athletic prowess but rather their intellectual know-how. In Lillihammer, the research of Dave Cutter '92 was seen flying through the air during the ski jump competition, and Atlanta promises to boast the Aero 471 project work of firsties Brian Kobashigawa, Kokpin "Sam" Pang and Mark Strub. Pang and Strub worked to try to find bicycle wheels with the least amount of drag, the wheels will be used both road racing and velodrome cycling events.

Pang and Strub said they jumped at the chance to work on a project for the Olympic Committee. "We thought this project would be cool," Strub said. "It wouldn't be something that we would never hear about again. It had practical applications with measurable results."

The cadets' mission was to present the Olympic Committee with data that would direct manufacturers in producing the best helmets and wheels with the lowest drag. Ninety percent of drag comes from the air and this causes the wheels and thus the cyclist to slow down. Cyclists must push harder to keep up speed, their equipment design has a lot to do with how fast they'll go.

"In the 1992 Olympics cyclist Chris Borgman of Great Britain won a gold medal,"



C1C Sam Pang looks for vibrations in the wheel, which could cause big problems. Similar to many projects "minor glitches" were abundant. Photo by M. Strub



Capt Eric Nutley project sponsor said. "Many wondered if it was the cyclist's skill or his high tech equipment."

The cadets used a combination of computer hardware and software to measure drag tests in Academy's subsonic wind tunnel.

"The testing wasn't as cut and dry as we expected," Pang said. "We had all the knowledge of the basic theories but there were glitches in the software and hardware."

Strub added: "We'd be going along fine and then Shazam, we'd hit trouble." Nutley said that problems can be expected in every research project, but despite this the Olympic Committee could expect its results by the end of the semester or early this summer.

Nutley said he was happy with the cadets' efforts and research. "It's really pretty exciting to see the contribution we're making," Nutley said. "The cadets will be able to see their research in action. They can turn on the T.V. during the Olympics and say 'hey, I helped design that bike.'"

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Cadets discuss NAFTA and its impact at D.C. convention

During April, eleven cadets had the opportunity to represent the Dominican Republic at the Fourteenth Annual Model Organization of American States. This year's convention was held from 11-16 April at the Organization's headquarters in Washington, D.C. "Overall, the trip was a blast, and we met a lot of great people," C2C Kevin Whittaker said.

The Model Organization is held yearly under the direction of the Secretary General, Ambassador Joao Clemente Baena Soares. The students from the thirty-three

schools that are invited to attend, represent the same number of nations that are involved in the Organization. The only nation that is not represented in the real organization is Cuba, which was removed in 1962.



Political Science Department

All the schools that participate are from the United States, and while at the convention,

they discuss and debate real issues that are currently affecting the Organization. This year's program focused on NAFTA and its impact on the United States, Canada, and Mexico — as well as the nations that are being excluded.

The delegation from the Academy was led by C1C Roel Zamora, from Tenth Squadron. He was the Chief Delegate, and served as the Vice Chairman for one of the five committees: Juridical and Political Matters. He oversaw the parliamentary procedures and rules for his committee.

As a whole, the cadets from the Academy represented us well, getting all ten of their resolutions passed by the General Assembly. While not winning any awards, C2C Surya Frickel and C2C Thomas Geiser were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of two of the committees for next year's convention.

Besides participating in a worthwhile event, the cadets were also able to tour a great deal of the Washington D.C. area. Many of them had never seen the nation's capital before, and it was a great experience. Whittaker remarked that, "while the convention was fun, we also got to see a lot of Washington, and that made the trip even better."

By Michael Grunwald



Model OAS FRONT ROW (L to R):
Roel Zamora, Thomas Johnson, OIC
Major Anne Campbell. SECOND
ROW: Jose Barrera, James Frickel.
BACK ROW: Christine Kerick,
James Mock, Tom Geiser, Kevin
Whittaker.



C2C Thomas Johnson beams with a smirk of satisfaction after his resolution is passed. Addressing real life issues was a large part of the convention's agenda. Photo by K. Whittaker



With a look of triumph, C1C Roel Zamora is not buying C2C James Frickel's assertive though futile argument. Practice sessions such as his gave the delegates an opportunity to hone their public speaking skills. Photo by K. Whittaker



Armed with a plethora of knowledge in his white binder, C1C Tom Geiser prepares to intimidate the opposition into conceding to his viewpoint. Hours of research and preparation went into the delegate's presentation. Photo by K. Whittaker

CREATIVITY COUNTS

*It's more than
just learning
about art, it's
about doing it*

The class promises to satisfy a basic primal urge for those students that are willing to take the risk. Fine art 460, better known as Studio Art, encourages cadets to get lost in the human desire to create.

"I took this class because art has always been a hobby of mine, C1C Erica Stone, a biology major said. "I normally draw, this class got me out of the pencil and paper mode to become more creative."

Broken down into five blocks, the first project had students turning in 16 drawings followed by etchings done in limited colors.

After the first two blocks the students created paintings. "Painting is the most challenging of the first four blocks," Capt. Pamela Chadick, the course instructor said. "It can be very hard to grapple with."

C1C Eric Stubbs, an English major said: "I really like my painting, when I looked at the blank canvas I had something in my mind, I knew the details would come." He added:



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"I don't know if I'll hang it up though, my fiancée and I might just store it in a closet someplace."

After the painting block, students learned to sculpt torsos in clay, then it was time for cadets to chose their own medium to create a final project. By this point cadets have confidence to journey out to their own interests.

"At the beginning, many students are very reluctant to lose themselves in the process of art. They refuse to let go, they're afraid of failing or being judged," Chadick said. "It's really rewarding to see students connect and start enjoying the process of art itself."

She added that this change does not happen overnight, it is a process to build confidence and creativity. In addition, since growth and projects are subjective, grading is very challenging.

"I've never been in a class where there were so many Fs at the beginning," Stubbs said. "It was kind of demoralizing at times but it did press us to get more involved in our projects"

"There are certain characteristics of powerful composition and drawing; students' grades depend on how they adhere to (the characteristics) or their rational as to why they don't, Chadick said. "Art is a craft, a skill that can be developed a student's effort comes out in the final product and thus the grades"



Dumpster di
artistic flair a
paints a pic
heads and to
by B. Schor



Sculpting with musical accompaniment, C1C Marcus Green studies his bust before adding more character lines to the face.
Photo by C. Harris

Dumpster diving takes on a more artistic flair as C1C Tracey Hubbard paints a picture of men with their heads and torsos in trashcans. Photo by B. Scharton



Putting the finishing touches on his work, this cadet paints in the finer details in an effort to complete his work before the final grading that will be the next class period. Photo by B. Scharton

The illusion of dancing skeletons, C1C Sean Singleton, adds more color to the dance floor of his partying pile of bones. by B. Scharton



Working on the windows of the soul, C1C Jeff Lingens starts the tedious process of giving his bust's eyes expression. Photo by C. Harris

First in flight, taking a break from the lecture, this cadet takes the class chicken out for a little exercise. Students were allowed to play with the chicken to avoid falling asleep in class. Photo by J. Tipton



Taking a walk on the wild side, C3C Terrel Reyes provides a platform for this scaled serpent to mosey down. C3C Audrey Sandrock watches the show while holding a snake of her own. Photo by J. Tipton



"I don't like spiders and snakes ..." overcoming her fear of snakes, this student reluctantly agrees to hold the cold-blooded vertebrae. One of the goals of the class was to get students to overcome their prejudices of animals and reptiles. Photo by J. Tipton



IT'S A ZOO

IN THERE

There's a class at the Air Force Academy that starts with the simplest form of life, and by the end of the semester has evolved into studying the most complex animals on the face of the Earth — zoology. This class is mandatory for all biology majors, and serves as their introduction to the animal world.

Capt. Scot Loizeaux, a former WC/AC-130 and C-141 pilot, is the instructor for this year's course, and brought with him a wealth of knowledge. Before teaching at the Academy, he served as a pilot in Guam, and as a seventh-grade teacher of Life Sciences before getting his commission. He also taught

Cadets learn to appreciate the wonders of the animal kingdom



Getting wrapped up with new friends, this cadet carefully studies this albino creature that clings to her warm skin. Students were allowed to touch and hold more than eight snakes during the course of the days' special lecture. Photo by J. Tipton

biology for two years. According to Loizeaux: "I want to give students a broad overview of each group — I'm not interested in what they'll forget after the GR."

The cadets in the class perform a lot of hands-on work, both in the classroom and in the laboratory. They get an average of one to two specimens a week to dissect and analyze. The Academy avoids using rare or endangered species, and uses animals such as chickens, fetal pigs, and earthworms. Zoology students rarely use amphibians, "because today, everyone uses them" Capt. Loizeaux said.

In addition to a wide range of live and dead observations, the cadets in the class have to give a mandatory ten to forty minute presentation. The topics are decided on by the cadets themselves, but cover some animal or kingdom.

Bringing the class into perspective, Capt. Loizeaux said that his goal for this year was to "give cadets an appreciation of the diversity, as well as the similarities, of all the animals in the world."

By Michael Grunwald

It's not quite Margaritaville and C3C Daniel Nielsen isn't quite Jimmy Buffet, but the "iguana" lizard is real enough. Cadets got the opportunity to experience reptiles up-close-and-personal during a special guest lecture. Photo by J. Tipton

WEIRD

SCIENCE

*Beyond
science fiction
cadets set into
the realm of
cloning*

Structurally identified only forty-one years ago, the exciting and expanding field of genetics is being explored today by Air Force Academy cadets. Part of the Department of Biology, the class was taught this year by Lt Col Obringer, Lt Col Tillinghouse, and Capt Fox. These officers are all experts in the field.

The class starts off every semester with a review of the basic principles that many cadets learn in Biology 215. They include the means for reproduction (meiosis and mitosis), and Mendel's Laws - better known as the pea plant experiments conducted by an Austrian monk in the 1800's.

After this short introduction, the cadets then get into the real meat of the class. For the next thirty lessons, they learned about aspects of genetic engineering that they never dreamed existed. The class was further enhanced by guest lecturers from prestigious



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institutions and universities from around the country.

While many classes concentrate solely on theory or reading, this class takes the lessons and applies them in the laboratory. C1C Brett Anderson explained that in the lab, they were able to take the DNA out of certain bacteria, alter it, and reinsert it. This caused the genetic properties of the organism to be altered, and allowed it to exist in areas it couldn't before.

In addition to being able to change the structure of simple bacteria, the cadets in the class also learned the steps necessary to clone individual beings. Only a few years ago, the very idea of cloning was something relegated to science fiction books. "It's amazing how far genetic technology has come in the past twenty years," Anderson said.

Genetics has opened a whole new branch of science, one whose potential has yet to be fully realized. From curing birth defects, to raising better plants and animals, the possibilities are mind-staggering. It's this wave of the future, that Academy cadets find themselves learning about on a day-to-day basis.

By Michael Grunwald

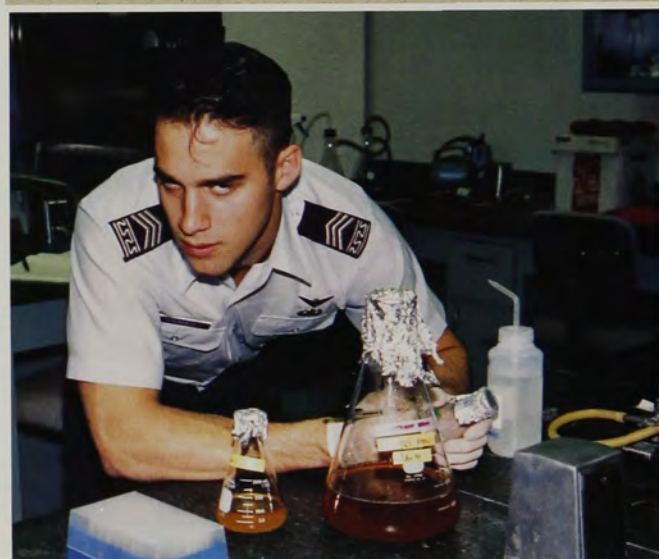




With hands as steady as a surgeon, C1C Mike Morris prepares to transport some bacteria to the petri dish. Petri dish creations were a common sight in the genetics class. Photo by J. Tipton



Master mixologist C2C Mike Dunagun measures out some broth-like liquid for his experiment. Correct measurements were vital to the validity of the experiments. Photo by J. Tipton



Learning by example, the course instructor gives C1C Sarah Kerwin some personalized guidance on the project. The instructor made it a point to be available to answer questions. Photo by J. Tipton

"The beaker please Dr. Jekyll ..." C2C Derek Younger labels his work so as not to confuse the contents of the items. Confusing beaker contents could invalidate the experiment results. Photo by J. Tipton

DREAM

HOUSES

*Cadets design
and build mock
up of
their "perfect
place"*

Haven't we all imagined designing the home of our dreams? In civil engineering 464, cadets do just that. A design requirement for students following the practices track of CE, the course was first taught in 1984. Using computer aided design, cadets create the actual floor plan of a home, either for their future personal use or for that of a family member or friend. Although mostly for civil engineering majors, other cadets are allowed to take the course because of its practical applications. Most designs are in the ballpark of \$200,000.

Air Force Lt Colonel Michael F. Reynolds currently teaches the course. Originally from Wisconsin, he graduated in the USAFA class of 1977. After graduation, Col Reynolds attended Purdue University and Texas A & M. He has been at the Academy for the past seven years. He commented that he can guarantee that the students will use parts of this course for the rest of their lives. He added that it teaches "skills that will help when looking to buy, rent,



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or make modifications on a house that you decide to live in."

Most of the graded work in the course consists of submittals for various parts of the home, including plumbing and electricity. Although there is no "right or wrong," grades are based on the practicality and feasibility of the design. The approximate fifteen students do not complain that there is no final exam.

The class ventures out into the Springs area to view homes and gain insight into the details on which they must decide. The culmination of the course comes on lesson 42, when the students present the scale models of their dream homes. These models are on a scale of 1/4 inch to a foot.

When the course is over, cadets have created floor plans which are ready to submit to a contractor for construction. Col Reynolds stated that many cadets agree that CE 464 is their favorite class. He remarked: "It is fun from a standpoint of designing something with the probability of being built someday...and it's yours!"

By Tracy Waller

CIC David Day is proud to show off the complicated computer software he used to design his house. It's surprising he can smile after the program just crashed.
Photo by S. Morris.





C1C Shawn Larcher shows off his house built in CE 464. The reason for his dazed look is he just found out that to pass the class he has to sleep in his new home. Photo by S. Morris.



The houses built in this class are real life homes constructed at a smaller scale. One question: how do you find real trees that small? Photo by S. Morris.



This is under construction by one of the CE 464 students. One suggestion: put curtains on the windows because no one wants to see little, naked people. Photo by S. Morris.



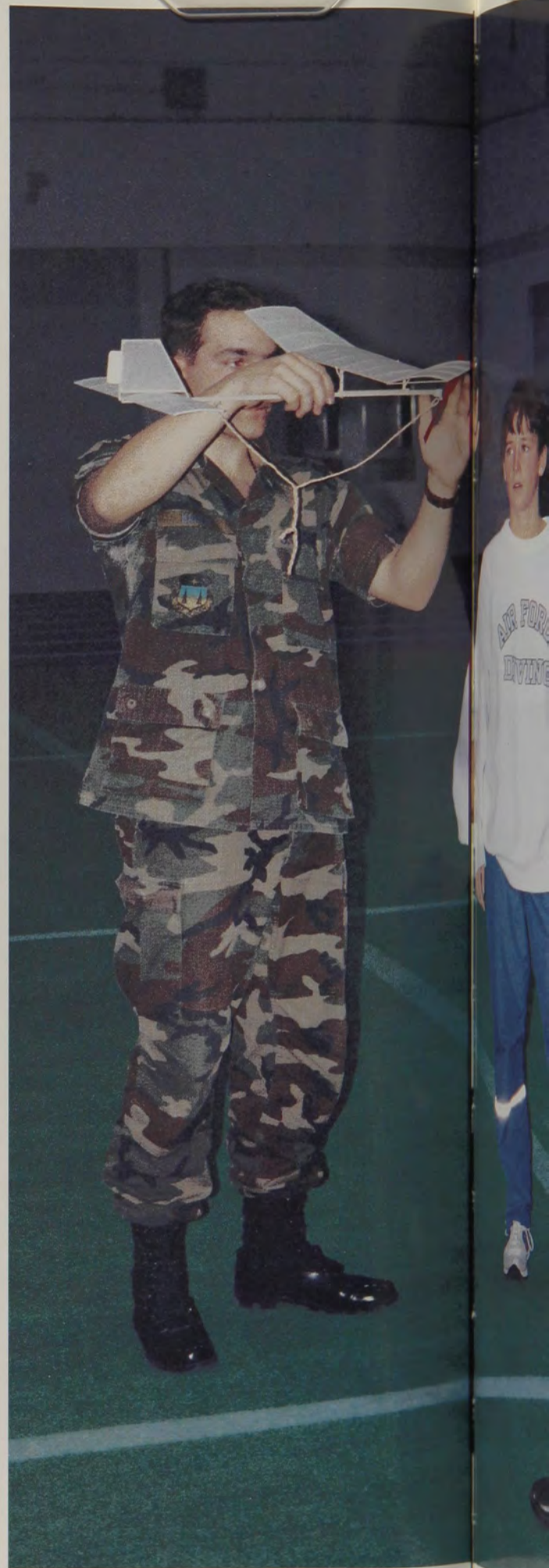
In class, C1C Duke Pope presents his design. Unfortunately, he realized that this isn't his house. Photo by S. Morris.

Anything can be fixed with a glue gun or some duct tape. This cadet prepares to attach the tail to his plane. Cadets worked in groups of two for this project. Photo by D. Hill

The final test is, can it fly? With his partner looking on, while holding his breath this cadet determines whether his vessel will sustain flight. A substantial portion of the group's grade depends on if their plane can fly for 60 seconds. Photo by D. Hill



Winding the propeller to promote flight, this cadet and his partner prepare for the final test ... will the plane fly? Their instructor looks on counting the turns of the propeller; they are only allotted a certain number. Photo by D. Hill



FLYING

AWAY

Aero 215 cadets get initial view of flight

When many cadets come to the Academy they usually picture themselves studying one subject, aerodynamics. Why not? Doesn't it make sense that the Air Force Academy graduate officers should understand the performance of NACA air foil 0001? One of these core courses that cadets have to take that help them realize their dream of living in the Aero Lab until 0300 is Aero 215. Course director for Aero 215 Major Goodwin believes it is important for all cadets to take 215 whether they're aero or history majors, because one day they will be Air Force officers.

"Air Force officers must appreciate the science of flight," Major Goodwin said.

Usually most core courses are dreaded by cadets. These classes seem difficult for all involved at times because the interest is usually not there. However, this is usually not true in Aero 215. "Cadets are usually very interested in the material covered in Aero 215. These



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men and women want to be pilots and want to know why planes fly and why they look the way they do," Goodwin commented. What happens when there are incorrigibles in the class? On this subject, the course director commented, "Aero 215 instructors are excited about the subject and are determined to inspire all cadets about aerodynamics. Teaching can be challenging at times, but changing cadet's opinion about the course makes it exciting. If instructors can do that, then they did a good job and did it right."

While enrolled in this class, cadets study lift drag, and thrust to determine what an aircraft does in flight or what it doesn't do in flight when it crashes. The highlight of the course occurs when cadets build the P-24 Condor. It truly tests what cadets have learned when they attempt to fly their gliders for 60 tenuous seconds. "The glider ties a lot of concepts covered in the course together. This project does the job very nicely," Goodwin added.

Although cadets come to their own opinions about the class, Aero 215 is usually enjoyed by students and instructors alike. Some students may think it is the worst class at the Academy, but Goodwin had an opinion on this topic: "Cadets may not like Aero 215, however there are core courses that are worse."

By Rob Sepp

Who turned out the lights? C1C Ken Harwood unravels a rope mystery while C1C Dave Emery watches. Photo by S. Weston



Don't sneeze! One small move could drop the bucket holding "the bomb." This was part of the leadership exercise held on the Parade Field. Photo by S. Weston



Going up? This cadet attempts to get on top of things with the help of his classmates. Photo by C. Grosjean





FOLLOW THE LEADER

During a time when the Academy's ability to produce sound and capable officers is stressed daily, the Behavioral Science department offered a class specifically designed to enhance an individual's leadership skills. Offered as an option to "fuzzy" majors, the class gave cadets a unique opportunity to analyze leadership styles and develop one that works for them.

"Our main purpose is to help (cadets) become better leaders at the present time and in the future," Maj Ralph Bender, a course instructor said.

Hands-on experience makes class popular with cadets



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While the cadets learned mostly from class lectures and readings, group discussions and exercises also permeated the curriculum. Classes got "leadership scenarios" and then solved them either as a whole or in small groups.

These scenarios varied from tapping into kindergarten skills of building structures with Tinker Toys and Legos (the twist was the structures were built either in the dark or without communicating to other group members) to successfully lifting a can of "toxic waste" out of a circle while blindfolded.

"The students put into practice all that they learn when they go out to the Leadership Reaction Course," Bender said. "Here, they hone leadership skills and complimenting theories."

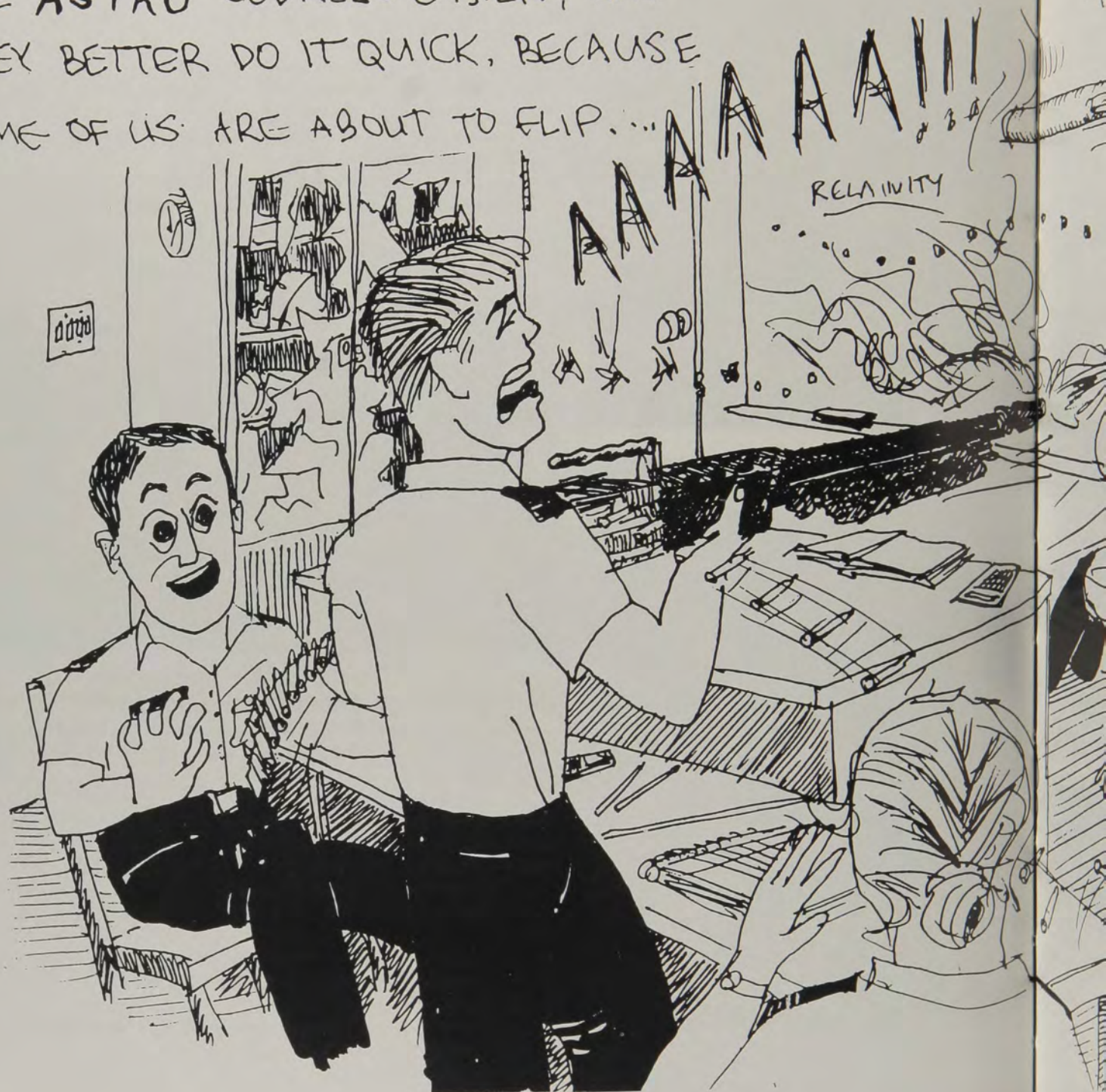
While at the course each class got a certain set of obstacles to overcome, the groups were timed and evaluated based on their teamwork, cohesiveness and ability to complete the task.

Currently this is the only leadership class offered and it's managed to be academic and fun at the same time. "The material is very relevant and that is why it was rated number one out of the thirty core course," Bender said. "This is germane now and in cadets' future careers."

By Michael Grunwald and Rhonda Cochran

All tied up, CIC Scottie Zamzow and CIC Steve Sears try to hoist a ladder over an obstacle at the Leadership Reaction Course. Photo by C. Grosjean

I'M TELLING YOU, THEY BETTER MAKE
THE **ASTRO** COURSES EASIER, AND
THEY BETTER DO IT QUICK, BECAUSE
SOME OF US ARE ABOUT TO FLIP. ...



CADETS IN SPACE

*Those who
drift in class
drift even
deeper in
Astro 410/320*

Astronautics, it can be your cup of tea or a bitter taste of vinegar. Comments on this course range from the disenchanted or non-major types who feel that: "This is just another core course that harasses me. I could care less about this," to those technical majors who feel that: "This is neat. I wish someone told me this before."

"This 400 level course required fundamental math background," Major Eric Didomenico, an Astro 410 instructor said. "Our Air Force is very dependent on space. No career field in the Air Force is not related to or influenced through space. We try to impress upon the cadets to favor

and appreciate what space means to them and their future Air Force careers."

Major Didomenico added: "Although this course is technical in nature and utilizes calculus in its operations, this can be described as a side-line name Astro for poets. We introduce a lot of beginning principles without a lot of mathematical prowess."

What may seem easy and not technical to the instructors, may be seen very differently by the cadet. According one student: "What they are trying to teach is useful information. It gives



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us a general, yet, competent knowledge of space operations. But, the way it's run is tough." No calculators are used on tests and they claim the math is made easier in order for the student to concentrate on the concepts.

This philosophy emphasized by the department instructors is a good one, but may not and will not work for everyone all of the time. "I'm an English major and math is not very friendly. There are things that one needs to know like signs and trigonometry that need to be memorized. If I were to solve a real space problem, I'd use a calculator," he said.

It may indeed be hard at the starting line, but after the race is over the benefits of Astro 320 can definitely be seen. Coffey said: "Everything we do in the Air Force relates to space. It's imperative that everyone knows something about it, most importantly the majors."

By Rhonda Cochran

Astro is the culmination of many difficult core classes, due to this fact it was not uncommon for cadets to voice their frustrations. This cartoon appeared the Wing's humor magazine, The Dodo. Drawing by Mark Hansen

FLYING THE SKIES

*Cadets see ten
bases in ten
days ...
what a trip*

While many cadets spent their Spring Break going to the beach or travelling back home, a group of forty cadets took to the skies on a tour of the Pacific. Sponsored by the 50th ATS, a select number of upperclass cadets were picked to go on the annual Spring Break deployment to another part of the world.

Over the past two years, the T-43's went to Europe for a ten-day tour of the area during Spring Break. This year, the commander of the 50th, Lt. Col. Richard King, decided to do something no 737 has ever done - fly to Korea. The trip itself was ambitious enough,

the plan called for the crews and planes to hit ten bases in ten days.

The aircraft departed Peterson AFB on 17 March and flew to Travis AFB in California. After an overnight stay caused by poor weather over Oahu, the planes left for Hickam AFB,



Taking some pointers from a pro, C1C Courtney Miner listens carefully to Lt. Col. King, commander of the 50th ATS. The trip offered an excellent opportunity to gain more experience navigating. Photo by R. Knowlton

Hawaii. C1C Courtney Miner said: "We enjoyed snorkeling in Haunama Bay, the Arizona Memorial, and other sites...We had a great time!"

Two days after getting to Hawaii, the Bobcats departed Hickam for Kadena AB, Japan. To get there, the planes had to make two refueling stops at Wake Island and Guam - a total trip time came to almost 20 hours. Capt. Rick Ricchi, the trip OIC, said "This was a really long and tiring day for everyone."

The highlight of the trip occurred when the cadets toured the DMZ in Korea, via Kunsan AB and Osan AB. The group got a chance to see the 'enemy' up close and personal in a three-hour tour of one of the most tense areas in the world. "It was weird to be standing on North Korean soil and seeing their soldiers taking pictures of us" C1C Laura Teal said.

Once the four days in Korea were over, the planes departed for Misawa AB Japan, enroute to Elmendorf AFB Alaska. There were no tours or briefings scheduled at this base. Many of the cadets slept most of the day and toured glaciers in the area.

The final leg of the trip began in the early hours of Sunday, 27 March, at Elmendorf AFB. The flight lasted five hours, and when the landing gear touched down on the runway, it was in familiar surroundings - Peterson AFB; where the trip began 10 days earlier.

Although the trip was fun, many were glad to be back. After having her internal clock seriously altered, crossing the Date Line twice, and being face to face with North Koreans, C3C Kendra Jacobs said "Now, I'm going to catch up on all the sleep I lost."

By Michael Grunwald





A look at history. One of the highlights of the trip, cadets toured the DMZ at Panmunjom, Korea. The Peace Tower overlooks the central meeting area of North and South Korea. Photo by M. Grunwald

Refueling time, C2C Todd Bolinger grabs a bite to eat before taking a tour of his surroundings. Like the sleep schedule, the feeding schedule was hard to follow. Photo by R. Knowlton



Putting it all into perspective, this sign lets travellers know how to get to their destinations. Photo by M. Grunwald

Time to take a stretch and see the sights. Members of the trip de-plane in Osan South Korea. Many felt Korea was the highlight of the trip. Photo by R. Knowlton



Crash and burn ... C2C Todd Bolinger and C1C Laura Teel take a little free time to catch a couple winks. The consensus was that "good" sleep was hard to come by. Photo by R. Knowlton

Say cheese ... C1C Steve Mann shoots film for the latest newscast. Everyone had the opportunity to try out different aspects of show production. Photo by C. Harris

Getting the lines down cold. This cadet runs through them in his head before getting in front of the camera to practice. Photo by C. Harris



With an expression that matches the screen, C1C Todd Hudgins concentrates on editing film. Editing is one of the most time consuming portions of production. Photo by C. Harris

Clowning around with the crew, C2C Mark Piper enjoys a laugh. In front of the camera most of the time the cadets were serious, behind the scenes was a different story. Photo by C. Harris



Well on their way to their 15 minutes of fame, C1C Noah Hardy and C1C Jim Winner prepare to report the news USAFA style. Blue Tube/Kafa T.V. was seen approximately once a month. Photo by C. Harris





IT'S SHOWTIME

Television anyone? For those who like to act, enjoy writing, and want to be a talking head, BLUE TUBE or KAFA TV is the class to take.

"This class gives understanding to the TV media, how it works, and the power it has," Major John Farley, instructor said. "It teaches management, of people, time and equipment."

Contrary to popular belief, a cadet doesn't have to be an English major to take BLUE TUBE. However Farley said that most of the cadets are firsties because they have more electives open. Similar to many electives cadets experience something new and different with KAFA-TV. They are exposed to a dynamic, fast-paced, and deadline oriented TV production world. Production of the shows depend heavily on the interaction of the

*Lights,
camera, action
cadets make
headlines*



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students with one another.

"If they don't work together they have a weak show," Major Farley commented. "As with any job, difficulties arise and they have to work it out. It doesn't do any good to tell them how to resolve a problem. We let them make mistakes and find a way to resolve it."

The cadets had the opportunity to get involved with every aspect of the news show production.

And, as for any Academy production, out of date equipment is not a worry. Major Farley said that the equipment is state of the art and the department is continually updating it. As a matter of fact, they just purchased some new editors and cameras to aid students in putting on the best production that they can.

Production is the word and the main objective in this course. C1C Jim Winner said: "If you want something different not boring or mundane as other classes can often be, and hands on oriented," you'll want to enroll in this course. He added: "It's an excellent way to improve public speaking skills and learn how a TV news show is produced, electronic news gathering, and ways of doing news interviews."

All the benefits of this class can be related to other areas such as management, organization, writing, cooperation, and conflict resolution which are essential abilities that an officer needs. But, C1C Winner cautions that the class has a "lack of structure." They depend on us to make the schedule and get the show done." This type of environment requires that a person be disciplined because as cadet Winner puts it, this class is "ambiguous."

By Rhonda Cochran and Michael Grunwald

PUT TO THE TEST

*Engr 410 the
class seniors
must pass to
graduate*

Imagine building a ramp for disabled people or a laundry chute for senior citizens; this year cadets did just that. While this may sound like a noble effort for cadets to give up their "free time" to build these projects, they were actually doing it as part of a class—and getting a grade for it as well.

Engr 410 is a senior-level class run by the Astro Department, headed up by Col Giffen. The stated purpose of the course is to introduce cadets to the contracting and acqui-

sition processes that are used in the active-duty Air Force. According to Capt Kurtz, DFEM, "this course is designed to help produce better rounded officers, with a greater breadth of knowledge." That breadth of knowledge is thoroughly tested in a Skills Exam given during the first part of every semester.

"If you fail the Engineering 410 Skills Exam on Lesson 6, you will not graduate with your class on 1 June." These words greeted many of the second semester firsties taking Engr



Sitting in front of what looks like a huge kite, C1C Sean Singleton (right) and one of his partners offer the true explanation of their project. Photo by S. Morris

410—the Systems Design Course—as they began classes on Lesson 1 of Spring Semester '94. This statement set the tone for the Class of '94 as they began to realize the impact of a single exam on their career—both as a cadet and as a future officer.

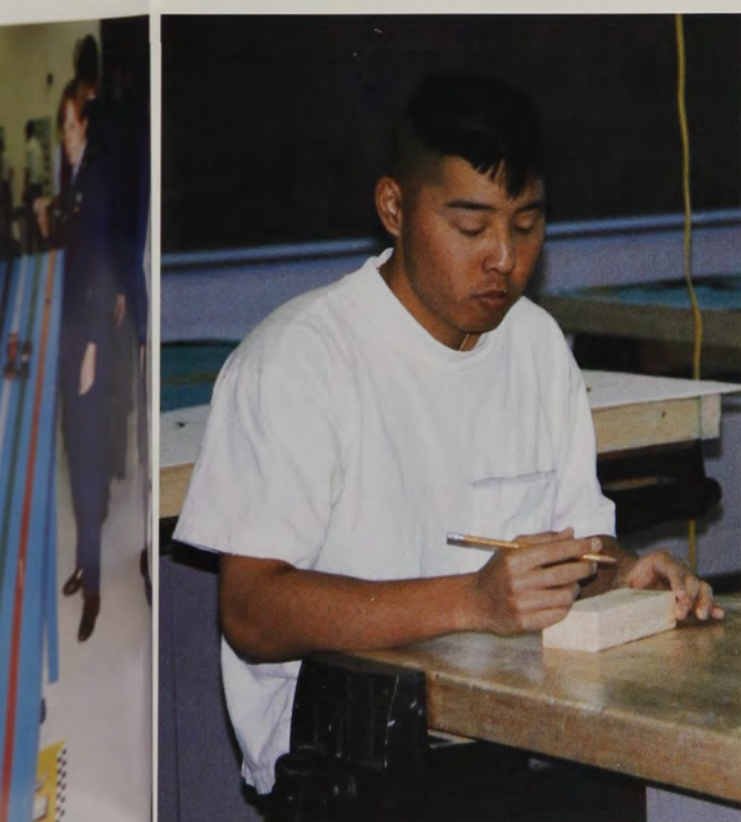
During the Fall Semester of their senior year, any member of the Class of '94 who failed the exam was given an F, and dropped from the course. After a huge uproar from the class, and officers at the Academy, the Dean and the Astro Department Head changed the drop-out policy for Engr 410. If a firstie failed the exam during the Spring Semester, or any semester after, they would simply be dropped from the course under "Withdrawal Failing." This was done so as not to negatively impact a cadet's GPA and assignment selection.

In fact, the furor caused by the "wash-out" exam was so great, that the Superintendent, LtGen Hosmer, felt he had to address the problem in his annual newsletter to the parents of Academy cadets. In that letter, Gen Hosmer stated that the course's policy on the exam was fair and would continue to be used. Even with his reassuring words, cadets were still agitated over the test, "I saw that part of Gen Hosmer's letter, and laughed" stated C1C Brett Anderson.

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The Boy Scout Pine Wood Derby redefined, C1C Keri Schreiber explains the finer points of the race track she and her group constructed. Photo by S. Morris



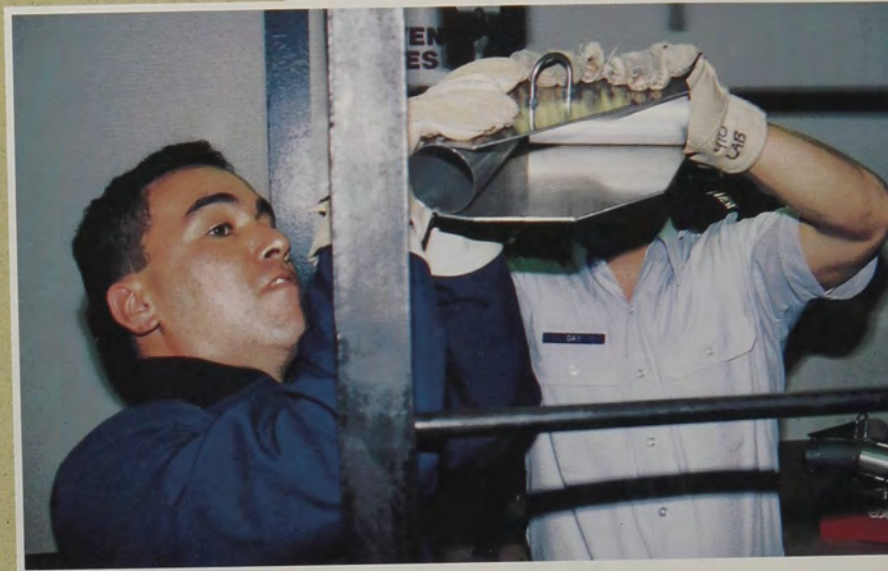


Sitting in a bicycle custom built with her in mind. The members of this project go so far as to show their creation in use at the Engineering 410 fair. Photo by S. Morris

Showing off the fruits of her group's labor, CTC Michele McVety makes herself available for questions at the Engineering 410 project fair. Photo by S. Morris

A single idea that starts with a simple block of wood. CTC Kory Miike takes time to visualize his masterpiece before making the initial cuts. Photo by S. Morris

Very convincing...this cadet attempts to show the importance of his 410 project with a little help from his backboard and pictures. Photo by S. Morris



"A little to the right, now to the left ... careful." These cadets do a little straining while trying to hang part of their 410 project. Photo by S. Morris



Dreaded feedback. Listening for any helpful hints for his next presentation, C1C Joe Pasqualini braces himself for this instructor's comments. Photo by S. Morris

No Purple Heart received. This cadet shows the dangers involved when doing battle with Engineering 410 projects. Photo by C. Harris



BUILT TO BE USED

*Projects
benefit
community
members*

The Skills Exam was given on a Friday morning, and for the senior class it was almost as stressful as the day the AFSC Assignments were handed out. The exam had nine questions, and a cadet was required to complete six of those questions—in order to pass, he/she had to get four questions correct.

While this may seem like an easy feat, the majority of the questions dealt with aeronautics, engineering mechanics and chemistry—many of the “fuzzy” majors at the Academy were quaking in their ‘frames. “I have a huge sinking feeling in my stomach...I’m a management major, not an aero or astro major!” said C1C Fred Cunningham a few days before the exam was to be given. Luckily for him, the exam did contain a few questions on management and English.

The week after the exam, each class day brought the same question to the instructor: “Well, did I pass or not?” Due to the way the exam was graded, and the course requirements, many firsties did not find out what they got until over a week after the exam was taken. “I wish they’d just tell us, and get it over with,” remarked C1C Dave Kirby the following week.

Once the exam was completed the “real fun” of the course began. Each section of



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approximately twenty cadets was required to design, construct, and write a comprehensive report on their group project for the semester. The Spring Semester sections had a variety of projects to do, all of them community service oriented: handicapped access ramps, a trailer for the Boy Scouts, playgrounds, and a cabinet system for the disabled.

From the beginning, the class was almost entirely run by cadets—with some help and guidance from their instructor. Within the first few lessons, each section chooses a Program Manager, and he directed the work of the class as they strived to complete their project correctly and on time. However, the group couldn't just build the project in a day; they had to do Conceptual Design Reviews, Preliminary Design Reviews, and a lot of paperwork before the final product was delivered. After the first presentation to his instructor, C1C John Carr (one of many Program Managers) said, “This is going to be a **long** semester.”

But, with graduation in sight, most of the sections gave all their effort to the project so they could toss their hats in the air on 1 June 1994.

By Michael Grunwald

*Extra-curricular interests pave
road to better leadership skills*





Extra-curricular lives, cadets and clubs go hand-in-hand ... continuing the tradition of bettering oneself through outside interests stayed

Clubs

at the forefront of cadet priorities. While those cadets in established clubs took the school year as a time to continue the tradition of excellence, other cadets who didn't find their niche decided to create a home of their own.

Included in the new and improved clubs were an Engineering Honor Society, a behavioral science club and the kyaking club. Each filled a specific need that was not answered prior to this year. These additions were more important than one might first be led to believe.

In a survey done of officers who were once Air Force Academy cadets, it showed that these graduates believe that involvement in clubs gave them skills that actually made them better officers. During a time when the Air Force is getting more competitive be assured that cadets will be using their outside activities as a way to better themselves for their future.

T radition

Taking advantage of the Rocky Mountains, members of the Mountaineering Club and their sponsor enjoy the fruits of their labors, a view beyond compare. Photo provided by the Mountaineering Club

Team travels to Canada and takes first in team handball TOURNAMENT

On a 40 x 20 meter court, 12 men fight it out over a small, bouncy ball. No, its not basketball, nor indoor soccer, or some new screwy tennis game. It's men's team handball. An unknown sport to many, the men's team handball club is one of the best in the nation.

Like many club sports, they have to put in a lot of time and effort just to get the people, place, and time practice. The team tried to meet at least two times a week in the early evening after the club members finished intramurals and before academic call to quarters. When the team was able to get an open court, they were only able to practice on what was considered half of a regulation court. Despite these drawbacks, the team was able to succeed. The team hosted the second annual Falcon Cup at the Olympic Training Center. The reason the tournament was held at the OTC was due to the fact that there was no room available in the cadet gymnasium. The team place fourth overall, which included a loss to a team made up of National and Olympic team handball members.

What made this year a great one for the team was that they traveled to a tournament in Calgary, Canada and took first place. The Falcons were the first American team to win it all this tournament. The team credited

their success to Dennis Harrison, the team OIC Major David LaRevee, and Captain Jake Ryan.

The team's next goal is to qualify for NCAA Division I status. C1C Darell Hubbard said working for Division I status is important to the team, "As a Division I team, we can compete against better teams and gain more experience."

By Beth Roland

Up and about. Right Back C2C Phil Parker, floats above the defense for a simple shot into the goal. Photo by C. Grosjean



This is going to hurt you more than it's going to hurt me. Left Back, C2C James Johnson pressures the defense as he goes for a shot. He was fouled as he tried to jump into the crease. Photo by C. Grosjean





Fake Out. Center C1C Mike Dellert circles past the rim of the defenses looking for an opening in the crease. Photo by C. Grosjean

Moving through spread eagle. Left Back, John Cummins successfully breaks through the defense for an easy jump shot. Photo by C. Grosjean



Men's Team Handball



Ninjitsu
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Honor Guard

The USAFA Honor Guard wear and show their patches with pride. Hard work, dedication, and perseverance are what members must demonstrate to wear "the patch."

This Freshman Sabre Drill Team demonstrate their accuracy and discipline as one teammate walks through the "sabre toss."



Sabre Drill

The USAFA Sabre Drill team adorned with sabres form up for a group shot. The sabre symbolizes the leadership learned and demonstrated by cadets at the Academy.



Sabre drill team represents USAFA around the world **DRILLING**

Another team here at the Academy has taken on the challenge of competition. The USAFA Sabre Drill Team took their efforts to drill meets and were noticed. The team had competed before, but not in recent years. They went back into competition to bring visibility to the Academy and to the ceremonial art of sabre drill.

The Fourthclass Cadet member of the Sabre Drill Team practices his routine individually before joining the other members for a performance.

The entire Sabre Drill Team practices for the big performance while senior ranking members make minor corrections. Lots of practice is what makes the team so good.

Besides their regular performances trips, the team competed in three drill meets. At Tulane University in New Orleans, the team came in two places behind the USAFA Honor Guard Team. The team's goal was not to beat out Honor Guard. "We're not in competition with Honor Guard, we're just trying to be recognized as a sharp drill team," said C3C Sands. At Bowling Green University, the team won many awards including Best Drill Unit. They performed well again at the University of Illinois taking awards in inspection and exhibition. What makes the team unique was the fact that they were the only team which used sabres in their drill. Most other drill teams perform with rifles. "We're a novelty, something new and different," explained C3C Anderson, "we even got some compliments from the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team." And for the team, that was the mark of success.

Another way the team tried to promote sabre drill this year was to revise the "Sabre Drill Manual" which they had written. This revised edition of the manual was sent to ROTC units and other service academies around the world.

By Beth Roland

Slow pitch softball

Send it to first ... with a gigantic heave, the Falcon shortstop sends the ball sailing toward first base to snag another runner out.

Photo by C. Harris

Men's slow pitch softball team
FRONT ROW (L to R): Greg McCleary, Kyle Sanders, Pat Bogue, JJ Johnson, Jason Baker. BACK ROW: Brian Baldwin, Nate Huber, Derek Gabbard, Troy Lohmeyer, Capt. Rogel, Ernie Wearren.
Photo by C. Harris



Powerlifting Team

Dropping the weights long enough to get a picture, members of the powerlifting team had to be strong to carry home all their trophies. Photo by S. Morris



**Fighting the
odds men's
slow pitch
takes to the**

PLAYING FIELD



The men's slow pitch softball team started exactly the way it's named, slow, but the team really picked it up at the end of the season. Before the season began, 30 cadets tried out for the five slots available on the team. Once the team was finally selected, a rough road stood in front of them.

The team couldn't get SCA or limited on season status in order to practice or participate in tournaments. This did not allow cadets to miss intramurals, parades, or mandatory formations to play or practice. The result were small sluggish practices and short handed teams traveling to games.

Because of these things, the

team didn't perform very well. But, with more playing time together, the team finally meshed. In the last tournament of the season, the softball team won four of six games.

The team will lose seven starters to graduation and hope that new players will try out to fill their voids.

Despite the slow start and grim prospects, a member of the team commented that playing was enjoyable.

"Most of us who are on the team, either played baseball in high school or even here for awhile," C3C JJ Johnson said. "We love competition and this gives us the opportunity to gain more experience while playing a sport we really like."

By Rob Sepp

Get your chin in when you pitch! This ball is sent screaming toward home plate as the Falcon pitcher gets yet another strike. Photo by C. Harris



Hey batter, batter, batter swing! With a tremendous blast, this batter sends the ball sailing into deep, deep center field. Photo by C. Harris

Ready for anything that comes his way, C3C JJ Johnson stands guard prepared for a hit down the line. Photo by C. Harris

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Los Padrinos



Protestant Choir



Watch out Ginger and Fred, C2C Roberto Figuero and his dance partner cut up the dance floor during a Spanish musical mix.
Photo by M. Darakijy

Catholic Choir





Celebrating cultural differences two clubs come together to **PARTY DOWN**

As I got closer to the ballroom dance floor, I could hear the salsa music wafting through the dimly lit Arnold Hall corridor...I could tell this would be a night to remember, and indeed it was.

Two societies came together to create this special dance called Sal-Soul. Los Padrinos, and Way of Life (two clubs open to all cadets, that provide members with Hispanics or black officer

leadership and support) decided to band together to offer Academy cadets a taste of two ethnic worlds. And it was obvious that it was being enjoyed by all heritages as they swayed their bodies to the smooth sounds of salsa, or hip-hopped to rap and soul.

Once again the two committees bonded as one to learn more about each other, not only in the professional realm of officership, but also on a social level on the dance floor.

By Aurelia Dillard

Taking time to slow it down, C2C Chris Ingleton and C4C Genevieve Jackson catch their breath on the dance floor while enjoying the music. Photo by M. Darakij



Picking up some new Spanish dance steps from her partner C1C Victor Moncrieffe, C2C Kim Betts waits for the music to start before showing off her hidden talent. Photo by M. Darakij

So much music and so little time C4C Tannia Kustka gives D.J. C4C Dave Lopez-Cucurillo some helpful hints on what to play during the next set. Photo by M. Darakij

Competing for the win in deep deep snow SKIING

When people think of skiing at the Academy, they think of fun filled days of cutting it up on a mountain. However, there are other cadets who think of skiing as a competition. These cadets can be found as members of the Alpine skiing team.

In the fall, men and women interested in trying out for the team work out with current members of the team. The team then went through a rigorous training program of running, lifting, agility drills, and strength drills. After the workouts, the team was selected and moved to the mountains as soon as the snow fell to prepare for the season.

While preparing for the season, the men's and women's teams set the same goal. In order for the season to be considered successful they wanted to qualify for regionals. To get there, the team had to compete four times against the schools of the Colorado Conference. The competitions consisted of each team member making two runs on Friday and two Saturday. Then, the times of all runs were combined and the times from the top three from each team made up the final team time. Both teams did so well at these competition that they met their goal and qualified for regionals. Regionals were held in Winter Park, Colorado and success once again

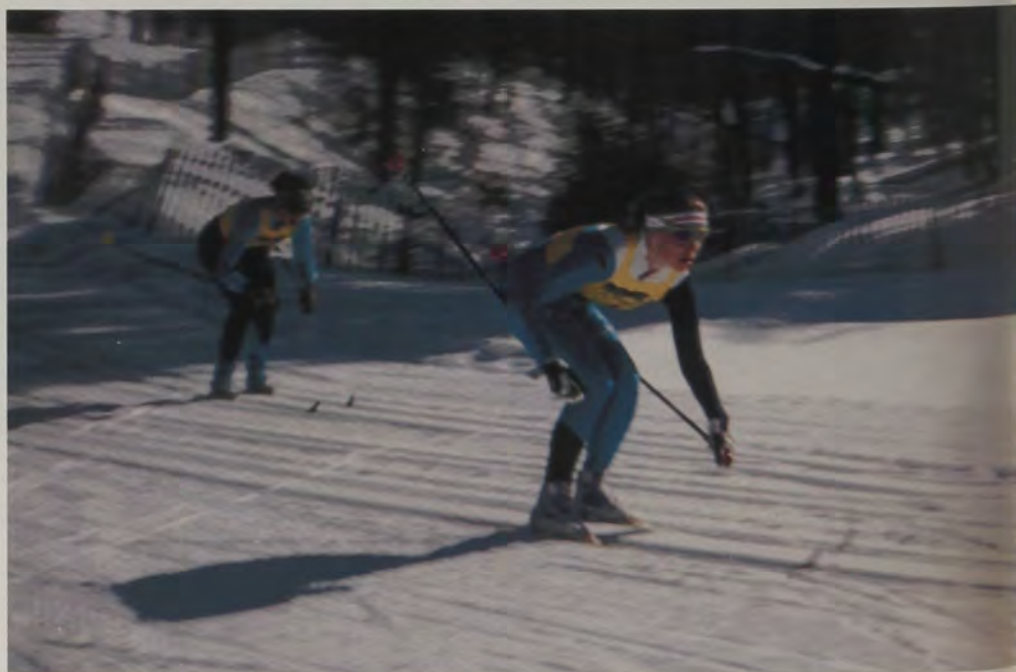
belonged to the Academy. The men's team qualified for nationals for only the second time in history with their top five finish. The women's team did not place as high as the men in regionals, but the season was still a success. At nationals, the men's team could not repeat the performance they made at regionals, but like the women's team, the season was still considered a success.

Many of this year's team members from both the men's and women's teams will be returning and they are looking forward to another successful season.

By Rob Sepp

End of the line. After completing a grueling course C1C Debra Hoiu is just "drop dead" tired as she lays over the finish line.

Falcon in flight. On the downhill, C1C Lauren Sheahan flies past her competition by staying low.





Alpine Skiing

The USAFA Alpine Ski Team. (L to R)
Deb Hoium, John Litecky, Jeromie
Sheldon, Carl Hagen, Keel Ross,
Lauren Sheahan, Doug Heckman,
Michael Brothers, Jennifer Allen

"Who put this hill here anyway?" Step
by step, C1C Jennifer Allen makes her
way through a steep portion of the
course, closely chased by C1C Lauren
Sheahan.



Cross Country Skiing

The USAFA Cross Country Ski Team.
Back: Jennifer Rollins, Heather
McGinnis, Raquel Earley, Dawn
Wagner, Amber Mason, Shira Ravitz;
Front: Tom Price, Jason Frazee, Jared
Hutchinson, Jey Worley, Rob O'Neil,
Pete Vitt, Sean Mirus

Just out taking Fido for a stroll. Even though some people thought the Terrazzo 10K was "for the dogs," others enjoyed putting that little idea to shame. Photo by M. Darakij

A new meaning to "grin and bare it." The heat that moved in for the Terrazzo 10K led most people to run it as quickly as possible.



Navigation

Navigation Club: (L to R) Courtney Miner, John Newby, Costas Leonidou, Dave Kirby, Brian Fitzgerald, Todd Bolinger, Joe Pasqualini, Jim Collins, Mike Grunwald, Eric Zihmer, Jason Brown, Mark Blomme



**Gutting
it out
when times
get tough**

TERRAZZO 10K

There has always been two traditions that cadets have tried to abide by since the doors of the Academy opened; physical fitness and charitable deeds. The cadets of Fourth Group tried to combined these two ideas this spring in order to establish yet another new tradition at USAFA. The result was the Terrazzo 10K run and 5K walk.

The idea behind the Terrazzo 10K and 5k was to get military members and civilians to come to the Academy to show off their physical prowess and at the same

time raise money for a local charity. To raise these donations, there was a minimal entry fee to participate. All money raised went to the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs. When people paid to race, they took home a T-shirt and a piece of the Academy in the form of terrazzo block to symbolize their participation.

The turn out for the beautiful day of the race was good. Not only did cadets participate, but people of all ages were seen running in front of Vandenberg Hall. "I saw mothers and fathers pushing their children in carts and people well over their fifties out running. It was impressive," said C4C Michelle Carns, a participant in the Terrazzo 10K run. The race carried runners throughout the variable altitudes of the cadet area. When asked about the course, Carns' first reaction was: "It was a very tough course. Running over the Overlook isn't ever fun." Even with this difficult course, everyone crossed the finish line with a smile because they knew they ran for a good cause.

The Terrazzo 10K run and 5K walk was a success and raised a few thousand dollars for charity. It may establish itself as a tradition because of the reaction of people like Carns, "I'd run the 10K again. I would like an easier course, but I would do it again."

By Rob Sepp



*I was running through the park one day.... Even USAFA cadets came out to give the Terrazzo 10K a shot.
Photo by M. Darakij*

1, 2, 3, 4 I love the Marine Corps. These two members of the corps show their stuff. They were easily the winners of the best dressed runner award.



Get your self in the dark blue river KAYAKING

This new club gave cadets the opportunity to learn how to use a kayak both in the pool and out in the open water. The club taught many new kayakers this year and will continue to do so for free. Downtown these lessons would cost approximately \$300. Members are not allowed to go out into the open water until they passed several difficult safety tests. The result of these strict rules was a 100 percent safety record.

Another important aspect of the kayaking club was its structure and opportunity for leadership experience. C2C Mark Lindsey explained, "The club was very well organized. If a cadet was in charge of training, he or she was personally responsible for making sure members were properly prepared before they entered the open water. Our OIC, Captain Burgess from the management department, felt this type of organization and leadership experience was important for the club and he's the one who was responsible for our success in our first year."

Anyone interested in the water, boats, or just recreational activities should give it a try. Not only will cadets enjoy themselves

in the kayaking club, but they will gain a valuable leadership experience when they experience this new tradition.

By Rob Sepp

Giving a buddy a good tuck. After getting in a kayak, these two cadets make final adjustments to the skirt so practice can begin. Photo By M. Darakij

A really hard roll out. C2C Mark Lindsey tries to perfect his eskimo roll during a team practice. Photo By M. Darakij



Spin cycle, kayak style! This cadet gives his buddy in the kayak a little help flipping his craft. Photo By M. Darakij



Scuba Club

The scuba club "docks" temporarily for a huddle shot. Spending a lot of time under water builds friendships and teamwork.



Kayaking Club

Look mom, no hands. This cadet stops for a quick snap shot while practicing his underwater recovery. Photo By M. Darakij

The kayaking club comes ashore for a little group fun....and a much needed rest! Photo By M. Darakij

HASAN-CHOP, practicing his karate moves this actor appears to have an advantage over his partner. It is amazing what a journalistic argument can lead to. Photo by B. Fallis

Working together to produce a liberal magazine these actors play the typical role of underground newspaper people. One partner, very business oriented, snarls at his partner, the more creative writing type. Photo by B. Fallis



C3C Kim Davis, C2C Jason Ogrin, C2C Jim Fuchs and a bluebard choreographer/costume designer finalize stage movements and costume wear at the last dress rehearsal the day of the play's opening. "Star Spangled Girl," the opening play of the season went off with smashing success. Photo by B. Fallis



Cadets showcase their theatrical skills through plays and musicals

BLUEBARDS

Changing traditions occurred throughout the Academy this year. Bluebards is a good example of how they changed. Bluebards is a club which allowed cadets to

showcase their theatrical skills through plays and musicals which are presented to the public in the Arnold Hall theater. The idea and structure for this organization was modeled after the group "Taps In Blue", a theatrical group that is sponsored by the Air Force and performs shows at many bases.

The Bluebards' year started with two unprecedented breaks with tradition. First, members of the club decided that they could work better without an Officer-In-Charge (OIC) and voted to work without one. Typically every club is sponsored by an officer who is responsible for the financial and administrative aspects of the organization. Second, an internal rift within the group created a division that started a new, unofficial theatrical group called "Show Choir." The show choir performances are more musical in nature. It offers the members of each program to choose plays or musicals. In many cases members choose both and find themselves extremely busy throughout the year.

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Dance, Dance, Dance! These bluebard actors practice their dance moves in the Arnold Hall ballroom. A setting other than the stage gives members a fresh environment in which to perfect their act. Photo by B. Fallis

Practice makes perfect. Looking a little fishy, this acting crew practices during a non-dress rehearsal. Photo by M. Darakij



One scene in the play "Into The Woods" featured everybody's favorite..... Little Red Riding Hood. Unfortunately she has met a not-so-friendly Big Bad Wolf. Photo by M. Darakij



**The
showcase
continues**

SHOWCHOIR

Even with these problems, each group was able to put on two performances. The Bluebards performed Neil Simon's "Star Spangled Girl" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." The fall production of "Star Spangled Girl" was the opening attraction of the year and paved the way for the success of the following performances. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" was a more hearty drama picked for the spring performance. Show Choir was busy spinning their wheels with "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" as their first production ever. "Into the Woods" was their follow-up entertainment during graduation week. Both organizations astounded viewers with their versatility of lighthearted and serious drama.

At the end of the year, there was even more discord among the members of both groups which resulted in an unexpected power struggle and coup d'état which resulted in new CICs. The reason for this fight was over personal favoritism and the questioning of

the possibility of "Hair" becoming one of the performances by Bluebards next year. It will be interesting to see how Bluebards and Show Choir react to these and many other unforeseen changing traditions.

**By Rob Sepp and
Mike Brevard**

C1C Jim Fabio, C2C Tanya Schnorr, and C2C Steve England argue about script changes during a script rehearsal. Sometimes smiles and jokes keep the stress levels down. Photo by C. Harris

More crazies! It's clear more than "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." These cadet actors get to portray roles very different from their own reality. Photo by C. Harris





Kick-two-three! Old fashioned line dancing was part of the enjoyable performance at this Showchoir production. Photo by M. Darakij

More crazy antics! The laughter abounded as these cadets went the extra mile to prove they were out of the ordinary. The atmosphere proved very believable to the audience. Photo by C. Harris



This scene portrays a prince sneaking a kiss from the young maiden. Photo by M. Darakij

This actor portrays a crazy person.... as he does what crazy people do. Photo by C. Harris

Aikido Club

Back: Kevin Berent, Mike Lyons, Scott Angerman, Zachary Wood, Jay Custine, Mark Brownell, Gerardo Smith, Captain Gomes (Club OIC); Front: Christopher Skora (Club CIC), Tom Koloski, Sensei Ed Peteroy, Shane Steinke, Jon Plasterer

CIC Mike Sierco successfully parries and counter strikes during his kickboxing match.



Karate Club

Cycling Team



Age old art dating back very many years **KARATE**

C2C Erin Pyle executes a palm hand strike to C2C Eric Crawford's chin. The karate club is a conglomerate of many different styles ranging from shotokan karate, Muay Thai kickboxing, taekwondo, kempo, and kung fu.



Looking into the 3,194 page Webster's New International Unabridged Dictionary published around 1957, the word "karate" was nowhere to be found. Referencing another dictionary, this time Webster's New World Dictionary from 1990, it defined "karate" as "a Japanese system of self-defense by sharp, quick blows with the hands and feet." However, in Japanese, karate means open hand fighting.

Although karate is a well-known martial art in the United States, it is a relatively new one. It is new in the sense that it was introduced to the U.S. around the 50s and 60s. Its popularity soared due in large part to the activities of Mr. Edward Parker, considered the founder of American Karate.

At USAFA, the karate club

practiced American karate. In essence, the style used was a combination of many different styles ranging from Shotokan karate, Shorinji kempo, Muay Thai kickboxing, American boxing, taekwondo, and some styles of Northern or Southern Chinese kung-fu. Those who were adept in their styles tried to share a little of what they knew to the rest of the club. It was not unusual to see a black belt in taekwondo teaching class one day and then a black belt in kempo teaching class the next day.

Despite the variety of styles, the main emphasis was learning traditional Japanese karate-do with its classical wide stances, sweeping blocks, and very linear movements. Katas, or forms, were also a big part of the instruction.

For the past several years, the club has been under the tutelage of Mr. Dave Cummings, the current World Champion of Muay Thai kickboxing. C2C Eric Crawford, the club C1C, along with C1C Mike Sierco, and C2C Greg Hopkins participated in early spring in a kickboxing tournament held at Lewis Palmer High School. In front of a crowd of 500 spectators, it was the first time the club had entered in a kickboxing tournament. In the end, C1C Mike Sierco and C2C Greg Hopkins emerged with titles.

By Joe Gordon

Women's Bowling

(L to R) Jennifer Bivens, Christine Tholen, Diana White, Katherine Meyer, Yvone Sorokin



Community youth enjoy good times in Springs with NEW FRIENDS

Officially known as the Falcon Club, Big Brothers and Big Sisters is one of many organizations that enjoys helping the community. At the beginning of the year, there is a membership drive in the Cadet Wing. However, not everyone can be a Big Brother or a Big Sister. There is an interview process for cadets who want to be a part of this YMCA sponsored club. Also, cadets must submit reference letters to describe their background and personality. The reason for this extensive procedure is to make sure people who are accepted into the program are good role models for the children involved, which is the purpose of Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

When people are accepted into the club, they are matched up with children, who are affectionately known as "littles." The cadets and littles meet once a month at an event sponsored by the YMCA. However, they can meet more often on their own time. Also, cadets will frequently call the home of the little to check up on them.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters is rewarding for all involved, especially cadets. One fourthclassman involved in the

program said: "I had a lot of fun. It was the highlight of the year because I knew I was giving love and affection to someone who may not get enough at home."

By Rob Sepp

Four! This young golfer looks on as his cadet brother models the perfect putting stance. Rumor has it he missed. Photo by J. Tipton

Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes! This cadet watches as his little counterparts blast away at the targets moving down range. Photo by J. Tipton



Dooo! Even though his shirt says kick Army's butt, this cadet seems like he's getting a little butt kicking himself. Photo by A. Dillard



This cute young lady realizes she's on camera, and poses with a pretty smile. Photo by A. Dillard

*A little care under the big top. These cadets make sure their little brothers and sisters won't be sorry later for their "day in the sun."
Photo by J. Tipton*



Aero Club

The aero club lines up near an F-15 Eagle for a quick snapshot. These cadets fly nearly every day. Photo by S. Morris

Pistol Club

The pistol team huddles for a group shot. Precision shooting is their goal. Photo by B. Knowlton

Locked, cocked and ready to rock. This cadet pauses to reload his two pistols. Many cadets furnish both their own weapons and ammunition for practice. Photo by B. Knowlton



Breathe, relax, squeeze. This cadet slowly applies pressure to the trigger as he keeps the sights perfectly lined up. Photo by B. Knowlton



**Practicing
with your
pistol improves
your accuracy**

PISTOL CLUB

The pistol team is a spin off of the varsity pistol team that was a part of the Athletic Department. When the team was cut from the Athletic program, the pistol club was formed. The pistol team is competitive and is limited to twenty cadets and one manager. The purpose behind the club is to offer recreational shooting to cadets as well as teach them care and use. Cadets have the opportunity to shoot various caliber pistols in various stances. The club also shoots the Navy qualification course with the chance of earning the Navy qualification ribbon. This

year was different than the past in that the team recruiting occurred in late January. Prior to tryouts, the team did not have enough members to field a Sectional or National team in any of the three events. What happened after tryouts is a Cinderella story.

The Air Force Academy's pistol team captured the overall National Team Champion Aggregate at the 14th Annual NRA Intercollegiate Pistol Championship at the Olympic Training Center. At the championship, C1C Dave Vondrak, C2C Aaron Hartzler, C3C Brent Cobb, and C3C Scott Morrison captured the gold medal in standard pistol. Vondrak, Hartzler, Cobb, and C4C Jason Repak captured the bronze medals in both air and free pistol. The team competed for the Aggregate Championship with ten other teams who qualified for Nationals.

By Rob Sepp

Nice shootin' Tex. This cadet practices keeping a locked arm to improve his standing position down at the range. Photo by B. Knowlton

Long ago, when men were men... C2C Todd MacIer watches as C2C Gordon Hunter polishes his piece after an impressive display of his gunslinging abilities. Photo by B. Knowlton

Archery Club

The USAFA mighty archery club rendezvous for a shot with their trophies. Mounts and pelts decorate their festive lodge.



Competition Flying

Cadet Competition Flying Team
Front: Jon Scheer, Brian Van Matre, Rich Lubey, Becky Bernadini, Jeff Barchers, Jim Collins, Mark Mitchum, Scott Allison, Wes Headrick; **Back:** Adam Flood, Chuck Padalak, Dave Orth, Mark Garnett, Doug Greenleaf, Brock Lorber
 Photo provided by R. Lubey



Rise and shine. Dew still covers the field as the morning sun burns off the last bit of fog. Cadets awaken early on Saturday to start their trek of Philmont Scout Ranch.
 Photo by B. Boyd

Rodeo Club

The rodeo club rounds up for a group shot. This organization represents the Academy in many rodeos every year.



Go camping and exploring in the vast wide open **EXPLORERS**



Do you enjoy growing closer to nature through hiking and camping? Then, the explorers club could be just for you.

The explorers club is a national organization which is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. A majority of members

in the club are former Boy and Girl scouts. Members are heavily involved in understanding camping and outdoor skills. When cadets have mastered these abilities, they can help younger scouts in several different capacities.

In the winter, the explorers host the Freezoree in Jack's Valley. During this camp out, cadets demonstrate winter survival skills to local Boy Scouts. Throughout the year, the Explorers will go downtown to several Girl Scout troops and teach them how to build fires and tie knots. Finally, Explorers are given an opportunity to showcase their talents in the summer while they participate in a summer leadership program. Cadets go to Philmont Boy Scout reservation and become a park ranger for three weeks as they lead scouts through the forests and mountains of New Mexico.

If you've never gone camping before, and aren't sure if the explorers is for you just listen to this member of the club: "If you've never camped before, it's a good experience. It will introduce you to the outdoors and you take away an experience that teaches you to enjoy nature for a lifetime."

By Rob Sepp

Designated water boy. C4C Darren Ellisor replenishes the only limiting factor of the Philmont trip: water. Cadets had to wait an hour for purified water to drink. Photo by B. Boyd

Nothing raises spirits like a nice fire. After building a fire, C4C Ellisor and Doyle relax while dinner is cooking. Cadets built fire pits for low impact camping. Photo by B. Boyd



What a view. C4C Mark Hudnall, C4C Darren Ellisor, and C4C Shannon Doyle relax and watch the last bit of sunlight fade behind the mountains after a full day of hiking with forty pound backpacks. Photo by B. Boyd



Handball

Senior Steve Lindemuth gets ready to rip a cross court drive serve during one of his matches this winter at the Colorado Springs Pikes Peak YMCA tournament. Photo By B. Scharton

Front: Jimmy Fuller, Celeste Colvin, Michael Gonzalez, Frank Watson, Steve Lindemuth, David Salisbury; Back: Kristin Vanderberg, Kris Norwood, Chung Low



Wings Of Blue

Front: Nate Hansen, Joel Higley, Peggy Coffey, Tim Russell, Tobie McMaster, Chris Kean, Dane Crawford, Rich Murray, Jesse Hernandez, Shawn Cochran; Back: Rebecca Sonkiss, Scott Kelter, Matt Kenton, Kjell Lindgren, Karl Koch, Doug Pratt, Jason Fisk, Warren Sneed, Don Mentch, Gregg Leisman, Chris Sage, Alex Anastasiou, Scott Taylor, Rick Wageman



Wings Of Green

Front: Mike Manion, Doug Brock, Jeff Meade, Eric Delwiche, Tim Kao, Mike Varner, Mike Rahm, Brent Buckner, Pete Boseman; Back: Alan Wigdahl, Jon Wheeler, Dave Nilles, George Schwartz, Jake Lundberg, Matt Burba, Kevin Kozuch, Dant St. Clair, Brent Maier, Darin Hoenle, Dustin Allred, Phil Stodick, Rich Sherrow

Handball team excels at local tournaments

SMACKING

The Air Force Academy's men's and women's handball team once again finished in the top 10 at the 1994 United States Handball Association (USHA) National Intercollegiate Handball Tournament.

Pacific University was the host

Junior Celeste Colvin watches her opponent make a return during one of the matches at nationals. Celeste advanced to the semifinals in the Women's B Division, the highest finish ever for an Academy female handball player. Photo By B. Scharton

Senior team captain Kris Norwood unleashes a vicious forehand kill shot to the right corner during one of his matches at the 1994 USHA Collegiate Nationals. Photo By B. Scharton

for the 1994 national tournament that took place February 24-27 in Portland, Oregon. A total of 22 colleges participated in the 1994 national event.

The Academy's men's handball team placed eighth in the men's final standings while the women's team captured fifth place. In the men's and women's combined team competition, the Academy placed seventh in the final standings.

C2C Celeste Colvin from CS-01 advanced to the semifinals in the Women's B Division. This was the highest finish ever for an Academy female handball player.

The other cadets who represented the Academy at the national tournament were C1C Kristopher Norwood, C1C Steven Lindemuth, C2C David Salsbury, C2C Chung Low, C3C Frank Watson, C4C Matthew Orlowski, and C2C Kristin Vanderberg.

During the course of the winter handball season, members of the cadet handball team participated in tournaments in Denver, Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, and Cheyenne, Wyoming. In April, cadet handball team members played in the Colorado State Singles Championships in Lakewood, CO.

By Bill Scharton

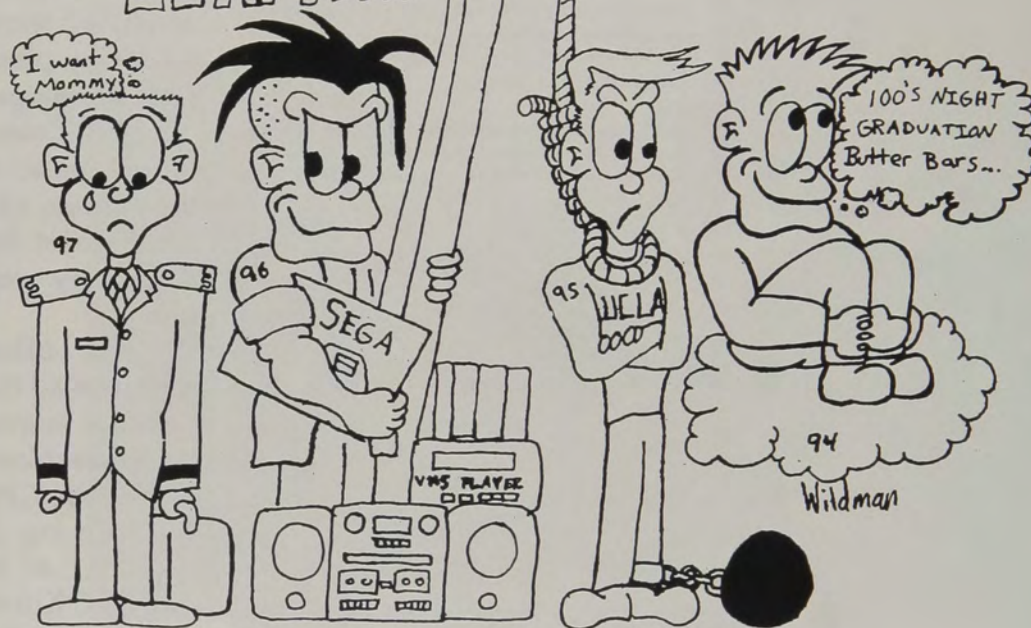


DODO STAFF

The DODO staffers in rare form,
Photo by S. Morris



THE AFTER CHRISTMAS
RETURN
TO USAFA...



POLARIS EDITING STAFF

Look at the quality photo! The producers of the yearbook gather for the most well developed shot of the book. Timeliness and organization are what allow these editors to produce a quality publication. Photo by B. Scharton



Remember when there was training? We could say things like:

GET YOUR CHIN IN.



Now all we can do is smoke & joke with the fourthclassmen:

PULL MY FINGER



idea: HOMESLICE

A humorous look at cadets and their habits

THE DODO

One of the many praised organizations in Cadet Wing Media is the DODO magazine. The DODO is a newspaper magazine which provides a humorous look at cadet life. The odd ball humorists who produce the publication poke fun at cadets and their unusual habits.

The Dodo was headed by C2C Mark Piper. His new

organizational style and his hard working staff provided quality humor to the Wing. Many times Wing Staff became the butt of the joke by enforcing nonsense policies and just being Wing Staff. Their continued hard work will surely lighten the tough times with satirical humor.

By Michael Brevard

Sir, it seems like every day I get a little more cynical.

Here kid. Have a Dodo.

Yes Sir.



MWH INSPECTIONS GONE BAD...

DO YOU HAVE ANY FIREARMS IN HERE?



NO. TURN AROUND AND WALK AWAY.



Cadet humor at its best! These DODO cartoons are among many produced in this year's issues. Cartoons by DODO staff

A new meaning to team hug. Even though they would like her to stay, this cadet seems very determined to break out on her own.
Photo by S. Weston

"Where do you think you're goin'?" After a full speed chase, this cadet finally catches her opponent for a take down. Photo by S. Weston



Men's Bowling

(L to R) Mark Takamiya, Frank Delsing, Shawn Gunter, David Siress, Rouven Steeves



Hoping for a little Miss Butterfingers. From a good stance and with a good grip, C2C Jennifer Smith tries to force the ball out of her opponents hands and back in play. Photo by S. Weston



When people mention rugby, they usually think of rough looking guys who are scarred from head to toe and are missing a few teeth. However, a new tradition is starting at the Academy in regards to that physical abuse some people find fun.

Four years ago, a national collegiate Final Four was started for women's rugby and every year the Falcon ruggers have made an appearance. For the second time in four years, the women's rugby team returned to the Academy with a national championship. Air Force defeated the semifinalist

Able to leap tall rugby players in a single bound. This player jumps to get a view of her teammates waiting for the pass. Photo by S. Weston



Quicker than lightning USAFA women rock the house

RUGBY

University of Oregon and went on to face rival Boston College which was the team they faced for their first national championship. Air Force won 7-3 with tournament MVP C1C Tracy Hubbard scoring the game's only tri. Hubbard was named All-American along with C1C Yvonne Spencer, C1C Virginia Weldon, C1C Patty Rodriguez-Rey, C2C Heidi Wahlman, and C3C Joyce Gange.

To prepare for their run at the national championship, the women's rugby team played a difficult schedule of club teams. The clubs with such as long time nemesis as the Old Girls, are tougher than most college teams. The schedule was so tough this year that the team lost three starters and had to restructure the team, but players such as Gange filled the voids nicely. The team made it through their tough regular season with the assistance of C1C Pete Smith and Senior Airman Craig Bultz and due to this preparation cruised through regional to the Final Four.

When asked how physical the games are, team captain and Final Four MVP Tracy Hubbard said: "Oh, my aching banana!" Despite the pain, the women's rugby team has established and will continue a new tradition at USAFA.

By Rob Sepp

*Rolling with the punches, change
is no stranger to Class of '94*





"Red Hot '94" met the redefining of tradition head on when they walked in the door and became the first class to face the "Hard Out"

Firsties

policy. This policy did not allow basics to leave until after BCT and it continued through the 1993 BCT training. Since that fateful summer, the Class of 1994 rolled with the punches.

During their stay at USAFA, this class saw changes such as the clock breaking during Recognition, Part I, SERE dropping the "E" off its pronunciation, and pilot slots changing from as many as needed to 225.

Although traditions such as soaring, T-41, and the Ring Dance remained untouched, the Class of 1994 will always remember the "new traditions" they suffered through together and how it prepared them for the new, ever changing Air Force careers that they will now embark upon.

By Rob Sepp

T radition

All smiles and hi-fives, these newly graduated lieutenants enjoy the first few moments of the rest of their lives. Despite all the tough times 1,008 people from the Class of '94 walked across the platform on June 1 to receive their diplomas. Photo by C. Grosjean

MACH ONE 01

Jeffrey Lloyd Babinski
Babs
Sharon, ND
Human Factors Engineering

To everyone that I have known here the last four years - You are what makes this place bearable. My special thanks go to Mom, Dad, Carrie, the fellas and especially to Tricia. Without your support, and a lot of divine intervention, I would have never made it through this place. And finally, thanks to the last minute, or nothing would have ever gotten done!

And, walking, I went beyond the fence.
- "R is for Rocket" by Ray Bradbury

Kevin Michael Barnes
KB
Auburn, AL / NJ / Canada
Human Factors Engineering

The very essence of leadership is that you have a vision. - Theodore Hesburgh.
The key to success is attitude.
- Anonymous

LEAD BY EXAMPLE! - KB

I came here to serve my country, to learn, and to lead. I have been afforded all of these opportunities and I am grateful. Many thanks to God, my family, and my friends. Good luck and Godspeed '94, 'til we meet again.



Jason Paul Boal
Exton, PA
Electrical Engineering

The time has come to ramble on. Don't move too fast, if you want your love to last. Take it as it comes. Mom, Dad, Kevin, and Erin... No words are good enough to thank you. All my memories at school are with the team. Friends make a world of a difference. See ya.

Kevin Michael Brooks
K3
Auburn, AL / NJ / GA
Human Factors Engineering

Kareem Charles Brooks
"K.C."
Suffern, NY
Military History

"There is no problem that can't be solved by the suitable application of high explosives." My friends, look beyond yourselves and you will see the world around you. Use your mind or someone will use it for you. Respect those that love you, or you will lose them. As an officer, remember, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few...or the one." Mom & Dad, thanks.



Christopher Anthony Chocolaad
Choco
Juniper, FL
Aeronautical Engineering

Mom, Skip, Dan, Gail - I love you.
For the Friends I have made the past four years - you mean the world to me.

Guns Guns Guns



David Stephen Eaglin
West Memphis, AR
Management

Thanks to Mom, Steph, Grandmaw and the rest of my family for their love, support and understanding. Thanks to all the fellas for keeping me and each other sane through it all, because if we couldn't laugh we'd all go insane. Thanks to Falcon football, the coaches and the team for all the memories. Thanks Bob and Jean for your support too.



Angela Jaime Erickson
Angie
Bedford, TX
Management

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Jo Ann, Grandma and Grandpa, and most importantly God. I would never have made it through the Academy if even one of you had been missing from my life. To all of the Preppies, Mach Oners, Becky & Amy, Tracy, and Sandy, thank you for always being there - I love and miss you all. Ziggy, thank you for being you. "Through adversity, we grow stronger. Failure is never fatal, but failure to change might be."



Cynthia Elaine Green
Cyndi, Cynbad, Toes
Brindisi, Italy
Management

First, and most importantly, I would like to thank my mom and dad for everything they've done for me. Without their love and support, I would never have survived four years at the Academy (Ti amo molto). You hussies on the rugby team made my last two years quite an experience. I wouldn't have missed it for the world! To everyone else (especially Mary, Andrea, Ritz, Chris, Jason): I love you guys! Stay cool!



Craig Michael Harmon
Brownsville, TX
Biology

James, Brady, Mike, Strick, Steve, Choco, Snowy, Mandy, Cindy, Andrea, Homie, Jeff, Tater, Ed, Sammie, Jimmie, Dock, K.C., Joe; all I owe more than I'll ever return. I pray that the Air Force will some day allow me to return some of what I have taken. I appreciate all the understanding my parents have given to me. Most of all I thank God I am outta here!



Andrew Worth Holmberg
Homie
Eden Prairie, MN
Military History

My love and appreciation go out to those who are dearest to me: Mom, Dad, Kathy, Susie, Todd, Rose, and of course the Korns. The Lord has blessed me with your support and love. Thanks to each one of you and thank the Lord.



Jay Edward Johnson
JJ
Cloquet, MN
Human Factors Engineering

I would rather sit alone on a pumpkin than on a crowded velvet cushion. - Henry David Thoreau
Here's to: the power, Snowy, Ev's, camping, skiing, MGD, flaps, and Mach Oners. Thanks Mom, Dad, and the Johnson clan, Plante's, my family, and friends for the love and support. I'm thankful for having met all you here at Camp USAFA. Will I miss you? OH YEAH!!! I sure will! Later, JJ

Shane Alan Knighton
Tater
Charleston, WV.
Aeronautical Engineering

It's hard to believe it's the end of the beginning. Thank you Mom, Dad, and Trav, for the unyielding support with which you helped me succeed. To Strick, Jimmy, Steve, Choco, and Sammy, you're the best. Finally, Thank you Lord for the strength I turned to you for each and every night.
"My soul intention is learning to fly Condition grounded, determined to try Can't keep my eyes from the circling sky." - Pink Floyd



Andrea Marie Lalk
Midland, MI
Astronautical Engineering

Throughout life we search for strength, truth, and love.
The years here have taught us strength. Our friendships have taught us love - the love only true friends share. While we have encountered these, we will always seek THE TRUTH.
AML
It's finally over! I love you Mom, Dad, and Shelly. Thanks for picking me up when I was down and helping me through. Mike - here's to our life together!



Steven Noel Lindemuth
Anchorage, AK
Aeronautical Engineering

Thank you Mom, Laura, Paul, Charlie, Eve, Vernon, and Helen for your help and support, and thank you Dad for your inspiration. I couldn't have done it without each of you.



James Vernon Mott II
Jimmy
Andalusia, AL
Mathematical Sciences

The Academy is kind of like the movie Alice in Wonderland. You're always "late for an important date," and if you screw up it's "off with your head!" To all of my squadron buds, I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks for everything Mom and Dad. I Love You.



Kok Pin Pang
Sammy
Singapore
Aeronautical Engineering

Babi...I miss you.
Went through these four years counting the days left to see my Babi and family again. Thanks to all my buddies and their families who taught and showed me the American way of life. Steve, Choco, Tater, Strick, and Jimmy - "Check Six!"
"To learn and know IT, you have to come and see IT" - The Wise ChinaMan.



David Ronald Parker
Doc
Florence, NJ
Electrical Engineering

Thanks to my family and all who have given me the opportunity and motivation to succeed. It's been an interesting journey. All things considered, I wouldn't trade the memories and friends I've made here for anything in the world.

"The Cause endures, the Hope still lives, the Dream shall never die." - Anonymous



Jeffery Scott Patton
"General"
Bloomington, MN
Astronautical Engineering

My interpretation of life's little instructions: Travel, own a dog, drive fast, collect everything, enjoy all sports, listen to all kinds of music, read Dr. Seuss, play Sega to relieve stress, watch as many movies as possible, drink lots of Mt. Dew, and live in Minnesota. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Roger, all of my friends, and everyone in Mighty Mach One for all the help, support, and love.



Michael Mathew Pelger Jr
Airstrike
State of Ohio
Mathematics

Hi! Partyin' with the van, man. Don't be afraid, Don't look back, Feelin' Satisfied: Boston.

Stephen Michael Pieper

Pipes

Englewood, CO
Mechanical Engineering

"The best way out is always through." - Robert Frost

Singapore Sam, the Skoal Brothers, Heavy-D, KB, Cojones, the Navy Crew, Snowy, JJ, Weston, and the Salty Squids, you guys are the best. I'd do it again in a second. Fair winds, and keep your eyes on the Prize. Thanks Jesus, Kris, Mom, Dad, and the three S's. I wouldn't have made it without you.



Brenda Jean Smith

Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Biology

Things I learned at USAFA:

I really love my family. Freedom is a privilege. Don't expect life to be fair. Smiling works. Things never turn out as planned. Some rules were meant to be broken. Friends and a sense of humor keep you sane. Nobody's an atheist at war. Just to keep your mouth shut! Be yourself and take pride. Don't quit. Friday is coming. Don't confuse comfort with happiness.



Raphael Michael Smith

Ray

Owls Head, ME
Economics

Thank you God, family, and friends for helping me along. I think I've had a good time by most standards. I just hope the rest of my life doesn't go by as fast as the last five years have.



Brian Paul Poyant

Fool 8

Rochester, MA
Civil Engineering

I have nothing profound to say, and no momentous thoughts. So to everyone, I'll just say goodbye and good luck, except the Fools and the Pigs. To them, I raise my glass. CHEERS!! We made it.



Mark Adair Snowden

Snowy

Berkeley Heights, NJ
Human Factors Engineering

"Yes, it was..." Mom, Dad, Blake, and all of those who have encouraged me, as well as those who said I couldn't, Thank you. I could not have succeeded without you. Live life hard and remember, Be tough yet gentle, Humble but bold, and swayed always by beauty and truth. To my friends in Mach One, you made this place bearable, First takes care of its own.

Christopher Robyn Stricklin

Strick

Shelby, AL
Economics

The end is near, a new beginning on the horizon. A whole-hearted THANK YOU to the boys, here and Alabama, Terri, my family, and the Lord for keeping me focused on the dream.

"Feel the breeze?"
Time's so near you can almost taste the freedom.
There's a warm wind from the south. Hoist the sail and we'll be gone, By morning, this will all feel like a dream." -- Queen sryche



Joseph Conrad Terrones

Joe

Salt Lake City, UT
Computer Science

We Made It - No Kidding!!
Who's Really Going on Here?

Thanks Mom, Dad, John, and all my family and friends. I very much appreciate all your support and encouragement over the years. Love you all.

Remember: "Success is measured by the amount of happiness you have in your life." - Someone Special

Good Luck Fellas, Time go leepy...



Scott Andrew Weston

Scotty

Phoenix, AZ
Astronautical Engineering

I've found that it's not about grades, it's not even about slots, it's about standing on that wall. Mom, Dad, and Big Bro Dan, you all taught me something different, things that I couldn't have made it without. I love you all.

Thank you God for helping me make it through one day at a time. Well, I guess I can say I'm finally a rocket scientist — after all, I've been a space cadet for four years.



Ahmad Farzi Bin Haji

Ahmad

Farz, Al-Tee

Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia
Aeronautical Engineering

As time goes by, the bitter sweet memories of USAFA... the "gross-out" contests, the flat iron event, ring dance, sq. parties... will always remain dear in my heart. More importantly, the friendships ... Chris, Bill, John, Guin, Korn, Jimbo, Ed, Tony G, Dave...etc. will truly be cherished throughout my career. Thanks Abrah and Mama, Mr. and Mrs. Ravetti for all the encouragement and support. Couldn't have made it without ya all!



William Charles Allen

Bill, Billy, Wild

Monument, CO
Management

Thank You God, My Family, all my friends and coaches. We are the hollow men, we are the stuffed men... Horror has a face and you must make a friend of horror. Horror and moral terror are your friends. If they are not then they are enemies to be feared. This is the end, my only friend, the end. MCSFDODHHH



DEUCE 02



Steve Lee Blevins

Q-Ball

Eagle River, AK
Human Factors Engineering

WOW! What an experience that was. I will have to make sure not to do that again. I would like to thank Mom, Dad, Kimberly, and Carrie for all of their support. Also a big thanks to my roomdog Jim. Well, I guess there is only one thing left to say "I am outta' here!"



William Charles
Bill Kelly
Manager

Mark Haralson Brownell
Marky, Skippy
St. Anthony, MN
Economics

To start at the beginning, I must thank enji for pushing me, and Gav, Hans, Chris, and R.Scott for helping me survive. I also toast "The Boys" Jimbo, Bren, all the Deucers, the DB's back home, and Tony the roommate who kept me in balance. "How strange is not clinging love we have for life even in the excess of misery" (Victor Frankenstein)

Stephen Howard Bunting

Steve, Bun-Tang, Boon-Twang,
Tarboro, NC
Engineering Mechanics

Thank you sir, may I have another? Another major, mech sucks, another chance to thank Mom Dad and God. another chance to hang with the fellas. Red-Rocks, highway weeds, the fellas. Red-Rocks, detox, the fellas. Red-Rocks, ambulance, the fellas. "Here's to us, who is like us? Damn few, and they're all dead" at Red-Rocks! Is there really a need for a band? No, just the Fellas!

Eduardo Castañeda Jr

Lalo, Mad Mex, Ed
Oak Brook, IL
Management

From an Illini to a Falcon, wouldn't have it any other way. To my parents and fam, Here's to you! To the Fellas, Here's to us! Steve, Korn, Jimbo, Lando, Calley, and Robb, Who is really like us? Thanx for Gallon Jugs, Red Rocks, Beer Banners, Oktoberfest. To the people we heckled...you deserved it. Grand Canyon, Rob's, Subway, Camping, Old C's, Fields of Gold; Court, you'll always keep a special part of my heart.

David Andrew Claire

Dave, Clairence
Tampa, FL
Basic Sciences

Thank you Lord, we finally made it. I really do look back on the four years and see only your footprints. Dad, Mom, Dan, Cathy - the best family, thanks. Thank you friends: Dave, Daymen, Deuce, Erin, Jon, Kev, Liz, Mark, Marv, Matt, Nate, OJ, Ric, Stein, Steve, Tony, and all of OCF. Wow, gold bars, short hair, and a degree too! Mic 6:8, Heb 12:11. IX_YE.



James Allen DeReus
Iron River, MI
Biology

The Academy was a great challenge. Without a challenge, life is not worth living. I have to thank my family for the support they gave me. Most of all, I have to thank my friends for helping me make it through. Without people like them, I never would have survived this support. Also a big thank you to rooming Jim, Well, guess the place. "Once you have it up, keep it one thing left to say" I am out up."

David Keaton Dick
Alpharetta, GA
Bachelor of Science

Without the support of my Mom, Dad, Grandfather, Dana, and Dr. and Mrs. Cole I would not have made it, I am blessed to have them. Thanks to all my friends. It has been a hard four years but it has been worth it. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." Robert Frost

James Blanton Dodd
Jimbo
Lovington, NM
Chemistry

I would like to thank my parents for all of their support. My four years at the Academy have not been the easiest. I have changed since I have been here. I guess I am more bitter than I was when I first drove through the gates, but when I leave I think I will be better able to meet my challenges in the Air Force. I would like to thank my friends, for their support, without you guys I don't know if I would still be here. To Megan I hope you know what you mean to me.

Anthony Sales Gamboa
Tony G. & T-Bone
Woodbridge, VA
Chemistry

I would like to first thank my family - Mommy, Chief, Liza, Tess and Don - for all your support throughout the years; I don't think this would have happened without you. Then, of course, "To the Boys". I'll never forget you guys - Jimbo, Bren, Johan, JJ, and all the Hecklers. And especially Marky Have I told you today that "You da Man?" Remember guys: "But we're never gonna survive unless we get a little bit crazy." -SEAL

Kurt Ian Gordon

Flash

May Pen, Jamaica
Basic Science

THANX "FELLAS!"
peace



David Allan Grein

Big Dave, Lurch
Lancaster, OH
Graduation

Sometimes the world's a storm. One day soon, the storm will pass and all will be bright and peaceful. No more tears or pain. If you believe, look 2 the dawn and fearlessly bathe in the Purple Rain.

This storm has passed and I have God, my family and friends to thank for helping me through. To the fellas, thanks for your friendship and understanding. Hey, we didn't get caught!



Shane Clarke Haughian

Shaner

International Relations

Foremost, thanks to Mom and Dad, your love and sacrifice got me here. Fellow Chickenhawks, Melvins, and Deucers, I wouldn't trade the times we shared for anything. The Class of '94: We alone understand the pain of recognition and pride of being "REDHOT!" Most importantly, thanks to Joel, Doug, Lalo, Dave, and all the others who made Camp USAFA bearable. It's time to "Press On" and conquer the world.



Kelly Lynn Healy

Kell

San Diego, CA
Management

I am just happy to be here! Really! Even so, I never would have made it without my family and my friends. You have all made these past four years the best years of my life... so far. Tigeroonies, fellow management majors, our "clique", and of course the soccer team - "nobody else" will miss you like I will. Having two sisters here is definitely the only way to go. It's been great being known as a Healy sister. I'm so proud of you both. Susan and Tracy, I love you.



Matthew Daryl Johnson

Johann, MJ
Buffalo Grove, IL
Management

I can't believe I survived! I would like to thank God and my family for always being there through the good times and bad. Also, to all those friends that I could depend on, you know who you are, you made this place more bearable. I think

I have had enough character building. What can I say, it's a great place to be from. Don't cheat the man in the glass.



Christopher James Kornmesser

Korn
Northville, MI
Aerospace Physiology

To all those who said I "couldn't, shouldn't, or wouldn't"... in your face. Thanks Bro, for telling me the truth about this place. You were right. Thanks Mom and Dad, for putting up with all the bitch session. Thanks Jimbo, for teaching me that bitterness cannot only be an emotion, but a poison running through the body's veins. Thanks friends, for tipping the bottle, spilling the blood, and dripping the sweat all over the slopes of Colorado. Hope we can do it again sometime. Catch you on the flip side fellas.



Jonathan David Landis

Lando
Dayton, OH
Electrical Engineering

THANKYOU: God, family, taxpayers; You all played an integral part in this 5 year game. "HERE'S TO US.. at Red Rocks, Padre, the Rock.. WHO IS LIKE US..? the Fellas, Hecklers, Cynical bastards.. DAMNED FEW.. only 7, back to back, sharks in a bowl of goldfish ..AND THEY'RE ALL DEAD"(somewhere on the highway, in a fast car). HEY Jimbo, Ed, Robb, Korn, Steve; CALLEY, and ME!!!



Sean Alexander Long

San Diego, CA
Computer Science

Graduating from the Academy was a dream of mine since early in high school. I would like to thank: My mother and father, brothers and sister, grandparents and friends. I would have never made it into the Academy, let alone through, without their support! Adapt and Overcome! The world is your playground...

Aaron Joel Meyers
Joel
Long Beach, NY
Management

Thanks to God, Mom and Dad, Dan and friends I made it. Thanks Shaner for everything! Also to ECSB MM DP CW MJ TG MB Nater, the fellas, LOU, and the rest of the Deucers. ISAIAH 40:31, MATTHEW 7:13-14 "...narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." After all was said and done, USAFA was just a pile of opportunities to excel, learn, and grow.



Sarah Elizabeth O'Daniel
Odie, OD
Louisville, KY
Biology, (Spanish minor)

"Fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the Faith" (2 Tim 4:7). "This is the Time..." Love you JF, miss you, soon.. Love you and good luck Kel, Tara, Gary, LS, KN, and all the 21 94ers, and deuce. Mom, and Dad thanks, I couldn't have done it without you. I'll never forget the years, the tears, the laughter....



Nathan Benedict Paddock
Nate, Nater, Termini-Nater
Franklin, NH
Computer Science

"Here's a song, sung with you in mind, Maybe it will make you think about Him one more time, And if you can, please try to understand, Jesus is yours for the asking." —Petra Thanks to Mom, Dad, Nan McLaren, Grampa McLaren, Praise Assembly of God, and anyone else that sent me food. Thanks to the Stewarts. Heavenly Father - just as You promised, You prepared the way. Thanks. Phil 4:13.



Calley Jay Poarch
Calorimeter
Georgetown, TX
Graduation

Praise be to God! Thanks fellas: Buntang, Lando, Mad-Mex, Korn, Jimbo, Brimdog ... James Brown IS DEAD! Dad, Mom, Sis, Rat, Jose Keaton, Mike, Cappy, Terry, Gerri. How'd ya'll put up with me? It's true, most of the good times are faint, state dependent memories ... Reggae, Padre, Ring Dance. To those who served no purpose but to piss me off, hope this is the last I see of you.



Christopher Troy Reynolds
Toph
Anderson, IN
Human Factors Engineering

When I arrived at USAFA on the 29th of June, 1990, I was fat, dumb, and happy. Now I'm just dumb. One out of three ain't bad. Thanks Mom and Dave for believing in me and for pushing me to go beyond my dreams. Seldom do we regret the things we have done. Our deepest regrets arise from those things we never attempt. Carpe diem - Seize the day.



Guinevere Rose Sommers
Guilford, CT
Biology

Well, no deep words of wisdom from me, cause I'm not really that wise. Just a lot of thanks to all of those wonderful people who believed in me. That includes the mom and the dad and the brother who told me I was an idiot for coming here. But it turned out to be worth it. And Paul - thanks for being my LB.



Wayne Donovan Young
"Soul Train"
Charleston, S.C.
Management

My stay here wasn't the greatest time in my life but I made it. I learned a lot about life and even more about people, but I'll remember the life lasting friendships I made most. Thanx to Obasi and all the fellas that helped me get through here (you know who you are). A special shout to Kurt "Flash" Gordon my roomie and good friend of 3 years. PEACE OUT.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Making a splash and falling short of his destination, Matt Miller will endure the weight of wet BDUs for the rest of his run through the obstacle course. Clearing the "water haze" obstacle was a rare occurrence for any basic.

David Wayne Brynteson

Crud
Fargo, ND
Biology

Thanks to God and my parents for helping me through all the many rough times. To the McCombs, thanks for being my family away from home. Pete, no one could ask for a better roommate. And to all the brothers, Will, Scott, Chuck, Joe, and the rest of the seniors on the football team, you're the ones that made it all worth it.

Fermin Carretero

Fermi
Madrid, Spain
Electrical Engineering

"Sometimes you have to say what the... And now, let the good times roll. Thanks Mom and Dad and Brenda (Nacho too) for all the support. Also thanks to Choe's family, you were great to us."

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Michael Theodore Dellert

Mike, D-Man, Delbert
Dalton, PA
Political Science

"It's when things seem worst that you must not quit." Heather, Ma, Dad, Pete and Nan, thanks for all your prayers, support, and encouragement. Thanks to all the fellas, the weight room, and the golf course for making this place semi-bearable. CARPE DIEM. Philippians 4:13. Take care and see you in Atlanta-'96.

Xavian Leigh Draper

Xave

Huntsville, AL

Operations Research

I thank God for a country to live in, honor to live by, and family and friends to live with. To live for them all I would die for them all, for each has taught me what it means to live.



Timothy Charles Dunn

Tim, Two Ton

San Francisco, CA

Legal Studies

I never liked school much, but I liked learning, so thanks to the people from whom I learned the most - my family, friends, and football brothers.



Stephen Alford Goodman

Goody, The Ironman

Englewood, CO

History - Russian Area Studies

"Go Hard or Go Home." Here's to the five year plan, plebe brothers, and the tri-guys that made me my best. Thanks to Coach for being "the Man." Here's to the buds who reminded me that a beer can be a nice diversion from triathlons. Mom and Dad, thanks for being there every step of the way. Laura, good luck - do it for yourself. To the mountains - wait for me.



John Edward Leif

Eveleth, MN

Legal Studies

The thank yous: Love to my family, the Grosse's, the Roosevelt, the guy that invented beer, and friends who made this production possible. Boom Shanka to the Reapers, RB, and EB; "If something is hard to do, it isn't worth doing" - Homer Simpson. "Wise is the man that uses the brain of others to do his homework." Documentation: I used my pen, Starkie, and Tim Dunn's computer for my blurb.



Michael Matthew Marvich

Mike

Marion, OH

Geography

It's been four long years but it's finally coming to an end. I owe a special thanks to Mom, Dad, and Ryan for all the encouragement you gave me, and to Robin and her family for their support. Also, I'd like to thank my former wrestling coaches who always pushed me to my limit- and beyond. That's what it takes to succeed, that little extra encouragement and additional effort.



Jodi Michelle Maternowski

Orlando, FL

Astronautical Engineering,
Space Operations

"We the unwilling, led by the unknowing, doing the impossible, for the ungrateful." This quote has frequently summed up my life here, especially as an Astro major. Nevertheless, I wouldn't have done it any other way. Thanks Mom, Dad, Chuck, Craig, and all my friends—I couldn't have accomplished this without you. Thank God I've made it! I'm outta here!



Rebecca Jo Medenwaldt

Becca-J, Rebo

Waterloo, WI

Human Factors Engineering

"You miss too much these days if you stop to think." —U2
Thank God I never really had a problem with this...I don't think I could have made it if I would have thought about it. From the bottom of my heart, thanks Mom & Dad for being the absolute coolest, most awesome and incredibly supportive parents a kid could have. I owe you my life.



Darrell Joseph Meyer

D - Money

Lufkin, TX

Management

It is said that college is the best four years of your life. If this is the case, I am doomed with a life of misery. Seriously, thanks and love to my mother and father who somehow kept me here through the thick of it all, the Stubblefield's who were my home away from home. And to my buds, Larry, Jay, peace, we outta here.



John Patrick Newberry*Newbs*Colorado Springs, CO
Aeronautical Engineering

The Academy experience was like a movie. The first three years were a horror; BCT, doolie year (good luck Dozen), recognition, CQ, soaring (Melvin!). The last year was a comedy; school (pass/fail) and open post. Actually, most free nights we were watching movies.

By the way Joe, you brought me down! I was a good cadet before I met you. Good luck in the future, we finally made it.

**Alexandra Palotas***Sandy, Squeak*Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Behavioral Science -
Human Behaviors

They all said that I couldn't do it. "No way, not Palotas." But with the help of all my friends and family, I was able to prove all of them wrong. Thanks Mom, Dad, Anya, Apa Annette, my best friend Angie, and the one love of my life, Darec. Without you, I would just be a plain old "stress-case." Now I'm a stress-case with an Academy degree!

**Christina Noel Priest***Chris*Houston, TX
Human Behavior, Leadership

I am thankful for the awesome friendships and challenges at USAFA that have brought out my best—the aura, OCF family, Sean, Nate, Eric, Laura and the rest of my friends. When the chips go down—we're always there. More importantly, God is always there (Joshua 1:5C). It's been awesome, but this is only the beginning—"Here, there, or in the air" (Romans 8:28)—until we meet again in Heaven, adios.

**Mark Briscoe Pye***Pyeman, Pyester*Mustang, OK
Political Science, (Russian)

Mom, Dad and Sloan: Thanks for believing, nothing happened without that I finally realized what I couldn't have gotten at "What's-a-Matta-U (Reifer 1)"...my friends. JEL proved the 12 hour theory; MM never went to bed; Socrates kept us long; MTD's got a helluva driver; Two ton knows f-ball; CJO and EG won't forget the Stalag. Keep the faith, the fat lady's singin'.

**Jeremy David Oliver Rebmann***Rebelman, Jer*
Stillwater, OK

Human Behavior, Leadership

It's about time I get out of this maximum security kindergarten. My biggest thanks goes to God, who gave me strength to make it through (Philippians 4:13). And thank you, Mom; you were always there when I needed a friend. Rick and Steve: see you at the Big Apple in 1999. "Remember, no matter what happens, you still get to go to heaven."

**David James Richie***Dave*Lawrenceville, GA
Astronautical Engineering

"So close no matter how far
Couldn't be much more from the heart
Forever trusting who we are
And nothing else matters ...

Trust I seek and I find in you
Every day for us something new
Open mind for a different view
And nothing else matters ..." - Metallica

**Steven Wade Sears***Searsy*Andrew, IA
Human Factors Engineering

I thank the Lord for all His gifts. His eternal love and support—without them I could not stand. Mom and Dad and my loving family—I love and thank you for all you've done. Rick and Jer—you kept me laughing. Heather—I love you and I always will. God bless America!

**Richard Christopher Sheffe***Rick, Sheffie*Bryans Road, MD
Computer Science

Experiences are most remembered not by where you ended up, but by what you gained along the way. Thanks to my Lord and God for seeing me through this place, Mom and Dad for being the best cheerleaders and boosters ever, to my sisters for keeping me humble, and to Steve and Jer for making this the most enjoyable experience of my life. I love all you guys.

Mark Briscoe
Pyman, Pyter
Mastig, UK
Political Science, J...

Jason Eugene Shroyer

J-Bone
Wapakoneta, OH
Civil Engineering

In the immortal words of Dave Corby, c/o 1991, "It was fate that brought me here, and stupidity that kept me here." Actually, I wouldn't trade my experiences for anything in the world. A special thanks to God, Rick, Lani, Hilary, Richard, and Bill for their part in my life, and Mom, Dad, and the mutt for their love from the homefront. Darrell, I think we got the deluxe USAFA package. ADIOS!



Trevor Wade Smith

Gilligan
Arvada, CO
Engineering Sciences -
Astro Track

Five years, nothing is impossible - NMMI, BCT, Chorale, CMA, Freshman Bull@#*!, CDB, recognition, Bluebards, Show Choir, Flying, H2O Survival, I'm glad I did it all, even if I sometimes did things the hard way. To the guys, I wouldn't have made it with out you. Christi, remember to smile, I Love You. Mom, Dad, and the girls I love you; you made it all possible. See Ya on Broadway!!!!



Peter Arthur Sullivan

Sully
Springfield, VA
Bachelor of Science

No more tours. No more restrictions. Finally! Daveman, two-thirds of us made it. It has been a long five years, but worth it. Thanks so much Mom, Dad, Kevin and Sarah, I love you! Remember, fellas forever. Dave B (Billy), we made it! What can I say? Schleppe lepe, and Heh! And remember, never stop working deals. Myrt, can you believe it? Boston here I come!



Joseph Anthony Thill

Broadway
Berwyn, IL
Mechanical Engineering

I was only able to attain graduation from this place with the support of my friends, family, and constant reliance on God to see me through. Thanks to all the people who cheered me on I love you all and finally made it ... Yahooooooo.

Newbs, remember the sock fights, crude jokes, and times we'd hang together. I couldn't have picked a crazier roommate or had so much fun with one.



Alan John Wesenberg

Al, Weezy
Arvada, CO
Aeronautical Engineering

Fulfilling a life long goal is always satisfying, and now only the future stands before us. However, there will always be memories of Sunday night reports with Newby and Joe which never resulted in anything but procrastination. I would have never survived the years without the loving support from Mom, Dad, Lynne, Laura, and Teri and all my friends at home and on the hill.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Red Hot '94 begins to run out of steam, Aggressors squadron members dream of hitting the blue magnet after they complete their run ... fat chance. Practically every minute of the Class of '94's BCT Training was filled with a new challenge.

Richard Christy
Shelle
Rick, Shelle
Brianna, Road, MI
Computer Science

Mark Wolfgang Bjorgen

BJ

Allyn, WA

Management, (German)

Thanks Mom and Dad: yes, a Bjorgen gave 'em hell. Hairs, Gus, Jungle, Hubb, Smooth, Moose, Keip, Clagg, Doug, Lopes, Cookie, Pete, Womie, Calley, & Lando: Prost! - A Yard to you all. I couldn't ask for better friends. You all MADE this place. To the fourth: Best of luck, and I hope you all remember me. Being on the tightrope is living; everything else is just watching....



Raymond Salvatore Cirasa

Ray

Winchester, VA

Military History

Thanks to my family and friends, the best a guy could ask for. Here's to the Grace of God, Budweiser Beer, Colorado Fish, and Visa for pushing me, and those like me, along for the last few years.

To the Beach!



FIGHTIN' FOURTH 04



Christopher Allen Clagg

Schwitz

Ironton, OH

Operations Research

Thank God and my family for all the love, kindness, and encouragement. It was worth it, but I wouldn't do it again. To my drinking buddies, Gus, BJ, and Rob, we had some great times together. Don't worry Gus, I didn't need that washcloth anyway (the tours weren't that bad were they?) To my parachuting buddies I wish the best of luck and Blue Skies... Remember where you came from and you'll never forget where you're going - Once a PTWOB...Here's to you...PTWOB 056

Michelle Marie Cooke
Cookie
Cincinnati, OH

I'll always remember the animals, for that is where it all began. To the clan from fightin' four—thanks for the friendships and keeping me in line, the memories will always remain. To the Dean's, Kouri's, Mom and Dad thanks for the cheerleading. "I'm gonna climb that mountain high, I'm gonna see what's on the other side; I'm gonna kiss this town good-bye, I'm gonna climb that mountain high!" - Reba McEntire



Matthew Thomas Durham
Matt, Bull
New Berlin, WI
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, Mark and Stacey for everything. I couldn't have done it without you I love you all.
"The only easy day was yesterday."
"It's a funny thing about life; If you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it." Thanks Mom, Dad, Mark and Stacey for everything. I couldn't have done it without you. I love you all.



Robert Joseph Giannoni
Rob, Gio, G
Colorado Springs, CO
Civil Engineering

I finally made it! Five years that I thought would never end. I would like to thank Mom, Dad, David, and the good Lord for always being there with your love and support. Also, to the world's greatest sponsors—You're the best! To my buds on the team, the party crew, the fellas of 4th, and all of the preppies that lasted, I will always remember the good times we shared.



James Adam Graham
Adam
Spartanburg, SC
Biology

It's hard to believe that this four year journey has come to a close. To Mom and Dad, thanks for your prayers, support, and for paying the phone bill. To my friends in Fightin' Four and the BSU - it'll never be the same without you. Most importantly, I thank Jesus Christ for walking with me every step of the way through USAFA. I couldn't have made it without Him.

Philippians 4:11-13



Darrell Lynn Hubbard
Hubb
Preston, OK
Human Factors

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If it weren't for lite beer, I'd be even fatter. If it weren't for Visa, my stay here would have been way too sober. On to my desk!?



John Robert Jungblut
JungleButt, Double J
English
Holland, MI

Nothing can survive in a vacuum, but I'm still alive and this place has really sucked. I didn't get through alone: Mo & Mike, Mom & Dad, the Davises, and many others. To the fellas; Our numbers have dwindled but our friendships never will. Funky & Bill, gone but never forgotten. Rus, we're not done with you yet. Sara, where do I start... If it's too loud, you're too old. Amen.



Kimberly Ann Kadryna
Kim
Selinsgrove, PA
General Engineering

A BIG thanks to everyone who helped me get through this place especially Mom, Dad, and my Little Bro "Jimbo"! I couldn't have done it without you. I'll never forget all those wonderful letters. "One Day At A Time."
"Don't Quit!"
"Do Or Do Not, There Is No Try."
Isaiah 40:28-31
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Matthew Clark Keiper
Matt, Keip, M.C., Droopy, etc.
Atkins, IA
Management

I'm not much for words so thanks to the Good Lord, Mom, Dad, the rest of the family, and all of the friends I've met along the way. You've all been great.

Goodbye Academy It's on to better days, and nights filled with (recreation)

Roberto Ivan Lopez
"Lopey"

Boerne (Bernie), TX!
Civil Engineering

God and Family, thank you all so very much. If I had to do it all over again—and become the same man that I am now—I would. Prior-preppie, collegiate, the works; the only thing worse than a lack of potential is a waste of potential

... I didn't waste an ounce.



Brian Timmothy Musselman

Moose
Phoenix, AZ
Biology

I would like to thank the Lord and my family, especially Mom and Dad, for giving me the guidance and support to make it through USAFA. I would also like to thank all my friends, especially Keip, Thick, Brock, Dave, Rob, Jolene, and all the Zoomies for making the last four years enjoyable. "It won't be long before my ship comes in ... Gonna sail right out of Colorado" -Clint Black



Douglas Gilbert Pratt

Gilbert
Richardson, TX
Management

I want to express my thanks to Mom, Dad, Sharon and Cindy for being there through everything. Here's to all Trolls and friends in Four (Wish I could have lived closer).

To the PTWOBs: The sky is our playground. Let's keep in touch. Blue skies!

"Love the Lord our God with all your heart and with all your soul with all your mind" (Matt. 22:37) There is fulfillment in nothing else.



Jennifer Lea Robinson
Jenn

Colorado Springs, CO
Biology

Thanks Mum and Pup for putting up with the complaining and to my sisters and brother for still claiming me even though I came here. Thanks to both the cross-country and track teams (HAANK!) for all the great trips away from here, and for Verde... more and more every day! And now, life begins.



Blaine Landry Rochlitz

Blaine
Redding, CA
Economics, (Russian)

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." - Ecc 12:13

Do your duty! Seek God in the Bible and let Him change your life. Don't buy Satan's lie that this world is all there is. It will pass away, but a relationship with God through Jesus Christ will last forever.--Fightin' Fourth, I pray this for you.



Thomas Michael Sandoval

Tahoe, Sandman, Sandy, Coach,
Teflon
San Antonio, TX
Political Science

I would like to thank my parents, family, and friends for standing behind me all these years. Without you guys, I would never have made it. Thanks to my Colorado "mom", Kathy Cloppas for giving me a "home away from home." You made life here bearable. And thank God for the strength to make it through this place. Preppies always remember: D.T.A. and S.S.A.



Bradley Alan Schilling

Chills
O'Fallon, IL
Human Factors, (German)

Four years and one hundred tours later, I am graduating from this place. I have learned more about human behavior here than my major could ever teach me. Mom, Dad, Ellen, Yvonne, Gma, Gpa, Wombat, D, Dan, Little Rude, Mathes, Becketts, Muffs, Dead Beat, Modeens next left, OG Gretchen, CC, Giant Fi Beasts. It's time to leave this place behind; thanks for the diploma. I wear the ring — IHTFP, IHDH.



Eric Gustav Schlegel

Gus
Media, PA
Space Physics

What a long strange trip it's been! Thanks to my buddies: BJ, Hub, Strah, Dave, Moose, Jungle, Cookie, Lopes, Claggbeast, Doug, Sands, Krauss, Rolenc, Calley, Sid and of course Russ. All the beers mean nothing without you. Mom, Dad; I love you both and couldn't have done it without you. Finally, Charlie, you made the good times better and the bad times even worse. Aufwiedersehen USAFA.

Rance Derek Sopko

Derek, D
Tampa, FL
Biology

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Steven Thomas Strah

Hairs, Heve Haw
Midland, TX
Engineering Mechanics

First NMML, then USAFA, now? What a long strange trip it's been. I'd like to say thanks to my friends, God bless. We contemplated everything, fighting a system nonconductive to producing soldiers. Mike, Scott, and the team, take care and keep up the tradition. To all others that didn't choose our path "We use words like honor, code, loyalty. We use these words as the backbone of a life spent defending something." Col Jessip



James Edward Thompson

Jet
Scottsdale, AZ
Mathematical Sciences

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. BJ - If you can't be good, be safe and be good at it. BS - Take it. It's yours. D - The couch is always yours. CW - Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. I love you guys ... It's been real, it's been fun, but now we're done. And so it goes.



David Michael Vondrak

Dave
Sioux City, IA
Human Factors Engineering

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Lori, Stacey and all of the family for the support I've received since the adventure began. To Hubb, Gus, Smooth, Moose, Keip, Hairs, Jungle, Cookie, Lopes, Claggs, and Dougie-it's been a long hard road but you guys are the best. I wish the best of luck to Funkster, Billy and Rus, you'll always be part of the gang. Always jump in with both feet, life's too short not to.



Christopher Forrest Womick

Wombat
Memphis, TN
Astronautical Engineering

And on the pedestal these words appear: "My name is Ozymandias, king of kings: Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!" Nothing beside remains. Round the decay of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare the lone and level sands stretch far away. — Shelly Mine won't be built in a desert! Mom, Dad, Brooke, D, Dan, Rude, James, Brad, BJ, Heather. No apologies, no regrets. Reach out and seize the day.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Proving their loyalty to the Falcon football team, cadets Tracy West, Jeffrey Rengel and Donald Wiesmann brave the cold and the snow with the help of Domino's pizza. Unfortunately all games were not warm and toasty.

WOLFPACK 05

Marshall Giraud Anderson

Marsh, Vitamin A

Knoxville, TN

Engineering Mechanics

You may fulfill your life in many ways e.g. duty, honor, integrity. Am I so wrong to have taken the path of booze and recklessness to enjoy mine? I've done many outrageous things while here at school, yet I was always up for class. What did I learn ... ? That I could do it all again and still be two steps ahead and one to the left of everyone else.



Eric John Bauer

Eddie

Medford, WI

Biology

Well, if this is being read, I'm done! First, I'd like to thank God and my parents for all of their support. Next, a big thanks to the Brotherhood Of Nine, The Kid, Wesley, Pablo, and everyone else that ever drank a beer with me. It is now time to move on with my life and it has to get better from here. See ya!



Charles David Bolton

Charlie B. B. Bolton Bronder

Shreveport, LA

Biology

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Michael Lee Brink II

Brinkster
Cumming, IA
Behavioral Science, Human
Behavior

"Nothing left to do but smile, smile, smile!" I'd like to thank Mom (Big G), Dad and Megan for all your support these last FIVE years. I can't say these have been the best of times, but as Lyncho said they sure are "character builders." To all my buds that are gone, enjoy "the kind." To the rest, it's time to start living the good life. PEACE, LOVE, SUNSHINE, Brinkster



William Christopher Buschur

Bush
Cincinnati, OH
Legal Studies

Thanks to everyone....Ma & Pa and Sis!! Thanks to VF and everyone there!! I want to wish everyone a great career; and to THE GROUP, thanks for everything and we'll meet again somewhere out there and if nothin' else at K&L's for a beer and a Sox game!!



Georgina Elena Christopher

George
Jamestown, NY
Civil Engineering

I would like to give special thanks to: Mom and Dad, for accepting a transplanted daughter as their own; Kathy, for finding me on your porch and giving me a warm bowl of milk; Patty, for accepting another sister; Deb, for letting me set things on her desk; Wendy, for being a wonderful "phantom" roommate; and Doug, for being the catalyst of my (no, not misery) felicity.



Jason Lee Deyoe

Dejo
Woodland Hills, CA
Behavioral Science -
Human Behavior

To all the people at the Academy who never smile or say "Hi" when you try to talk to them, Jesus Loves You. With all the height I have been blessed with, I can see two things. Thank you Jesus for friendships that last and for never leaving my side — even when I left yours. REGULATORS LIVE FOREVER!! Matt. 28:20



Bryan Christopher Dillard

BD
Springfield, VA
Electrical Engineering

Some say, "Those were the days." Others say, "Things can only get better." But I say these are the best years of my life thanks to my friends, Polecat, BH, Bone, Gopher and all the others still marching, keep the almighty groove going. Nikki and Homie, let's do Memphis again, Finally, to the best friends anyone could have, "Regulators, mount up!" We're riding out of here. Matt 6:34



Paul James Dudley

Fuddy, Pablo, Duds
Alexandria, VA
Political Science

To all those from Playboy, get some! Joe and Bird, don't forget what went in the "box". Joe, watch out for the Warren's of the world. Sicki, Kid, Ming, Ed, Mike, and Marsh, you guys are the coolest. The people I want to thank the most are my parents and brother, Dave, you are the greatest family in the world, I love you.



Abraham Franklin Isaac Friedman I

AFAF
Miami, FL
Computer Science

It's the end of the beginning. I would like to thank my parents and my sister for all their support. Without them I could have never made it! I wish everyone the best of luck in reaching their dreams, and God speed. Live a long and prosperous life, be kind to the Earth, and remember, the SCHWARTZ WILL BE WITH YOU, ALWAYS!!!



Jeffrey Duane Herbst

Elgin, SC
Geography

Thanks to my family, friends and a caring Heavenly Father, the Academy experience helped me learn a lot. Two years in Argentina made it six years long, but I wouldn't trade it for the world. Now I'm more than ready to serve my God and this great country. "...when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." Mosiah 2:17.

Todd Matthew Hoover

Hoov
Linden, PA
Basic Science

Buttman lives on in the hearts and minds of those who believe in the power of a superhuman posterior. To Mom and Dad, thanks, you still had faith in me, even after three F's. To Yons, Dejo, and BD, "Regulators, Mount Up!" and don't be caught out back with any horses. Jesus Loves You! Matt. 6:34.

**Britt Kincade Hurst**

Baytown, TX
General Engineering

"This nation will remain the land of the free only as long as it is the home of the brave." Why walk when you can fly? Derrick, Mom, Dad - thanks for putting up with me all these years. Kip and Laura, Ron and Pat - thanks for giving me a place to rest my weary head. Blessed are the peacemakers.. " - Matthew 5:3-12

**Brady Gene Johnson**

Yonson
Rutland, OH
Civil Engineering

Four years of learning. The learning that took place was much more than the degree shows. Thanks goes to Mom, Dad, Tahnee and Gina for helping me graduate. Special thanks, also, to Dizzy Dean for helping me with my firstie year (projects and all) Regulators! Mount up! Four years to build a friendship, a lifetime to enjoy it. I must give final credit to Christ who made all this possible. Phil. 4:13

**Stan David Lawrie**

Stal, Stalker, Stan the Man, Fatboy
Indianapolis, IN
Geography

"Work Hard, Be Loyal, and Set a Good Example", That has and always will be my motto! To Jeannie, Judd, Joe, Doug, Karen and Karen, you all have made a difference with the love and support you have given me! I love you all. Jason, Jeff, Odie, Joey, the rest of the fellas, CBTRMR, You will never be forgotten as my best memories of this place! Just you and Me Lord!

**Sean Couper McLay**

Coops
Falls Church, VA
Aeronautical Engineering

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**Mark Paul Mongillo**

Mong, Mongy, Mongo
Cheshire, CT
Military History

I'm leaving USAFA with a lot of great memories and experiences but I'm leaving here for bigger and better things in life. Chris Buschur, thanks for being a friend. Manor, Squires, Summers, Winner thanks for getting through 39. Thanks Mom and Dad for always being there for me. Thanks for all the advice Scott and Debbie and for all the time you had for me. I love you all. I MADE IT!

**Jon Burton Moore**

Moose
Air Force Brat
Middle East Area Studies

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**Mark Daniel O'Reilly**

Radar, Marcus, O, Riles, Marko, Blades
Rockland, MA

"The only easy day was yesterday." Never forget the Wolfpack and the Rat Pack. Mach One '94 — The best of the best!! Keep in touch and remember to keep those "golden rings of power" and Sully's other lessons on life close to heart! "And for God's sake, be careful out there!" Stiffy, Del, Mooch, Turnage, Rocky, Stu, Woody, etc.: Take care! Thanks Mum, Dad, Chris, Col. K., God — couldn't do it without you!!

Donald Richard Ohlemacher

Ohly
Oak Harbor, OH
Civil Engineering

Every time that I've had to myself over the last four years - a time perhaps to reflect on the past or dream for the future or even to think about what this place has taught me - all I ever cared about was what I could read in the latrine. Isn't it amazing how much you grow to hate things?

To all I've partied with - PB Max forever! See you in hell, Ohly



Wesley David Palmer

Wes, Fuzzy
Cincinnati, OH
Biology/French

Dad, this was for you!! I wish you could have been around to see where I am today. I hope I honored your memory in a lasting way. On a lighter note, well yes it has been five years to make it this far, but Stop Out was well worth it. I'd like to thank my mom, Judy, and all my buds (Matty, Brez, Eddie, and anyone else I forgot) for all your support over the years. Lastly, thank you Jackie for always being there for me, even across the ocean. Peace.



Anthony Gerard Retka

Ret
Grand Rapids, MN
Civil Engineering

...Brownie, Javo, Bobby, Sully, Dos, and the rest of the fellas, it's been fun...Remember Murph's, Ritz, B, and Stan you guys are great, thanks for everything. To Steph, thanks for being there always. Mom and Dad thanks for the encouragement and support. To everyone that knows me, don't forget to Take Out the Garbage and Feed the Ducks, often. And Ritz just remember...BANG! BANG!



William David Pleasance

Auburn, WA
Physics



Michael Forrest Ritzman

Ritz
Norton, OH
Management

... I know, I'm tall and I have a small head. I wouldn't have made it without the "guidance" of Shortdog #2, Meathead, T-roy, Nipple, Pasq, "G", Uncle Joey, K-Check, T.K., Krü, Dirt, Schmidty and whoever else I forgot. Ret (THE garbage man) Stan and B, thanks for everything. Cornelius-graduate! Dad and Aunt Diane your support and love was key throughout these last four years, To everyone else.... BANG! BANG!



Donald Glen Sheesley

Donnie, Cheese
Fresno, CA
Applied Physics

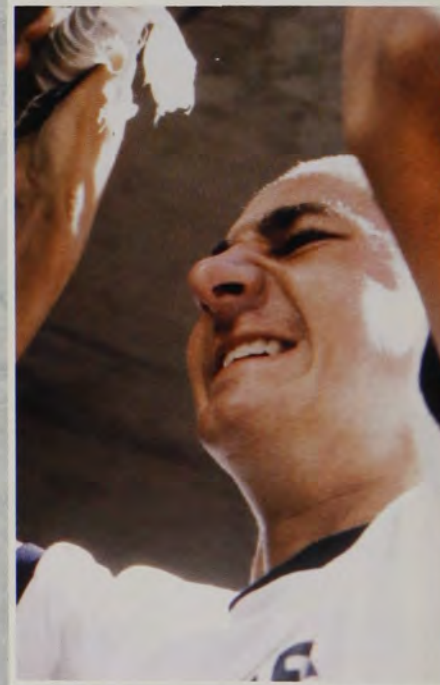
Moose, Pleaser, Thumper friends for life guys! It's all gravity these days. Grasshopper, we're ball shags no more! Polo, best days of my life with you guys. Remember, no one cares how much you know until they know how much you care. JungleButt, Noe where's the center of the universe? Family, thanks for the support and understanding. God, thanks for the guidance. Air Force, here we come! RED HOT!



Ryan Christopher Shoup

Shoupy, Kid
Holland, MI
Electrical Engineering

It's been tough. I hope it was worth it. I can't say I liked it here, but did anyone? I wish the best to Ed, Ming, Paul and Ohly



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Cranking out pull-ups to get his mail, this basic from the Class of '94 realizes that it's a small price to pay for the letters. Letters from friends and family helped get many through one of the more challenging aspects of the Academy, Basic Training.

**Jose Domingo
Vasquez Jr**

Ming
San Ysidro, NM
Human Factors Engineering

Whew! I think I made it! I couldn't have done it without the support of all my friends and family. To Kid, Pablo, and the "brotherhood of nine", thanks for keeping me sane. As I search for nice things to say about this fine institution nothing really comes to mind. Imagine that! It's been one good time after another! (bad joke) Good luck to all the buds and God bless.



Wendy Lynn Wachholtz

Blondie
North Platte, NE
Biochemistry

Thanks to Mom, Dad and especially Chad for the endless encouragement. I finally made it! Looking back on my times as a Chickensmack to being in "The Pack", it has all been memorable due to great friends (Chad, Megan, John and George). I'm not sure if I'd do it again...but WHO CARES? Someday Chad, we'll be done with school and actually get to bed at a decent hour!!



Bull Six 06



Jeanne Eileen Wilkins

Ducky, Jeannie-E, Weirdo, Wildwoman
North Olmsted, OH
Human Factors Engineering,
(Japanese)

I STILL disbelieve that I'm at the Academy! But I can always believe in my friends, my family, and my God. With them, all things all possible. To Quick-sands, the ratpack, the nightclub, and the gang: Thanks for making me laugh so much while enduring the same hardships, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.



Christopher Henry Beake

Chuck
Winter Park, CO
Civil Engineering

First, I would like to thank God, my family, and the McCombs. I would not have made it through this place without their help. Without football there would be nothing. Without Brother's Shark, Buddha, Crud, the Joe's, Fatty, Kenta, Dave, Peppa, Hov and the rest of the fellas this place would be unbearable. All of my memories will be of football or the fellas. Udda, "Let the Big Dog eat!!!"



Brady Carlos Beigh

Orlando, FL
Engineering Science/Mechanical
Engineering Design Sequence

Thank you to my parents and my brothers, to my freinds back home and here in Colorado and to the fellas. I appreciate all you have done for me. Most of all thank you Dawn, my love. I only regret that we are apart. I have been through more in the last four years than many will experience in a lifetime. For those who know my story, I hope you can draw strength, hope, and love for yourself from it. I will fight forever and never give up no matter how hard. I owe Dawn that much.



Marcel Louis Benoit

Canuck, Benoot
Ladysmith, B.C. Canada
General Engineering

Thanks to Bull Six for the memorable times. To those who've been told: a Harley, beer, food and a place to stay.



Jennifer Layne Bozied

Sioux Falls, SD
Behavioral Sciences-Human
Behavior and Leadership



Darren Joseph Brown

D, D-man, Brown, Brownie, Brown-O
Chicago, IL
Applied Physics

Should have visited before basic. Oh well, I made it. Thanks Phantoms, the Friday night barbecue group, Vito, House, Rich and the physics guys. You made it real interesting! "Did you buy this thing without a roof?" Mom and Dad, I love you for everything. "What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight- it's the size of the fight the dog." -Dwight D. Eisenhower



Brian Scott Dater

Bribenn, Bri, Dateman
Marietta, GA
Engineering Mechanics

Where to start? First, I would like to thank my parents and the rest of my family for helping me through this place. To Steve, Sean, Chris, Chad, Jess, Shannon, and Sandra: Thanks for everything y'all have done for me. I'll never forget. To the rest of "Six": Hang in there, y'all are great, but above all, "THANKS FOR DRINKING!!!"



Matthew Luke Decker

PF
Queensburg, NY
Geography

Thanks Mom, Dad and Paul fer your support. Now I'm finally on my own?? Just another clone marching out from this sad institution. I've learned and done everything THEY wanted me to do. I am a leader now, I guess. There's a whole world out there, guess I'll go check it out!



Bryan Nathan Eberhardt

Stu
Skaneateles, NY
Management

This is probably the hardest thing I've ever written. To all my classmates, you're the s.t. To everyone else that has helped me succeed, I thank you. My advice...Put your head down and drive on. If you want it you'll get it. SCUBA...Hell if I know! Lax..J.H.! Ski Team...The real McCoy! It's all who you know! Thanks Mom, Dad, Ben, Steph, Dit! FIDO.

Kent Erwin Harbaugh Jr
Tent Harbor, Brick
Montgomery, AL
Aeronautical Engineering

It's been one helluva ride - I've had the best and worst of times. Thanks to those who shared it with me - Big Johnson, Scooter, Blech, Brown, and of course Benoot. See ya'll out there.



Jessica Marie Lambert
Jess, Mouse
Winnsboro, SC
Chemistry, General

To Ken, Brad, Carlton and Court: We made it! You guys made it all that much better. To "the guys," Sean, Chris, Bri, and Steve - Thanks for getting me through the rough times. To my parents - Thanks for supporting me! To Julie, Enjoy our Firstie Room Arrangement! Lastly, to Paul - You've taught me a lot about life and love. Thanks to everyone for letting me have it all!

Chad Mitchell Hivnor
Fatty
Conroe, TX
Biochemistry

Quitting is not an option. Thanks for keeping me sane: Camping Crew (Bri, Steve, Sean and Omelette), John, the Fats and Adam, and especially Harv and Di, Brock, Derek. Thanks Wendy for being that stability I DID and didn't need. From IHDH and Lou to the Ranch, I can say I didn't have quantity but certainly quality. To look back will be a joy but now I say BIG DEAL (Boydo). I love you all and take care!



Patrick Adam Lenhart
Lenny D
Richardson, TX
Legal Studies

I hate this place, the geeks and what both stand for! But, I couldn't have made it through without all the fellas: Davey D., Kent, Ray, Beake, Scotty T., Skeeza, Pepper, Dave B., the Joes and everybody else. Chad, thanks for TRYING to keep me out of trouble! Don't forget Falcon Football rules, geeks are geeks and swing as hard as you can, right Dave?! Yes, I'm bitter!

Jason Ronald Hover
Hov
Johnson City, NY
Civil Engineering

Thank God for helping me through this place. To my family, you have been and most supportive. Thanks. Chuck and Shark, for making the days bearable and the time we had to spend here more fun. And I can't wait to fly Shark in his corporate jet to watch Chuck and Budha coach in the bigtime!!



Robert Scott Leszczynski
Scott
Canton, OH
Astronautical Engineering

Well, the light at the end of the tunnel has finally been reached. Hopefully (20 years from now), I will look back on this experience as one of the greatest in my life. I would like to thank everyone who helped me get through; my friends, classmates, and especially my parents. Mom and Dad, without your constant support throughout my life I could never have reached so high.

Tyrone Lamar Johnson
T.J.
East Cleveland, OH
Management

I've waited a long time for this moment and it's finally here—it's about time. I learned one thing for sure at USAFA, when things get a little tough, all you have to do is keep trying a little harder and you'll make it through. Thanks goes out to God, Mom and Dad. Special thanks to Lynnette, Olivia, and my brother (Anthony) for their support. Put Out! (Sacrifices must be made)



Mitchell Douglas Migliori
Mitch, Migs
Stockton, CA
Engineering Science

Make every day your best day no matter the circumstances. Never spare yourself and always take chances. Live every day like it is your last. Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.

Christopher J. Ouellette
Omelette
Everywhere, U
Biology

I've had many good times here. This place teaches perseverance! I want to thank you for getting me here. I have made it without my know who you are. Thank to Steve, Bri, Sean, Benoot. Too many good times, tell Shannon, and look forward good times with you. Thank



Matthew Christopher Villella
Matty V.
Tallahassee, FL
Engineering Mechanics

Thank you Mom and Dad for support and love has helped me more than you know. Four years to win, lose, and tie I will be proud and character are ones you can take away. They are yours forever, and always. Here's to the best of times. GO BIRDS AFA SOCCER here's to the memories.

Christopher James Ouellette
Omlette
Everywhere, USA
Biology

I've had many good times and bad times here. This place teaches a lesson in perseverance! I want to thank my parents for getting me here. I also couldn't have made it without my friends, you know who you are. "Thanks for drinkin'" to Steve, Bri, Sean, Benoot and Chad. Too many good times, fellas! I love you, Shannon, and look forward to more good times with you. Thanks all!!



Tiffany Jayne Reitnauer
Tif, TJ, Evil
Owego, NY
Biology

"Goals determine what you are to be" Julius Erving. Sometimes goals modify or even change; but regardless of what they are, the continual pursuit is to achieve them. The sole trick is to be happy; and if you're content then life is fulfilled. I think often how fortunate I am to have a supportive Mom and Dad, enthusiastic sisters; Amy, Andi, and Heidi; and Michael. I love you all.



Sean William Robertson
Spring, TX
Biology

To Omlett, Dateman, Wales, Fatty and "the Cannuck": Well, four years have gone by; we've been through a lot together and somehow we survived. Take care my friends! Bull Six, Remember if you mess with "da" Bulls you get "da" horns! Thanks Mom, Dad, Mindy, Kayleigh and Rebecca for getting me through. I know it's not a bed of roses but it sure smells like one now. I love you!



William David Sullivan
Sully
Hudson, NH
Human Factors Engineering

"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour - his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear - is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious. -- Vince Lombardi
Special thanks to the Man for being my best friend and ultimate source of inspiration, and to Mom and Dad for your unconditional love and support. "Arms raised in a V" my friends we're outta here.



Matthew Christian Vilella
Matty V.
Tallahassee, FL
Engineering Mechanics

Thank you Mom and Dad, all your support and love has helped me more than you know. Four years of learning to win, lose, and tie I will never forget. Pride and character are something no one can take away. They live on inside of you forever, and always trust your intuition. Here's to the beginning of life! GO BIRDS AFA SOCCER 1994. Brian, here's to the memories.



Stephen Keith Wales
Wallez
Denham Springs, LA
Civil Engineering

Thanks to my family and friends-I couldn't have made it here without you. Thanks especially to the fellas-Bri, Sean, Chris and Chad -Y'all made this place bearable. I'll never forget all the greatest times: camping, climbing, skiing... "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Thanks mostly to my God who gave me the strength to make it through.



Colette Lenora Wright
Crete, IL
Biology

Thanks to Amy and Tanya! Let's go to Hawaii again! Thanks to all of the people who helped me through it all ... Don, Alex, Dasman, Rich Beitlich from Billerica. And thanks to those who didn't finish Jason Trent, Jason Bilek, Ethan and Spencer. To regret is suicide.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Graduation dreaming, while the Class of 1991 receives their diplomas Vic Moncrieffe (Class of 1994) decides to grab a couple of winks after his performance with Honor Guard.

S EAGRAMS SEVEN

Korey Eugene Amundson

Koo-rah, Korky
Hastings, MN
Civil - Environmental
Engineering

I hope I'm not reading this as an AIC from Minot. Thanks Mom and Dad, couldn't have done it without you, Love Ya! Quakers, "Kor -mm-Kor-mm-KORKY will miss you and our adventures (Beat, Ragepen, Rage Giving). To the 9 boyz, koo-rah loves ya, wouldn't be here without you (Big A). Toast and I are still innocent! Tonight we ride... Rage, Rage, Rage! Next adventure please, Thank God!



Stephen Bryant Cowart

Dirty
Lakeland, FL
Applied Space Physics

Without the support of my parents or my brothers, I wouldn't have been able to get here (or stay), so I guess I should thank them for that. On a serious note along with Gunner Nelson and that one guy that says "Ya Hear?" after every sentence; in 50 years, I doubt I'll remember the spirit of the bayonet, the shaker's the taker, or how to build an air base for the 90's. But the things I will remember are the years I spent with the best friends of my life. "I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now." Bob Dylan



William Frank Dobbs

Hot Coffee
Hot Coffee, MS
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to Mama and Daddy, D.T., J.T., John, Steve, and Sandy. Ya'll have been a constant source of encouragement and joy. I especially thank my Lord Jesus Christ for his promise in Philippians 4:13, without which I wouldn't have made it. The following verses have greatly benefited me: II Timothy 4:6-8, I John 1:9, Ephesians 5:18, and Psalm 51:16-17. I do not know where the Lord will lead me, but I do know that the Lord does have plans for me (Jeremiah 19:11-12)

Todd Kenneth

Des Moines, IA
Management



Jeffrey Michael

Macon, GA
Engineering Sci

It's easy to thank God for... but there are just too many... and name. The close ones... they are and I couldn't... without you, especially B... my brother Taurus: this... much yours as it is mine... those who do and will w... play hard.
Love, Peace and
Jeff

Todd Kenneth Foster

Des Moines, IA
Management

MSD-

Actually I didn't think I'd ever get to write this, but eventually all things must end. Baseball? Boxing. Rugby! Double Envelopment. Skiing. Guitar. Boulder. Tours. Quaker Hair Party....Academy! Thanks Mom and Dad. Smile and keep moving. "It won't mean a thing in a 100 years" -Popper

"Who'd lay down his life for you and die... It's probably me." -Sting



Matthew Carl Gamblin

Rome, GA
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to my family for making it livable. Bud your bars are next. Here's to the girl I met, to my friends that made it fun: DJ, Tam, Carol, Becky, Mo, Tex, CK, DGT, Nic and everybody else. Here's to no more all nighters for projects. The fat lady won't sing, the hats'll be in the air. To those who doubted me, hah, I'M DONE! It was GOLDEN!!



Leslie Frank Himebrook

Hime
Alamogordo, NM
Space Operations

Thanks Mom, Dad, Donna, Chaplains, Eric, Bill, John, Dave, and Alex. Keep the faith. People and things will always fail. God will never fail. It's been tough, but well worth the trip. Phillipians 4:13. Isaiah 40:31. Ephesians 6:12. Surrender all things to God and He will provide. I lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord... II Timothy 4:7.



Joseph Jacob Hlywiak

Uncle Joey
Cleveland, OH
Management

In memory of Mom - I love you, wish you were here. To Dad - Thanks for your everlasting love and support, I couldn't have done it without you. To the Quakers, Ice, Ritz and the rest of the wrestlers and the fellas - The tombstone read only one word, "Pals." On the turning away...

"The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it." - Moliere



Jeffrey Michael Johnson

Macon, GA
Engineering Sciences

It's easy to thank God and my family, but there are just too many friends to try and name. The close ones know who they are and I couldn't have done it without you, especially Baby Doll. To my brother Taurus: this patch is as much yours as it is mine. And to all those who do and will wear the patch, stay hard.

Love, Peace and Soul
Jeff



Eric Wilton Knapp

Knapper
Antigo, WI
Military History

Eight second ride! Thanks to Mom and Rod for getting me here; my brother and Cris for seeing me through; the Fat Kid for his late night philosophy; The Big Slav for keeping me laughing; and the rest of the Quakers for knowing what the "W" means and making this place bearable. "I have fought the good fight, I have stayed the course, I have kept the faith." - II Timothy 4:7.



John Henry Kowalczyk

Johnny
Mechanicsburg, PA
International Affairs, (Russian)

John Kowalczyk of the 7th Squadron says: "I loved it! Much better than Cats! I'm going to do it again and again!" "This dazzling, fun-filled adventure is a must for the whole family!" - Johnny Kay
"The box office smash of the last four years! I laughed, I cried, it became a part of me." J. Henry Kowalczyk
To the Quakers, VF brothers, Boyz of 39, and my family, 70 words just aren't enough!



Jeffrey Robert Krusinski

Kru, Fresh K, Brother Ski
Fairfield, OH
Human Behavior and
Leadership

I've spent four years trying to leave my mark on this place, and all I managed was a series of insignificant stains. Thank you Charlie, Beth, Mom, Coach and Steffie. You helped me all the way and I love you all. Johnny, Schmidt, Dirty, Joe, Knapper, T.K., Korky, Mags - you're the best. Thanks for getting me through the Wonder Years. "Keep on rockin' in the free world." -Neil Young

Maximilian Samuel Lee

Mags
Santa Clara, CA
Biology

Thanks Mom, Dad, Sis, The Quakers and God. For the support.

"Be audacious and cunning in your plans, firm and persevering in their execution, determined to find a glorious end."

Clausewitz: 1812



Douglas Alan Price

"DP"
Altoona, PA
Human Factors Engineering

I can't say it's been easy. I want to thank the Quakers for good times and my family for their support. What else can I say. We're done. Peace Out!

Rebecca Ann Mosley

Becky
El Paso, TX
Behavioral Sciences - Human Behavior

Praise the LORD ... I'm still smiling! Most importantly, "Thanks Mommy and Poppo!" You've ALWAYS been there with your help, love and encouragement — We made it! Tam, my best friend, thanks for putting up with me and my idiosyncrasies. I'll always treasure our talks, laughs and window times. Costas, You've taught me to live, love, and not worry. Be happy and believe in the Lord's destiny. I'll ALWAYS LOVE YOU!



Chad Alan Rauls

Chad the Dad
Fond du Lac, WI
Engineering Sciences, (French)

My (prison) term is up. These were the best/worst of times. Mom and Dad, thanks for the understanding and help through the years. Jod, I love you and thanks for being there. If it weren't for friends, this place would suck. Here's to the Eagan's and the volleyball team, Bo, Tony, Ryan, Korey and Bart. Team Victory and France - a semester I'll never forget ... Life is grand isn't it?

Christopher Todd Owens

Fozzie
Oklahoma City, OK
Astronautical Engineering,
(Japanese)

"I should've stayed at O.U."
Go through all this again? Not on your life! Love and thanks to Mom, Dad, Phil, Dave, and Grandma! To Steve, Keith, Rob, and Beer - you guys made this place a little more bearable. To Julissa - All my love!
"From the point of ignition, to the final drive; The point of the journey is not to arrive." - RUSH
Good Luck!



Nestor Luis Perone Jr

Che

Costa Mesa, CA

Political Science

Mom, Dad, little Bro, the McDaniels and the DeKempers, thanks for seeing me through USAFA.

Thanks for the memories Salsa Crew, good luck to you guys. Hey Seagrams, they were great times, best of luck to all. Tough challenges, but tougher friends, that's what it's all about. Vaya con Dios!

FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Beaming proudly, cadet James (Big Daddy) Davis shows off the many prop and wings from the upperclassmen. Recognition was the culmination of the fourthclass year.

Mark Andrew Schmidt
Schmidtty
Port Huron, MI
Geography

Special thanks to everyone who was there for me, you know in your heart, I'll always be there for you. And always remember...

"There's no one to beat you,
No one to defeat you,
'Cept for thoughts of yourself feeling bad." -Bob Dylan

I came here to serve my country, but like everyone else in the world...

"I just needed to get my thing together."
-Peter Fonda Easyrider



Eric Allen Seiberling
Seib
Northumberland, PA
Political Science

"That which does not kill you, makes you stronger." -Friedrich Nietzsche

Four long years, and I'm now much stronger. Thank you Mom & Kim for both your encouragement and support. Without either of you I doubt I would have stuck it out. I'm sorry you couldn't be here Dad, I hope you're proud. A special thanks to John, Bill, Les, Jodi and everyone at HCCM. I'll miss you. Thanks God, without you, none of this would be possible.



David Lynne Steinhiser
Steiny
Michigan City, IN
Biology

Thanks Mom and Dad. You have given me the courage to sacrifice and succeed. I thank God for such wonderful parents. -- "Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage which a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men to win them. Ralph Waldo Emerson



Curtis Brian Sutton
Flounder
Gilbert, AZ
Biology

"Summer's going fast-
Night's growing colder
Children growing up
Old friends growing older
Experience slips away..."

Thanks to all my friends and family who helped me get through this place and turn my dreams of childhood into memories.



David Graham Toogood
Dave
Douglas, GA
Management

This is just another beginning hopefully more pleasant than the last.



Thu-Tam Thi Vo
Tam, (Ding Dong?)
Tempe, AZ
Biology - Aerospace Physiology

I once had a fortune cookie that said, "You may attend a party where strange customs prevail." Thanks, Academy, for making this come true! Becky: I couldn't have asked for a better roommate or friend! Laying out in January, attacking hairballs, "relationships," especially WD and my "friend." But most of all, thanks for our valet talks! Hong Bao and Kistner: If you don't have something nice to say, don't say it at all! Korey: It's was always more, but I promised no strings.
Seagram's '95: Thanks for everything!



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK The Basics of Slevin's element (Demons A-Flight) pose one last time before heading off to the A-Course. It is rumored that this element suffered one KIA, three WIA and two MIA after running the course.

**Steven Michael
Anderson**
Ogre, Troll Jr.
Nashville, TN
Biology

Disaster at the Olive Branch with L.D. - I still think Sun Tzu is right; "Two tennis rackets, one racketball racket, and a chair; Orgasmic Organic Chemistry? - NOT!; thanks to Junior, Bej, Buck, Lou P., etc.; "There is great joy in achieving what others fear impossible"; "Press on. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence..."; Finally, thanks to Mom and Dad for their endless support and eternal optimism.

Richard Michael Bejtlich
Bej, MacGyver
Billerica, MA
History, Political Science
(French, German)

Kristen - "Do your best, never give up, make me proud." 27 April - 4 May 1991. Bej def. Heuck 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6). Huscroft's "fork in some cultures." Melik as "Passenger 58." Ogre, Sun Tzu, and L.D. Jane, Colette and Angel. "T-5 baby!" with C.H. Leslie - "You got to me!" Greg's "scheekan streep." Hockey with Rob, Hart, and Shane. JFK - "Let justice be done..." and beat 'em inside. "Go the distance."

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AGLE EIGHT



Greg David Buckner
Buck
San Antonio, TX
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Jill, I couldn't have made it without your love and support. Freshmen Knights: ski trips, Denver trips, Padre, I'd do it all again. Baseball: New Orleans, box lunches, the club (2 years), never give up. The fellas: room wars, tennis, Bejtlich women, ring dance, and three Eagle years to remember. Lisa, thanks for being a friend first. The ring, the car, the girl, what's next?

Brian James Fre...
Fry
Dubuque, IA
Biology

Here's to the girl with the... "Oh, the stories w... Thanks family, friends an... Mom, Dad, and Heidi for... support, thoughts and pr... you! All those who h... this "place" in perspecti... along, Steve, Kuss, Kras... topic, E-Man, Joe-Boo, Jo... Here's to ya! Remember... around once so be sure t...

Travis Price Buford

Trav
Drummond, OK
Human Factors Engineering

I would like to thank my God, my family, and my friends for helping me get through this place. I wouldn't have made it without their help. Thanks go out to Ho Crew, Mike, Tommy, Sandy, Sam, Cheryl, KC, Todd, Jill, Tina, and many others. Four years later we've beaten the system. Good luck gang - keep in touch. Happiness is Camp USAFA in my rearview mirror. Here endeth the lesson.

**James Nicholas Capizzi II**

CAP
Castalia, OH
Traditional Physics

Proud Centurion. Many people will say that ultimately they were glad they came here. Having had four years to think and reflect upon it, I'm convinced that they're nuts. This place was hell on earth! But, as a wise man once said, "If it was easy, they wouldn't pay us to do it." Thanks Mom, Dad, Miriam, Gut, Rainman, P.B. "The horror, the horror..." (Apocalypse Now)

**Jon Allen Culp**

JR, JC
Spokane, WA
Management

Two attempts to get in 5-years, 2 Recognitions, pilot slot not, and all the free time I could afford, in other words a piece of cake.

Thank you Mom, Dad, Jenny, Chris, Jeff, Moose and all the rest for keeping me going.

"I try to take one day at a time, but some times a couple of them gang up on me."

**Lisa Lynn Dyer**

Lee's Summit, MO
Political Science

I have learned...I cannot always do it "All by myself!" The inexhaustible love and support of my family. "No one here can love or understand me" but you, Tim. True friendship. IT BUILDS CHARACTER!!! Finally, to "Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment; and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey."

**Brian James Freiburger**

Fry
Dubuque, IA
Biology

"Here's to the girl with the little red shoes..." Oh, the stories we could tell! Thanks family, friends and especially Mom, Dad, and Heidi for all of your support, thoughts and prayers - I love you! All those who helped keep this..."place" in perspective - Psycho, Mong, Steve, Kuss, Krash, Cap, Gut, Spic, E-Man, Joe-Boo, Jamie, Snap - Here's to ya! Remember, you only go around once so be sure to enjoy!!

**John Milton Giffit**

G-Money, J.G., G
Huber Heights, OH
Human Factors Engineering

First, I would like to thank God for helping me successfully graduate from USAFA. I would like to thank my family for supporting me, while I was here. I would also like to thank all of the fellas for the times we had. I would like to tell the guys on the track team to keep the tradition going. Always believe in yourself. Make the best of what you have. PEACE...

**Alex Gracia**

Grac
West Palm Beach, FL
Electrical Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, Danette, Doris, and Al ('83) for all your love & support. I couldn't of done it without you and GOD by my side. To the EE's that helped get me through, thanks guys. And to all my friends in Eagle 8, smack Blackjacks, and the Fencing team, thanks for the good times. And to that Academy admissions guy who said to go ahead with my other plans, Ha daht chatchatta!

**Anthony John Gutterman**

Gut, Fool 3
Cottage Grove, MN
Civil Engineering -
Environmental Option

So the Academy trained me to give it all I Got. Well, I can take a Shot. fools, Scot, Cap1000, E-man, trough and Gus who better to say CHEERS to? DAD, Ma, Howie, Georgia Thanks. Greg I can't believe you recommended this place! Mike and Brian-why didn't you stop me? Hopefully, by you reading this it means I Graduated. "When I think, I drink, Thank God for thought" - Gutro

Gregg Charles Hansen

G-Man
Bellevue, WA
Management

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint;
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in
agony. My soul is in anguish.
How long, O Lord, how long? Psalm
6:2,3 God, you told me to do it,
so with your strength it has been done.
- Thank You

Mom, Dad, Tina, Flea Trainers, Class
of '93, Capernwray, and all the friends
God has blessed me with - Thank You
- Joshua 1:9

**Louis Pedro Yukio Harrison**

Lou, Loupy, L.P., Jidmo
Tacoma, WA
History

I want to thank God for getting me
through four years of USAFA. Also,
thanks to my parents for being so
supportive of me, especially when I told
them I wanted to take a year off from
school. Finally, thanks to Colonel Sand-
ers and Tiffany who were always there
for me.

**William Daniel Heuck Jr**

Dan, Daniel, Danno
Tacoma, WA

Political Science, Arabic Minor

Ecclesiastes 4:10 — Thank you Junior,
Bej, Buck, Gookin, Trusty Concord,
Ron, Tobey, Darren, Terry, Mike, and
Samantha (mySo). You have all "helped
me up" several times in my life.
Proverbs 18:22—Rose, you are the
strongest part of me. Without your love,
I would have failed.

Mom, your love and prayers have given
me a sturdy foundation. Dad, you are
my greatest hero and mentor. Thank
you both for supporting me here.

**Joseph Raymond Huscroft Jr**

Junior

Richmond, OH

Human Factors Engineering

Four years of great times and bad
times. It's finally over! Thanks Mom
and Dad for all your support and love.
Only one more year left Jim, keep it up!
Thanks to all the fellas, Jidmo, Danno,
Bej, Buck and Ogre, for the great times
and memories. Jidmo, I'll never forget
the Yield sign! Danno, I am still the
Triple Action CHAMP and we are the
best at Room Wars.

**Todd Alan Kraska**

Krash Ricky
Jupiter, FL

Engineering Sciences

What can I say? Four exciting years in
prison. Mom...Dad, I'm in trouble -
AGAIN! Kuss, Fry, Cap, Rainer, Winnah
- Shutup VID! Sean and Ian - If she's fat
and... I really enjoyed my 148 hours of
marching - NOT! PROUD CENTU-
RION! Hi-my name is Todd and I'm an
alcoholic!
A day not wasted...is!

Todd Matthew Kusserow

Kuss

Santa Monica, CA
Management

Mom, Dad, T&T-I couldn't ask for more,
I love you. Gramps, I know you're
watching. Back home: the Berms, sis,
matt, mo, lou, booty, the A's, the L's,
StMo's, & all the Italians-thanks! Here: all
the brothers, esp. fry, snap, krash,
winnah, spic, gutter, cap, rain, JG, bej,
buck, dano, ritz, kell, McD, yawn,
crowls, boz, the mgt gurus(Greeno),
LRC family, CU hookups! Morgan, the
dream is alive...

**Fang Lu**

Fong

Claremont, CA

Engineering Mechanics, Chinese
Language Minor

Thanks a lot Mom, Deer, Allen, and
Paul for your tremendous support
throughout the years. I would never
have made it without your help. You
were always a quick step behind me in
times of desperation. You were without
a doubt, "the wind beneath my wings"
now and forever. This one is for you,
Mom. And thanks to Euge, J.S., T.M.,
and Manabu Asami for your enduring
friendship. Ad astra per aspera. I fi-
nally made it!

**Charles Robert McGregor Jr**

Chuck

Apple Valley, CA
Political Science

The McGregors - what a family - I love
you guys --
"You may fool the whole world down
the pathway of years and get pats on
the back as you pass, but your final
reward will be heartache and tears if
you've cheated the man in the glass."
Don't be fake and tell people what's
really on your mind.
Hey Worley... She's lost that lovin' feel-
ing... Oh yes, she has...



Gabriela Maria M
Gabi (Peppers)
Phoenix, AZ
Social Sciences

Quote of the century: "Geni
to flourish where coercive
toward conformity are ob
will...
Golgore. To the "Blue Zoo
up in rows. What's on their
knows! Thoughtless robots w
about. Sometimes I wish I
gout. God Rock Climbing,
and Catholic Choir kept me
Bless and CIA. JUST WANN
I love you, Phil!



Eric Wayne W
Rainman, Da
Knoxville, T
Engineering Me

A good, clean Americ
wanted in life was to fly
touch missiles and drop
fortunately, the Academ
me through the years, so
unhealthy thoughts. Tha
family and friends: Tha
Get, you can't sing - Sta
want a smoke - Tim, yo
Mom, Dad, Scum, Thom
I love you all!

Gabriela Maria Montoya

Gabi (Peppers)
Phoenix, AZ
Social Sciences

Quote of the century: "Genius is likely to flourish where coercive pressures toward conformity are absent." J.S. Mill...

Gofigure. To the "Blue Zoo" All lined up in rows, What's on their mind, who knows? Thoughtless robots wandering about. Sometimes I wish I could just get out. God, Rock Climbing, The Band, and Catholic Choir kept me sane. God Bless and CYA. JUST WANNA CLIMB! I love you, Phil.



Joseph Ceasar J. Santucci

Tucc
Kuwait City, Kuwait
Engineering Sciences:
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to God for the "Footprints..." Thanks Mom and Dad and Trina for the support. I love you and I know "we" made it through USAFA. T-Birds: If you ever need anything.. Eagles: Thanks. Talk about a long day: Flying, skiing, ring dates, roomies, wars, training, aero all-nighters, long talks, mitch's, cold formations, blizzards, dreams, and mountains. Remember: Wisdom, Courage, Patience and Love. Here endeth the lesson...



Scot Stephen Spann

Scot
Plymouth, MN
Human Factors Engineering

Oh I'm on my way I know I am Somewhere not so far from here All I know is all I feel right now I feel the power growing in my hair... I don't need to touch your face to know And I don't need to use my eyes to see. -C.T. And I did it all with a Triple S and a Double J.



James Michael Winner

Winnaaaaaah
Hillsboro, OH
Legal Studies

I thank God and my family for giving me the strength to make it. Thanks Norm, Dave, and Mong for great times in 39. Never forget the good times in 08, Kuss, Krash, Fri, JG, CM. To the Zoomies, Wunder, Bender, Sexy, Steel, defy the odds and graduate. All my love to MPM. 0 Tours, No Regrets. Zoomie Rugby Football Rules!



Eric Wayne Wright

Rainman, Dude
Knoxville, TN
Engineering Mechanics

As a good, clean American kid all I ever wanted in life was to fly airplanes that launch missiles and drop napalm. Unfortunately, the Academy desensitized me through the years, scarring me with unhealthy thoughts. Thank God for my family and friends: Cap, "The horror" - Gut, you can't sing - Staples, no I don't want a smoke - Tim, you're devilish - Mom, Dad, Scum, Thom, and siblings - I love you all.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK All smiles here, even during the most gruelling parts of Basic Cadet Training memories of good times and friends were made. Demons A-Flight was the only fourthclass squadron to finish the school year with all 35 cadets.

Craig Doolittle Allen

Kegger
Springfield, VA
Civil Engineering

I've really had some mixed emotions during this four year "experience." The best, however, was hanging with the crew. Action, Culby, Buster, Morgs, Griff, Prich, Berto, (Potsy), Ring & Milhouse. I can't forget Foley's, Make's, Homer's or The Jernt. T-42 blowouts, NYI and Reggae on the Rocks made it all worthwhile. Thanks also to my folks and finally in the immortal words of the Greaseman: Alpha Mike Foxtrot.

John Walter Bosone

Bos, Bozo
Bellevue, WA
Management

There is one thing I have learned over the years—Never stop fighting until the fight is done! Thanks Mom and Dad and the rest of the family, and Sys, Darin, Dave, Lee, Levings, Pow, Yams, and all the rest—I couldn't have made it without you guys. Ahhhh, this bout is finally over...but I still have miles to go before I rack.

Viking Nine 09



Roberto Daniel Calderon

Berto
Milpitas, CA
Biology

Thanks to the SHAKY CREW (EV, Culby, Kegs, Action, Buster, Morgs, Prich, Ring, Miles and Coltrain) for helping me have a good time while surviving this JURN. A special thanks goes out to Mom, Dad and Chris for their support and love with special thanks to Angela, and POTS!! Never forget SPI!!! Alpha Mike Foxtrot.

Rocky Anthony

Cleveland, OH
Mathematical Science

Cary Neal Culbertson
Culby
Lake Arrowhead, CA
Behavioral Sciences

EEE-GLAZED HAM!! Long live the shaky crew: Kegs, Action, Buster, Morgs, Berto, Prich, Ring and Miles, not forgetting BLD! Always great times at Jamaicas, Foley's, and Homers. I would like to thank my family and Shannon for all the support and love over these four years. As we always said and did: "let's get together and fell all right, (BMW)." Alpha Mike Foxtrot.



Rocky Anthony Favorito
Cleveland, OH
Mathematical Sciences

I feel like I should have been making license plates these past four years. Finally, though, I have been granted parole. To all of my friends, sponsors, and coaches thanks for helping me survive this experience, I couldn't have made it without you. Remember, tough times don't last, tough people do! God Bless all of you.

Shane Andrew Dougherty
Doughboy
Ft. Thomas, KY
Aeronautical Engineering

I would like to thank my family (Dad, Mom, Monica, Tim, etc) and Mary, my wife after graduation, for all the support and encouragement they have given me while at the Academy. I never could have made it without them. BEST OF LUCK to all my squadronmates and classmates in all that they venture to do, whether it is a career or just temporary. NOTHING WORTH KEEPING COMES EASY!.



Joe Motos Gordon
Flash, Gordo
Los Angeles, CA
Basic Sciences

...evitaler lla s'tl ,rebmemer ?eb esrev ruoy lliw tahW .esrev a etubirtnoc yam UOY taht dna no seog yalp lufrewop eht taht ;tola knard ew zuc elbmuf dna elbmuts ,tola ksir ,tola noitseuq ;tola devol eb dna evol ,tola maerd ,tola epoh ;tola deeccus dna liaf ,tola yrc ,tola hgual dluohs ew taht ;slidoffad gnizilitref eb lla ll'ew yademos zuc efil fo isom eht ekam dluohs ew taht denrael l...

Marvin Tien Tzu Ee
E², Double "E",
(Tien Tzu means "God's Gift")
Aurora, CO
Civil Engineering

People ask me why I always smile; I say that it's the joy of the LORD! It's all attitude, not aptitude, or I wouldn't be here. If you don't have that joy, you're living wrong. The only way to live is to live by one standard - the standard of NO COMPROMISE. I live by Ephesians 4:17 - 5:21. Try it; it'll do you some good.



Jason Joseph Harrison
J.J., Haus
Glenview, IL
Environmental Engineering

Thank you Janet, Mom, Dad, Ryan, and Megan for the support during the past four years. Looking back, I can truthfully say I couldn't have done it without you. I LOVE every one of you. I hope the future has as much in store for me as the zoo has had the past four years. Yes it has all been worth it. Would I do it again? ... YOU BET! P.S. Always split Aces.

Michael Stephen Erickson
Buster
Rossmoor, CA
Human Factors Engineering

WOW! That four years stunk. Special thanks to God, Mom, Dad, & David - I'd still be at UCLA if it wasn't for your support. Mary, you're beautiful and I couldn'ta dunnit without you. Finally, those shaky fellas- Action, Kegs, Culby, Berto, Morgs, Sys, Boss, Griff, Ring, Homer's Bar & Grill, etc. -We'll always get together and feel all right. I'm out like a scout on a new route. Alpha Mike Foxtrot!



Brian Alexander Jackson
Action, Hooks
St. Joseph, MO
Space Physics

The first thing I have to do is spread out the thanks. I have to especially thank Mom + Dad who without their support (mostly monetary) I never would have made it through this joint. And to the shaky crew who spread a lot of joy and gave new meaning to the phrase "let's get together and feel all right. The second thing I have to say is simple: Alpha Mike Foxtrot.

Alexander James Keechle

Keech
Dayton, OH
Political Science

Praise the Big Man upstairs—He pulled me through! Thanks to all those who got me here and pushed me through the difficult times—Mom, Alice, Melena, the Sweeney clan. To the friends I made here Bec, -C-, Chris, I'm blessed to have you. John 1:12-13—Thanks Dad.



Kenneth Robert Macie

Guns
Las Vegas, NV
Computer Science

"This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. It is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." -- Winston Churchill "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it." -- Ferris Bueler

A special thanks to Mom and Dad. Without you, I would not have survived.



Michael Thomas Morgan

Morgs
Aliquippa, PA
Aeronautical Engineering

This is stimulating, but we're outta here! Thanks to Mom, Dad, Matt, Tracy and Tiffany. I definitely couldn't have made it without you. A special commemoration is in order for the Shaky Crew: Culby, Kegs, Action, Buster, Berto, Prich, Griff, and Milhouse. Alpha Mike Foxtrot!



Travis Lawrence Moser

Moze, Moz, or just Mo
Martin City, MT
Aeronautical Engineering

Four years ago I was dropped off on the doorstep of this great institution. For nearly a year (it seemed like ten!) I lived in a state of constant stress. My worst experience was not getting recognized, my best was getting recognized. I owe everything to my friends, because I could not have done it without you. What now? Disneyworld (on my new ZX-7!)



Brian Christopher Nicolosi

Nico
Evanston, IL
General Engineering

Well, four long years are finally over, yet the real journey is just beginning. From this fine institution in the clouds, one thing has been made clear: anything is possible! Thanks Mom, Dad, and Jessica for all your support! A special thanks to all of the friends I have made over the years. Without you all I couldn't have made it through!

Later on, Roz!

Andrew Chance Popiel

Andy, Popes, Po
Chesterfield, MO
Political Science/German

Mom, Dad, Leslie, the wind beneath my wings. It seems I've finally come to the end of this special road. Without you and especially the Lord, this would not be so. Rob, this is for all those who never thought we could; more for those who always believed we would. To the rest of the guys, I hope our paths cross many times in the years to come. Until then.



Laura Ann Regan

Everett, WA
Biology

I never was one for words.



Christine Yvonne Rilovick

San Diego, CA
Civil Engineering

Thanks Mom and Dad, we finally graduated. Didn't think it would ever happen, did we? Thanks to the Daily's and Sonya and Dave too. I wouldn't have made it without you guys. Stay cool! Krissy Fitz what can I say, YOU are the WOMAN! It's been an experience, but I'm out of here. TTFN



Thomas Andre Rozyłowicz
Roz, Mozes, Polish W
Wheaton, IL
Electrical Engineering

Thanks to my family, without whom I would never have made it. Nico- This is just the beginning of my adventure. And to all who follow in my footsteps, remember, it's only a two year journey if you sleep twelve hours a day.



Christopher Vander
Sps, Slice, Sauce
Slobber
Grand Haven
Environmental

All in all, this joint has been a good experience, although a bit of a period. I'd like to thank Dad, Martha and Abby for getting through. Finally, Bo, Jewlee, W.T., Culby, Griffith!!! I'll never forget you gave me, or the Beane. To everyone: Godspeed. Long live Here's to Ya...

Thomas Andrew Rozylowicz

Roz, Moses, Polish Warrior
Wheaton, IL
Electrical Engineering

Thanks to my family, without whom I would never have made it. Wags, Nico- This is just the beginning of the adventure. And to all who follow in my footsteps remember- It's only a two year experience if you sleep twelve hours a day.



Marc Justine Sands

Sandman, Quicksands
Fairfield, CA
Physics (Space)

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Scott for all the love, support and encouragement. I owe it all to you. GO BIRDS!! The best teammates and friends I could have asked for. ("Let's watch the vernacular!")

To Jeanne, Lopes, Motos, A.J., Ken, Phorks, R. Nibblers of USAFA and the rest of Nightclub:

Thanks for everything, and - Thanks for trying out!



Scott Thomas Teigen

Shark, Teigs
Aberdeen, SD
Civil Engineering

I need to start by thanking God, my family and the Mac's. To my brothers, (Buddha, Crud, Dave, The Joe's, Kent, Kleck, Sweet Charles, J.D. and the rest of the fellas) Football was the most important part of our experience. We gave everything we had to play the sport we love. Who cares if the Geeks don't understand. We did more, not less.

"Shot, save! Rebound - Scoooooore!!!"



Michael Jason Towns

Towner, JT, WT
Gibbsland, LA
Environmental Engineering

Well, it's a done thang now, and "I'm much too young to feel this damn old!" Big 'preciate it to my friends- the hunting crews, skiing crews, study crews, party crews, flying crew, and "shaky crew". Love you Mom & Dad, and Kevin, you're da man! Well, I'm through the minefield, and I'm outta here- ". . . time to see the world, time to kiss the girls. . ." LESSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULEZ!



Christopher James VanderSys

Sys, Slice, Sauce, Sausage, Slobber
Grand Haven, MI
Environmental Biology

All in all, this joint has been a pretty good experience, although I won't miss it. period. I'd like to thank GOD, Mom, Dad, Martha and Abby for helping me get through. Finally, Bo's, Yams, Mineau, Jewlee, W.T., Culby, Action, Buster & Griffiffiffiff!!; I'll never forget the s#@t you gave me, or the H.S. time against Beene. To everyone- Good Luck and Godspeed. Long live the Nightclub! Here's to Ya....



Daniel Jackson Veal III

D-Brown
Randallstown, MD
Biology

Thanks to the fellas who made this place easier, (T-Money, Biscuit, Hoop, Piff, Ratt, and Trott Man), to my family for being there for me, my Dad who I know is watching over me, my Mother who always knew just what to do, and most of all God, who allowed me to accept things I cannot change; courage to change things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Peace!



Tina Lynn Westfall

T.L.
Williamstown, WV
Legal Studies

"And now I'm glad I didn't know
The way it all would end, the way it all would go
Our lives are better left to chance
I could have missed the pain
But I'd of had to miss THE DANCE"
— Garth Brooks

I would never have made it through this place without the love and support given to me by my family, friends, and especially God. It's over, and not a minute too soon.



Scottie Lee Zamzow

Zo
Victoria, TX
Engineering Mechanics

I would never have made it through the past four years without the help of some very special people. To Mom and J.D., thanks for all your love and support. I love you both. To all the great friends I gained along the way, especially Moon, Stoner, Sweck, Al, and Dusty, thanks for the good times and the memories that will last forever. God bless you all.

TIGER TEN

Jennifer Lynn Ball

Jenn
Marietta, GA
Humanities, French, (Arabic)

Finally! I want to thank my God, my parents, my sister and brother, J. and Rachael, without ya'll, I would never have made it. To Jen, Beck, Mel and Jess you've made me laugh when it seemed impossible to do and I'll never forget you. And to all others: Au revoir, ILa Leeka, und Auf Wiedersehen!!!

David Laury Bibighaus

Chop, BigBig, Schnauzer
Clifton Park, NY
Electrical Engineering

I would like to thank my roommates, my family, the IV crew and most of all my GOD. This place has been the most incredible experience of my life. I look forward to the fact that it will only get better for "as it is written, 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him'" 1 Corinthians 2:9



James Matthew Brogdon

Matty, Zoomie, Broglie, Brogan
Franklin, TN
English

Mom, Dad, Nikki, Lisa, and Grandpa, who saw in me what I could not and pushed me to grab life by the horns, I thank you. Foxy, Steiny, and McIlsnatch, you were there when it counted. I will miss the Point, '94, and Ten; I will be with you always. "The next generation will tumble and break their necks off our Pegasus, who runs away with us; we keep the saddle, because we broke the rascal and can ride." - Lord Byron

Justin Lee Bro...
J.B. Weasel...
San Antonio, T...
Bachelor of Scie...

I want to thank my family...
made it together. Jenny...
never succumb to life's chall...
and you too can overco...
To us in the cl...
have been through enorm...
will's continue to be stron...
Coping's "H" sums up our...
and rewards. To USAFA.



Donald Paul H...

Don, Ducky, Harly...
Air Force Town...
English

Though much is taken, m...
and though... We are n...
strength which in old days...
and heaven, that which w...
One equal temper of H...
Made weak by time c...
strong in will... To strive, to...
and not to yield. "Alfred Lo...
Thanks Nor...
for the constant l...
and encouragement.

Justin Lee Broughton

J.B. Weasel
San Antonio, TX
Bachelor of Science

want to thank my family, WE finally made it together. Jenny and Jake: ever succumb to life's challenges, adapt and you too can overcome, not be ppressed. To us in the class of '94: we ave been through enormous changes, et's continue to be strong. Rudyard pling's "IF" sums up our challenges and rewards. To USAFA: "I will return."

Rashelle Elizabeth Brown

Roach
Big Lake, MN
Behavioral Science (Human Behavior and Leadership)

Hey — I'M DONE!! G-nat, let's blow this joint and go to "A Club", or we could study Thermo all night long again for old times sake. (Mmm - Hmm.) Thanks to Mom, Dad, Brandy, Dustin and Tessa for helping me make it through. And thanks, Peggy, for giving me the best advice ever: "If you think you're tired of life, you're probably just tired — go to bed."

John Wesley Chastain III

Trey, Freebird
Tyler, TX
Engineering Mechanics

Mom, Dad, Family- Thanks for supporting me mentally and financially. For without ya'll, I wouldn't have made it.

The friends I've made here have taught me a great perspective on life, about Padre (Coozie bra?!), Aspen, sleeping in cars, Omaha, NE. (Jeff), and how to have a great time!

Thanks to everyone for a great five years! "Don't you worry about me, I'm just doin' what I'm doin', LIVIN'!!" (1 Peter 5:8-9)

David Scott Chace

Dave, Chaser
Air Force Town, USA
Human Factors Engineering

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." -William Jennings Bryan
As I complete these four years another dream comes true. Thank you Mom and Dad for your support. Dad, can you hear the footsteps behind you?



Donald Paul Harwood

Don, Ducky, Harly, Woody
Air Force Town, USA
English



Virgil Cannie Hooper Jr

Hoop-D
Augusta, GA
Civil Engineering



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Getting down and dirty, Leland "Bo" Bohannon makes his exit from an obstacle during 1990 Beast.

though much is taken, much abides; and though...We are not now that length which in old days...Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are - One equal temper of heroic hearts, Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will...To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield." Alfred, Lord Tennyson's "Ulysses." Thanks Mom, Dad, and eph for the constant love, support, and encouragement.

Learning isn't easy frustration tends to set in quickly. You hurt. You feel defeated. You want to give up to quit. You want to walk away and pretend it doesn't matter. But you won't because you're not a loser you're a fighter - Ann Davies There were many struggles I encountered and have overcome. I send a special thanks out to my mom and dad, to my friends and to the Masons.

Jeffrey Dennis Kueter

Jeff
Platteville, WI
Biology

The last four years have been the epitome of a drama: sometimes a comedy, sometimes a tragedy, always an adventure. Mom, Dad, and Cory, even though I don't always show it, I love you all and sincerely thank you for all you've done for me. To Trey and the rest of the guys - I wouldn't have made it without you. Work hard, play hard. Hebrews 13:6

**Steven Vincent Martin**

Steve, Stevie, Schmuck, Eddie
Nederland, TX
Bachelor of Science

"Welcome my son, welcome to the machine." -Pink Floyd There were many times I knew I wouldn't make it here. Thank God, my Folks, Fozzie, Multiple Choice and the Tiger Ten crew for having faith in me when I didn't. The Cadets, NCOs and Officers I've worked with are the finest people in the world, minus a few notable exceptions.

"... And until we meet again. May God hold you in the hollow of His Hand."

**Melanie Donette McKillip**

Mel, Tex, Little Blond Girl
Sudan, TX
Political Science

"Too much credit is given to the end result. The true lesson is in the struggle that takes place between the dream and the reality. That struggle is a thing called life!" -Garth Brooks Momma, Daddy, Gina, Lynn & Scott I love you and never could have made it without you. Goober, Iggy, and Mr. Vegas, thanks for making the insanity worse. Missy and Squeak, "Long live the Wenchies!" Adios!

**David Andrew Mineau**

Dave, Dave 2, or Big Wave
North Reading, MA
Engineering Sciences

Is it over yet? Thanks to God, Mom, Dad, Kris, Carrie, and Karen. To all my friends, thanks for a great time in hotels and every other shaky locale we had the pleasure of enduring together. If I come back, it won't be long enough from now.

**Lee Jerome Mitchell**

Julee, Mitch
Ellisville, MS
Economics

It's too cold here! Mom & Dad, you gave more support than I could ever ask for. To everyone-too many names too little space but I couldn't have made it without you. Terri it's over! Stupid doesn't describe some of the things we had to do but somewhere along the way I learned a lot and found some of the greatest friends in the world. Thanks.

**Gregory Eugene Nowak**

Greg
Annapolis, MD
Latin American Area Studies

"The mark of the immature man is that he wants to die nobly for a cause, while the mark of the mature man is that he wants to live humbly for one." -Wilhelm Stekel. "Fair Winds and Following Seas." -Naval farewell. To the Untouchables, Mark, my folks, Art, Renee, The Yagmins, Hans, Paula, Roel and Chris. This is me, is that you? I love you and please...Drive Safely.

**Federico Iglesias Pacquing Jr**

Freddy, Iggy
Oak Harbor, WA
Computer Science

"Even a fool knows that he can't reach out and touch the stars, but a wise man never stops trying." Thanks to my family...I didn't get a hand full of mud! To Goober for the stories, Ken for the hard times when I chickened out, Mel for the advice, and Scotty for putting up with the room. Thanks God for showing me that your power is made perfect in weakness.

**Tilghman Lee Rittenhouse**

Tim
Glendale, AZ
Materials Science

Thanks to everyone in my family for helping me get through the good times and the bad times. I hope everyone in the class of '94 can continue to adapt and oppress, OQPS, I mean adapt and overcome. The moment you become satisfied with your accomplishments is the exact same minute you stop growing as a human being.

George Allen Stanley

Allen, Al
Memphis, TN
Biochemistry

Thanks to my parents and my sisters who stood by me and kept me believing was not completely crazy. Thanks to Ricky (no I don't want a dip), Rach (you're still a cutie), Jermon (commitment to excellence), Freddy (watch that ron), Scottie and Mel (play the Bodyguard, eh?), and Londa (for saying yes). Life is worth living with friends like these.

SEE Y'ALL IN MONTANA!

Scott David Studer

Holly, MI
Computer Science

They wouldn't call it a challenge if it wasn't tough. I couldn't have made it if not for great friends. Thanks goes out to Mark, Iggy, Goober, Kenly, the Kimmels, and especially to my parents, my sisters and Mel.

Richard William Tarbox

Box, Toybox, Wasky
Springville, NY
Human Behavior and Leadership

As I look back, I shudder to think of what I could have become, and rejoice at what I've been made into. I have learned a love that "transcends human knowledge" in the most complete passion. It is this love that rescued me from myself and will rescue those that come after. Psalm 146.

Hans Thurston Thatcher

Deiter, Fritz
Goldsboro, NC
Biology

Mom & Dad thanks for the support. You were always there when I needed you. Craig, hey bro, we've become best friends since I've been here. Thanks for the support and encouragement; I owe you one. Greg, Z, AJ, Ash, here we are; need I say more. To the Academy—what a long strange trip it's been—Grateful Dead. Ash, Steph I'll be there.



Daymen Leon Tiffany

Tiff, Tiffany, Preceding Hairline,
D.T., Day-Mon
Aurora, IL
Electrical Engineering

The Academy has been one of the best experiences of my life. I would like to thank my friends and God for helping me get through. Without Jesus I couldn't have done it, and without my friends I couldn't have enjoyed it. Special thanks to Chop, Hurt, Dunkin, BO, Jeff, Scotty, yan, Joe and all the Nats, the Black-Smacks, and the Tigers of Ten. Hilo, you were a good roommate, you work.

Richard John Wageman

Fat Rick
Sacramento, CA
Civil Engineering -
Environmental

Thanks to my family for encouraging and not pushing. Thanks to my local friends for giving me the needed touch of reality. Thanks to the PTWOB's - the Rocky Mountains are the most beautiful place in the world and you only make it better. We have a rendezVOUS with the real world - Floaters out one last time...Ready..Set..Don't Funnel. Huzzah. Here's to YOU.....

David Brian Williams

Dave, Dave 1, or Yams
Statesboro, GA
Engineering Science (Aero)

What a wild ride! Like all of the stairways here at USAFA, it's been all uphill. It will almost be hard to say goodbye to long days, no nights, cold summers, even colder winters, and breakfast steak, but not too hard. To my family and friends, thanks for everything, it meant more than you can imagine.

Roel Zamora

Z
Rupert, ID
Latin American Studies

"Mom and Dad, there are things about the Academy you just wouldn't understand; things you couldn't understand; things you shouldn't understand." Thanks, God, for carrying me through the past 1434 days. Thanks also to Mom, Dad, Joey, Baby, Taya, and Randy for all of the support you've given me; and to Lee, Greg, Saxon, the Daves, Chris, and everyone else who has influenced my life. "That's all I've got!"

R=11 E=ELEVEN

Reeves Emerson Bower

Keanu
Pueblo, CO
Biology

Would I do it again? I can't say. Thanks to my families, especially Mom, Bill, Dad, Nancy, Marika; also the Cranmers, Spodens, Grosses, Knacks, and the others. Mongo--don't step in the pizza! To my friends: it's been fun at times; I will miss you all. Most of all, thanks to Pamela: I couldn't have made it without you; I will love you always. Hebrews 11:1. We kept the faith!



John David Breuker

Frooo
Aeronautical Engineering
Larkspur, CO

It was real. It was fun. First, thanks goes out to my family - I couldn't have made it without you. I love you guys. Thanks for the good times Vinny, Boo, Reeves, and most of all, Chris. Thank you MLJ. Don't let the world shape you - shape your own world, it is what you make it!



Michael Dunton Brothers

M. Bros, Mikey
Laramie, WY
Biology

Four years - how did it finish so quickly? Yeah, right. Anyway, long hair and not getting caught, that's the answer. To my parents and sisters - thanks for all the love & support, I couldn't have done it without you. To the ski team - WE ARE NOT AFRAID!! To my Lcat - you're the most purrfect part of my life! Rebels and Ratz. Wake up Dave, we have to be in AML in three minutes!

Amy Elizabeth
Tucson, AZ
Political Science

"Never cry when the sun
the tears will never let you
I'm not crying but I have te
Thank you to all who ha
when I fell: Mom, Wally,
Browns, Jareen and Gra
to everyone else who tou
... it will not be forgotten.



Scott Jerome G.
Colorado Springs
Economics

"Veni, vidi, vici" - "I
conquered." (Julius Cae

Amy Elizabeth Carnes
Tucson, AZ
Political Science

Never cry when the sun sets, because the tears will never let you see the stars. I'm not crying but I have tears in my eyes. Thank you to all who have caught me when I fell: Mom, Wally, Dad, Jill, the Browns, Janeen and Grace. Thank you to everyone else who touched my heart - it will not be forgotten.



Paul Joseph Clowers II
Joe Boo
Management
Mullens, WV

The Hick family made it. Looking back, I didn't like this place much. Thanks goes to family and friends for help and support. Thanks to Vinny, Freu, Fry and everyone else. As everyone back home put it, "I thought you would go to college well sorta." I found it interesting. Can I go now?



Douglas Charles Edwards
WopCheese
Milford, PA
Management

After four years, what do I know? If you do not have the courage to fight for your convictions, sit down and shut up because the world just left you behind. "It seems that we are very good at finding reasons for what we do, but not so good at doing what we find reasons for." I wouldn't have made it without Mom, Dad, Dan, Elena, Jeanne, and THE POSSE! I love you.



Christopher Michael Evans
Chris, Evanistan, LBB
Hollywood, FL
European History

Mom and Dad, I owe you both everything. You have always been there for me. I Love you both. My best friend Johnny, remember Cottonwood, skiing, Boulder, and all the good times to come. See you in Australia. To the rest of you: Vinny, Pam and Dave, and Reeves-You have helped me learn so much. Thanks. VENI VIDI VECI!



Scott Jerome Galaydick
Colorado Springs, CO
Economics

"Veni, vide, vici" — "I came, I saw, I conquered." (Julius Caesar)



David Allen Gauch
Gauch, Gooch
Marietta, GA
Political Science

Thanks to my family, friends, and the Warnersdorfers. I honestly couldn't have made it through this circus without you. To the "Pals," amidst all the changes and broken promises, you have stood fast-I love you all. To my "wrong crowd"-well-what can I say? And to my FB brothers, we accomplished a great deal, "Here's what we'll say!"



Janeen Michel Gentry
Colorado Springs, CO
Social Sciences

It has been a long road full of hardships, memories, and success. I would like to thank Mom, Dad, Major Britton, and the rest of my family and friends. Also, I would like to thank God for giving me the strength to succeed. "Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27:14) It's time to go...Peace!



Michael John Hanna
Mikey, Shorty
Napa, CA
Civil Engineering -
Environmental

Sir, I just want to be a farmer.

John Tyler Knack
Mongo, Knack Attack, J.T.
 Newark, OH
 English

"No man is an island." I learned that lesson well; I owe so much to my incredible family, friends, sponsors, and to the Rebels. Keanu, my friend, we survived it all and still had fun! Stressful days, short nights, great weekends; amazingly, I'm still (mostly) sane. Remember: "There are those who are born scared, afraid and not willing to show some sack or guts. We eat those people for breakfast."



Dean Lyle Larson
Dino, LRM
 Yuma, AZ
 Economics

But Sir....O.K. I'll get it cut. The six year journey has come to an end. From the summer of '88 and the guys in 22 (Oaks get a dollar), to the WRONG CROWD of Rebeleven. Thanks for the memories!! Dave, Steve, and Tom: Good Luck. Mikey, I'll let you know when I get some more shredded money.



Stephen Charles Mann
Flounder
 Fredericksburg, VA
 Engineering Sciences

When I was a boy I had a dream To come to the Academy and Fly. I achieved the first goal, but then injury Made my other plans go awry. I cannot describe the loss of a dream: All of the emotions I felt, But I will press on, for hope lies ahead. Pass me another Beef Meximelt.



Jeffrey Whitten Marshall
Droopy
 Honolulu, HI
 Legal Studies

"GEEZ, a special thanks to my family, Mom, Dad and John you helped immensely, to all the swim team fellas past and present, what can I say, you're the best I love you guys, AW MAN, thanks also to all my friends and my buddies in the Rebeleven crowd, Joe you were a killer roommate, thanks to Taylor and my Hawaiian O'hana, you're very important. Stay macho everyone and make sure to even have a little fun."



Christopher Robert Michals
Ginsu
 Buffalo, NY
 Bachelor of Science

"I hate school! I'm never going to school ever again! I refuse!" (Calvin and Hobbes). Who cares about UPT? I'm already a pilot and I have my own plane. Funny how some things work out. Anyway, I'll always have my Dreams. I need to thank God, Mom, Dad, brothers, relatives, Duffy, and friends. This five year plan was too long! But I wouldn't change it.

Owarimashita, Gambatte!



Kevin Douglas Murray
Kev, Murr, Mic
 Tacoma, WA
 Management

If there is anything that I've learned at the Academy, it's how to handle success and disappointment. Thanks to my family and God for helping me through it all. Dad, remember ODAT, it works! To the posse in 11th squad, we've been through everything together. Thanks for all the good times and memories — I love you guys and I'll never forget you.



Kristopher Troy Norwood
Woody, Footy
 Mound, MN
 Political Science

"Failure is not the worst thing in the world. The worst thing is not to try." There hasn't been a day I wasn't tested at this place. I passed. Thanks to my loving family (my wings), the posse (my sanity check), my one and only, Jillieta (my inspiration), and most of all, God (my foundation). Always climb towards the Light and you won't go wrong. Four down, eternity to go!



Stephanie Elaine Parsons
Mom
 York, ME
 General Engineering

We've come a long way from 29 Jun 90 - Thanx Julie and Laura for our friendship! OCF...Protestant Choir...my guys in '93...Kerrin-thank!...the little things"...All of the memories these bring to mind. John - thanx for everything love you! Mom and Dad - I never would have made it without all of your support. Thanks for all that you've done for and been to me. I love you both! Isaiah 40:31 Philippians 4:13

Jennifer Elizabeth Patrick

Fox Point, WI
Human Factors Engineering

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times but these were the times of my life. Thanks to all my great friends: all of the fellas from Eagle Eight- you will always be in my heart and the basketball team for all of the great seasons and of course AnnMarie. I could have missed the pain but I'd of had to miss the Dance...



John Paul Schroeder

Funky, Dope
Hebron, IN
Mathematics

I would like to thank my parents for all their love and support, I could not have done it without you.

To the No Respect Havin' gang, let us continue to scam together until we finally get our golf course. We have truly played the game to perfection. To all of those who felt the need to correct us, I am sorry you never got to play, Bra.



German Alfredo Schroth

Generalissimo
Lima, Peru
Economics

"Life is too darn short to waste time trying to please every meddlesome moron who's got an idea on how I ought to be. I don't need advice" (Calvin and Hobbes). Thanks to my family, and good friends who always were next to me, breaking regs, in both good and bad times, the Mustang, pennies, and all the people who helped me, but never carried me. I'm glad it's over.



Laura Susanne Simmons

Spring, TX
Biology

Thanks to my family who means the world to me... Mom, Dad, Russ, Doug, and George. Remember, I will always be there for you as you have been for me.



John Charles Vincent

Vinny
Aeronautical Engineering
La Junta, CO

Growing up it was a dream to graduate from the Academy, now it's reality. It's hard to believe I finally made it. I would like to thank my family (especially Mom and Sis) for your loving support; I couldn't have done it without you! Kevin, Joe Boo, Chris, Freu and the country boys thanks for being there (KIT). Thank you all and remember "Dreams were made to come true."



Kevin John Watson

Racine, WI
Behavioral Science - Human Behavior

The five year journey's finally over. To the people that helped me survive... Dad, I can't say enough. Mom, I knew you were watching. Jack, make the Corps proud. Holmes, see ya around the world. Chris, thanks for the vision. Zeiner, thanks for the corruption. Good luck Vinnie, POS, Will, Trey, Mark, and the entire Reb 11 Posse. A few last words... Zube, eah?! Cubs Win!!! Aye laddie, you can't beat...



Christian Aguilar Wendler

Big Daddy, Bigin, Aguilar
El Paso, TX
Political Science, Latin America Studies

"Know Thyself and Live Freely" Cicero. The Game was Philosophical, Intellectual, Spiritual, Comical, Dreadful. It's over; we won. Thanks to the fellas for the times. We came strong or we didn't come at all. To the Geeks; Be an athlete or life will pass you by. Mama, Papa, Carla, Carlos, Mi Senor. Gracias. Te quiero mucho. HASTA.



Steven Mark Zubowicz

Zube
St. Petersburg, FL
Political Science

Thanks Mom, Dad and family for all your support. Beth, it's finally over- I guess we're in the 3% club after all. To all the great friends I've made- this place was the best of times, Yeah-Roger! Marty, good thing for the Track, the Course, and the Creek- at least we weren't climbing rocks like Korn. "Have another one, ___!" "Here comes Rocky!" "Kev, eah?!" "Long live the PDR!"

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IRTY DOZEN

Lance Edgar Baxter

Bax

Evergreen, CO

Electrical Engineering

"There is no such thing as a truly individual effort. My success I owe to those who helped me to be who I am and to do what I have done.
and the many others, thanks."



Rob Edward Blissett

Blister

Auburn, MI

Legal Studies

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Mark Edward Blomme

Fayetteville, NC

Aeronautical Engineering

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"Accept the challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory." - Unknown Author

Michael Eric D

Mike

Hayden Lake,

Without Dad, Roc and Bo... all your support. Well the first days are... don't you worry any... life looks like easy s... at your door."

Dennis Bruce Bonilla

D, D Bone, Bone
El Paso, TX

Latin American History

I guess I made it. I would like to thank my parents and the rest of my loved ones who have stood behind me these four years. I have made a lot of really great friends these years, you're all the best. Let's keep partying. Thanks E.J., C.L., and Chris Barrett.



Jermont Chen

G-Money, Sun Tzu

Nutley, NJ

Biochemistry, (Chinese)

"... preparation, knowledge, and discipline can deal with any form of danger; ... danger confronted properly is not something a man must fear." Tom Clancy. Thanks to my family, sponsors, BBBS, and friends for all the support you have ever given me. I couldn't have made these past four years without you; my successes are your successes. I also thank every instructor that I have had for preparing me to face dangers without fear. Good Luck and God Bless!



Richard Keith Derrick

Keith

Rio Rancho, NM

Civil Engineering

I look back on my years here and think of what this place has brought me. There have been many bad times and many good times. The bad fading with time, the good always in my memories. I will never forget the friends I have made and the friends I will always have.



John DiPasquale Jr

Deep

Carrollton, TX

Operations Research, Economics

Mom and Dad, I owe you everything I have become. Donella, thanks for your undying support and love; I love you very much. To the fellas, you know who you are, it was a trip, I love you guys. To the rest of my friends and family, especially Tony, Mario, Art, and Phyllis, thanks for believing in me. Well, I'm outta here, see y'all at the top.



Michael Eric Dunn

Mike

Hayden Lake, ID

Mom and Dad, Roc and Barb thank you for all your support. "Well the first days are the hardest days, don't you worry anymore, cause when life looks like easy street there is danger at your door."



Shawn Michael Gunter

Hans

Boulder, CO

Space Operations

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"Build me a son, O Lord..." -- General MacArthur



George Alvin Holland III

Jorge

San Angelo, TX

Aeronautical Engineering

"...If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty seconds worth of distance run, Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!" -- Rudyard Kipling, "If"

Thank you to everyone who has touched my life these past four years. I leave the same way I entered full of dreams and ready to conquer the world.



Eric Douglas Johnson

EJ, Vinnie

Bethesda, OH

Human Factors Engineering

Well, I guess I made it! I would like to thank my parents and grandparents for all the support and love through the years. And for all those that have dreams: stay strong, stay focused, and never give up! And to all the great friends I've made at USAFA: I love all you guys, you're the best and good luck in whatever you do. I'm always there if you need me!

Katherine Heather Johnson

HJ, KH, Katherine
Bolingbrook, IL
Classical Physics

"Worry is a futile thing,
it's somewhat like a rocking chair.
Although it keeps you occupied,
it doesn't get you anywhere."
-Author Unknown

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made an impact on my life (and, I hope,
success): THANKX! I love you all!!! I am
especially grateful to my father who
refused to let me use the word "can't".



Matthew Lynn Johnston

Matt, Miser
Enid, OK

Aeronautical Engineering

Well, we made it. Big Kev, Fee, Deep,
G-money and all the rest: thanks for a
great three years. Most of all I want to
thank my parents and my Lord Jesus
Christ for being with me every inch of
the way. I never could have done it
without you.



Marc Nathan London

Dallas, TX

Aeronautical Engineering

Everyday around this place seems to
last forever. But, now that I'm almost
finished, I can only ask myself "where
has the time gone?" The support I've
received from my family has been great,
Thank you. Good Luck to my class-
mates and friends, and remember -
GO COWBOYS!



Corey Austin Luhrs

Lou, Lureser, Fish
Fort Morgan, CO

Human Factors Engineering

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ries. I love you all!



Stephen Paul McIlvaine

Mac Daddy
Xenia, OH

Engineering Sciences

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all your support. I could not have made
it without your help. I wish the best of
luck to the graduates in 12 and the class
of '94.



Felix Montero

Fee

Junction City, KS
Biology

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guidance, especially you Mom. Thanks
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freshman and upperclass squadrons.
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greatest moments here at the Zoo. And
thank you God for giving me the oppor-
tunity to come here. Take it easy
everybody hope to see you out there.



Peggy Moskaluk

Moscow

San Francisco, CA
Human Factors Engineering

1/2 decade of USAFA, oh yeah, no
problem.
Nothing is impossible.
What a great day for a Depeche Mode
Video!
Thank you Mom, Nadia, Dad, R, cool
friends, and the people at Colombian
Coffee for the last five years.
For the direction and the balance, thank
you Lord.
(Joshua 1:9)



Douglas Dean Pinkerton

Doug, Pink, Panther
Upland, IN
Civil Engineering,
Environmental

— but those who hope in the Lord will
renew their strength. They will soar on
wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not be
faint. (Isaiah 40:31) Thanks to my Lord
and Savior for all the strength and
courage. Thanks to my family and friends
for everything. God Bless you all!

Robert Allen Remey Jr

Big Bob, Bubba
Austin, TX
Civil Engineering

It's been five years since I entered US-AFA. I still ask why I did this. It's been some of the hardest years of my life, with some of the greatest experiences. Thank you Mom and Dad and the rest of my friends who have pushed me to my outer limits and then still keep on pushing. Always remember to live your life with no regrets.



Jason Alan Van Valin

Eddie
Albuquerque, NM
Operations Research, Economics

You only live once. So enjoy it!



Bulldawgs 13



Kevin Patrick Wade

Kevin P., BIG Kev
Saratoga Springs, NY
Electrical Engineering

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times... May the pillars of salt supporting the Academy never fall. While the Academy wants to produce a well rounded leader, it must produce warriors. "Who'll do it?"



Michael Kenichi Archie

Mike, Arch
North Highlands, CA
Civil Engineering

Thanks to my family Mom, Dad, Sis and Mr. Posey for all your support through the years. To all my boys: Ron, Ced, Lee, Vic, Free, T.J., Don D., Big D., Pat, Houston, Black, Med, Wayne, Jeff, and Hoop, we came a long way. Don, John, Rick, B.J. hang in there. I'll always remember the good times we had.

**Jeffrey Scott Bergstrom**

JB, Odie
Griswold, IA
Human Factors Engineering

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**Richard Dunphy Cimino**

anything but Dick!
Raton, NM
Geography

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**Edmond Joseph Dixon**

Crazy Eddie
West Haven, CT
Human Factors

Here, I learned to remain mildly sane. Get a guitar to beat on, always have a Schaefer in reach, and turn it up. "Some people wanted champagne and caviar when they should have had beer and hot dogs" (Dwight D. Eisenhower). Thanks to the whole fam family. "In wildness is the preservation of the world, so seek the wolf in thyself" (Metallica).

**Timothy Andrew Eckstein**

Andy
Florence, KY
Electrical Engineering

Find me always stretching for the brass ring.

**Eric Christian Grace**

E. or Gracey
Egg Harbor Township, NJ
Biology

Mom, Paul, Gramps, Gram, Steve, and Dad: Thanks for all of the love and support. Mark - thanks for all of the gifts you have given me. Keith: carry on in excellence — everything begins with the power of one. Cal: "I don't know... could be worse" Mac Daddy: "who's your daddy". Zoomie Rugby Football Rules! I am THE unluckiest cadet at the Academy. Loyalty, Trust, Respect, Desire, Dedication, and Determination. Tigers live forever!

**Tommy Eugene Gregory**

T, Tucker, Slick, Tommy G.
Zephyrhills, FL
Economics

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**Lisa Marie Hagerman**

Emmy
Colorado Springs, CO
Space Physics

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains."

— Henry David Thoreau

David William Ham
Hambone
Redmond, WA
Computer Science

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James Ryan Kenny
Ryan
Redlands, CA
Astronautical Engineering

I have changed, the Academy has changed; have you?
I'm grateful for my mother, my father, Kobi-Wan, PeaceDog, Buttercup (Give Sanctions more Time!), and the words of Robert Anton Wilson,
"The totally convinced and the totally stupid have too much in common for the resemblance to be accidental." Woof.
Freshman year debaters, where are you?



Lance Elliott Kent
Dave, Mole, Special 'K'
Cardiff-By-The-Sea, CA
Human Factors Engineering

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Brian Kenji Kobashigawa
Brian, Koby, Koby-wan
Oxnard, CA
Aeronautical Engineering

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Rodney David Liberato
Rod
Red Bank, NJ
Aeronautical Engineering



Robert Allen Melzer II
Melz
Arlington, TX
Human Behavior



Michael Kenneth Miller
Mike, Data
Mukwonago, WI
Materials Science



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Sure footed and swift, Basic Jason Hover concentrates on making it to the other side of the log without a mishap. Throughout the obstacle course cheers of encouragement and warning could be heard.

Mama y Papa, gracias por todos los sacrificios, a vustedes les debo todo! To the "Salsa Crew": Mike, Paul, Jose, Nes, D.J., you guys will always be a part of me. The Nehl's family, my second home, your support and encouragement helped me through it all. Tammy: Together we can make all our dreams come true, I love you! "Live pure, speak true, right wrong", and always follow your heart.

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Trevor Reed Nelson

Jethro, Trev
Grand Rapids, MI
Human Factors Engineering

"Spirit. In every language, in every time and every place, the word has a ring of strength and determination. It is the hero's strength, the mother's resilience, and the poor man's armor. It cannot be broken, and it cannot be taken away. This I must believe." - R.A. Salvatore. Thanks to all. Especially Congressman Paul Henry, who believed in me. He succumbed to a brain tumor this past summer (1993).



Lee Sanford Owens IV

Chicago, IL
Political Science

For when I am weak, then I am strong.
- 2 Corinthians 12:10
It was four long and tough years, but it was worth it. One thing I've learned is to take the best from every situation. Thanks to my family (especially Mom, Dad and Will) for your love and support. To all the boys: I'll always remember the times we had and hope to see you out there in the "real" Air Force.



Darian John Padilla

D.J.
Northglenn, CO
Geography/Spanish

The last five years of my life have been very tough, yet rewarding. I just want to say a special thanks to my Mom, Dad, Dennis, Danny, Hank, Sis, Rodney, and Mike for helping me through the tough times. Without your love and support, my dreams would never have come true!



Steven Arthur Roehrick

Pavillion, WY
Geography

The Fat Lady's finally singing... Mom and Dad: I couldn't have made it without you helping me through the bad times and cheering me through the good. Kelli: Why couldn't I have met you sooner? Everyone on staff both my 2nd and Firstie years: Remember the great times. Hey, friends are friends forever. Richard Bach: You're right—There is no such thing as a problem without a gift for you in its hands.



Tom Skarda

Houston, TX
History



Erica Maria Stone

Stoner, Boner, Dinky
Mt. Vernon, NY
Biology

Mommy, Daddy, Chris, Edi, Star, Garcia's and Hamou's: you're the best family anyone could hope for. I love you all. Tommy: you taught me how to take risks and follow my heart. Thanks (squeeze, squeeze). A smile cures all...so smile, it's only life after all. Words to live by: "All you need is love" -The Beatles. "We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of a dream" -Willy Wonka.



William Brooks Walpert

Bill, Alpo, Mighty-Bill
Ft. Worth, TX
Political Science

Thanks, but I learned all the important stuff in kindergarten. We're the party that wants to see an America in which people can still get rich. -Ronald Reagan
Never allow your ambition to be satisfied.
Always rock the boat.



Robyn Lynn Wasylik

Rob, Roby, Moose
Columbus, OH
Political Science

Thanks to Dad, Mom, and Greg who gave me so much love and support. I couldn't have made it without you. Also, thanks to Brice for your companionship and the strength you gave me. Thanks to all my friends and classmates who tried their best to make this place fun, and thanks to God who truly made this possible.

Estel Jerry Wilson

Jerome
Sunfish, KY
Biology

Thanks to everybody who helped me get through this joint including my family, friends, Schaefer, and The Gold Card Club. Hey, Chicken, if you are reading this, you're still here. Ha, ha. See you kids later, I'm outta here!



Richard Paul Amisano Jr

Rich, Dick, Wop
Horseheads, NY
Civil Engineering

Did I Graduate?



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OB-RAS



David Evan Beebe

Heady, Beebs
Chillicothe, MO
General Engineering

Wow, that really flew by! "Lemon please sir, for Cadet Beebe." I learned one thing during the four years here: You, my friend, are the only one to know your limits. Push your limits, or let them shove you back. It's not what other people think, it's what you think. "Stop lookin' out, start lookin' in, be your own best friend, stand up and say, hey! This is mine. All mine..." -Van Halen To Pauly and Boyd: Fellas, throw one my way! Thanks Mom and Dad!



William Edward Benson
III

Bill

Duluth, MN

Behavioral Science, Human
Behavior and Leadership

"If I knew the way, I would take you home." Thank you Mom, Dad, and Mike, and Andrea.



Raymond Bernier

Ray

Woonsocket, RI

Human Factors Engineering

I can truthfully say that when I entered the USAF Academy I never thought that I would graduate. Now that graduation has finally come, I would like to thank everyone, especially my parents and my friends who gave me the support to make it through this place. Also, I would like to thank the Academy for giving me the experiences to build upon my abilities and also the opportunities to meet wonderful people.



Steven Cornelius Buttie

Stevo, Boot

Cranston, RI

Geography

"I keep my friends as misers do their treasure, because, of all the things granted us by wisdom, none is greater than friendship." -Pietro Aretino
I thank God for the opportunity to come to the Academy, my family for giving me the strength, and the HSD for making it enjoyable.
Special thanks to Richie A. for taking care of me and all the memorable Bus missions.



Daniel James Di Mento

Isliip, N.Y.

Economics, Survival

"Read dozens of books about heroes and crooks and I learned much from each of their styles...One step ahead of the jailer!"
Respects to the family and fellas for this was no solo ride, you can all relax now! Special thanks to Jennifer, but I'll always need one more favor. Honest! Remember this; there is always a light at the end of the tube so enjoy the ride, for life is your friend and God is your guide.



Timothy Franklin Dowd

Timmy, Big Mick

Manhasset, NY

Military History

Thanks to everybody who took themselves too seriously - we never stopped laughing at you. Travis, how were your two years? No, Carlton, I can't go skiing tomorrow. My credit card again? More lemon? HSD F+I I've learned a lot here: first, be a government contractor... Time to close down the Pub, fellas. Mom, Dad and Jen -Thanks for being there.
Thank God Notre Dame said no.



Bradley James Goeke

Brad

Rosford, OH

Biochemistry

I learned a lot here, fortunately I forgot most of it.
Thanks Mom and Dad - "I didn't know I couldn't"



Carlton Lee Hoskins

Woody

Owensboro, KY

Political Science Do or Die

Thanks to DF, the whole institution, you robbed me of the flower of my innocence. Let's see, we could study or... No Man is a Island, Thanks Mom, Dad, the rest of the fam and HSD.. Life is a fatal adventure, there can be only one ending, so quit taking it so damn seriously, Live Hard and Live Fast -Jim Morrison



Ki Lee Jackson

Kanechiwah, Action, Sky

Orland, CA

Mathematical Sciences

If my head were veal, which I know it is not....how much would it be worth? - KITH
I can't believe it's over. It's seemed like only an ETERNITY!! Thank you Mom and Dad for your support throughout these lengthy four years.
To HSD and all of my homeys, thanks for being the best friends I could ever ask for.
FTP....STO....

Timothy Peter Kopania

KoKo

Palos Verdes, CA

Human Factors Engineering

Before coming here, I knew a little about a lot of things. In the middle, I began to know more and more about less. Now I know almost everything here is to know about nothing. To HSD, drink a tall one at Al's for me, we earned it. Lisa, I'll never forget, I promise. To Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without you. I love you.

Sean Raymond Madole

Maddog

Reno, NV

Management

Thanks Mom, Dad, Jeremy, and Aaron you all were always there for me. Dad I hate to say it but you were right again, I made it. Thanks to all of my friends here you all have made these four years worthwhile. Scotty, Kid, and Lisa you are the best friends anybody could ever hope to have. You guys are the best.

Guy Robert Majkowski

Majik, Joker

Milwaukee, WI

Biology

When trudging through the mud of life
Do not get distracted by death and strife
Do not become cynical or overly critical
Life shouldn't be so damn political
Be yourself in your every endeavor
Do not conform, but be ever so clever
As to see through the filth and grime
Look past depression and daily crime
And see the beauty in life itself
of being the best, of being **yourself**
- Guy Majkowski
Thanks Mom, Dad, and Rocky!

Michael James Malone

Boomer, Moses

Grants Pass, OR

Civil Engineering

There have been days when The Hill's out to get you. To me, the challenge has been to keep the system from affecting the important parts of the personality of the kid that walked in here four years ago. It was hard to keep the idealism, the humor, the compassion, and resist the cynicism. But now, at graduation, I see how well I've met that challenge. Game over...I win.



John Steven Meiter

Martyr

Whittier, CA

Aeronautical Engineering

Being bad feels pretty good. LIVE everyday. Tomorrow's Tomorrow. Ryan, give sanctions more time. Mom and Dad, thanks for being there and putting up with my differences. Guy, thanks for the back rub, want to watch a movie? Rebs, call me anytime. Speech, TDY, trophies, hope you have a team next year...PEACE

'Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed
- Proverbs 16:3

James Courtney Mock

Daddy

San Antonio, TX

Latin American Area Studies

Thanks for all the wonderful classes I had to take, the great weather, and most important: carpet squares. To Mom, Dad, and Eric thanks for all the love and support yall gave me. My friends, thanks for being there every step of the way. HSD - Hook 'Em Horns - The Chair Is Against The Wall.

Matthew Whitfield Newby

Newb, Fat

Edmond, OK

Human Factors Engineering

Thanks to God for everything I have. To Mom, Dad, Nate and Chris, you mean the world to me. To all the preppies, I'd do it again. To my brothers, you are the reason I stayed at this place. Falcon Football is #1. I love all you guys. Finally, to all the geeks, my bag's still on my shoulder and I'm sleepin' through breakfast.

Nicole Felice Patrick

Nic, Coli

Denver, CO

Political Science,
International Relations

To friends who made this place worth everything—Moo, Bill and Poot, Josh, Mike and Tina, the OCF gang, and most of all, Kurt—I love you. Thank you Lord for your forgiveness, mercy, and love. You knew I never wanted to be anywhere else. "To be born free is an accident, to live free a privilege, to die free a responsibility." Unknown

Michael Ramirez
New York City, NY
General Engineering

Fueron cinco años difíciles, pero con la ayuda del Señor y de mi madre pude alcanzar mis sueños.



Todd Robert Stratton
Strato, Cruiser
Howell, MI
Computer Science

"Preserve your memories, they're all that's left you." - Paul Simon
Richie, lets air-out the room one last time. EddyMac, I may join your club yet! Here's to the HSD and Bad Habits Nights, you guys are the greatest. Flip, Whore, Brick, Spermer and EddyMac, "We run because we must..."
Chad, my friend, take care. "Free!" Billy Corgan I owe it all to my family, friends and the Lord. Thank you.

Bryan Edward Salmon
Bry
Colorado Springs, CO
Management

Life's no too short. It's just that you're dead for so damn long. The one thing that I regret the most about USAFA was not spending enough time with the fellas; they are what makes this place bearable - thanks AFA Lax, HSD, and friends. MEH 5/21/92. To Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without you, I love you. "It's a bittersweet surrender..."



Travis Scott Vires
Savvy
Imperial, NE
Military History

As we travel down the paths of our lives it is easy to be cynical and disenchanting, but it gets us nowhere. I shall attempt a feat more challenging and fulfilling than all that, I shall be content in all that God has given me and all he is doing with me.
I hope life's not one big joke, BECAUSE I DON'T GET IT. But I'm not bitter. Thank God for HSD. Adapt and Oppress.

Alison Elizabeth Slucas
Al
Buchanan, MI
Russian Area History

"Pooh, promise you won't forget about me, ever. Not even when I'm a hundred." Pooh thought for a little. "How old shall I be then?"
"Ninety-nine."
Pooh nodded. "I promise," he said. Pooh knew what he meant, but, being a Bear of Very Little Brain, couldn't think of the words.

The House At Pooh Corner



Kristen Marie Welsh
Roswell, GA
International Relations

Mom, Dad, Stephen, Kevin, Grandma I., Mike... I couldn't have made it without you. In your love I found strength and courage. I love you all!
All of the fun, the laughter, late nights, hell weeks, Ring Dance... The road has been long. In the end all I know is happiness.... I have learned so much, yet is it enough? Was it worthwhile? What do you want, the approved solution?

Kenneth Gregory Stoltman
Kenny G, Kage
Grand Forks, ND
Behavioral Science and
Leadership - Human Behavior

Well, I've been in a one-legged butt-kickin' match with the Dean and finally got one in on him. Thank You to the Cobras, Kev W., the Stoltman crew (Mom, Dad) and Ebertowski's, Hutson's, Herrmann's, Tilley's, Col Ream, Capt Eady (attitude adj.) SMSgt Byrd, Chief Meadows, (refer to rule 1), and especially LtCol Buron, my model, whereas words can never thank you enough. Y'know, little boyhood dreams can come true...



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Explaining "for what reason there is for contraband in his mail" Jim Francis does some quick thinking on his feet.

Jose Enrique Barrera

Platano

Santo Domingo, Dom Rep
Biochemistry

"Take the calculated risk - dream, build, fail, succeed; face the world boldly and say 'This, with God's help, I have done.'"

- Dean Alfonse

Carry the CROSS, with Faith, Hope, Love; Remember Philippians 4:13. White Knights OVERCOME. The only one who can tell you you can't, is you - and you don't have to listen. Paella, I Love You Demasiado; Salsa Crew, Paz. Joe, Carpe Diem. One regret; somehow, I could've done more.

Donald Christian Callaghan

Callous

Indianapolis, IN
Political Science

Dickens was right. It was the best of times and the worst of times. Without great friends, it would've just been the worst of times. War Eagle Red Tags: We made it! I'm ready to give the taxpayers their money's worth.

Dad, Mom, Jim, Sue, Liz, and Chris: Thanks for believing in me and for being the best family a kid could ask for.



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Amorn Chomchoey

Bangkok, Thailand
Computer Science

"...When the light is green you go.
When the light is red you stop.
But what do you do
When the light turns blue
With orange and lavender spots?..."
Silverstein

...Well oh, well...
See Ya...

Arlene Collazo
Ponce, Puerto Rico
Astronautical Engineering

No matter what people make you think, you are in charge of your life; use it wisely.

Mamita, Papito, Sandra, Wally, Lyanne y ASM: Gracias por su apoyo y sus cartas. Los quiero mucho. A ustedes puertorricos: si yo pude graduarme, ustedes pueden tambien.

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John Everington Commins
Columbia, SC
Biology

I should have taken that other scholarship. All I ever got from here was a hand full of hair. Now at least I can grow the mustache and sideburns that I always wanted to have. Anyway, thanks to anyone and everyone I knew or met: Mom, Dad, Christy, Jules, Zutt, Greg, McD, Matt, G, Hands, Slerbs, and of course my best friend of the whole wide world, Lucier. So long, farewell. Hail to the King, Baby!



Maria Donovan
Nantasket, MA
Biology

"I've traveled many a mile. And haven't found a home. I've traveled many a mile. And one seed's unsown. I'll travel another mile. 'Til I finally find my own. With imagination ... I'll get there" -- Harry Connick Jr.

Couldn't have said it better, Harry. Friends, family, and God helped make this place a little easier and I thank each and everyone of you (you know who you are!). If you risk nothing, you risk everything. Thank God I had the fortitude to risk everything. See you in the Navy, guys!



Kevin Michael Freund
Sig, Sigg, Sigmund, Slicky,
Ziggy, Ziegfried
Ingleside, IL
Engineering Science

See below



Christopher Joseph Giorgianni
G, Chris
Pittsburgh, PA
Chemistry

Mom & Dad - Thanks for always being there. I couldn't have done it without you. I Love You! To Angela - Just Do It! To everyone along the way: Thanks for all the memories! Thank You, Lord. "If I would have been a common man, I would have taken the common path, and I would not have been satisfied. I am not common, thus I am satisfied." Michele-I love you.



Scott Edward Graham
Ontario, NY
Military History

Thank you Mom, Dad, Mike, and Doug. Lana, this has only been the beginning for us! I'll never forget Fat, Napes, Donnie, Alex, Kirk, Darren, McD, G and Shell. Good times to remember (P&G) and bad times to forget (Baker & tours). This place changed me for the better, but once is enough. Time for Uncle Scott to move on!



Darren Pierre Gray
D, D.C, Biscuit
Walnut Creek, CA
Management

You're only as average as you let yourself be! Spike, Kraut, Piff, CS-15, Running Boyz, Kuzmas, Piffarierios, you pushed me to be the best!! I love you guys. Mom (RIP), Dad and Trev, you shaped me and I wouldn't be here without you. I love you!! Cocky? Maybe. Confident? Definitely!! But cockiness without performance equals SCHLEP!! That's what I'm talkin' about! I'm off to serve the country that I love!



Jack Alan Hill
Flash
Laguna Beach, CA
Legal Studies

A little disappointed—thought this place would be more of a challenge.

David Joseph Kent

Dave

Arensghout, NL
Material Sciences

Dream to touch the stars -
Live to touch your dreams.

Life will habitually hit you hardest when
you least expect it. It is at these times,
when all of your other supports have
been reft away, that only the power of
our dreams and visions will sustain
you.



Ernest Peter Kim

Ernie

Fullerton, CA
Electrical Engineering

ALLRIGHT! ALLRIGHT! I'M GETTING UP!!

It's been real fun...NOT! Just remember,
all you need is persistence and
lots o' luck to make it here: just look at
me! Thanx to Mom, for all your love,
Dad, for all your pressure, and Sis, for
trying to keep me in line. Thanx for all
the wisdom, Capt. Bellaire and Peters.
No thanx, Capt. Baker. But most of all
I thank God for willing it...

ZZZZZZZZZZZZ...



Christopher Allen Kirby

Slerbs

Beaufort, SC
Bachelor of Science

"In the end, on dreams we will depend."
To my family, thanks for all the love and
support. Although the USAFA experi-
ence wasn't exactly a party, the great
friends I met here made it worthwhile. I
know in a couple of years, all the bad
memories of this place will be forgotten.
That's fine, because all I need to remem-
ber is the great times with friends.



Tina Bernadine Ladouceur

T. T-Bird

Wall, SD
Management

It is a great feeling when you accom-
plish something that you were never
really sure you could do. I will always
remember the people who helped me
through the bad times. I could never
have made it without God, J, you helped
me sort through some of the worst
times, my family who always supported
my choices, and Michael who has taught
me more than I ever dreamed he could.



Christopher James McCleary

Chris

Warsaw, IN
General Engineering

Dad ('67),
You're the one who got me into this,
but you're also the one who helped me
get through it. I owe it all to you.



John Christopher McDaniel

Chris, McD, Hick
Paragould, AR
Biology

"What a long, strange trip..." Thanks to
all those who got me in and kept me in:
the Family, Andrea (I love you), Matt,
Wes, and G. No thanks to those who
wanted me out (Big B, Shifty). 4 years
and 122 tours later, would I do it again?
Ask me in 10 years.



Michele Lynn McVety

Shelly, Shell, Mickey

Houston, OH
Legal Studies

Mom and Dad: I wouldn't have done it
without you.

Sis: You are a true inspiration.

Christopher: Your love made it com-
plete. Thanks for our past and our
future together. "Love is..." I Cor 13:4-
8

My buddies in Jim Beam 15: we beat it
together... relax.

"I press on toward the goal to win the
prize for which God has called me
heavenward in Christ Jesus." Phil 3:14



Donald Bruce Mentch

Wizard

Colver, PA
Aeronautical Engineering

Thank you Mom, Dad, Kerry, and Mar-
tin. I finally made it. I wouldn't trade
what I have learned for anything. I
would even do it all over again if I had
too. The Lord has been my copilot, and
I will always be his. Without him I am
nothing. Scott, Alex, and Amorn, I will
remember you always. PTWOBS are
forever. If you need me just call. Blue
Skies...

Erik David Mitchell
Big Mitch
 Stockton, CA
 Environmental Engineering

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Bryan David Nobs
Nobsie
 Grand Rapids, MN
 Geography

Four years at his place - Never once did I say I liked it here. The saying "It doesn't get any better than this", well, that doesn't work at this place! An infamous person once said - Suck It Up!! Well, I did and made it. Therefore, anyone can. THANKS to my parents, family, and friends.



Kirk Daniel Nothelfer
Kraut
 Orefield, PA
 Modern History

Mom and Dad - I couldn't have made it without you! Future aspirations aside, I have one thing to say... You just can't ask for so many opportunities and such an incredible group of peers with whom to work. The challenge of this institution rests with you. D.G., Ryan, Graham Cracker, Coyote and all my Bulldog brothers-I love you all. Semper Fi 'til I die!



Matthew Allen Pasco
Matt
 Lindolndale, NY
 Political Science, (German)

Thanks Mom, Dad, Michael, Karen Ellen, and Mori. See ya!



Nicholas Carr Roach
Bob Slaven
 Buffalo, WV
 Political Science

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Todd Alan Schwarzenbach
Schwarz, Schwarzzy, T-Bach
 Cedar Falls, IA
 Legal Studies

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Wesley Patterson Smith
Smitty, Elrod
 Grand Junction, CO
 Aeronautical Engineering

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Scott Allen Spiers
Scotty
 Henderson, NV
 Legal Studies

Thanks Mom and Dad for all the support. I never would have made it without you. Innie, thanks for everything and good luck with your firstie year. It's nice to know that some things never change.

David Richard Squires

Squee, Swinger
Reno, NV

Environmental Engineering

Jeez! From TSgt. Brackett to DWAI... I made it! B Squad: "I'm conniving and I'm dangerous." Norm, Jim and Sandboo made 39 tolerable... Braun "Skeevie." Nobsy behind the bed unit in 15. THE DUDES: Denver and CSU with Drew "Ben Dover" W. AW MAN! Droopy: we're the only ones left with a set. "I'm gonna do what it takes!" THANKS: Mom, Dad, Candy, Kat, A-Mul, A.Sue, Colonel!



Steven Scott Todd

Kid
Yucaipa, CA
Biology

I owe it all to God for my great parents, for the Big Mac's and for getting me through this pen. Will, Mitch, Booger, Poon, the guys at the Mac's house, and the Bears' house, you made it worth while—brothers forever. Good-bye to all of the mindless clones who think of themselves as leaders. See you Schwanzen in the real world. Thank God, it's finally over! Phil 4:13, Is.40.



Gregory Russell Wood

Greg
Escondido, CA
Materials Science

Get Honor, Stay Honor!

I learned so little and so much - brain dumped PChem the minute I turned in my final, but I learned that believing in yourself and your friends can get you through anything.

Dare to dream your wildest dreams. Dare to surpass your own expectations, to be something you never thought you could. I did and look what happened. I wear the ring. Nothing else matters.



Alexander Michael Wylie

Coyote
Springfield, MO
Mathematics

It's finally over and the great friendships made it worthwhile. Thanks Scott, Donnie, Kraut and D (to name a few) for always being there. Can't forget Fat and Joe either. Thanks Mom, Kevin and Veronica who always supported me. And then Carrie, who without her I would have never made it. Thanks also to God for giving me the greatest friends and family in the world. I love you all!



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Out with the old in with the new, Janeen Gentry smiles at the prospect of getting clean sheets for her bed. The annual linen exchange is an event that all cadets enjoy.

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HICKENHAWKS

Scotty Shane Anderson
Santa Anna, TX
Human Factors

For all of you who've resented every minute of this place, too bad. I've loved this place. The opportunities and friends it's given me surpass any I've known. Add the fact I've learned the secret of being content in any and every situation and you have a guy whose heart is smiling. I can't find a better answer to the question of life than Jesus. Can you?
-- John 14:6.



David Charles Bares
Dave
Plymouth, MI
Computer Science

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Psalm 23.



Michael Villafior
Bautista
Schaumburg, IL
Civil Engineering,
Environmental

"Life's a dance you learn as you go..."
Thanks to: Mom, Dad, and Dave for the free phone bills, care packages, and plane tickets home, the Robinson's for opening your arms to me, the Bullpups for a memorable first year, my fellow Hawks for the last three, Bro, the Team (Coach, Goose, Ybs, T, Jeffe)-NIP, NIP, KILL, God for giving me the strength. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:7 PS Where's my ring?

Michael Barsel Black

Mandingo
San Antonio, TX
Bachelor Science

give all praise to God and my All Mighty Saviour Jesus Christ for getting me through these five yrs. "Armed with the knowledge of our past, we can with confidence charter a course for our future" X. Where did that nice one go Ron? Wayne, Jeff, Obasi, you all crazy. Thanks to the team #46. Ron, ABU, Big Daddy, Houston, Rebecca, Brenda, Beth, Mac, JRhone, Thick, Question Everything! Walker, Sylvester



Brenda Marie Boeckmann

B
Cincinnati, OH
Civil Engineering,
Environmental

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Richard Lee Coffey III

Lounge Lizard
Jobstown, NJ
Operations Research

Well, the Lounge is officially closed and gone but not forgotten are the Lizards and the Posse. But we'll always remember that cadets don't smoke, sleep is good, SAC kicks butt, 24, Kool was cool, I was the sober lizard, and camouflaged teeth. I wonder what we're going to do when we grow up?

"Hey, they got MGD here?" -Rich Coffey



Timothy Michael Cullen

Tim, Snow, Dolf
Mt. Horeb, WI
Astronautical Engineering

"Picture yourself in a boat on a river, with tangerine trees and marmalade skies..." For the second time I can say without any hesitation that I am ready for the rest of my life, yet I still have not lived. Thank you Mom, Dad, family and friends for guiding me and being my diamonds in the sky. Finally I can live, hopefully with you, Lucy, and a bright future. Air Force Academy, it's been rough, but I still love you and will never forget.



Jason Rene Dyer

House-era
Nashua, NH
Management



Martin Peter Gaupp

Marty, El Guappo, Good Times
Warren, NJ
Economics & Operations
Research



Monica Patricia Guerra

Trish, Tricia, Mon-chi-chi
Colorado Springs, CO
Electrical Engineering



David Lee Hamby

Hambone, Hamster
Hubert, NC
Electrical Engineering



To Jared Jefferson: God and family are still first. Friends second. Stallone. Pasq. All fellas, I love you, always will-neat! Don't like our football team? You're a jerk. No drugs. Hard work. Selflessness. Goaline stands...The team: Ordinary men doing extraordinary things. A+I stuck with me and I love her for it. Dad, I gave em hell, then took some brothers—REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE, Ma, I'm coming home.

Above all, I thank God Almighty for getting me through this place. Mom, Dad, and Monica, thanks for all your support. Papa Bares, Suey, Cool Breeze, and Tumor, without you guys this place would have been unbearable. And my beloved wife to be, Britta Diane, thanks so much for your love and strength even through the toughest times. Pass the Test (James 1:3), Set the Standard (Titus 2:12,13), Crush the Opposition (Luke 10:19)

MOM,DAD: Without your encouragement I wouldn't have been able to deal with this FREE education. COPERNICUS (PUCKY): Are you feeling Red Hot now? Don't be a stranger to your little sis. AMY: You've been a great roommate. One more year kiddo. FRIENDS: Thanks for making me laugh. M.B.: I hope I never see your kind again.

Well, it has been an experience! Thanks to Mom, Dad, James, John, Tony, Patricia, and especially Eleanor, for all their support. Thanks to all the good friends I made here like those from RED EYE. To Joe (E.B.), Tim (Bird), and the other Tim (Two Ton), thanks for all the TARAFIC weekends. To those in 16 who tried to do what was right and pulled their weight, I wish you all success. God Bless.

**Brian Andrew
Ignotowicz**

Iggy
Jacksonville, FL
General Engineering

"The past is gone forever
The present is becoming the past
The future will be the present,
and it can only be better than what has
been." -Iggy

THANKS To: Dad, Mom, Wendy, and
Family, for all of the support and
confidence; The Lounge Lizards, for
all that makes life interesting "Long Live
The Lounge"



**Christopher Michael
Lindhorst**

Lucky, Lindwhore
Albuquerque, NM
Civil Engineering,
Environmental

Mark, what can I say? You were right. I
"sold my youth!"

However, a few good things did come
from my five year journey. I found a
farm animal (PIG!), made some great
friends and were X-COUNTRY WAC
CHAMPS in 1991.



Gregory Joseph Miller

Greg, Cool Breeze
Barneveld, NY
Aeronautical Engineering

"When you get down, ask yourself if you
can survive through the next minute.
Take everything minute by minute." These
were the words of advise that I relied on
for the last 2,063,520 minutes (but who's
counting).

I worked hard and I played hard and I
couldn't have done it without all the
support. Thanks to all my family and
friends, especially my mom, dad, grand-
parents, Supermann, Chickenhawks, and
happy tigers.



**Luis Eduardo
Navarro III**

Lou, Louie
Caracas, Venezuela
Electrical Engineering

Thanks to all who made it possible
: Mom, Dad, Aunt Gloria, Uncle Walt,
Tia, Dr. Lohr and Chirs. Without your
support and care I wouldn't have made
it.



John Lee Newby II

Nubian, Newbs
Fayetteville, NC
Political Science, German

"The formula for success: God, family,
and perseverance."



Ryan Patrick O'Dowd

Albuquerque, NM
Biology

"Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for
which I had labored under the sun, for I
must leave it to the man who will come
after me. And who knows whether he
will be a wise man or a fool? This too is
vanity" Ecclesiastes 2:18- May my labor
glorify Jesus Christ and those who fol-
low be wise to do the same.



Jeffrey John Parks

Jeffro
Edina, MN
Computer Science

"The game of life is not so much in
holding a good hand as playing a poor
hand well." -H.T. Leslie.



Jeffrey Lee Payne

Lounge Lizard, Payno
Newport Beach, CA
Legal Studies

What, me worry?

God already knows how I feel about
this place, so I will address everyone
else. If it wasn't for beer I would
probably die. I may have jumped but I
have no wings. It really sucks to be a
cow.

Ian Daniel Phillips

Skiin', Red
Huntsville, TX
Economics

Sir, it was about Milli Vanilli." Skiers from Texas. Swinging around stop signs. Jimmy Buffet. Slacklines. Friends lost in Boulder. Sleepy YMCA lifeguards. The Honeybee. Phoebe's. You've got to walk the walk. Thanks to my friends, the Kerr's, and especially Mom, Dad and Phoebe... I love you very much.

**Joseph Anthony Rolenc**

Rolneck, M.D., E.B.
Toms River, N.J.
Political Science

Mom, Dad, Steve, Harry, Barbara, and everyone else who supported me, the least I can say is thanks and I love You. Elise, "Bouncie", love You always-let's never grow up! To the guys, especially Bird, Hambone, and 2-Ton, thanks for all the TARAFIC weekends and bbd. "Alright fellas, here's the story..." Oh, and to all the Geekies, I'll still walk with my hands in my pockets. Go find yourselves!

**Michael Jon Saks**

Saksy
Portland, OR
Management

To Mom, Dad, and family thank-you so much for your love and support. Free-loaders, can we ever find some sponsors? Fellas, we had some great times and I'll never forget them. Geekies, sorry I made it; my bag will still be on my shoulder. **Brown eyes** and summer academics will always be remembered. Fellas, always remember when it rains it pours! Who's stories will we live off of now?

**Keri Lyn Schreiber**

Scrieb, King Fish
Minnetonka, MN
Human Factors Engineering

I tried to take one day at a time, but sometimes several days attacked me at once. Despite this, I will not regret my experience because if we wait for that perfect moment when all is safe and assured, it may never arrive. Mountains may not be climbed, races won, or lasting happiness achieved.

**Cristian Sean Smith**

Lounge Lizard, Smitty
Aurora, CO
Aeronautical Engineering

From the home office in Colorado Springs, CO... I couldn't have survived without the Lounge Lizards, T.V., Camels, the Briefcase, and of course, beer. Hy-eh-vah, I can't forget the boys from the Roach Motel and Room 27. My dogs are biting me. Now I know everything about nothing. Or is it nothing about everything? A lot of good a seatbelt will do you if you go insane!

Last call...

**Michael Christopher Suermann**

Mike, Superman, Suey, Homie
M.C.
Satellite Beach, FL
Space Operations

Thanks Mom, thanks Dad, thanks Pat. Without your help, I couldn't have gotten here or made it through. Also, thanks to my sponsors for being my other family so often these past four years. Thanks Greg, despite being cool and breezy, you've been an awesome roommate. All of you mean the world to me. Special K, Tumor, Hambone, Naked, we're gonna have a good time...always!

**Michael Steven Traw**

Thick
Iola, KS
Human Factors Engineering

"I've worn a rebel's brand...and I've cut against the grain, but I've kept my peace of mind. And I wouldn't have it any other way." Thanks to the Lord, my PALS, fellow ruggers of the ZRFC, and most of all my parents, I have kept my peace of mind. Without them I never would have made it through these four years. Thanks again, God bless, and Keep on Ruckin'.

**Todd William Tumidanski**

Tumor, Mistaah T
Milford, MI
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Tiffany for all of your support. Thank God I made it. Without friends I couldn't have done it. If I can survive this I can survive anything. Thanks to soaring for getting me out of so many parades, SAMI's, and football games. Last but not least, to my Nu Pi Sigma brother that is reading this message right now "YOU'RE THE MAN!"

John Charles Wheeler II

Wheels
Littleton, CO
Biochemistry

Well, here I am about to graduate-what an experience these four years have been! I can't say that I've never fallen, but I can say that I've always gotten back



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David Wayne Berg

Richland, WA
Physics

It seems the older I get, the faster time flows by, turning into a blur of memories. With time, the painful ones will lose their sting and the good ones will become fonder, as it will be with my Academy experience. Here's to the future, the Air Force, and friends & loved ones I have yet to meet. Thanks Mom, Dad, Kris, and God, who supported me, making everything possible.



Jennifer Letitia Changery

Jenn
Weaverville, N.C.
Biology

"Perspective - Use It or Lose It. If you turned to this page, you're forgetting that what is going on around you is not reality." -R. Bach. Thanks to my family and to all those whose smiles were genuine. Rory - "When your love grows cold and the blame seems to fall on you. Look how seasons must change and don't think it so strange that your love goes in circles too!" -Wilcox.



John David Childs
Trussville, AL
Biology

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" - Phil 1:21 A sincere word of thanks goes to my parents whose never-ending love and support cheered me on to only the beginning of the rest of life. Thanks Julie for being the loving sister every brother dreams about. Thank you Lord for being the best Friend I've ever had.



Christopher Lawrence Colcord
Coco, Mayo, C, Topher,
Metal mouth
Nucla, CO
Military History

After six years of college, I'm ready to graduate. Thanks to my folks and the rest of my family for everything. The guys in the squadron have really made these last two years fun and believe it or not I'm going to miss seeing their ugly mugs everyday (Sween, Fon, Whit, Starkie, Joe, Z, Berg, Callie, Stevie). Thanks Gook. ERAU-we made it.



Christopher Scott Dalton
Dalt, Polo, Papa Echo, Zog
Canon City, CO
English

Priorities. No man on his deathbed ever wished he'd spent more time studying. Here's to crumpets and trolls, 160 mph on Mother's day, Boog, Radar detectors, Nintendo, Loud music, Rock Island-Canadian Mist, and Wonder-Twin powers: shape of ___! Here's to not getting caught! Here's to Chas (Franz) and Jimba-Womba, best friends forever. To Mom, Dad and Jera: I love you!...and God: Thank you!



Frederick Leslie Faithful III
Fred
Herndon, VA
Political Science

"A little suffering is good for the soul."



John Weston Foncannon
Fon, Fonc, Fonzie
San Antonio, TX
Human Factors Engineering

"Why is there always so much month left at the end of the money?"
-Anonymous
I.H'd.that.F.P. It was the friends I loved...Rob, Robert, John, Joe, SweenDog, Zack (just to name a few) and everyone I knew in Stalag (I'm finally out of the Waters). My strength to stay came from you Mom and Dad, Thanx. I'm happier than hell it is over...I'm paroled!!!



Christopher Scott Gerfen
Gerf
St. Louis, MO
Political Science

The five year program is finally over! Thanks Mom, Dad and Kristin for all of your support and well, everything. Hail to the B Squadron Phantoms whom ever is left. Rippin Grim Reapers we had a blast, let's not do it again eh buddies. Stalag, it's been great and I'll see you around. Ollie, nuff said.
"Tongue-tied and twisted just an Earth-bound misfit, I."PF
Keep the Faith



Clarence Wesley Headrick III
Wes
Port Angeles, WA
Human Factors Engineering

"A diamond is a chunk of coal that made good under pressure." -Anonymous
The most valuable thing I learned this five years was to appreciate what I do have. I would never do it again; thanks Kristin, Mom, Kauriee, Geoff, and Maxwell House for helping me through this place. I love all of you!



Geoffrey Philip Hickman
Geoff, G.P.
Oak Park, IL
Far East Area Studies

If you wound the clock back, I wouldn't do it again...but now that it's over, I'm glad I did. This place took everything I had and more, but my family and friends provided a touch of reality. Thanks to my family for everything, to the Es for letting me eat all their food, to G.T. and Whit for being there from the start, and to B.K. for being you.

Joseph Salvatore Imburgia
Elgin, IL
Legal Studies

To my family, thanks for all the support. I couldn't have made it without you. To Karyn and John, you were like family to me. Words can't say enough. To Sween, Chris C., Fonc, Z., D. Berg, Geoff, and the rest of the "Fellas," thanks for putting up with me. All you need is a few good friends. Finally, to everyone who ever said I couldn't make it here... **I made it!!**



Oliver Kirk Leeds
St. Petersburg, FL
Political Science

"A small step for mankind, but a giant step for us!" -- Willy Wonka



Debra Ann Lovette
Deb
Kinston, NC
English, (French)

Well, thank God!!!
Along with the several pieces of luck that carried me through this place, my appreciation goes out to Mom, Dad and Andy for supporting me and giving me endurance. Thanks to all of my friends here who have brought me up from pretty dark places. And Gary, you have given me the inspiration and hope that I need to really understand what life is all about.



Courtney Lynn Miner
Swartz Creek, MI
Biology

"May you live all the days of your life."
-- Johnathon Swift

I'll look back remembering smiles, hard work, and opportunities. My memories only good...I gave my best! To Jess, Eduardo, Thomasii, Ken, Jen, Bradley, Carloton, Dave, Roblyn, P, Deonnda and Wendous; and especially Thomas and the Fam...I'll always love you! MM, Staff, AV-498, Softball, Grand Canyon, Playboy19, Stalagers, Red Hot, MGD, Italian Nachos, Tugger, Pope, TEC, YA-HOO--only The BEST!



David Anthony Padilla
Dave, Dilla, Tortilla, Burrito
Las Cruces, NM
Bachelor of Science

"These are the days..." Thanks to God, 1 Peter 5:7 - I could have only made it thanks to the laughs and Mom, Sandy (inspiration) Dad (guidance) Charlotte (my future) the Robinsons (support) and Jer-He Knows!-Mike, Maria, BigB., West-Assweepay, Mazatlan Crew, Bill, Dalt, Berg, Boom-Boom and Padre, Todd&Eggwoll, Snort, Tiff, Bullpups and Stalagws. "The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed."



Michael Robert Perz
Mike
Mount Prospect, IL
Electrical Engineering

Like wine, memories get better with age (which is a good thing, because some memories of here aren't quite ripe enough yet). Thanks to my family for their support and to Stalag for the good times. Remember, "Life moves pretty fast... if you don't stop to look around once in a while, you could miss it" - Ferris Bueller. Take care y'all, and God Bless.



James A. Samuel Jr
Jim, Jimbo, Jimmy, Jim-meister,
Big Jim, The Jinator
Eufaula, AL
General Engineering

A Toast!! Here's to Canon City and 170! Here's to "The Ride!" Hey Dalt, here's to gettin' there before we left (Penrose)! Hey Torr, here's to "da fense" and goin' over it! Hey Steinie, here's to CU and to bus-drivin' 2-9! Hey Daner, here's to Jane (smile)! Here's to Angmeister, Du-HO, Brog-dog, TC, Amy, Sweet-pea, Jon-Fon, Starky-Baby, Chas, Jack-ash, G. Todd, Z, your mom. I LOVE YOU GUYS. FRIENDS FOREVER.



Samuel David Shifflett
Sam, Shiffs, Furry
Snyder, TX
Aeronautical Engineering

"Lord, if I forget you in the midst of this day, please do not forget me!"
-An aviator's prayer.
I equate my Academy experience to one sticking his hand under a lawnmower: not exactly pleasant, but certainly a learning experience. Even so, I value what I gained here. Thanks to Mom and Dad for their unconditional support. Family, friends, Mach One babies, D&B, and Stalagites- you've all been great! Isaiah 40:27-31.

Gary Todd Smith

G. Todd, G.T.
Cary, NC
Engineering Sciences

College is supposed to be the best four years of our lives, obviously not! Thanks to my parents, family, and friends - without them I could never have made it. Special thanks to Debra for her love and constant friendship, my roommate Steve for putting up with me and my antics, Jose who was as crazy as I ever hoped to be, and to the Viks of Nine for just making it.

Westley David Stark

Naked
Sparta N.J.
Aeronautical Engineering

Because commitment to excellence is a personal choice, I learned more wearing SMACK boards and flight suit than in any classroom. Here's to role models (Ekman, Maruyama, Sheredy, even Beas) and best friends of a lifetime. 'These are days' Buttheads became Horny and Stalag became family. The value of this institution can not be measured. Where else can future life-takers make snow angels on a flight line - Nu Pi Sigma!

Donald M. Sweeney III

Sween Dog, Sweet Weeney
Denmark, IA
Biology

The answer to the challenges and the rough times I faced at the Academy is the support of my family and friends. Upon coming to the Academy I had good friends but being here, I have gained friends in the sense of brothers and sisters. Thanks for the great memories CoCo, Whithead, Berg, Joe, Fon, Zeener, Brack. Thank you Mom, Dad, and Wendi. I Love You. I Will Survive.

Mark Alan Torreano Jr

Torr, T, Tornado
Colorado Springs, CO
Bachelor of Science

Inconceivable! Some are in disbelief while others are thankful, especially me. Preppies and other buds thanks for helping me make this place fun. Bedpost as a Preppie and AcPro as a cadet were too well known. Thanks God, Dad, Mom, Marcy, and Tonya. The next two months will go down in history as some of the best times of my life. IWHTFP '93-'94. NOW, WE RIDE! HAUPTWACHE!



Steven Edward Whitmarsh

Whithead
Rockwall, TX
Biology

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. I have been weak, failed to soar, grown weary, and been faint at times because I tried to do it on my own. Thank you Lord, for those who saw fit to petition the Throne on my behalf.

Zachary Blair Zeiner

Z
Human Factors Engineering
Ojai, CA

Huh...did someone say something? USAFA, what a crock! To the bros: Smags, Fon, Sweeney, Joe, CoCo, seW, Dalt, Torr, and Jimbo...when times were at their worst, we always managed to have fun. I'll always remember you guys. To Boo: remember the plan: 5 yrs, 3 kids, 2 dogs, 1 cat, and a winning lottery ticket... It'll be interesting. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. I owe you huge...I love you!



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Low crawling through the grass and being as quite as possible Basic Felix Montero sneaks up on his enemy. Simulated fighting, which takes place during Air Base Ground Defense Training was one of the most popular programs of BCT.

**Alexander Bill
Anastasiou**
Alex
Clifton, NJ
Material Science

Allan Dandin Bartolome
Bart
Hyde Park, MA
Electrical Engineering

PTWOB # 058 Blue Skies...Black Death
"Only A person Who Risks Is Truly
Free." "It doesn't get any easier...you
just get used to it." "Same S**T, Different
Day" Thanx to all: Dad, Nick, Dara,
Shawn and Wendy. Thanx especially to
the one person without whom I never
could have made it through this place:
my pillow.

"Do what you will. I will never give up."
Manong and Manang, thank you for the
dream and teaching me the value of
work. Kuya Zaldy, Kuya Junior and
family, thank you for helping me keep
my sanity. Skooger...4 degrees
together...friends forever. Mark and
Mikus...two conservatives from hell
Dawn and Sergio...\$6.50 movie and
sober?!! Anh...always and forever
Helifino.

N_{IGHTRIDERS}18



Nightrider's Class of 1994

Alexander Anastasio

Alex Kleckner

Dawn Talty

Allan Bartolome

Vincent Lappano

Bobby Veazey Jr

James Bowen

Joseph Lombardi

Jonathan Wright

Rachel Call

Julia Mitchell

Jeremy Cannon

Sergio Muniz

James Davis

Keith Penewit

Jack East

Daniel Radulski

Shawn Ferguson

Jeffrey Rowland

Brain Gallo

James Sanders

Chad Hazen

Craig Stefan

Wayne Iseman Jr

Christopher Sunseri



James Robert Bowen
Jim, Jimbo, J.B.
Computer Science
Ypsilanti, MI

After four years, I think I figured out how
to survive this place. All you need is a
decent sense of humor and a group of
friends that will never let you down.
Brian, you are "THE MAN!" Meg,
hope everything works out for you these
next two years. Good luck to everyone
that is/was a part of Horny 18. I hope I
see all of you again someday.

Dawn Edward Fe
Ferg, Fergie
Perryopolis, Pa
General Engineer

Rachel Ann Call

Rocky
Manchester, TN
Biochemistry

Sacrifices must be made," (in regards to sleep) To all my friends: thank for the good times and sanity checks. To all my teachers: thank for patience with me when I fell asleep in your classes. To my family: thank for all your love and support and for always demonstrating our faith in me that I could do whatever wanted. [Little Miss - 2]

Jeremy Wynne Cannon

Doogie
Springfield, MO
Biochemistry

Life is an adventure waiting to be embarked upon by anyone daring enough to accept its outcome. Thanks Dad, Mom, Bret, Bro. White, Coach Allen, and Dr. Fud for giving me the inspiration I needed to embark.

James Eldridge Davis

BIG DADDY
Millen, GA
Management, (German)

"Life's too short to let the PREDATOR of ANXIETY take advantage of you." Nevertheless, there's a way to successfully make it through the storms of life with VICTORY. This way is based on the premises of having FAITH and KEEPING it in CHRIST JESUS. Thanks MOM and SHERYL for all your LISTENING and UNDERSTANDING. Lastly, thanks DAD and all my friends for the loyal dedication and advice you all bestowed on me.

Jack Collier East

Jackson, Dirty, Easter, Eastini
Little Rock, AR
English

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!" -- J. Nicholson
Were it not for JJ, Kevin, Maynard, Trey, Bill, Swede, Kyle and Maj K, I would have been one educated Airman! As you all go off into the wild blue yonder, I'll be heading to the Halls of Montezuma; no matter where my life takes me, you'll always be with me. I'll never forget you. H.G., Semper Fi



Shawn Edward Ferguson

Ferg, Fergie
Perryopolis, PA
General Engineering

The best and worst time of my life have been spent here and I could not have made it through them without the support of my friends and family. You truly were the wind beneath my wings. All I asked for was a chance to prove myself; upheld my end of the deal. Remember, you can't be good, at least be good at YES IT WAS!

Brian David Gallo

Gay-low
Brooklyn Park, MN
Aeronautical Engineering

Are we there yet? USAFA has been a \$250,000 education stuffed up my #@! a nickel at a time. And you wonder why my butt is so big. Thanks for the memories Nightriders. Thanks Mom and Dad.

Chad Christian Hazen

Haze, Chip, Chaz, Chet, Chuck, Charles, Chachi
Des Moines, IA
Bachelor of Science

For a Good Time call: 1-800-SOMEWHERE ELSE.
Actually, I can't be too sarcastic; I did learn one thing... Never, Never, Never ask Why!
Thank God for the mountains, and Thank You Les & Tana (TLIWICTT) for all your love and support.
Adios Hoz, Koz, and the rest of the Boyz!

Wayne Edward Iseman Jr

Ed
Spartanburg, SC
Civil/Environmental Engineering

First, Thanks to my parents. Without your love and support, I never would have made it. JP and Betsy, thank you for my home away from home. To all my friends, especially Joey and Kyle, thanks for the good times. I'll never forget you - "PALS"

Taurus Manard James

T-Cat, T.J., T, Adolfo
Washington, D.C.
Bachelors of Science

Thanks to God for allowing me to make this trip. Thanks to all my "P-School Family" for sticking with me. "Brothers", take care of business. "Sisterhood", stay strong and continue to develop yourselves into the Queens of old. A very special shout goes to my love, Trauna. My love will never leave you. Keep the faith in the Almighty and we'll do all that we planned. Much love to all and P.E.A.C.E.

**Alex Matthew Kleckner**

Kleck, Pepper
Colorado Springs, CO
Management

Thank you Mom, Dad, Andrew, and Charissa for all the love and support over the four years. To the fellas, I'll never forget the good times we had. To the seniors on the football team, thanks for the great memories. Remember, "If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane." I say Joepa. We Ride. -- Kleck

**Vincent Gilbert Lappano**

Vinny
Steelton, PA
Civil Engineering—
Environmental

"Was it all worth it?" Ask me that in 20 years. Until then, I'll keep expecting the worst, praying for the best and thanking God daily for what I've got now. Good luck to all my friends, wherever you may go. May everyone get what truly deserves them. Thanks to my family and sponsors (whom I consider one in the same). You've helped me more than you'll ever know.

**Joseph Philip Lombardi**

Ken, Haywood
Bellevue, WA
Economics

Thanks to my family, and thanks to the McCombs, the Parisi's and the Kleckner's for giving me a home away from home. The Joes Shark, Buddha, Pepper, Crud, Chuck, and the rest of the seniors on the 93'Falcons, you made it worthwhile. "A school without football is nothing more than a medieval study hall." - Vince Lombardi.
... I say 'terno.

**Julia Ann Mitchell**

Julie
Northboro, MA
Human Behavior and Leadership

I could never have made it without the love and support of my family. Mom and Dad, thank you so much for always believing in me and not cringing at the enormous phone bills! Kim, thanks for always listening and sending care packages. Mom, half of this thing is yours. Thanks to all of my friends for always being there, especially Andy, Laura and Steph.

**Sergio Carlos Muñiz Jr**

PYFOMA, Mooncheese, Serge
Houston, TX
Operations Research

I have finally discovered myself! I can't say that I'll miss the people here, but I'll miss this place and my friends, you know who you are. Thanks to everyone who has helped me along the way. Thanks Mom, Dad and Aglaen for being there for me through these years. Here's to us JellyBean.

**Keith Douglas Penewit**

Redmond, WA
Bachelor of Science

I am finally done! I hope to see some of you again. Thanks to my friends for helping me make it through. I'm gone.

**Daniel Patrick Radulski**

Radman, Ugly, Red Torpedo
Danbury, CT
Human Factors Engineering

!!! I would like to tell everyone about all of the things I have done and gotten away with here, but if anyone ever found out before graduation, they wouldn't just make me an airman, they'd send me back to third grade. Overall, I'm glad I came and met all the fools, a cheers to all. Whenever the word is said, a drink must be had, or half must be drunk.

Jeffrey Brett Rowland

Ken, Haywood
San Antonio, TX
Operations Research,
Mathematics

Usually this is the place where I would impart all of the knowledge I have gained here, but all I can say I have learned is that even though you may not be able to beat the system, you can sure avoid it! Cheers to all of the fools, I can't believe we all made it.



James Kyle Sanders

Opie, Barry
College Station, TX
Geography

"Beyond this there was little else - some enthusiasm, a few hobbies, and our school. Beyond this our life did not extend. And of this nothing remains." - All Quiet... That sums it up. I couldn't have made it without God and my family. I love you Mom and Dad. M, D, L, L, and all guys, Thanks! To all the fellas - I'll be your huckleberry. Don't Mess With TEXAS! Phillippians 4:13



Craig Scott Stefan

Biscuit Head, Stef-fon
Mobile, AL
Engineering Mechanics

"When we are young. Wandering the face of the Earth. Wondering what our dreams might be worth. Learning that we're only immortal. For a limited time... We travel in the dark of the new moon A starry highway traced on the may of the sky. Like lovers and heroes, lonely as the eagle's cry. We're only at home when we're on the fly" - Rush

and always Duty, Honor, Country.



Christopher Phillip Sunseri

Chris
Gresham, OR
Environmental Engineering

"I've watched all your suffering
As the battles raged higher
And though they did hurt me so bad
In the fear and alarm
You did not desert me
My brothers in arms" -- Mark Knopfler
Thank you Mom and Dad for always being there; we went every step of the way together. Liz, Aaron and Dillon you changed my life. To my brothers in arms Cory, Don, Chris, Chad, Tom and all my friends: Remember the Wolf.



Dawn Jeannine Talty

Deej, D.J., JellyBean
Woodstock, IL
Management

I give all my thanks to those that have helped me through this place. I couldn't have done it without you! Special thanks goes to my parents and sisters. And Marty and Betty too! Thanks Karen for helping me keep my sanity, I love you! Thanks to the gymnastics team, you guys were a riot. And to PYFOMA, I love you so much! Thanks for the memories and support. I will never forget!! I love you all.



Bobby Pat Veazey Jr

King Cheeze
Smithers, WV
Astronautical Engineering and
Space Operations

Well, what can I say that hasn't already been said? I want to thank my mom and dad and grandparents (each one of ya!) for the inspiration and motivation to succeed. When people ask me, "Was it worth it?"—Hell no! but who am I to argue. In retrospect, it was an experience reserved for the very dumb or the very brave. Which one am I? -- hmm.



Jonathan Lawrence Wright

Jon
Stow, OH
Management

After four years of being here, my life has been reduced to a blurb. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times—and the sun always came up the next day. The memories will never fade. Chris, thanks for being my Bro—you were always there. Mom, not enough words can express my gratitude to you. Tom, thank you for your continuing support. And thank you Lisa—you are the greatest! Let's begin a dance that will last the rest of our lives.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK All dressed up but still three more years to go, Jeff Johnson daydreams at the Class of 1991 graduation about his turn to get his diploma and commission.

WOLVERINE 19

Louis Dewey Bryan

Loopy, One
Pigeon Forge, TN
Space Operations

Finally? Hopefully by the time you read this ten Fools have graduated. If not for the Lord, my family, and friends I would have been committed. For my friends (I can't name them all—you know if you were one), you always have a place to stay if you knock on my door. And if you weren't my friend, it was your fault. CHEERS.



Dean Alan Cook

Wilmington, DE
Mathematical Sciences

To Jimbo, Dean, Brock, Jim, Karl and all the friends that kept me laughing at such a silly place--Thanks.



Karl Raphael Deerman

BooBear
Pine Valley, CA
Computer Science

I graduated second from the bottom from the P-School, & I was voted less likely to graduate from here. But I made it on the five year program. I've had lots of help. To my parents, brothers and sisters I'd like to say thanks for your support. To Tanya: I couldn't have made it without you. You've kept me happy and motivated to leave this stink hole. Knowledge + Passion = Power.

Brian Lee De...
Tulstok...
North Canton...
Engineering Sci...

...those little slices o...
...E.A.P. The more I...
...to know" S.C.;...
...I have no point...

Dale Ernest E...
Herka, Heckie, E...
Cornell, WI...
Human Factor...

...looking forward and...
...remember the lead s...
...one with a good view...
...the Fools for enlighten...
...of the crazy. I learne...
...and other adventures...
...adanga is exciting also!...
...but it certainly was...
...for me deep talks...
...my family more than...

Brian Lee Delmonaco
Tubestack, Del
North Canton, OH
Engineering Sciences

"Sleep, those little slices of death; I hate them" E.A.P.; "The more I learn, the less I seem to know" S.C.; "I'm so well-rounded I have no point" Anon.



Stewart Alfred Hammons
Stew
Santa Rosa, CA
Human Factors Engineering

A Blurb by Stew,
This does not mean a hill of beans because I have not graduated yet. If you want me to say something about this place, see me at graduation. I just hope to God that I do.



Noah Nahaum Hardie
Malibu, CA
Economics

I suppose I should write something meaningful, thank all the people that got me here (Mom, Dad, Morgan, Tony, Tara, Jason, Ty and Dani) and all the people that kept me sane and made this place fun (Jenifer, John, Chris, Pup, Todd, Stew, Kegs, Tara, Jeff, Duke and many more) But all that comes to mind is - to my friends thanks for the memories and to everybody else SUCK IT.



Mary Elizabeth Hartman
Grand Prairie, TX
Human Factors Engineering

At first, the Academy was a strange, harsh world to me. However, I soon learned that things are what you make them. So, I tried to make this place as fun as possible - and at times it actually paid off!! I'm thankful I've had the opportunities to play a few sports, make good friends, eat rabbit eyeballs, and get some BS everyday! Soon, I'll wrap up my time here, and move on to another world. And you know...I'm going to make it the best I can!!



Dale Ernest Hetke
Hetka, Heckie, Four
Cornell, WI
Human Factors

Keep looking forward and "be a leader. Just remember the lead sled dog is the only one with a good view!" Thanks to the Fools for enlightening me in the ways of the crazy. I learned much from Gus' and other adventures. I hope our Fandango is exciting also! Tad, it wasn't the best, but it certainly wasn't the worst. Thanks for the deep talks and cousin. Love my family more than anything.



Freeman Holifield Jr
Free-Ho
Huntsville, AL
Civil Engineering -
Environmental

First of all I would like to thank God, Mom, Dad and Sis, whose love, prayers and support got me through this place. I would also like to thank all the fellas (you know who you are folks) and friends I have made while here. Without you this place would have been unbearable. I hope we have built friendships that will last forever. To everyone else stay strong and live everyday as if it were your last.



Nicholas Lawrence Jahn
Tricky
Macomb, IL
Civil Engineering -
Environmental

This is the end of one journey and the beginning of another. I hope the next is more fun! Thanks to God, Mother, Father and all my family for seeing me through those "times." Special thanks to Precious for always being there and always listening. I love you all very much. Thanks E.V., Woodman, Bri, Ed, Free, Tony. Roll the bones!



John Victor Liller
Hammer
Houston, TX
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to all the guys on the soccer team and especially the Guatemalan. Your support has been great. Also, thanks to all the athletes that helped me not go crazy from AERO. The rest of the people can, well you know, SUCK IT! Thanks Mom and Dad for your guidance and thank you, Lord, for your strength. Special thanks goes to my instigator of pain, Noah, live long and hit hard. Dresbu.

**Melvin Joseph
Marque III**
Jay
Morganza, LA
Biology

Thanks, first, to God, Mom, Dad, my sisters, and all of my family. Woody, thanks for putting up with me. Most of all, thanks to all of the pals that endured this place with me. Gaucho, Chad, Thick, and Tommy—I love all of you!! Zoomies—thanks for the road trips, Spring Breaks, Zulu's, and all the other stuff we never did!! God Bless!!



David Eiji Oue
Dave, Ouester, Vowel
Kailua-Kona, HI
Space Operations

We made it! Thank you Mom, Dad, Leeanne, and Michael for all your support and in getting me to where I am today. Thanks also to all the rest of my family and to all my friends everywhere. To all my classmates and friends, thanks for seeing me through the good and the bad. Good luck in all you do!

Edward Paul Mc'Cormick
Eddy Mac
San Jose, CA
Human Factors Engineering

I guess now is the time to propose a question that sums up my Academy experience, so here it goes: Why couldn't I be rich instead of sooo good looking? Being Wing Commander, graduating with a 4.31 and winning those body building competitions might be a lot for some but I had my friends, flea trainers, and many broken bones to keep me humble. I thank my family for the support and God for this crazy ride called life.



Anthony John Sansano
Fair Lawn, NJ
Bachelor of Science

Special thanks go to Mom, Dad, Nick, Mary, Angelo. Above all I thank God for carrying me through my four years. Are we ever going to get our Pork & Beans back? I also thank Doubleday—his game got me here and kept me here. To the team—thanks for the memories, roadtrip bookings, and great AF baseball.

**Michael Brendan
Merrick**
Mike
Southfield, MI
Astronautical Engineering

I could write some long message about the great times and how much I'll miss this place, but as I write this I'm still under the honor code so I better not. Adios, amigos, have a nice life, and always enjoy what you're doing because today will never come again. See ya!



Roland Edward Secody
Tuba City, AZ
Civil Engineering

June 29th 1990. The day that I came and started enjoying the Academy's "family style" meals, as well all the other little surprises that popped up. It's been tough, but the things that I have learned about myself, as well as the friends that I have made have far outweighed all the hardships. I'd like to thank everyone that has contributed to my experience here. Joyous times.

Deonna Denice Neal
Air Force, USA
Human Behavior and Leadership

Thanks to Mighty Mach One for a solid freshman year. I wouldn't have made it through the Academy alone and all the activities I was involved in kept me sane. Women's Softball, Choir, Chorale, and Nav Instructor activities made for a very diverse four years. Thanks to my family, my sponsors, Chief Thomas, Michelle, Mike, Bob, and Vicky. Dr. Golemo, you're the best. My very special thanks to you.



Joseph Walter Silvers
Joey, Chauka
Winter Haven, FL
Civil Engineering/ Premedicine

"...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." -- Phillipians 2:5-11

John David Stockwell

Claremont, NH
Civil Engineering

The things I've learned and the opportunities I've had could not have been possible anywhere but here. At times it seemed like a Turkish prison, but the good memories, however slightly, will always outweigh the bad. I won't remember most of what they tried to teach me, but I'll never forget my friends. Thanks to Jan and Paul, two of the nicest people I've known, and to Mom, Dad, Steve, and Jeff, who I love endlessly.



Eric Hunter Stubbs

Eric, Stubby, Bubba?
Bath, ME and Greensboro, NC
English

My dearest companions of bygone years, I've illumined that which I fumbled to find. To undeclared mates of the impending years, my lantern lights well my cryptic path. Load the wagons and stir the soup, I find myself within your loop. The days draw nearer that we must meet, and with blind eyes our paths compete—'til death.



Tad Douglas Vannaman

Rag - (Fool 9)
Valley Center, KS
Biology

After all the ups and downs, straddling the line was never short of the best! I must thank God for guidance, my family for ultimate support, and Karena for always being there to take care of me, I love you! The memories will never die: Stew's, THETROUGH, the Hodge Podge, Ring Dance, skiing, changing, . . . Imagination. Living is very different than just being alive!! To Life, the 4 Pigs & 10 Fools: CHEERS!



Michelle Annette Vestal

Mitch
Brentwood, CA
Biology

We came. We saw. We conquered ... TWICE! Smoooooth Seagram's Seven; softball; basketball; Seagram's on tour; leadership; good times with great friends; and all the blood, sweat and tears but hey, We made it! Thanks to a wonderful family, special friends, and the greatest sponsors of all time. Like so many others, I never could have made it without you. Hardships breed character! Deonna: three years is a long time, stay away from people like me!



Eric Michael Vold

E.V.
Blaine, MN
Management

A special thanks to the shakey crew: Berto, Kegs, Action, Culby, Griff, Miles, Pritch and those I missed. Homer's and the Jrnt; a place to grow up healthy. To the table; Nick, Woody, Dale, Mary, long live sports trivia! I give a big, long no handed salute to all the women I got to know here in CO. I love BLD and the Honda CBR900RR. MJB, wish you were here.



Oliver Karsten Walthall

Ollie
Boise, ID
Astronautical Engineering

Das Hund hat zu mir gesagt dass es ist sehr wolkig draussen. Ich war nicht so froh wann Er sagt dass es riecht nicht so Weihnachtlich. Aber, weil ich wohne gleich um die Ecke, Ingo war mein Freund. Etwas, ich muss gebemein Vogel wasser. Aber, dann, mein Vogel-war sehr gemutlich und meine Beine war sehr ungeduldig. Viel Spass und Gluck.



Steven Ray Ward

Munch
Ft. Worth, TX
Biology

Mom, Dad, Erin, and Max, and all my friends—thanks for supporting me and seeing me through the good and the bad. They say that you forget all of the bad stuff and only remember the good—I guess that I won't really have too many memories then—I'm just glad it's over. Good luck to everyone in all your endeavors.



Lance Alan Wilkins

Lance, Tex, Redneck, Hick
Houston, TX
Biology (Was Pre-med til Orgo)

Yes, thanks to all you fine folks that tolerated my terrible jokes and hick humor. Best of luck to the Wolverines. The Academy has given me the opportunity to jump, soar, fly, and almost fail Orgo. What a trip? Kat, thanks for letting me tickle you (don't ask questions). A special thanks to Dad's common sense and sense of humor, Mom's care packages and mandatory worrying, and Clay's highly warped sense of humor. God Bless America!

**Richard Lloyd
Woodruff Jr**

Woody
Naples, FL
Civil Engineering -
Environmental

Well, it is finally over! Would I do it again? No. Am I glad that I did it? I'll tell you in five years.

Cheryl, thank you for putting up with it and loving me through it. Mom and Dad, thank you for the encouragement and support. To the boys in "butt-flight", (J, EV, Nik, Free, Tony, Ed, Bri D.) you guys are great! I.H.T.F.P



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**Dante Anthony
Biancucci II**

Cooch
Palatine Bridge, NY
Human Factors Engineering

This is being wrote September 6, '93 and if I'm reading this paragraph that's now above my picture, I'm really happy. No, I'm really happy. Thanks so much to God, Mom and Pops, family and friends, and officers, that have pulled me through these five years (It wasn't a mistake.). In the words of Pops and Colonel Dublois - "Illegitimus non carborundum!"



**Brent Cannon
Brockinton**

Brock
Midwest City, OK
Social Science

Hello everyone. Can you believe it? Me neither. Thanks for everything Mom and Dad. You helped me believe in myself and my abilities. Thanks Brandi and Blair; you're the reason I ever came home for the holidays in nearby Japan. You all are the greatest. I will love you always and for my graduation present — come back to the U.S. I'm tired of having jet lag.

Kevin Michael Byrne
 Kennewick, WA
 Management

Thanks Mom, Dad, Coley and Casey or all the support and encouragement he past five "long" years. There are so many things to say thanks for, you guys are the best. Dud, having you as a roommate made this place a lot easier. Thanks for all the great times and making the "Long Strange Trip" fun! Good luck Trolls.

Scott Shannon Carter
 Vinton, VA
 Astronautical Engineering,
 Japanese

To my loving family who always kept my mailbox full, well almost, thanks for all the support. It's to you I owe these last four years, as I couldn't have made it without your support. To Brian and the rest of the Trolls, I probably could have made it without ya'll, but it wouldn't have been nearly as interesting. Good luck to all. "Carpe Diem" - Robin Williams (among others)

Dustin Peter Cordier
 Geneva, IL
 General Engineering

What fixation feeds this fever, as the full moon pales and climbs? Am I living truth or rank deceiver? Am I the victim or the crime? - Well you know its going to get stranger so lets get on with the show. Let's go. Don't it feel like a stranger. - DEAD
 Thanks to my family. Kev, What's next? - Europe! Lisa, Godspeed.
 Many worlds I've come since I first left home. -- Peace.

David Patrick Day
 Drac
 Sumter, SC
 Civil Engineering, (Chinese)

Four years. Has it been that long? It has been the longest and shortest time of my life. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Lisa, and Linda whose loving support got me through it all. To the Coolidge family, I owe my sanity. If it had not been for their loving home, I would have never survived. Good luck! To Nugi. Thanks for being my best friend and roommate. IWTR and Good Luck to the TROLLS of 94!



Robert Francis Eicholtz Jr
 Ike, Scholtz, Rob, Bobby
 Dover, PA
 Political Science, Chinese

What can you do? You can't dance and it's too windy to stack BB's. Heavy G, even a blind squirrel gets an acorn every once in a while! We made it! Thanks Tim, Heavy G, Spotty, Janet, Pat and Tiddy. You guys are the greatest! Mom, Rob, Dad, Sonya, and Heather, I love you all and couldn't have made it without your support! Oh yea, down with WVU!

Gregory Ray Evans
 Greg, Heavy G
 Parsons, West VA
 Operations Research

I'm just really happy that I had the opportunity to come here. Thanks Mom and Dad for all your help and support. Chris and Marc, I don't think you'll ever know how much you've given me. Good luck to all of the Trolls. Remember Rob, even a blind nut gets a squirrel once and a while.

Scott Michael Feldman
 Louisville, KY
 Material Science

Redeye, Trolls, and Foxtrot: There isn't any other place in the world I would have rather been. I like this place, but I love these people. Thank you.

Robert Joseph Gomez
 El Paso, TX
 History

I above all must thank God for my success and my time at the Academy. Then I would like to thank my mother and Uncle Joe. Mom, you were always there to give a word of advice and encouragement and make the worst situation seem good. Uncle Joe, how can I thank you for being the man in my life, the father that I never had. I will always love you for this and for the man you helped me become. You and my Mom have and will always be the wind beneath my wings, I love you both.

**Robert Clifton
Gudikunst**

Goody
Longmeadow, MA
Western European Area Studies
History, (German)

"...The best way to stay out of them (wars) for quite a while, instead of teaching a boy to run an automobile, teach him to fly, because the nation in the next war that ain't in the air, is just going to get something dropped on its bean." Will Rogers. Thanks to friends, family, and the Quinns for their support. Things can only get better.



Janet Lynne Halliday

Lakewood, CO
Biology

What a crazy road it's been! I've never really like the place, but I can say that I appreciate it. If I've learned anything during my term, it would be not to take things for granted and to be an individual. Thanks for the talks, Tim and Rob, Jess and Maria for the notes, Dana, Lyle, my dear friend Tammy and Mom who was always there for me.



Michael Frantz Haspil

Mike
Libertyville, IL
Military History

"I don't know half of you half as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve." If you are reading this it probably means that I managed to graduate despite all odds. I'd like to thank everyone who tried to hinder me...well, you know where to go. I hope that this will be more than just a yearbook blurb someday. Peace and long life!



Sloan Hefner Henderson

Sloaner
Alamosa, CO
Electrical Engineering

What, I can go? Mom, Corb, I used the force and it's over. Thanks for the constant support. Chuck, ya kept me alive. What a load of crap we put up with for a ring and a bar. After a while I found it too tiresome to rebel, so I decided to sleep instead. Too much to say. No time! Got a life to catch up on COMFORTABLY NUMB



Lisa Marie Kary

Mel
Bismarck, ND
Political Science, (Arabic)

The gulls who scorn perfection for the sake of travel go nowhere, slowly. Those who put aside travel for the sake of perfection go anywhere, instantly." - Seagull Thanx Melvin-buddies - for giving my spirit wings and for keeping me in line. SPECIAL Thanx to Ziggy and Stevie Ray for keeping me sane and making me laugh!! And thanx to my family for all their support, especially Mom - you'll always be my hero!! CARPE DIEM....



Timothy Andrew Krauss

Bird
Reading, PA
Management

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - 2 Timothy 4:7. What just happened? I'll probably never know! Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Heather for all of your love and support. Rob, Joe, and Dave, you made this place less unbearable. Thanks for the exhibitions!! Well, only God knows what life will have in store for me. I hope its good!!



Michael Jackson Lee

Florence, SC
Bachelor of Science, Biology

I would like to begin by thanking my family (Mom, Dad, Erin) for sending me to the easiest school in the nation. However, if I had to do it again...I would let you three have the pleasure. I must give most of the credit for my graduation to my Burger King employers during high-school though. "Dear Lord, Please give me a million dollars and oh yeah...huge pectoral muscles."



**Kenneth Anh Kiet
Nguyen**

Nugi
Riverdale, UT
Biology

Mom, Dad, Tim - I couldn't have made it without you! Thanks to all of my Troll buddies and friends, who made this place so much more fun. Thanks to a special friend far away. "It's not the things you can get here that count. It's the things you learn, the unforgettable memories you have, and the lasting friendships you make that make this place so wonderful." - Nugi's quote.

Susan Jean Pessner*Sue Pez*

Richmond, VA
Western European Area Studies
History, (French)

If you think you are beaten you are,
if you think you dare not, you don't,
success begins with a fellow's will,
it's all in the state of mind.
You've got to think high to rise,
you've got to be sure of yourself,
life's battle doesn't always go
to the swifter or the faster man,
but sooner or later the man who wins
is the man who thinks he can."
— Applying A special thanks to all who
had faith in me.

**Charles Phillip Roberts***Chuck*

Dalzell, SC
Civil Engineering

So many people to thank.
...Mom, Dad, and family for your sup-
port over the last five years. You kept me
going when times were tuff.
...To Sloan for being the best roommate.
...To the girls up at DU for helping me
have weekends to look forward to.
...To the guys in '93 at El Cid. Best of luck
wherever you are...IWTR.
"In a world full of people, only some
want to fly...isn't that crazy." - SEAL

**Mark Christopher Rusk**

Galveston, IN
Social Sciences

When I look back, I only wish this place
could have been more of a challenge. I
thank God, my beloved family, and all
my friends who made it enjoyable.
BREAK ON THROUGH.

**Mark Linus Stanley***Stan*

Burlington, MA
Management

Thanks to Mom, Dad, MaryKay, Dave
and Chris. You kept my eyes on the
goal.

"Nothing in the World can take the
place of persistence. Talent will not;
nothing is more common than unsuccess-
-full men with talent. Genius will not; the
world is full of educated derelicts. Per-
sistence and determination alone are
omnipotent. The slogan 'press on' has
solved and always will solve the prob-
lems of the human race."

— Calvin Coolidge

**Ethan Read Stanton**

Methane, Yoda
Sewickley, PA
Basic Science

Thanks to all the friends that stuck by me
while I grew up here. I'll miss the good
times we had. Thanks to my family
especially Mom. Auf Wiedersehen.

"The first ten million years were the
worst," said Marvin, "and the second
ten million years, they were the worst
too. The third ten million I didn't enjoy
at all, after that I went into a bit of
decline."

—Douglas Adams

**Daniel Brian Tidwell***Tiddy*

Birmingham, AL
Bio-Environmental Engineering

Thanks to my family and Laura for all of
your encouragement, I could not have
done it without you. I can finally see the
light at the end of the tunnel, and I need
my shades. Thanks Scott for keeping me
in line and a special thanks to your
parents for keeping us fed. Well, it's time
for me to take a nap. Remember, always
wave to a crosswalk patrol guard, and
when facing a difficult task, act as if it is
impossible to fail. If you're going after
Moby Dick, take along the tartar sauce.
LLIC

**James Allen Trahan Jr***J.J.*

Houma, LA
Bachelor of Science,
Management

I never dreamed that this would come to
an end. I could not have got here without
the help from my family. Thank you Dad,
Mom, Becky and Annie for the love and
support you gave me throughout my life.
You helped me get here and leave here.
Thank you Nanna and Grandad, you
were always in my thoughts. Fella's, I'll
never forget you. Jack, Semper Fi, we
made it, Bra!

**Amber Jane Wimberly**

Salem, IL
Political Science

...But who provides wisely that he shall
not be wanting in the best property of
all-friends. Emerson

To my friends:

God-my best friend of all
Mom and Daddy-Thanks for all the love
(your little girl)

Heather-So alike, yet so different -BBB
forever!

Robert-To have and to hold...
Trolls, 94 Reapers, USAFA Track-So
many memories and laughs.

I love you all

Redefined

411

Zachary Adam Wood

Zac

Westminister, CA
Military History, (German)

Psalm 91. Thanks Dad, Mom, Sam and all my friends. I made it. Persistence. He who laughs last, still laughs. God bless, good luck and so long! "Here's to the breezes ..."



B=21 LACK JACK



Jeffrey M. Adelung

Jeff

Bayone, NJ
B.S. Program

"The movie will begin in five moments" the mindless voice announced. "The program for this evening is not new, you've seen this entertainment through and through. You've seen your birth, your life your death. You might recall all of the rest. Did you have a good world when you died? Enough to base a movie on? You can't have a movie without supporting actors, Thanks MOM, Dad, Family and Friends."



Aaron Trevor Allgeyer

Big A

Pembroke, NH
Humanities

To truly know friendship is to know that there are eight people willing to give their lives to save yours and that you would do the same for any of them. For this gift of friendship, I thank USAFA for the oppressive melancholy which brought us together. I also thank Fate for giving me a myriad of opportunities to defy Death, know Love, and taste Life. More Speed, More Air.

**Lorenzo Chivas
Bradley III**

Ché

Radcliff, KY
Aeronautical Engineering

"Veni Vidi Vici"

came, I saw, I got my ass kicked, but eventually conquered. The four years are over and I must say it's been real. I will always remember the good times, family, friends, and lifting; I will learn from the bad times. I thank God, my family, and my friends-I LOVE YOU, without you I would have ended this a long time ago.

James Albert Bruner II

Brew

Lakewood, CO
Operations Research

I can't believe that this place is now nothing more than a memory. Thanks to the fellas for all of the memories that you have given me. I give to all of you an endless collection of Midnite card-games, a trusty VCR, and a never-empty bottle. To all the fun and adventures that we had, you made the past five years a little more bearable.

Michael Scott Cranston

Cranny, Cranberry, Cran-Dog
Concord, CA
Management

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," 2 Timothy 4:7. I could not have done it without you Mom and Dad, Jimbo and Michelle. To Charlie B., through the ups and downs, you're the man. To Vito and the good times we've had. And to Gus, "WE DON'T RENT PIGS." Hope springs eternal from the breast of man.

Matthew David Croon

Croon-dog
Fridley, MN

Electrical Engineering

In the words of Tark: "Oh my, speechless, I'm absolutely speechless - WOW!" Thanks to the great friends who have reminded me that "Laughter is the best medicine" and "Life's too short to stress too much". Special thanks to Mom, Dad, and the rest of the fam for all the support. Thank you Lord and ... I'm Out!



Adrian Michael Crowley

GQ, Johnny Depp
Peachtree City, GA
Human Factors Engineering,
(German)

I want to thank my family and friends for their support over the last four years and the Lord for the strength and courage he gave me. Finally, Dad you will be with me at graduation, in mind and heart, and I will see you again someday.

Sadie says, "It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog."

Matthew Rich Glover

G-Love
Austin, TX
Humanities

Thanks to my family and friends in the great state of Texas, especially Mom, Dad, Kate, Phil, Grandpa, Jeff and of course "Gretchen"—I love you. Thanks to the 1st BCT staff and cadre for reaffirming my belief in the Air Force team. To the class of '97: It was an honor to welcome you into the Wing. Remember: "...Stand firm in your faith or you will not stand at all." IS 7:9

Brent David Helinski

The Gooch, Rrrroast, Bulldog,
Meatloaf
Lubbock, TX
Humanities

Although I made great friendships and had loads of fun pushing the limits, I'd never thank anyone for "sending me" here. I've lived by the adage, "Wait until the last minute and it only takes a minute to do." But if I've learned anything, it's that you take life by the throat, "follow your bliss" and live dangerously, for "no Eternal Reward will forgive us now for wasting the dawn."

Kent William Hennings

Elberon, IA
Management

It's been a long five years. I'd just like to thank all the "Little Fellas" that helped me from going insane and teaching me the fine art of indulging the sweet nectar of the gods. I think Hank says it best, "Good Friends, Good Whiskey, Good Lovin'." Keep the Faith!

Kandace Nikolle Henry
Littleton, CO
Engineering Science

" 'Supposing a tree fell down, Pooh, while we were underneath it?' 'Supposing it didn't,' " said Pooh after careful thought. Well it didn't... yet. Mom (Who counted down the days of BCT for me) Bec (who never let me forget how ugly blue polyester is and Dad (who is just happy to get a bottle of Dom Perignon out of the deal) - thank you for believing. To the hussies, Von, Trace, Patty, Megan, Cindy and Audrey: it wouldn't have been much fun without ya!



Richard Douglas Hoyt Jr
Mr. Tact
La Grande, OR
Computer Science

I want to thank my folks, who have never said no. My roommate for providing that extra foot when mine didn't quite fill my mouth. To Rob, Shelly, Topher, Stacie, and Standing Bear, thanks for always being there and putting up with me. For all the rest of you: Do not waste your tears, I was not born to watch the world grow dim. Life is not measured in years, but in the deeds of men.



James Joseph Jagodzinski Jr
Jim, Jag
Holland, PA
Human Factors

Thanks Mom and Dad and my family for all the love and support you gave me, through all the years. You are the greatest. I love you all. To my Falcon brothers, I never would have made it here or "there" without you. F and I till I fly. USAFA not a great place to be, but a great place to be from und "Was totet man nicht, macht man starker"
-- F. Nietzsche



Michelle Anne Kuipers
Shelly
Gainesville, NY
Economics

Mom, Dad, Nathan and Zes thanks for always being there. Ric, Rob, Lauren and Justin - I won't forget you. Martha Kay - I still march to my own drummer "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and a sound mind." 2 Tim 1:7



Van Dykes Lovett
Van
Chipley, FL
Biology

The only thing I can say is "see ya!"



Christopher Robin MacInnis
Mac
North Augusta, SC
Civil Engineering

"Life is a series of hellos and goodbyes." I'm afraid its time for goodbye again. As the years pass, I know I'll remember the good times (family, friends, football), and the bad times will fades/lowly into oblivion. I learned a lot about myself and a little about the military. Special thanks to my supporting cast: Mom, Dad, and Sarah.



August Jim Marquardt
Augie
Wheatridge, CO
Humanities

I'm through! Thank God!! It's nice to have the four years behind me. To family and friends who helped along the way, thank you much. How'd I do it? Be personable, smile, whistle a bit, search out the good in each day, take the "road less traveled by," pay heed to the golden rule, and say your prayers. Until next time. Now, ain't it time to get a Harley?!!



Matthew Kincaid Miller
Matt
Pittsburgh, PA
Ancient History

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa (wherever you are), Eve, Julie, Jon, Jim, Alexander the Great, and to Colonel Head, the chairman of my ARC. Sir, you made the right decision. [I] don't know one millionth of one percent about anything. - Thomas Edison The cowards will show and the weak shall die. - Lt. Col Leupp Lord Stanley, Lord Stanley, get me the brandy. Elvis has left the building!!

Robert Joseph Morrison

Mo, Cow Head, Knob, Bert
Spokane, WA
Applied Physics, Physical
Chemistry Track

My sincere and heart felt thanks goes out to my folks that brought me into this world and raised to be what I am today. To everyone I have had the pleasure of working with (on guard, in the squadron, ...), I enjoyed sharing the experience with you. A bit of advice for everyone: Take a chance and dance your own dance, only then will you be satisfied with your life.

**Sean Michael O'Brien**

O.B.
Atlanta, GA
Civil Engineering

Did I actually make it? These years have all had their ups and downs and I would just like to say thank you to my parents, Karen, and the "fellas" who have all helped me to see the lighter side of things.

**Grace Cathleen O'Neill**

Tucson, AZ
Biology

If you are reading this I guess I graduated! Thanks Mom, Dad, Joe, Marie, Amy, John, Jeff, Dan and Lulu for always giving me something to laugh about. Thanks to everyone on the team and to everyone in Blackjacks. Amy, "ten years from now..." and Chris, the best is yet to come!

**Justin Ben Peddicord**

Etiquette Officer
Ojai, CA
Human Factors Engineering

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**Jeffrey Michael Rengel**

The Natural
Superior, WI
Biology

The Academy is special. What makes it special is not within my comprehension yet, but I know I will leave proud. Friendship has taken on a new meaning to me, it is unequalled in its importance. Tamara Lynn, you mean the world to me, I love you. Matt, Mark-Mark, Mom and Dad, thank you, without you I wouldn't be in this book, I love you.

**Jonathan Cleveland Rice, IV**

Jon
Honea Path, SC
Political Science

A toast to the challenge and the opportunity to meet it. Thanks to my family who inspired me and kept me going - Mom, Dad, Penny, Julie, Kim, Net - I love you all. To Major Anderson, the eternal optimist. To Scott who kept me focused. To Q.D. who got me out of here. And to Matt, the most loyal friend a guy could want. (Philippians 4:8).

**Yvonne Sheree Spencer**

Von, Doo
Columbia, MD
Engineering Mechanics

Praise God who made all of this possible. Thanks Mommy and Daddy for all of your love and encouragement through the good and bad. Hey Kandace, eat up! It's Fat Free! Vic remember, "You can only be YOU!" Yo JATM! The sky's the limit! To "Lelee", T-cat and the rest of the posse: We made it! REAL Women play rugby!

**Timothy George Sumja**

Dino, Psycho
Decatur, AL
Civil Engineering -
Environmental

Well, it has definitely been interesting, but once was more than enough. The phrase "IHTEFP" has earned an everlasting spot in my vocabulary. Looking back, if there was any one thing that kept me going, besides the support from my family, it was the fellas. Graduation will come and go, but the fellas will always be there.

Jason Alan Vitas

Scrappy
Silver Lake, OH
Management

It's been a long haul since the fantasy-world days of Silver Lake. Never would have made it without my Family, friends, and The Team - thanx to everyone. To my friends from the village, you're the best. SPM - you're a legend. Team is a constant. Go Browns. Mom, Dad, and Jen, I owe everything to you. Mom - you can stop worrying now. Dad - I think the Sword is within reach...



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ARANTULAS

Elissa Christine Beddow

Accokeek, MD
Human Factors

All I have to say after my time here is thank you to a few individuals who helped make this place more bearable especially Mom, Dad, Cathy, Stephanie, The Valleras, Mike and DJ, Coosa.

Remember, Illegitimi
non carborundum.



Carrie Jean Bischel

Bish
Bloomer, WI
Aeronautical Engineering

I am extremely humbled by the wonderful family and friends the Lord has blessed me with, helping me make it through the last few years. Mom, Dad, Jen, and Claire - Eph 1:16!!! Boo, Patty, Dale, Chris, Francis, and Paula - I love and appreciate you all! Beth - Thank you for everything you have been, and always will be, for Him. Thanking Him for all of the challenges, opportunities, and rewards...PTL we made it!



Dennis Franklin Bond II

Tulsa, OK; Atlanta, GA;
Garland, TX

Astronautical Engineering,
Pre-Med requisites, (French)

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen". On this, I'm here. Thanks Jesus for what you've taught me and given me. Thanks Mom, Dad, Doug, Krissy, Dawn and the Sapanaro's for helping make this dream happen. Focus on Jesus and you can't go wrong. Philippians 4:13. 1 John 3:9. Read about it! Always smile and don't take life too seriously! -- D.B.



Albert Matthew Bower

Fat Al

Beecher City, IL
Legal Studies

Mom and Dad - Thank you for everything.
Wyatt - Thanks for being my friend and a great brother.
Dusty, Mike, Moon, Scott, Stoner, and Zo - Thanks for making the toughest four years of my life into the greatest four years of my life.
Scott - Thanks for four years of laughs and great stories.



James Calvin Chrisley

Jim, Hat, Big J

Hackettstown, NJ
Civil Engineering

I would like to thank my mom, dad, my sponsor, Mickey, and of course myself. To my sponsor brothers, don't ever forget that we had fun. What would a C.E. G.R. be without the Suff factor? Too all the brothers, you're the best. Honorable mention goes to the Blue Fox, Muldoon's, and of course, Bogart's.



Murray Richard Clay

Hinckley, UT

International Relations, Asian
Area Studies

We talk on and on about natural, God-given, and inalienable human rights; yet, the fact remains that the people of our nation and indeed of our entire planet have no rights and will have no rights except those that we have won and will continue to win by the point of a bayonet — M.R.C. Aug. 1993
Thank you Mom, Dad, family, and my Jodi — you made all the difference.



Matthew Sean Edmonds

Matty

Seattle, WA
English



Thomas Christopher Fry

Tom, Fats, Alcatraz
Oil City, PA
Humanities

Black Thursday will live forever! Thank you God, Mom, Dad, Brian and Uncle Bean for undying tolerance. And, oh yeah, I would also like to thank myself. To the Mickey's crew, not much can be said except here's to you, you know what. Congratulations to the alcove, you're all beautiful people. In memory of the Blue Fox and "Stepping on our noodles"



Melissa Ann Fuss

Stinky

Madison, WI
Humanities

I went to college, and it was okay.



Thomas Jason Hood

Political Science
Grand Blanc, MI

W. Keith Innes
Goose
 Addison, MI
 Human Factors Engineering

The war is over. Did we win? It's not "the Academy" that makes this place, it's the people. I'm lucky I found a few that made it worthwhile. Thanks Sean M. and Rob B. Kirk for being right more than I'd admit. Matty for the Za. Fatty and the rest of 22. And especially Mom, Dad, Mom Cheryl, and Thia for your love, support, and making me what I am.



Peter Lathrop Kaplan
Mech, Peta
 Walnut Creek, CA
 Mathematics

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William Thomas Kelley
Hightop, Leroy
 San Diego, CA
 Human Factors Engineering

One thing I have learned here at the Academy when dealing with women: "Admit nothing, deny everything, and make counter accusations." Honorable mention goes to Embassy Suites, Bogarts, and most important to Mr. Seagram's at "Mick's". Thanks goes out to my parents and God.



Rex Stephen Lewis II
Rex-N-Effect
 Garland, TX
 Electrical Engineering, Math

"That which does not kill me only makes me stronger." - Yeah, right. If I had known then what I know now, I'd still do it again, but only because of the friends. Thanks to God, Mom and Dad, Dawn and Rachel. Thanks to my friends - Dan, K.T., Tony, Al, Zow, and K. Sohn. Moon - Thanks for the candy, otherwise I'd have punched for sure.

Dan - "YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE." "Hey Steve, this smells funny."



Kyle Thomas Moore
K.T., Moon, Monroe
 Brilliant, OH
 Biology

The light at the end of the tunnel has gone from dim to blinding, with a few power outages along the way. Thanks to God for His love and guidance the past four years. Thank you Mom, Dad, SLDAK, GMA, CH, and Mr T. for your support. Thanks Al, Stoner, Zo, Dusty, Dan, Stevo, and the fellas from 22. Good luck out there! Peace and chicken grease and I'M OUT! (Matt. 5:39-42).



Dane Robert Nielsen
Danish, pie, Famunda, Cheese
 Brigham City, UT
 Political Science

It wasn't pretty, but it's done. To Mom, Chief and Derek: thanks for the support, I couldn't have done it without you; and why didn't you tell me it would be this fun before I came? Thanks to the Wytenbach's for their sponsorship. To the fellas from 22 and my freshman squad: "guys like you really do grow on trees, here's to you ..." "The Dream is Always the Same" RB



Mark Andrew Parrott
Sparky
 Easton, MD
 Legal Studies

What an incredible journey the last four years have been! I have learned more than I ever could have dreamed possible; especially outside the walls of Fairchild. Thanks so much to you Mom, Dad and Tim for all of the prayers, support and encouragement! I appreciate your consideration. Whenever I doubt, God always reminds me of His promise, in Philippians 4:13, that through His strength I can do anything!



William Mark Reinert
Turbo, Bennie, Snake Eyes
 Wilson, Snoop
 Midland, TX
 Engineering Sciences

Thanks to Mom, Dad, John and the Mickey's crew.

William Christopher Robinson

Goo-Goo
High Point, NC
General Engineering

"Time has a wonderful way of weeding out the trivial" - Richard Ben Sapir My time at the Academy has taught me the value of time. Time is not something we can control, and thus I have learned to cherish the time with Leah, my family, and even beating all of my squadron mates on the golf course. I must also reflect in three things that got me through this place: God Leah and Luck.



Thomas Todd Scheel

Crazy T. Termite, T-day, T-Bag, T-Might
Sterling, CO
Biology

Mom and Dad, because of you two I made it. I love you! Heather, We've remained close even with distance between us. That is special to me. Kaia, thanks for the birthday card. I'm glad I found you. You give my life meaning. I love you! Thanks goes to: Mr. Joe and Mrs. Liz, the Mickey's Crew, football and my brothers. Poncho, Georgia Dave and Chavez "pals" for life.



Kirk Michael Schultz

Tiny K
Cuba City, WI
Aeronautical Engineering

"Today is the first day of the rest of our lives."

After four long years, I leave USAFA a changed individual. I only hope to be able to live up to the expectations placed upon me. Thanks to Mom, Dad, my family and my friends at home for your love and support. Thanks Goose, Steve, Dave, Dave, Wags and the rest of the guys for pushing me through. We made it!



William Allan Schum

Bill, Schummer, Waddle
Alpine, CA
Military History

Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Tiffany. Special thanks to Fred, Gayle, Bart, and Alisa, who provided a great home away from home. C-ya guys, I had a good time. I'm throwing a great party when the Cubbies are in the World Series, maybe never, but you're all invited. I played the game.



Sean Barrett Singleton

Brotha (X), N. Q-Vatious, S.C., Forte
Savannah, GA
Legal Studies

Thanks to my loving wife of two years and my beautiful daughter. All those late night feedings and diaper changes made our relationship stronger. To my mom and dad, this place was just like Berkeley after the first year. No, really Just one more thing. A word or wisdom... The good thing about Alzheimer's is that every day is a new day and every friend is a new friend.



Robert Gene Smoker

Smokes, Trout, Knuckles, Hairlip
Mount Pleasant, PA
Human Factors Engineering

They Said it couldn't be done. A lazy, half-wit like myself actually graduating from this place. But I'm living proof that a man with no ambition, no brain, and no talent can actually succeed. I guess it must have been my looks. Thanks Ma. And also a special thanks to Mickey, may you live long in my memory, along with everyone else.



William Peter Stein

Steiner, Schlice
North Massapequa, NY
Bachelor of Science,
Legal Studies

I made it! Thanks to everyone who helped me through the hard times, especially Mom and Dad, Chris, Bits, and Kelly, and everyone else who I didn't mention (you know who you are). J-Bone: we beat'em, didn't we? Of course, I can't forget the One who makes Everything possible... Phillipians 4:13



Matthew John Sufnar

Matt, Suf
Troy, MI
Civil Engineering

Divine Intervention came in the form of Jimmy Hat, I owe you half of my C.E. degree! Rob, I'll miss drinking soda in Vandy as freshmen to scrappin in Terre Haute. Grandpa Hood's fireside chats will never be forgotten. Brian, we finally made it! Thanks for those two special words, Dad, Mom and Anne, I couldn't have done it without your love and support. Thanks for the memories Mickey's Crew! ILLH

Michael Francis Wittrock

Slim, Flint
Oklahoma, OK
Astronautical Engineering

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ARNSTORMERS

James Joseph Bieryla

Brillo
Universal City, TX
Electrical Engineering

I wouldn't have wanted these four years any other way. Thomer, Meggett, Brad, Combs, Shlo, Kafe, Will, Bob: thanks for the great memories, even during the not so great times (Sigma Delta Tau - Oow!) Mom, Dad, and Emily, your love and support helped me so much. I love you dearly! Lauren, you're everything always hoped for but never really thought I'd get. Go big or go home, fellas...DUAAM!



William Jozef Block

Will, Iam
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Political Science

Thanks Mom and Dad for your love and support. Thanks Aristotle, Vonegut, and Ogre for your philosophical guidance. Thanks you all know who you are. Sigma Delta Tau, Oow! Jim, Tophar, James, Carolyn, Joe, Cheese bought us our rings! RECONDO, Cage Crew, We Laugh, Centurion, Team Handball. I love my fate to the core and rind. Thanks Henry and Ralph, I'd like to say a prayer and drink to world peace, And so it goes!

Ignacio Carretero

Nacho, Iggy
Madrid, Spain
Electrical Engineering

"...and make your move."

A lot of things have happened since I came to the Academy, but only the future will tell if it was worth it. I would like to thank Dad, Mom, Fermin, and Brenda for their help and support. Also, thanks to Choe's family for being so nice to us.



Thomas Peter Connelly

TC
Glenolden, PA
Management

I'd just like to thank God, Mom, Dad, Mike, Chris, Marie and Amy (and Arnold) for all the support and advice I received. The "Fellas" made the weekends one joke after another (with the help of the Monument Liquor store). I'll never forget Boulder, Denver and the long drives to each- no matter how hard I try. And to all the Colorado "Lovelies"- Thanks. Hey, it's over and "I'M STILL ALIVE!"



Calvin Errol Crowner

C
Annapolis, MD
English

The end of the Seven Year Plan! To Seneca and Sollie, I'm glad we managed to stay out of trouble, and welcome to the Penthass! To E. Grace, I don't know "..." could be worse." JATM, always there in the ever-present crisis. Mom and Dad, you definitely kept me here. "How does it feel to be one of the beautiful?"



Jason Dale Forest

J.D., La, Jas
Provo, UT
Aeronautical Engineering

What a 17 year old kid won't go through for a chance to fly jets.

Thanks to: My parents for letting me reach, but never pushing; Preston, Brock, Russ and Dean for making it fun; And the Firstie Freaks for day to day survival.

The Academy, like life, is a journey, not a destination. In the immortal words of Han Solo "I don't know! Fly Casual!" Dedicated to my Pampa.



Carolyn Sue Forner

Carol
Sheboygan, WI
Humanities

Thanks Brudder for helping me through this place. Vale, Ginger, Joy, Mom, Dad, and ACE - Iuv ya. I'll never forget pals from 18, sigma delta tao, schmucks, Eve, Mandy, Ruggers. Thank you Rich for making life wonderful. And thanks to the friend who said, "Be what you want, but always be you."



Robert John Goodwin

Chip, GE, Googwin, B.O.B.
Ft. Myers, FL
Economics

Mom, I owe everything in my life to you and your unending support. I love you. I would like to thank Shlo, Thomer, Kafe, Gorilla, Will, and the rest of freakshow for making this place bearable. We will have to meet again for our annual JKPO Contests. For those who have time left at this wonderful institution I have only one thing to say, "DUAAAM!!!!". Later, Jerky....



Bridget Kathleen Hughes

Boo, Huge, B.K., Truss, Boss
St. Louis, MO
Behavioral Science

Thank you Mom and Dad for teaching me this prayer...God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. I love you Patty and Carrie. Geoff-you're cool as s---! Zach-5y, 3k, 2d, 1c. Green is cool Chad! Run a marathon with me Dave? Take care Wild Weasels!



Michael Douglas Ingersoll

Soll, Sollie, Snippy, Bird
Carson City, NV
Aeronautical Engineering

P-School, Evil 8, the "Freakshow" Thanks to the Lord God and my family for supporting me every time. I love you guys. Phil 4:8-9. Dad and Mom- you and some tall guy from Indiana are the best role models. "Chums": KK, Falz, Zube, Marty, Cal, Stoner, Danny, Phil: you fellas kept me going. "How does it feel to be one of the beautiful?" Hey, it was either this or start for the Celtics!

James Robert Kafer

Kafe, Kafo
Elkader, IA
Political Science

It's finally here. It's been tough, but it's been worth it—I think. They said an Iowa farm boy couldn't make it, and now there's two of us. Thanks for everything John, Mom, and Dad—you made four years go a lot better. Shlo, Brilo, Chip, Toph, and the gang, thanks for the good times. And above all, remember, DUAAAM!!

**Edward Andrew Kaplan**

Ed
Great Neck, NY
Military History

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**Kurt Randolph Keaton**

Bear
Seneca, SC
General Engineering

Mom, Dad, Brother - you got me here. "Chums" - 'Sol, Cal, Andy - you kept me here, "how does it feel to be one of the beautiful". Kim, you've got me after here, you gave me something to work for. All "Freaks", past and present, you made it mean something... "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"... If the elevator tries to bring you down - go CRAZY!

**Joseph Patrick Kendall**

Joe, Joey K, Machine
Lewisberry, PA
Space Physics

Where to start? The Barons freshmen crew - being there for a tough year. The WOGs - all those weekends, though I had to depart. Sigma Delta Tau - hours of tours, months of restriction. The forensicators - three semesters of memories.

What an incredible journey it's been... but nothing, from acceptance letter to graduation, would have been possible without Him. "Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child..."

**Paul Donald Kirmis**

Kirmdog
Novi, MI
Biology

When I was a boy of sixteen, my parents were so ignorant I could hardly stand to have them around. But now that I am twenty-one, I am astonished at how much they have learned in five years - Mark Twain. Mom, Dad, Nate - my family will always be my Strength. To my friends - You made four years worth it. Guin - You're the greatest! We make a living by what we GET, but we make a life by what we GIVE!

- Norman MacEwan

**Gregg Arthur Leisman**

Eastmanville, MI
Astronautical Engineering

Thanks To: My parents for help gettin' me here, PTWOB's for help keepin' me here, Dorothy for making it bearable here and graduation for gettin' me Out of Here To All PTWOB's 'Take care my friends check your pins and do one more ... just for me' 'I believe the Promises of God to venture an eternity on them' - Watts

'He must become greater; I must become less' John 3:30

**Clara Catharina Mariposa Masotti-Maxwell**

C.C., Mari, Bowhead, Cecil
Lafayette, LA
Biology, (French)

Thanks... First, to God, Mom & Papa: I never could've made it without you!! To Suzie, thanks for the great memories... To Jane (my PIC!!), Heatherjoy, Rick, Andy, Fern, Keri, Leen-Kat, Sully, Calvin, Walt Disney, Dr Seuss, Crayola, bubbles, the "criminals," Bullpups, and "Freaks" for keeping me sane... To Price and the rafters: "I'm your future, Haha!"... Remember: "It's not what you know, it's who you know... and how well you know 'em."

**Tapfumaneyi Gift Matemba Mutasa**

Tembex, G, Samusha
Harare, Zimbabwe
Aeronautical Engineering

Freedom fighter standing on a mountain in a foreign country, trying to get educated. Does he learn much? I wonder. Thank God Almighty for the gift of strength and perseverance. Mom, Dad, Tendai, Caroline, Lulu, Ada, Lena, Bozack, Mike, Hoop, and friends thanks for your never dying love and support. Knowing you all were there for me, gave me a sense of purpose in life. My roots are callin, Peace!

Thomas Edward Molokie
Shlo
Readfield, ME
Aeronautical Engineering

I can't thank you enough Mom and Dad for getting me through the past four years. To all the guys who kept me sane I have one thing to say "SHE FOINE!!" Thanks for all the laughs Kafe, Brilo, Tofe, Googwin, Will. Long Aero nights. Snippy, Gift, and Jason, why did we pick this stupid major? Good luck Huge and Patty. Oh, one more thing...DUAAM!!



Joseph Sal Pastorello Jr
Joe
Anaheim, CA
Bachelor of Science

Fellas, Thanks for all the good times, I'll miss ya. Julie, Spending the past year with you and growing closer together not only as friends, but as Christians has meant so much to me. I thank God every day for bringing you into my life, and I also thank him for the beautiful future that He has planned for us! I Love You Juliana.



Patricia Rodriguez-Rey
Patty
Reading, PA
Biology

"These are days you'll remember. Never before and never since, I promise, will the whole world be warm as this. And as you feel it, you'll know it's true that you are blessed and lucky." I was blessed and lucky to have made such great friends. That was the best part of my life these past four years, and as we go our separate ways I'll always remember Boo, Schmuck, Bisch, Tara, and little oriental woman.



Ramsey Faysal Sharif
Omar, Sheriff
Bensalem, PA
Political Science

Wow, it's finally over! The six year plan is doable!! Thank you God, Mom and Dad, Mommom and Poppop. Your support has really helped me make it. Good luck "Freaks." Proud to be, Red Hot, Command Post, Barnstormers, Freakshow, CAP, friends, good times, bad times, Llamas! Airassault-HUA!, Stop Out, memories, MEMORIES... Will I miss it? No! Would I do it again? NO! Do I regret it? **NOT ONE BIT!**



Gerald Lawson William Stewart
Gerry
Stew Columbus, MS
Electrical Engineering

To quote Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times". That is how I would sum up my Academy experience. I have had things happen to me that I will cherish for the rest of my life, and I have had things I never want to experience again. Taken as a whole, it was worth it, because I am a better man because of it.



Kevin Michael Stone
Stoner
Pagosa Springs, CO
Political Science

The love and support of my family got me through these last four years. I know I didn't tell you often enough, but thank you Mom, Dad, and Matt. I made some great friends here—friends for life. Thanks Dusty, Al, Zo, Moon, Sweck, John, and Soll.
"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."
— Prov 3:6



Daniel Barrett Swecker
Dan, Sweck
Elizabethton, TN
Civil Engineering

Dad, Mom, Ann, Laura, and Stephen: Thanks for the background and support necessary to come here and succeed. - While going through this place I couldn't help but notice all of the things that it took away. Now, looking back, all I see is what I'm taking with me: a stronger trust in God, great friends, and most of all, you Teresa Ann.



Christopher Michael Thome
Thomer, Toph
West Point, NY
Computer Science

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James William Wamhoff Jr
Jim, Jimbo, Wammer
 St. Louis, MO
 English

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P-24 HANTOMS

Jeffrey Justin Barlow
 Pembroke, NH
 Management

I am glad I did it, partly because it was well worth it, but chiefly because I shall never have to do it again.-MT
 When you understand all about the sun, and all about the atmosphere, and all about the rotation of the earth, you may still miss the radiance of the sunset.-AFW
 Father, Mother, and Brother, I love you, and Walter thanks.



Arthur Joseph Bermel Jr
Joe
 Randolph, NE
 Basic Science

Thank you Mom and Dad for supporting me all these years. The Academy was the biggest thing I've ever done, and the Lord saw me through. I sure had my doubts at times, but here it is - finished! Borat lives!
 "Face up... make your stand And realize you're living in the golden years" - Steve Harris
 See you at the Gathering...

**Michael Aaron
DuCharme**

Dutch
Warren, MI
Computer Science

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile, this day shall gentle his condition: and gentlemen now a bed shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here, and hold their manhoods cheap while any speaks that fought with us... (Henry V).
See you at the gathering.

Brian Gesuale

Reading, PA
Economics

"What A Long Strange Trip It's Been."
Thanks Mom, Dad, and the rest of the family for your unconditional support and for that I'm eternally grateful. Julie, thanks for your everyday support, love and smile which actually let me enjoy myself. Also thanks to Matty V, Chris, B Toth, and the rest of my teammates for being immature and making life here a continuous joke with gobblers, MG's, V+T stink, ski trips etc. Finally thank you GOD for giving me the courage to finish Camp USAFA.

Brian Thomas Janney

Young Janney, YJ, Young
Shawnee, OK
Civil/Environmental Engineering

Here we are, the sun below and heaven above...a fire beneath the open sky.

Thanks to everyone I knew, know, or will know.

Michael John Bosiljevac

Boz
Omaha, NE
Economics

Thank you God, Mom and Sue for all of the loving support. Tammi, you are forever my girl. May the 'Group' live on; Clint, Tom, Bob Marley, and Schnazi. To Dad who somehow watched over me and inspired me to be my best...You Are Not Forgotten.



Morgan Douglas Mackey

Morgan
Corona, CA
Geography

After having started here some seven years ago, one might think I would have learned of something profound to say by now—but I haven't. Good luck to all and thanks to you, Mom and Dad, for everything!

Geoffrey Scott Maron

Geoff maybe?
Volvo Island
Pottery

Have you ever seen an atom
Little bits of everything floating by
Take a good look at them
Collectively they compose all you see
including your eye. -- Blues Traveler
Thanks Dad, Mom, Kaarta, Heidi, Erica, David, and Geoffrey Toe. Change, Cheap thrills (Stine), Future, Escape, Freedom, and Life.

**Jessica Ashleigh-Thorne
Matthews**

Dirt, Pig Pen
Glendale, CA
Aerospace Physiology

Disneyland really can make dreams come true. My family: I love you, let's go home. To the crew and Doug: we shall stand by each other forever, I promise. Von: MOEF, and Kim and Rich, who taught me about the kind of person I wanted to be. Finding your destiny is easy, it's the fear of failure that's hard. We all fear what we need most. This is your life play to win.

FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Hurry up and wait, this feeling was all-too-common during the first hours of BCT in '90. Many of the items that these Basics received on the first day of inprocessing stayed with them until graduation.

Gregory Alan McCleary

Greg, GMC, Mac, G
Normal, IL
Aeronautical Engineering

Cadet life: "If you wait until the last minute, it only takes a minute to do." Well, I guess that applies to the blurb, too. Dad and Micki, thanks for encouraging and believing in me when I had doubts even before arriving. Thanks to ALL my family, friends and the Lord for the support. To Brian, Jon, and the former Knights of '94: "Party Hearty, Rock-n-Roll..." IT'S OVER!

**Thomas Patrick Moore**

Mode
Shepherd, MT
Biology, Aerospace Physiology

"Only he is lost who gives himself up for lost!" (Hans Ulrich Rudel, winner of the Golden Oakleaves with Swords and Diamonds to the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross). Tara, the Group, Mom and Dad: Thanks for not letting me give up. "Meine Ehre Heisst Treue!"

**Tara Elizabeth Nolan**

Biochemistry
Athens, WV

As our story unfolds, we learn that power is not a thing, or something to be personally accumulated, or having someone obey us, but a capacity to surrender to something greater than either of us. Power is a reservoir of which we can partake, and to which each can lead the other.

**Brock Christopher Oaks**

London, England
Political Science

I guess this is where I say "Thanks" to all those who have knowingly and unknowingly inspired me to attend the Academy. Undoubtedly a great experience. Finally: "It's no secret that a friend is someone who gives you help. And you can dream. So dream out loud. Because, in dreams begin responsibility. Yeah, I'm running out of change, there's a lot of things, if I could I'd rearrange." --Bono

**Gregory Rudolfo Olivares**

Greg, Ollie, Olive Leaves
San Antonio, TX
Astronautical Engineering

Life is for making memories, not reliving them. As much as everyone here hates to admit it, the Academy has taught us all a lot, from the joy of Graduation to the heartbreak of two Recognitions. To all the friends I made here, thanks for being there and good luck. But thank you most of all to my supporting parents, who helped me through it all.

**David Andres Reyes-Imbott**

Dave, Freedom Fighter, Imbott
La Ceiba, Honduras
Civil Engineering

I came a long way to come to this place and meet the challenge that I wanted from life. What did I find?? I found a group of Charlie Fox-trots whose only goal in life was to drink, have fun, and live up to the saying of IHTFP. These guys, who gave me the fun, adventures, drinking, quadball, and laughter I could muster for the four years I endured, I salute and will never forget.

**Erika Anne-Marie Schenavar**

E
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Aerospace Physiology

Thanks Fab Five for being there and making 41st tolerable. Remember "If we weren't all crazy..." Chicks, good luck and thanks for the good times. Thanks "smelly" for always being a friend! Beverage nights, roomie to the rescue, and B & B live forever. I love ya'. See you in space and remember: LIFE IS SHORT. PLAY HARD. And thank you God for letting me maintain my sanity and most of all my identity.

**Michael Kent Schnabel**

Schnazi, Schnats, Schnabs
Rapid City, SD
Human Factors Engineering

"The highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country. Hence it is a proud privilege to be a soldier - a good soldier. Anyone, in any walk of life, who is content with mediocrity is untrue to himself and to American tradition." - Patton Thanks to all of my friends and family who got me through this place. (You know who you are.) Good luck and God bless.

Michael Scott Smith*Mike*

San Jose, CA
Political Science, East Asian
Area Studies, (Japanese)

"Teach them correct principles, and they will lead themselves." - Joseph Smith. May we all adhere to this philosophy. To those of us that survived the 6 and 7 year plan at the Zoo, CONGRATULATIONS! Thanks Mom and family for the support and love over the years. Masami chan, eien ni ai shimasu yo. Dad, I've dedicated this year to you, and I hope to someday soar where you now reside. TRUE BLUE 92!

Robert Wayne Taylor*Rob*

Chesterfield, MS
Chemistry

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Eph. 6:12). Weez, Wes, Po and Joe, thanks for the timeless memories. And now I must say one final word, because I can. IIIIMMBBBOOOTTT!

Jefferson Robert Thurlby*Trace, Jeff, Jeffe*

Russellville, AR
Biology, (Japanese)

In these four years I learned that relationships are all that matter in life. My anchor and model is Jesus Christ, for He is the purpose for living. My goal is to consider my life nothing outside of Him, and to finish the race He has given me (Acts 20:24). My eternal love and thanks go to my brother Trace (94!), my mom, to whom I owe everything, my dad, who will always understand me better than anyone, Cara, and Grandma.

Frederik W. Van Weezendonk*Weez, Donk, Flap*

East Windsor, NJ
Human Factors Engineering,
(French)

This place has changed me, all I can do now is think back about what I've been through and thank those that have helped me. Mom, Dad, Evelyn, Robert, Mark, Mike, Cappy, Adam, Meredith. My family one way or the other, to all of you I will be thankful forever. To my friends @ USAFA, I also say thank you, you know who you are. Good luck, good bye, and God bless. Semper Fi.

**Clinton Frank Warner***Clint, Frankie*

Pine Grove, PA
Biology, Aerospace Physiology

Well, after a rocky start it looks like I'm actually going to make it. Thanks go out to everyone who helped me get through this place, especially my family. Mom, Dad, Tess, Matt and Joelle, you really are the best. Oh, and I can't forget "The Group." You know who you are. You're the best friends I'll ever have. Pal still the end. God bless.

Joseph Robert Wirthlin*Robb*

Salt Lake City, UT
Engineering Sciences

Six Years...Come and gone, what a relief! Mom and Dad, I love you. Thanks for being there for me. To Matt, Stephen, Melissa, Peter, Spencer, James, and Kristina, thanks for your love and support too. I especially want to thank Robin, whom I love dearly, who has helped me become who I am.

David John Witkowski*Dave*

Provo, Spain
Aircraft Maintenance
Technology

Thank God for caffeine. Thanks to everyone at Crown Discount Liquor for always being there when I needed them, except on Sundays.

Steven Perry Woods*Woodsy*

Austin, TX
English

"It is the logic of our times,
No subject for immortal verse-
That we who lived by honest dreams
Defend the bad against the worse."

John Joseph Antedomenico

Jack
Tequesta, FL
Geography

Read all about it! The tide has finally turned! Some say it's over. Well it's open water from here on out Boys. So plot your course and hoist your sails, the wind is about to blow. To all I wish good luck and God's blessing. Hauptwache! Thanks God, Mom, Dad, Leni and Bo, you're what makes our family so wonderful! Also for those who have helped me through rough times.

Cary Ernest Baird

(I don't have a nickname)
Salem, IN
Chemistry

Although I cannot say I have enjoyed USAFA, I am grateful for many of the changes it has either directly or indirectly brought about in my life, for the people to whom it has brought me close, and for the opportunities it has provided me. Specifically, I am thankful for Christ, Kar, chemistry, and flying. My family has been great to me through my cadet years.

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Shane Edward Chubbs

Chubbs
Rowlett, TX
Space Operations

To those of you who thought I wouldn't make it: HAH! To those who did: don't kid yourself...you're only saying that to make me feel better. Thanks to everyone who stood in my way and strengthen my resolve and KICK THIS PLACE. To the Lord, my family, and my friends: thanx for the support. To this country, and the wars we've won; to the flag, the colors that never run: watch out for '94!

Richard Kent Clugston
Hollywood
Rolla, MO
Management

Being a late appointment, the Academy was a surprise to me, since I had no clue what I was getting myself into. I finally adjusted, however, and am glad to have had this opportunity. The best day for sure will be driving through the North Gate and looking in my rearview mirror. So long 94, see ya in the REAL Air Force.



Scott Arthur Dunphy
Ad Astra
Davie, FL
Astronautical Engineering



Eric Rankin Gardner
Grandpa
Rock Springs, WY
Biology

Thank you me for all you've done. Without me, none of this would have been possible. My kids will only come here if I hate them - there are better ways to get ahead. Thanks God, Mom, Dad, Staci and family for seein' me through. To the fellas - I love you guys - Stop by some time a check out the kids.



Scott David Kelter
SKELTER
Foxboro, MA
Biology

Stand...in the door! We all have a door to stand in, a moment of truth, in which we must conquer our fears and step out into what lies ahead. Thanks to the PTWOBs and Redeyes for helping me do this. Mom and Dad, I can't thank you enough.

"There are no great men in this world; only great challenges which ordinary men rise to meet." -SLB

BLUE SKIES! PTWOB#059?



Daniel James Knight
Wig
Kalamazoo MI
Legal Studies



Brett John Machovina
Meathead, Mac
North Olmsted, OH
Geography



Korwin Kenji Miike
UFA, AquaMan, Senpai
Mililani, HI
Human Factors Engineering



Obasi John Onuoha
OJ, Boss Man
Lincoln, NE
Management

Too often we are scared. Scared of what we might not be able to do. Scared of what people might think if we tried. We let our fears stand in the way of our hopes. Why? After all we only go around once. Four years of prison and I'm outta here. Thanks Mom, Dad you're the best. Mach, Pasq, Kev, Dip and the rest of the fella's Watch your windows.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another - Dad, Mom, Bros, Gramps, Eric, Ritz, Cicco, Joe, Dan, Milk, Coach - The world is mine to conquer. Humorous: My head is small and round.

Good luck to everyone, especially all my Kohai! The ceremony means nothing, the fight is EVERYTHING. Patience is a virtue, especially when you are the minority. It's better to be poor than be a fat man in the eye of a needle. Be proud. Red Hot. Roots, Rock, Reggae. Mahalo and Aloha to Mom, Dad, the boys, and all. Hey bra, Surf's Up!

In four years which have been cluttered with different experiences, a few stand out above the rest. Things like gassers, March 2, 1993, and words like "I hope so". Special thanks to God and my family, because without them I'm lost, and a special shout out to Wayne D., Jeffrey M., Kid, K-Mo, Meghan, and all the fellas. God Bless all those who went before me and all those crazy enough to come after. PEACE, I'M OUT.

John Phillip Pantleo
Plano, TX
General Engineering

In the words of a great man I know, "I came, I saw, I left." I'll never forget the great times I had here. Germany, Austria, Ireland. Thanks, Robb for everything. You taught me that blind dates don't always have to be 17 and have serious physical deformities. Say hi to Robin et al for me. Thanks, Mom and Dad for the support. Thanks Granddad and Grandma for the use of the place. Loveshack, you aren't here with us, but you'll always be a Redeye. Now that it's over, there's only one thing left to do. Thank God.



Joseph Anthony Pasqualini
Pasq
Melrose Park, IL
Biology

"The person who risks nothing, IS nothing; only a person who risks is free!" Dave, I got outta Melrose, but . . . I'll NEVER forget you guys: Jay, Stan, Fran, The Team, Jack, Mack, Wig, Swanny and Woody. Good luck to all, especially: Flint, Hobbsie, and Stick. Mom and Rich, thanks for all your love and support. The challenge has just begun. "Keep your head up, and ALWAYS GIVE NOTHING LESS THAN YOUR BEST!" - JJP



Jared Wade Pavlich
PAV, Pavlov
Alta Loma, CA
Human Factors Engineering

"It's a cluster!" -Gunny Highway
"Start slow and taper off." -JB

I went to Korea and saw the light, since then it's been downhill. I love the sound of cynicism in the morning. Is there a military academy somewhere in Colorado? I think it's at Ft. Carson. Skelter, blame physics 215! If you can't say anything nice....you've been around me too long.

"Five floors and frat, what's next?" -PAV



Patrick James Pelkington
Pajamas, PJ
Monroe, NY
Space Physics

If you are looking for some profound words of wisdom, you are reading in the wrong place. Check someone else's picture. I just want to THANK my mom, Philip, and Anthony. I love you. You have helped me get through this place. Thanks to the DiMatteo's, Haynie's, Fuchs, Kutaks, Grandparents, Marcy, SDSKLPLTJSCBKCBIJFKKMDH, everyone else. Psalm 10.

That it will never come again is what makes [Academy] life so sweet! - Emily Dickinson



Evan Lamar Pettus
Fetus
Fayetteville, AR
Aeronautical Engineering

It's been a wild ride here at Camp USAFA. I've experienced both the roles of King and Criminal (mostly criminal), but through it all I've been able to count on my buds. My thanks to Mom and Dad, the Blackjack Smacks of '94, the Gods of Aero, the Boys and Girls of Redeye, and yes, all of those nice people from the Tour Pad.

One final note: I still believe.



Kevin Lee Pfeil
K-Phi, Troll, Piffel
Colorado Springs, CO
Material Science

It wasn't my fault. Crown is great, Crown is good, and I thank them for my "food". Darwin, Chapter 3:11. Coffee. I'm not a firstie, I'm a Senior. Hold on B.A. What smells like feet? Sully, I hope you made it. Dave, lay off the roids. Didn't I tell you? O.J., peacebro. Wig's illin'. Mack's the man. Mom, Dad, Kerri- thanks for all your support, I love you.



Robert Steven Renfro II
Crash
Portland, OR
Operations Research, Arabic

Wow!!! This is great. Thanks everyone! The Air Force Academy kicks butt!!!!



John David Seuell
Satellite Beach, FL
Aeronautical Engineering

People have made this place what it is. If you're one of the bad people, go to –!

Scott Thomas Taylor

T.C., PTWOB #055P

Indianapolis, IN

Aeronautical Engineering

Jer 29:11-13

I'VE BEEN A DREAMER ALL MY LIFE; I HOPE I NEVER WAKE UP. What lies ahead is no dream, but Reality. The reality is that we are the hope for the future. My only regret is I have But onE life To give for God and my country. TMWACIWLYF.

To my blood, I love you...THanks just ain't enough.

To my brotheRs, I'll mlsS you...blue skies...blACk death.

Suzette Dawn Stenersen

Salmon, ID

Legal Studies

The Bravest Soldiers
Brave, brave were the soldiers (high named to-day) who lived through the fight;
But the bravest press'd to the front and fell, unnamed, unknown.

by Walt Whitman



Laura Lea Teal

L.L., Tealster, Dudley

Tustin, CA

Electrical Engineering

Now that it's over, all I have is good memories. Mom, Dad, Mark, Rob, Joe, Bob: Thanks for teaching me everything I know.

-it's not the destination that matters, it's the journey.

-GO BIG OR GO HOME!!



Michael Joseph Wall

Wally

Richmond, VA

Graduation

Life is like a big dinner, and mine is about to begin. But first, I must give thanks. Thanks to all my buds who kept me out of trouble. Thanks Mom, Dad, Martha, and Melisa for all your support. "If I get out of this alive, I'll dance a jig." Peace and love my brothers, and never have any regrets. Carry on.



Kurt Alan Wendt

Waupaca, WI

Political Science, History

Isaiah 40:30-31. Thank you Mom, Dad, and Cheryl for all your love and support! I certainly wouldn't be where I am today without you. Thanks to Cary, Skelter, Lamar, and the gang for keeping me out of trouble and keeping me sane through it all. "Someday I'll look back on all this and laugh!" -But not anytime soon. See ya!

Beth Joy Wetherington

Peabody, MA

Political Science

"For I know the plans I have for you.." Jer 29:11. Thanks, Lord, for knowing my heart and hearing my prayers..For granting me the strength to persevere..For a family whose love and support has been unfailing (Dad Mom Peri Nathan: ILY! WE made it!)..For countless challenges and "kindred spirits" (JLCBAC)..and For the chance to fly! PTL!



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK One of the first of many formations on the Terrazzo, these members of the Class of 1994 prepare to start another day of Basic Cadet Training. During BCT it seemed as though these formations would never come to an end.

Martin William Barker

Martyjones
Belding, MI
Human Behaviors

I really enjoyed the four-year emotional roller-coaster ride, the (shotgun) trips to Boulder, the (VanDamme) rides back from Cripple Creek, and the journey through "The Bitter Years" (Marty & Rich's sophomore year/Tom-chair/Sports Bar) ...But at least the mountains are beautiful!!
THANK YOU SO MUCH TO MY FAMILY WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME—"I have finished the game."

Eric Scot Bulger

BULGE
Vassalboro, ME
Political Science, (Arabic)

Thank God it's over/Mom, Dad, Col. Ferry & all my friends—THANKS! 4 years prostrate to the higher mind—Was it worth it? To all of the Dorks/Losers—May our paths never cross! To the Zoomie Rugby team/the FAT boys/Golfcarts/Coolers/ Becketts/The VINE—Thanx for the fun. Of course Johnnies, may the WOOL keep you warm. "The best way out is ALWAYS through!"

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Jerry Michael Cline

Cline-Dog, Jerry-Mike
Las Vegas, NV
Biology

I wouldn't be here without Coach Burke. My heart will always lie with Falcon Gymnastics. Thanks guys. Thanks Mom, Hale and family for giving so much. Thank you Barons. I'll miss you. Thanks to Jim Dryjanski ('92) for starting me off. Nick Steele ('92) for saluting me back, and Ryan Marshall ('93) for keeping faith. Paul, you are my best friend. Thanks for your loyalty and love. Thank you, Lord, for my parents.

Brian Adam Curtis
CurtisBlow
Alden, NY
Bachelor of Science

Thanks: Mike, Mike, all of my friends in 26. Rifle Team. Nationals. All the great times? All the late nights, doing things no one knew about. Thank God that I made it. My parents for trying to understand. What is the future? Where will I be? Who cares? Just remember: IT WAS.



Conrad Calvin Davis
Crad, pow
Austin, TX
Human Factors Engineering

Thank you Mom, Dad, and all of my wonderful family. I did most of it with you all and for you all. And to the Barons of '94, not many can boast of what we had and will always have. But fellas, just don't forget, jokers wild!

"Any fool can keep a rule. God gave him a brain to know when to break the rule." -- General Willard W. Scott



Evangelina Francisca Doyle
Lina
Pueblo, CO
Astronautical Engineering

There's no thrill in easy sailing,
When the sky is clear and blue;
There's no joy in merely doing
Things which anyone can do.
But there is some satisfaction
That is mighty sweet to take,
When you've reached a destination
That you thought you could not make.
I would like to thank my family, Rob, and every single friend
Whose love, support, faith, and hope
Were with me to the end.



Robert Edward Duman
Rob
Bryan, OH
Modern History

I would like to thank those who helped me to make it through here on my seven-year program: God, my family, friends, sponsors, instructors, the active duty Air Force, and especially Lina. Thanks also for Barons past and present for making life interesting.

"The Academy was the best experience in my life, but I would never want to do it again." - anon. '86 grad.



Derek George Emmons
Dexter
Medford, NJ
Geography



Chad Jeremy Erspamer
Spermer, Merlin
Virginia, MN
Operations Research, Economics

I came for the free education. What was I thinking!? To: my family, thanks for everything. Todd and Ed, "We run because we must..." Brock, you kept me sane. Renae, thanks for the memories. The Team, fleatrainers! You can always find a song that describes how you feel. I came idealistic, optimistic, and naive; I leave bitter, pessimistic, and naive. What happened?



Joaquin Fernandez-Silva
Long Island, NY
Management

Thank you Mom, Dad, and Sis for giving me everything I need to succeed. I'd like to thank the Helinskis; my second family who always took care of me. I'd like to thank; yes the Academy, for giving me the chance to meet the most important person in my life and make some of the best friendships possible. Gooch we will always be best friends. We tested all the bounds!



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Matt Miller and Julie Garcia dance the night away at the 1991 All Class Formal.

**Richard Harrison
Ladue Jr**

Rich

Adams Center, NY
European Area Studies, (French)

I thank Father, Mother, Amy, and Chad for their love and support. Here's to "The Bitter Years", trips to Boulder, CC's French House, Marty for grabbing the wheel, the laughs on "Lights Out", the CD gems, 21st b-day and my caretakers, the Russ Wolfe Award, and Buffalo's Scott Norwood, whose field goal wide right summed up the freshman year.



John William LeClair Jr

Disney

Medina, OH
Computer Science

Thanks Mom, Dad, and sis for your continuous support over four long years. Thanks D&B for the great times—long bus rides (not to mention the crashes), camping out on gym floors (weigh stations too), running into windows, and of course, fun in Hawaii! Hey Barons...you are just going to have to find someone else to fix your darn computers! Never give up—hard work always pays off!



**Brock Huntington
Lorber**

Brock

Oran, IA
Economics

What do you mean, what happened? It was J.C. at the beginning, Brad and Sue in the middle, Chad and Jess at the end, my parents, Daren, Brian, and the Beersissippi through it all. Thank you.



**Lawrence William Ses
Mitchell**

Larry, Ghandi

North Dighton, MA
Biochemistry

Four short years. Gone. Boom. What up G!?! Ow, my colon! (it's raw) Aviation, academics, athletics, military, make up your mind! What can we buy next Darrell? Love you Mom, Dad, John, B. Heather Dylan, Carl, Joyce, Mema, Papa. Thanks everyone else. I couldn't have done it without all of you. Keep trying no matter what they throw at you. Go to bed Chris.



Brendan Daniel O'Brien

B O'B, Bren

Brooklyn, NY & Pensacola, FL
Aeronautical Engineering

Here's to the boys and Winter Park, Black Diamonds and Single-Tracks, the Cowboys and the Knicks, Harry and Biggun, Honor Guard and Barons Rugby, Parents, Brothers, Sisters, and Girlfriends, Pub 'n' Grub Wings, Brooklyn Pizza and Florida Sunshine, and all the other things that thinking about made this place tolerable. Bur-Bur?



**Thomas Charles
O'Malley Jr**

Malcolm T

Coopersville, MI
Political Science, Russian

To the AT&T and bilingual terrazzo workers—I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks to Fitch, Major and Debbie Lind, Jim Scott, Assmeyer, my little friend Billy, Major General Barker, Corky the ankle twister, 2nd Lieutenant Quisselquist and Rear Admiral Brian Porter.

To those few loyal souls—my family and friends.



Jacqueline Diane Otis

J.O., J.D.

Wintersville, OH
Political Science

Three things got me through the last four years: my God gave me strength, my family support, and friends the memories I'll treasure. To the Thunderbirds of 94- we made it; Ken, Derek, Chuck, & Jim- GRADUATION!; to Brad- thanks for the stress; and to all of 94 - just wait til the "REAL" Air Force has to deal with us. RED HOT!



**Christopher Michael
Pillow**

Chris, Pill, CP

North Granby, CT
Economics

Thank God for friends like Clint, Bos, Schnaz, Tom, Chris, Jeff, and Stephen. You are a great brother Matt. I never liked this place. I think we can sleep through Larry. I love my family. I love you Allison. Call her. I knew I would make it here. I don't want to ask myself 'what if?' Baseball is more than a sport. You can do anything you want. Matthew 7:24.

Lawrence William Mitchell
Larry Mitchell
North Dakota
Bismarck

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Christopher M.
Pillow
Chm. PII 02
North County, CA
Economics

...are a great brother list
and this place. I think we
ough Larry. I love my book
Allison. Call her. I know
te here. I don't want to
of W. Scobell is a more for
can do anything you want.

Thank you Jesus, Mom, Dad, Jay, Jeff and Tricia. Without you I wouldn't have survived. Here's to the Boys, The First Five Winter Parkers, Partyin', Cattin' and Duffy's: Thanks for the memories and making the game bearable. Now for me: To run-out trials of '92 - you failed. To sensitivity briefings - sorry I offended you. To puppet parades - we are better leaders now, thanks, To all the tools ... "It matters."

"NEVER 'LOOSE' YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR" To Mom, Dad, Colin, Brad, and the HSD's, Thanks, without you guys I would have never made it. I came for challenges and experiences and found more than I could have ever imagined. But you know, someone was right when they said, "Sometimes you have to get off the porch and run with the big dogs."

IMMEL

Thanks Mom, Dad, Smash, Hick, Grandmas, Paul and Susie, TCUsers and Texas. ZRFC - We beat Army! I love you guys! Thanks God - you put me here, put me through it, what's next? NOLA and the big three, I said what? Well, it wasn't what I thought it would be, or should be, but then again you can't have everything in life; where would you put it all?

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Brett Baldwin

Baldy
Burlington, WI
Civil Engineering

It has been a long and hard journey. Without Mom and Dad I would not have made it. I love you both. Special thanks to the man in the ring. No, I am not deaf. And to all those Thunderbirds who stayed true, maybe we can go out and have a few. No matter what people say or how true it is this place is still the best thing since sliced cheese.

I win, Weida.



Mary Elizabeth Barton

Lizard, Sciz
DeSoto, TX
Human Factors Engineering

"But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves, but on God" — 2 Cor 1:9. I owe all that I am to God, my family, and friends. Thanks Mom and Dad for all the love and support. Pip, I know it was tough, but you were always right there with me—good luck at A&M! Paula, you'll always be my roomdawg wherever we live - I'll miss the DPC's. Never tire of doing what is right." -- 2 Thess 3:13



Robert William Breisch

Fire C. Rotch
Delran, NJ
Economics

Thanks to all who have been there to help out, especially MOM and DAD, I love you. My fellow T-Birds, never forget the crap we've put up with and the memories made. Brown (We go to the Air Force Academy!), Andy (Crested Bt./T-41), Strick (40-50-3), Chas (BOFI), Chino (Thirsty's), Trev (Air Conditioner), Jer (Huh?), ake, Joe (KNANCE), Jake, Danny (Storm/Jeep). I still haven't found a wife. CHECK!

Patrick Clowney
Engineering Mechanics
Spartansburg, SC

I want to praise God and Jesus, my family and my friends for always being there for me. I love you all. To all my brothers and sisters never forget rule #1. Never trust anyone.



Christopher Patrick Cullen
Chris
Spokane, WA
Civil Engineering

"The Zen philosopher Basho once wrote, 'A flute with no holes is not a flute, and a doughnut with no hole is a danish.'" Thanks Annie, Mom, Dad and the rest of the family. Thanks also to the soccer team—it's been great—Da Na Na Da Na Na! Phil 4:13.



Albert Martin Edwards III
Marty
Powder Springs, GA
General Biology

I thank God for getting me through this place. I also want to thank my family, my sponsors, and especially the woman of my life. Without you guys I could never have seen this experience through to the end. Here is to my brothers, remember T.N.S.O.N. Psalms 118:14



Trevor Drake Hazen
Pluggar
Lansing, MI
Management

I could never have made it though these past five years without the friends I've made. I will always remember the times I've had with all of you. NEVER a dull moment! Thanks for the best time of my life T-birds!



Douglas Brian Heckman
Doug, Chuck, Speck's brother
Winter Park, CO
English

Holy Wah! Six years. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Ryan, Eric, Rev and friends. Thanks for waking me up Col. Anderson. "Write a story about your dog." GLT, dance the fandango. This place has taught me everything not to become. "Shun the reeking flock." A useful mistake indeed. To my wildflower: let's go explore. Finally, praise to God for this beautiful Earth. "Guns and Peanut Butter!"



Erich Danie Hernandez-Baquero
Long Wood, FL
Physics



Steacy Warren Housholder
Hous
Overland Park, KS
Electrical Engineering

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Daniel Todd Lasica
D.T., FDFP
Civil Engineering
Willowbrook, IL

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Xuyen-Quoc Ly-Huynh
kwok
Human Factors Engineering
Muskegon, MI

"If it don't kill you, it can only make you stronger" (or something like that). Words to live by, especially in this Hel ... place. I'd like to thank Buddha, my parents, my brother Tu-anh, Trev, Chino, Mark, the rest of my friends, my sponsors and everyone else who helped me get through these four years. It's been an uphill climb all the way, but I'm about to reach the top and it's all been worth it. I think.



Thomas Andrew McGee
Goo, GaMee
Conroe, TX
Engineering Mechanics

"Well, it was all I could do to keep from crying." No regrets, though. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Randi and Butch—wouldn't have made it without you, Love ya'll. To the T-birds and others: Last call has sounded and it's been fun, what I remember, I'll never forget. Thanks Joe M., Chad, Jake, Fire, Brown, Criminal, Chas, Trevor, Chino, Duker, T.O., Nancy and Nabia. Put a fork in me, I'm done!!



Joseph Edward Nance
Otto, K-Nance
Scottsbluff, NE
Aeronautical Engineering

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or the faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the fellow who thinks he can.

- anonymous

Thanks to all those who have helped me through the insanity, especially my Irish mother. To my T-Bird brethren, may time not diminish the friendships we have forged here with blood, sweat, and tears. "You never even called me by my name."



Eric Dean Newton
Skippy
Ipswich, England
Computer Science, (Russian)

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Jeremy Bruce Noel
Wig
Saratoga, CA
Operations Research

"Sometimes, not often enough, we reflect upon the good things, and those thoughts always center around those we love, you've made me very happy. And I count the times I've forgotten to say thank you, and just how much I love you." If life doles out what's been put in, then we're looking forward to one heck of a future! Thanks to all who cared, especially my family and the T-Birds.



Thomas James O'Connell Jr
Tigger, Fish
Syosset, NY
Political Science

A. Would you like to swing on a star... To my folks and Danno, I couldn't have made it without you. It was fun 'Birds. To the Pigs and the Fools (esp. Ugly, Raggy, Drool) Remember why we're going straight to hell: Cheers Trough Duck 5 Lodge Gus Craig 4 Stew's C. Butte 3 Adventures NYC 2 Cottage 36 hrs 1 5/50 - see ya, FOOL #7 - DRINK!!...or would you rather be a PIG?



Joseph Michael Parisi
Joe
Arvada, CO
Economics

I would just like to thank God, my family, my family to be, all of my teammates and my good friends at the Academy. If it wasn't for all of you, I would have never made it. I'll always remember the times we shared on and off the field.



Charles Hart Peterson
Chas, ICA
Blacksburg, VA
Bachelor of Science

"Dream the same thing every night I see our freedom in my sight." -- Metallica

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Mark Allen Seng
Jasper, IN
Computer Science

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Bradley Stephen Smith
Brown Eye
Greenwood, MO
Human Factors

I'm not going to sugarcoat it, I hate this place. If it wasn't for the friends I made, I wouldn't be here. I would like to thank my parents, most of all. You supported me in everything I did, I love you. I also want to thank my friends. I'll never forget you guys. Thanks Chris, Fire, Andy, Jake, Joe, Jer, Trev, Pukes, T.O. and all the T-Birds. Vacation's over.



Rebecca Jeanne Sonkiss
Reba
White Lake, MI
Engineering Mechanics

"It's funny how a little place like this brought so many people together."—Fried Green Tomatoes. The simple constant which pulled me through this place was my friends. Thanks to all of you, especially Adelle, Lauren, and those who remember me from soccer. Mom and Dad, because I never say it I'm putting it in print: I love you. Everything was wonderful and nothing hurt. PTWOB



Todd Andrew Stearns
Fairfax, VA
Political Science

I would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to my mom and dad for what they gave me,—fundamental values, a passion for life, and the ability to dream. "Let the word go forth, from this time and place...that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans..." We are that generation; all of human history waits to see what we shall do. To Schwarz, what can I say, We are just getting started! We stand at the edge of a new frontier...



Joseph Bernard Strick
Criminal
Kansas City, MO
Graduation
(Bachelor of Science)

"Not for anything, never again." The Academy has given me a new outlook on many things; an outlook that some say could be done without. I disagree. There are some mistakes that you can only make once. This is one. All I can really say is "Thanks guys" to all of my friends and family, "...and you know who you are, you keep calling my name." BOFI.



Paula Anne Thorson
Giggly girl, Old lady
Viroqua, WI
Civil Engineering

And to think I could've been leading a normal life by now. I'm glad I came. It all depends on your outlook (Philippians 4:12-13) Thanks for the love and support: Mr. Tubb, Mom, Dad, Lil, Beth, Chris, BK, Dave and Ceci. Thanks for putting up with me: Seagrams, T-Birds, Carrie Doodle, Lizard (you'll always be my roomdog too), Jefferson, Beth, Kurt, Todd, Dayton, Cathy, Wayno, Little Man and Tony.



Jacob Trigler
Jake
Santa Maria, CA
Aerospace Physiology

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To the T-birds: thanks for the memories; Andy, Fire, Brown, Criminal, Chas, Trev, Chino, Joe, Jer, TJ, Baldy, and all the others—Best of luck, its been fun. See Ya.



Virginia-Maria Weldon
San Francisco, CA
Bachelor of Science

Since the eighth grade I've wanted to come here, do well, be a pilot and fly fighters. Well, ... I made it in here, now hopefully I'm out of here. The saying, "Be careful what you wish for, you just might get it," definitely fits here, but maybe this time I won't have to "pay" so much for it. Good luck to those who follow. And don't ever think you can't make it, because I did!

Hobart Randolph Alford

Rob, Hobie
Clanton, AL
Management

Jim, Gentry, where are you guys!?...Well, what are my words of wisdom? Never take your family and friends for granted. To Mom, Dad, John, William and Christine thanks you for always being there. To Paige, John F. Rob C., John D. and Jim F., I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks for everything, it was an experience. Always remember, "No Tire Basura!"

John Robert Brimmer

JRobb, Brimdog
Sumter, SC
Political Science

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B = 28 LACKBIRDS



Dean Guy Conatser

Youngstown, OH
Bachelor of Science

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**Case Andrews
Cunningham**

Red Dog
Argyle, TX
Political Science

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**Christopher Robert
Eden**

Shmeden, Chris
Colorado Springs, CO
Political Science

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Wayne Evan Floyd

Wayno, Pink
Skwentna, AK
Physics

"Work is for people who don't know how to fish."
My message is, appropriately, about everyone else.
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Stephen Dwight Foster

Big Guy
Fort Collins, CO
Bachelor of Science

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James Garrett Francis
Jimbo, Squirrel, Little Bobcat
Portland, Or
Bioenvironmental Engineering

Hey Hobart, I'm over here! Season's comin'!..... Wow. Me... a 2nd Lt. in the A.F. Whatever. Thanx Dad, for all the motivation, Mom for all the love and money, Kathy Sue for all her loving, sisterly advice. I've learned a lot at this place, the Zoo, the most important being that about friendships. I'm gonna have all these friends for life, and in death, if it ever comes to that. I love you guys, see you on the other side.



Sean Patrick Gallagher
Coach
Colorado Springs, CO
Management

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"...how could they live like that, with such earnestness, if they had the faintest idea of what it was like up here in this righteous zone?"



Jeffrey Dean Gregory
Jeff, J.G., Gregor
Clinton Township, MI
Chemistry

I thank the Lord for guiding me through the trials (I Peter 1:7) and the triumphs (Isaiah 40:31), my family for their love and understanding, and my classmates for their patience and friendship. We have all laughed a little, cried a little, lived a little, died a little. Upon graduation, we will all take separate paths. Nevertheless, I will never fail to recall your names and faces, my brothers and sisters in arms. P.S. "One day..."



Timothy Edward Heider
Chicago, IL
Political Science

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Scott Gaines Heyler

Newtown, PA
Management

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**Kerry Ann Kane**

Wherever
Biology - Pre-Med

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**Sarah Ann Kerwin**

Edith
Rochester, NY
English, Biology

Four years and Stop Out, I'm ready to graduate! Thanks to all the wonderful people who have supported me during my five year crisis. Mari, you are my Grecian Urn - my beautiful, smart, successful, loving, inspirational, fun sister frozen in my mind. I love you and can't wait until we meet again.

**Joseph Donald Kunkel**

Joe
Hebron, NE
Aeronautical Engineering

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**Jeffrey Robert Kuzma**

J.Kuz, Spike
Colorado Springs, CO
Engineering Sciences

"That's what I'm talking about!" It's been four quick years. My thanks to God, my family, Nicole, Biscuit, Chowder, Shams, Sean, Case, JRobb, Shifty, Dean, and others whose advice was invaluable—couldn't have made it without you all. "You can't have a victory without having a battle. "Follow your Bliss." NEVER give up your dreams. JUST DO IT. FLEA TRAINER. Cocky?—well, it ain't cocky if you can do it!!

**Clarence Icy Lee**

Icy
Houston, TX
Bachelor Of Science

I would like to thank my Mother and Father for being by my side. A special thanks to my girlfriend Monique West who was always there for me - Peace Baby I Love You! Everyone else who was down with me, you know who you are - Thanks! I can't say how I really feel about this place because they wouldn't print it so I'll just end like this: PEACE I'M OUT!!!

**Jeffrey Paul Lingens**

Bob, Lugg Nuts, GUNNZ
Thousand Oaks, CA
Political Science, (German)

Numerous absurd nicknames and four tedious years later... I am still myself thanks to my family and my friends. Stronger for trying, better for the success, and still trying to make things happen.

**Richard David Lubey**

Slick Dick, Lube Job
Utica, NY
Aeronautical Engineering

"...I muttered something, swallowed some air; science, miracles, monkeys for prayer. I'll believe in anything when I'm there, I'm certain I've said that before. I'll believe in anything when I'm there, I'm certain I've said that... before." -M. Stipe.

Stephen Scott Mann

Manly Mann
Albany, GA
Political Science

"At first, I thought I had wasted my college years, but I was wrong. The Institute was the most valuable experience I have ever had or will have. I believe it did bring me into manhood: The Institute taught me about the kind of man I did not want to be. . . and yet I am a product of this artistry because I wear the ring." —The Lords of Discipline



Bryan Dent Richardson

BR, B
Evergreen, CO
Operation Research, Economics

For me, the Academy brought unprecedented experiences of pain, joy and accomplishment. I am eternally grateful to my father, mother, sister and countless friends and classmates for their never ending support, advice and sharing in both the good and the bad. "The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving." - Oliver Wendell Holmes



Jillene Berdena Rylaarsdam

Jill, J
Hudsonville, MI
Operations Research

"Just remember, God is with you through your darkest night. In the heat of battle keep your head up high. God is marching with us. He's always at our side. IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? (D&K, Romans 8:31). Thanks to Sam, T & friends who helped me make it through. Special thanks to God, Mom, Dad, Jeff, Jodi, & Dutchess—couldn't have made it without you!



Antonio Enrique Rodriguez

Tony, Cuban, Slow Poke,
Simpsonville, SC
General Engineering

Good luck, God's speed, Check Six. Here Endeth the Lesson.

— AER



Lauren Kristen Sheahan

Tuftsboro, NH
English

"The best way out is through." - Robert Frost
Gary, thanks for the inspiration and guidance to go through. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "You must do the thing you think you cannot do." With other's help, I have done the thing I thought I could not do.

"Perspective, I soon realized, was a fine commodity, but utterly useless when I was in the thick of things." - Ingrid Bengis



Jeffrey Peter Spinnanger

Spin
Pompton Lakes, NJ
Political Science

"Rules are made for people who aren't willing to make up their own" - Chuck Yeager
Hmmm...
Summarize 4 years in 70 words or less? Well, no epitaphs from this kid, Mom and Dad, Deb (BH), Randy - WE did it! "Good, better, best, never let it rest til the good becomes the better and the better best." I'm still working on it.



Gentry Bingham Stephens

Sir
Spanish Fork, UT
Astronautical Engineering,
(Mandarin Chinese)

"Roob, I'm Over Heeere !! Thanks Mom, Dad, Aaron, Christin, Fellas; I fought a good fight. Typical Academy order, sum up four, no, seven years in seventy words or less. Well, here it goes, "Never Again!"



Darryl Lee Terrell Jr

Big D, D.T., D...
Omaha, NE
General Engineering

Thank you Mom, Dad, and Adrienne for all of your love and support. If I had a problem, I always knew that I if I just slowed down and looked around, that you would be there for me.

Saxon Thomas Yandell

Snohomish, WA
Political Science

Brian Craig Van Matre

Shifty, Matre
Columbia, MO
Mathematics

I'd like to thank my parents and family for all the support you have given me over the last few years. To my friends, the memories will last forever. Never lose sight of what's really important. Now, let's start heading up that pyramid.

Thanks to my parents, my sister, and my fiancée for sticking by me for four long years. I could not have made it without your love and support. I thank the Lord for leading and guiding me through the good and the bad. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that testing your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything" James 1:2-4



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Charles Armentrout Baird

Cadet Chuck
Brandon, FL
Bachelor of Science

I thank all those who helped me get here, Erik Karliden Rundquist (Class Of 1991) for teaching me about duty and sacrifice, and most importantly, I thank my Lord, and savior Jesus Christ for giving me purpose, direction and an intense ambition. Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8,9 Matthew 22:37, I John 3:23, Philippians 1:21

The future belongs to the young and the bold. Let's change the world. Question everything. Never say die. Never surrender. Never look back. Never.

Vikhyat Sugyani Bebartha

Vik
Denmark, SC
Biology

Dad, even though you are gone, you are always still with me. Thanks Mom and Prak for all your love, caring, and support that got me here and carried me through. Also, thanks to all the guys who made the last few years fun and memorable!

"It's no matter, it's no distance, it's the ride" - CSN.

**Daniel Katsube Bunts**

Buntos
Albuquerque, NM
Political Science

Dad, Mom, & Lisa who could think that time would fly so fast. You know what you did for me, a debt I can never repay; it's time for your little boy to grow up. S-dog #1!! I'm movin' up! To the fellas - you showed me what this place is really about: trust, selflessness, hard-ship, unity, courage... friendship. I love you all.

"if you're big star bound let me warn you it's a long hard ride" D. Allen Coe

**Rebecca Ann Currie**

Hermosa Beach, CA
Humanities

Thank you Jesus! It is finished. Jim pick me up? Mary I have my key. I miss you Hollie, Tim. You made it worth it, Stan. Jenni time to go. NYC? Love you Michael, AJ, Sager. Libby, Casey miss you Missy's. Bobby lives where? Hi Grantie! All over but the shoutin' Mom! With love to my Ring Dance date, Letters Grandma. I fell in love Sweetie-C-

**Thomas George Falzarano**

Falz, Falzy
Saugus, MA
Basic Sciences

Of all the things I learned at USAFA the most important was learning what true friends are. I am grateful that I was given this opportunity because there were many more that deserved it. Heather, I love you!

**Randall Banks Gonzales**

Randy
Metairie, LA
Human Factors Engineering

Dad: You might only be in my memory now, but you're with me anyhow. I know you'll be smiling when I throw my hat in the air! "I'm outta here" has a nice ring to it, but I'll miss the bonds that were made in those first few weeks of BCT. Dave, Gil, Tommy, and Jennifer: Don't lose touch. I love you Mom, Rob, Suzanne, and my baby niece Kate.

**Ernesto Porfirio Hernandez III**

Ernie, Big E, E, EP, Paco,
Guapo, Ernest
Houston, TX
Management

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**Todd Allan Hudgins**

Hudg, Hudgmo, Pudg, Fatkid
Prescott, AZ
Bachelor of Science

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**Carla Jeanne Hunstad**

Clarkson, NE
Geography

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Nikki Giovanni Johnson
Nickster
 Irmo, SC
 Astronautical Engineering

The Academy. Wow, is it really over? I loved it...and hated it. May HG continue to kick total... Astronautical or is it Astronomical Engineering, I need sleep (in a bed). E.I. for me—Not. My deepest thanks to my friends who were there when it counted. To my parents, thanks for raising me sternly. Joe, a dollar's coming your way. Most of all, I'd like to thank Jason(bow)for being a perfect friend and for his phenomenal help in my Academics! Watch out for 29! :)



Michael John Kardoes
 Titonka, IA
 Computer Science

Well, so much for this one. Thanks to Mom and Dad and big bro and sis. Chalk another one up for the youngest child. To Franklin - thanks. Anything more is a waste of words. To everyone

- Later



Frank Rapp Kincaid
 8-Ball, Kunta
 North Las Vegas, NV
 English

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William Calvin McCombs III
Buddha
 Colorado Springs, CO
 Biology

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"Let the Big Dawg Eat!"



Paul Joseph Murray
Muz, PJ
 Calumet City, IL
 Aeronautical Engineering

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Wade James Rawlins
Wade, Raw
 Atlanta, GA
 Civil Engineering

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Mark Daniel Reimann
 Bolingbrook, IL
 Material Science

Fortunately, I realized early that there is no such thing as a "bad experience". All contribute equally to our character development.

Thanks everyone.



Christopher Scott Sage
Sager, SageBrush, Sagebaby
 Newport News, VA
 Social Science

"Give to God what He is due, and He will make your dreams come true." - 1 Corinthians 2:9

I've always believed that if you have to work, it might as well be fun! See ya in the sky! Thanks for the prayers, Mom and Dad. I'm proud to be called your son. PTWOBs, one year was better than none. Here's to the team - Blue Skies! To the fellas of 29, you're what made this place meaningful! And Dad, always remember that it's a great day to fly!

Douglas Duane Smith

Doug-O, Fresh, D-Day
Goodland, KS
Military History

My time here is over, and I SURVIVED! Thanks to my family for all the support. I love you very much. Thanks to the Panthers of CS-29 for the memories and good luck in life. I will miss you all. Finally, thank you to everyone back home. I could not have made it without your help!

"Life's a dance you learn as you go, sometimes you lead sometimes you follow!"



Christopher David Stoffel

Stoff
Colfax, WI
Human Factors Engineering

Good and Bad, but the good is all I will remember. Thanks all of you guys that made it good, I will never forget. Thanks Mom, Dad, family and friends back home for helping me through- I'll never forget where I'm from and I'll be back someday. Little Mac you're the greatest and I'll never look back. Well folks it's time we ride. "Take it easy" -Eagles



Phillip Charles Swenson

Flip
Leland, IL
Operations Research

"What lies ahead of us and what lies behind us are tiny matters compared to what lies within." - Ralph Waldo Emerson



Joseph Powell Torres

Smokin' Joe
Miami, FL
Bachelor of Science

A reflection on this institution reveals many picturesque memories: some vivid, some overwhelming, some both. And yet, an experience with God, is at the root of it all: of what you like, and what you loathe. But it's all utter nonsense - if you sit still, and do nothing at all!

Thank you Mom, Dad and Jesse for being there when I needed you most... 1 Corinthians 9:24-27



Christopher Mitchell Veazey

Veaz
Rapid City, SD
Electrical Engineering

"For warnings from the future to the past must be taken in the past; today may change tomorrow, but once today is gone tomorrow can only look back in sorrow that the warning was ignored" —Rod Serling, 1964

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Heather. You knew I could do it!. And to the fellas of 'Too Fine! Two Nine!,' Without you, who knows what would have happened! And life goes on.....



Audrey Williams

General Engineering, (French)
Jacksonville, FL

What a rollercoaster ride! Risks! Opt to learn it all the hard way, don't I? You can relax now Mom and Dad. I made it! Thanks to you both, Wanda and Ralph, too, for providing the love, support, guidance and understanding ears ... DJ -- I'll cherish the good times... Falz, V, Tiff, Lori, Robin, Kandace, Keoghs -- thanks for unconditional love and support ... David -- Carpe Diem Fellow French Exchangers -- good time "faison face"ing ensemble!"



Jason Zachary Wollard

Wolly
Las Vegas, NV
Computer Science, (Japanese)

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." That about sums it up. The longest journey starts with the first timid steps, and the journey of our lives has just begun. To my family, friends, and the two-nine crew, thanks so much for keeping me in the race for four long years, you made it all worthwhile.

"The race is not always to the swift..."



Kurt Jeffrey Zobrist

ZOB
Middletown, MD
Biology

I always heard this was the worst place to be at and the best place to be from. Now it's our turn to make the most of it. Thanks Mom, Dad, Eric and the rest of the fam for your never ending support. To the fellas, thanks for the memories, see ya in the REAL world.

"All you touch and all you see is all your life will ever be." - Floyd.

**Barry Benjamin
Becker Jr.**
Burrito
Buda, TX
Electrical Engineering

Thanks to all those people who were there when I needed them: Duane, the rest of the Monkeys, Shelley, and Mom and Dad who stood behind me the entire way. I can sum up this place with just a few thoughts: Knights, intense study sessions, misguided youth, and studysnacks. Was it all worth it Biawach? In some strange way, yes it was. One last thing, remember, you can't spell Sleep or Beer without EE.



**Michael Thomas
Charlton**
Doc
San Antonio, TX
Biology

Whew!—Some thank you's—Thanks to my parents for all their encouragement and support—through all the tough times you were always there. Thanks to my roommate, Barry, for all the nights you kept me awake with the d**n light on. Thanks Amy - you've been a great friend. Finally, to all my classmates in 30 - you guys are the best! See you in 10!!



K=30

NIGHTS OF THIRT



Jane Ellen Decker
Jane
Collegeville, PA
Biology, (German)

"In a bag, in a box, or on the floor; it's here somewhere". CC, Deb, Gabs, Grace, & the VanWirt's-I never would've made it without you!! Stever, Rich, Beth, Billeye, Gibby, the squad, alpha point-it's been real. Dr. Seuss, crayons, and Disney - 'nuff said. MOM and DAD-I finally made it [94.5]; THANKS for ALWAYS being there!!! Well, it's just Regan Marie and me, now.



James Anthony Fabio
Fabes
Pittsburgh, PA
Film

Someday I'm going to make a movie about this place. But in the movie, the good guys are going to win.

...if I had to choose between betraying my country and betraying my friend, I hope I should have the guts to betray my country.

E.M. Forster

Christopher Todd Ford
Chevy, Chief
Grand Island, NY
Biology

Throughout the four years here, one thing made it worth while: my friends and my family. Thank you Stacey for making my last year here one that included sanity. You really opened my mind to a whole new world, where people actually have fun! To the rest of my friends: if you can dream it, you can do it. So when things get rough, remember ...So It Goes.

Francisco Manuel Gallei
Cisco, Fran
Weaver, AL
European Area Studies

Even through all the trials and troubles of this place, it hasn't been half as bad as it seems. Well, yes it has. Anyways, never give up. If you fall, get back up. Thanks to all Knights for the great times we've had. Thanks to God, Mom and Dad for always being there and little sis for always writing.

Eric Arkadiusz Gruszecki
Zeck
Springfield, NJ
General Engineering

I have to thank Mom, Dad, and Kathy; it would have been impossible without you! Also to the smacks of '26 and the '94 Knights; it's been an adventure. Everytime I started to enjoy this place, my alarm clock went off. I don't know about everyone else, but after four years I've had enough of the weather here. Maybe someday I'll make it back to Jersey!



Troy Caldwell Henderson
Skippy, Fuk
St. Paris, OH
Basic Academics

Thanks to the "short dogs" and all the others, MMDDDBJJ, for the good times, especially the royal rumble, CC, my 21st, and the camping trips. UHH!

John Alan Hennings
Johnboy, Henningsan, Cpt
Entropy
Ashville, AL
Political Science

God is truly faithful. He has been with me through every day, even when no one else could be. Thanks to all those who tried—Mom, Dada, Denny, Katrina, Doyle, Calli, Bill, Eric, Les, J.T., Steve O, Jay (Roll Tide!), Fran, Steve W, Rob, Paul, Tanya, Mike, and all the rest. God sent me here to teach me that I can't make it alone...among other things. Trust Him. Eccl. 4:9-12, Ps. 37:3-4, John 16:33

Jonathan Andrew Jensen
Jon
Kirkland, WA
Engineering Sciences

Along the way I was a Kang and a ROOH—fitting to finish at the Zoo! Remember, answers are only found through questions, and in five years I discovered many answers. I must thank my family for their unending support, roomies Napp, Ken, and Shabba, scattered friends, and those who shared their wisdom with me in OCF. Proverbs 19:21—I still dream, but I want Your purpose!

Kristi Lee Kluck
Milwaukee, WI
Civil Engineering

We came here four short years ago/ And there's still so much more of life to go./ From youthful days in Horny 18/ When we were fresh, innocent, young, and green./ The days gone by have made me think/How quick life goes by, in an eye's blink./ I'll remember forever the crew in 30/ Who kept life so unpredictably dirty./ THANKS Mom, Dad, Mancy, Mark, John, Matty, Kory, Steve, Carol, Sarah.

Jeffrey Scott LaRock

Jeff, Rock
Keizer, OR
Management

A picture is worth a thousand words, but a memory is worth a million. Thank you to all who have supplied me with such memories—especially my closest of friends, Billee, Chris, Dave and of course, Mom, Dad, and Matt. Remember, nothing is forgotten.



Joseph Kevin Michalek

Joe, Joey, Joe Mike
Bowie, MD
Human Factors Engineering

"It is better to have tried and failed, then to have never tried and succeeded." Thanks to all my buds at the Hill, you know who you are. To all who have gone before and for those who are to follow, Stand Strong! Thank you Mom, Dad, Tina, and Shaem. I couldn't have made it without you. To sum it up, "Only the good die young." I guess I got a few years left!

Constandinos Leonidou

Costas, Greek
New York City, NY
Bachelor of Science

... Standing on broken dreams. But never losin sight. Spread your wings. We'll get higher and higher straight up we'll climb... So baby dry your eyes, save all the tears you've cried Ohh that's what dreams are made of... -Dreams — VH
Thank you GOD, Becky, Mom, Dad, Yianno, Demetri, Grandad... Beck, we have the future... Mike, we made it bud! What time I'm afraid I will trust in thee. - Psalm 56:3



Anthony Lamar Mitchell

Mitch
Decatur, GA
Biochemistry

Remember: (Dre, Esther, Trauna, Kenyon and the Brothers)
FOCUS: "How does a person get to Mt. Olympus? They make sure every step that is taken is towards Mt. Olympus."
CONFIDENCE: Always think and believe that it can be done before you think about how it cannot be done.
FAITH: All that is good, holy, and righteous in my life is due to God and all the rest is mine.
ACE

Jerald Scott Loeffler

Lumpy, Larry
Omaha, but Texan at heart!!
Management

There were some moments. Thanx JR, T-Bone, Dave, and Ernie for the laughs. Thanks to all my golfing buddies. Who can forget JJ's bachelor party, at least I can light a fire now!! Thanx Mike for the fun time and for letting me crash there every summer. Most of all thanks for everything MOM and DAD, maybe I won't complain or need money anymore, what are the odds on that? Like most things in life it's not always fun but you just got to get through it.



John Robert Jordan Oaks

Rob, JRJ, The Last Bohican
Logan, UT
Aeronautical Engineering

Leonard Richard Medley III

Med
Amelia, VA
Human Factors Engineering

"I'm a man who says what he means, and means what he says." (Malcolm X) I'd like to thank God and my parents for getting me this far. A shout goes out to the P-School posse and the boys. You know who you are. Thanks to those special people who helped me through this d— place. (P.S. Mike Reed once again it's on and I'm outta of here.)
KAPPA ALPHA PSI
PEACE, MED



Karl William Rodgers

Nasty Raj
Raleigh, NC
Political Science, (French)

Why isn't my picture anywhere else in this book? I paid big bucks and all I get's this crazy parade dress shot. Here's to four years at the Colorado Camp for Wayward Boys, spent breaking every rule and almost getting away with it. "I was cured, alright!" I love you Mom, Dad, Ben and every one else who touched me there. Team Victory, Putain! Let's make like babies and head out of here.

Leonard Richard
Medley III
Medley
Amelia, VA
Thomas Edison High School

Preston Scott Schlachter
Doc-Schlag, P, Duke
Colorado Springs, CO
Bachelor of Science

"If we don't find anything pleasant, we'll at least find something new." -Candide

Yep, it's usually as bad as it seems. Thank goodness all things eventually come to an end. Thank you Mom & Dad for all the love, faith, advice, and support during those low points. A debt of gratitude goes to my Best Man and cohort of 151...the Earl of Mike! Keep in touch & God Bless!



Robert Mark Shideler
Shabba, Wild Beaver, Beav
Stafford, VA
Biology

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." I didn't realize the Academy would be an education in life. Here I learned who I was, who I wanted to be, and what I wanted from life. I discovered the important things - God, family, friends, and taking time to have fun and rest. I finally made a to-do list and started to complete it-live without regret! I fought a good fight, now I'm ready for many more to come. Carpe Diem! Matthew 6:33-4. Whoot-Whoo!!



David Michael Siress
Dave
Mechanic Station, NJ
Management

Well, it's finally over. The day I thought I'd never see may actually come. For all of the friends who have carried me through, you will be remembered always. Special thanks to Mom and Dad, for without you I never could have made it. To the Blackjack smacks and the boys of Thirty, we've got some great memories. Here's to the blue skies!



Raymond Tien Tan Truong
T, T-man, T-Bone, Boner,
Lancaster, PA
Political Science, (French)

A sincere thank you to God and the Holy Family who made this all possible, to my beloved family for their undying love and continual prayers, and to my "extended" family who stayed by my side: "Table of Woe", DIRTY-30, "HUZZAH!" -10, Danno, Grandma Pat, Boblicks, Woyanarskis, Hammers, EA92 (BAF, Jacquouille, J.P., et Papy) and everyone else I know in '94, Scarsdale, Lancaster and France!!! -- Forever grateful, the Pennsylvania Amish Asian "BUST IT 'N' GO!!!" -- T's Quote



Steven Gary Watson
Steve, Cowboy
Norco, CA
Computer Science

If you ask for it — you won't get it. If you don't want it — they'll give it to you...

... so know when to ask. Mom and Dad, thank you for the constant support and encouragement. To Neil for taking me to the air show and the advice.



Donald Edward Wiesmann Jr
J.R., Jr., Haus
Houston, TX
Management

Through the walk of life, you're bound to take a few punches and give a few, but I think I've fallen behind in the count. It has been fun and don't let anyone say different. Thanks to DMOPTTJ. See ya in Margaritaville.



William Andrew Zutt
Bill, Billy, Huge
Peekskill, NY
Biology

"Always be yourself... No one can ever tell you you're doing it wrong." Thank you Mom and Dad for getting me through. Thank you Katie for being my sister. Thank you friends for a lot of great memories.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK SERE survival Class of 1994 style, these cadets try their hand at skinning a rabbit for one of their evening meals.

Jeffrey Michael Abraham
Abes
 Columbus, OH
 Aeronautical Engineering

Without my family I couldn't have made it anywhere. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Dave, you mean the world to me. To the Gritmakers: I would never have stayed if it wasn't for you. Barb, Duane, Brian and Shelli, you're like family to me. To the guys in 31: because of you the ride was bearable, and what a trip it was.

"He who dies with the most toys, wins!"

Kay Mara Aquino
Dole-Pineapple, Little One, K-Bear
 Pearl City, HI
 Environmental Engineering

AHAGAYAFFAE! WOO-HOO!! I just want to thank all those who thought I could never do it-without you I would have never felt compelled to prove you wrong. To my family-I love you, would've never made it without you, IT WAS THE WORST NIGHT OF MY LIFE! Tina B., Sharon S., Lorraine, Tam, Patty and Tara, thanks for being there. G.Patrick: look at me now.

G-31

RIM REAPERS



Graham Kendall Bloxom
Bloxy, Achy
 Ringgold, LA
 Human Factors Engineering

I may not have finished first, but I guess they'll still call me Lieutenant. Thanks to Nanny and Mom for getting me here, and to T-man, Breaky, and J.T. for helping me stay through the hard times. Most of all, thanks to the good Lord for watching over me and giving me a good kick every now and then. Many sacrifices were made by everyone and although "I could have missed the pain, I'd a had to miss the dance" — Garth Brooks

Young Chul Choe

Choe, Choe, Choman, Chew,
Yukky, Fuji, Chuka
Lakewood, CO
Biology

Thanks to Mom and my sisters for being there for me. I was a pain most of the time but you all were always there. To my friends : 27 Crew, BZZZZZZ, Luke, Alan, and the rest of the guys, it's been fun. Now let's sober up and go live life our way. "Set 'em up, I'll take a drink with you, pull up a chair, I think I'll stay. Set 'em up, cus I'm going nowhere, there's too much I need to remember, too much to say." - P. Collins

**Jeffrey Matthew Clark**

Grizzwald, Goofy
McLean, VA
Political Science

It's been real, surreal, easy, hard, fun, hell, boring, exciting, hot, cold, windy, calm, successful, failure, ugly, pretty, long, short, up, down, neverending, and but a beginning. On a serious note I send a big THANK YOU to my freshman alums from 25 that helped me through and my 31 buddies as well. Finally, my parents and the taxpayers who have made this all possible.

**James Skylar Dean**

"Jase"
McAllen, TX
Biology

Thank you Jesus, for life! Thank you Mom and Dad. Your love has carried me through. Ashley and Scot, I love you. To Alison, You are the most beautiful woman in the world. Thank you for waiting. To the Stop Out Crew; Puce, Bartak (Len Jr.), and Jeffrey C. Richardson, I love you brothers. Goose, maybe we'll be friends some day. "But you, O Lord, are exalted forever" (Psalm 92:8).

**Amy Lorraine DiGiovanni**

Lorraine, DG, DiG, DinGy
Metairie, LA
Humanities

Mom, Dad, April, Bethany and Bridget- What more can I say... I LOVE YOU! Becky, Angie, Mara- you're the best roommates and friends ever. J.J., Derek thanks for always listening. Scott, Michelle, Mawmaw, Pawpaw, the Giroirs, and Borrás, "I now give thanks and ask God's blessings on my family. Both those who are present and those who are not." GO NAVY!" Jeremiah 1: 4-8 Dad, I finished the race!

**Alan Wayne Edwards**

Albo D. Kid
Birmingham, AL
Aeronautical Engineering

I know it's cliché, but "Sometimes the light's all shining on me, other times I can barely see, lately it's occurred to me... what a long strange trip it's been." Thanks to my parents, Luke, Fritz, Matty, Scotty, Choe, TPW, Bill, and all my friends in the squad. I couldn't have done it without ya.

**Christopher Michael Follin**

"The Kid"
Las Cruces, NM
General Engineering

Lisa, Sean, Scotty, Tuck, Mom, Dad, Amy, Carrie... the list could go on forever. To all of you: I am forever in your debt. My success is yours. Lisa, I love you. Here is my poem: In 31 I had some fun, and in Bull Six I had some kicks, but what matters most, from coast to coast, is the people you know, of which I can boast.

**Gary Edwin Goosen**

Goose
Lake St. Louis, MO
Bachelor of Science

Thank you Dad, Mom, Mindy, John and Alexandra! To my incredible friends; Holly, Mike, Jase, Jeff, Deryk and many others, I Love you! Most importantly, I thank **Jesus Christ** for the Joy and Life He has given. May I serve Him humbly and proclaim boldly that...

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

**Lucas Loel Haak**

Luka, Kule Ka
Phoenix, AZ
Physics

"The songs, the processions, the banners, the hiking, the drilling with dummy rifles, the yelling of slogans, the worship of Big Brother—it was all a sort of glorious game to them". George Orwell, 1984 Thanks Albo, and all my buds in the back hall for making the "glorious game" bearable.



Gregory Scott Keeton*Ketone, Ttocs*
Ashland, KY

Aeronautical Engineering

To my parents, I owe all my success, for without you both, I could never have accomplished anything. To Lori, at times I doubted, but you never did. I'm glad you kept the faith. To Mark, you said I had it 'so rough' and you may be right. And finally to Albo, Kul-ka, Timmy, Stearno, and T-Roy, your friendships have made this place all worthwhile. Remember, He who dies with the most toys, wins.

**David Bruce Kirby**South Hero, VT
Behavioral Science

"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Hebrews 12:11.

Can you believe it, the Bible actually talks about the Academy. To those I love: family, friends, roommates (Mike, Les, Costas, Rod?), and Jesus Christ. It will be a pleasure to serve with you. Read a dollar "In God we trust."

This is the foundation of our Country.

**Luis Fernando Linares***Sweet Lou, Louie*

Coral Springs, FL

Latin American Area Studies

My thanks to God and my family for all the love and support that made it happen. "When we are punished, it seems to us at the time something to make us sad not glad. Later, however, those who have been disciplined by such punishment reap the peaceful reward of a righteous life." Hebrews 12:11

To Col. Paul G. Underwood USAF 3-16-66 NVN: Sir, you are not forgotten.

**Troy Randall Lohmeyer***T-Roy*

Greenleaf, KS

Human Factors

WOW! What a ride! I learned more from the people around me than I ever did from any book. Coming to the Academy leads me to question my sanity. Thanks to everyone who made this possible-God, Mom, Dad, Travis, (family), Jeff, Scotty, Kid, Vark,... and especially Tempe and Justine. You two gave me a purpose in life and made this place bearable. I'm looking forward to our future. LATER!

**Paul Ryan Messerli***Mess*

Fort Walton Beach, FL

Civil Engineering

Anybody who says in their blurb that they would do it all over again is wacked! Thanks to the "Flea Trainers" and YJ for keeping my mind off of all the stupid little things (like homework). Monkey boy lives on. Just remember, everything means something. CYa.

**Gilbert Daniel Ness***Gil, PEPE, Fish*

Boca Raton, FL

Operations Research

If it was worth it, I'll truly never know. But I owe my stay here to my father and all the guys from Eight, thank you all. And thank you to all the rest of the guys in 31 that made this place bearable. Remember guys, if we didn't get caught, then we didn't do it.

**Timothy Scott Price-Williams***TP, PW, FOD*

Lawrenceville, GA

Engineering Sciences

Thank you God for the chance. Thanks Mom and Dad for the never ending support. You never pushed me so that I could learn to push myself. To the family: Thanks for the letters and for being on the other end of the line. The Biehls: You taught me more about life than you'll ever know. Thanks. 31: I'm going to miss having you guys around. Look me up. I'm ready to start living!!!
La 3:22-23

**Kirk James Rasmussen**

Morton, IL

Economics

Thanks Mom and Dad for supporting me, Todd Riche, my roommate for wiping our sink every morning, and my sponsor Capt. and Mrs. Douglas Gregory and their kids, Stevie and Michelle, for entertaining me.

Michael Gene Reed

Mikey, Mike
Ottawa, IL
Military History

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**Deborah Leigh Reuther**

Deb / Doc
Key Largo, Florida
Biology

Without my family, friends (Stoneman's, Parker's, Amy, George, Jen, Mari, Rick, Gordo, Jiro, Kevin P, "Bear", Mike, Dave) and Lord I am nothing. Without you I could not of made it. For everyone who helped me achieve my goal—Thanks, I love you. It wasn't easy, but no one ever said it would be. "It does not depend, therefore, on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy" Romans 9:16. I truly have been blessed.

**Vincent Todd Riché**

V. Todd, Vinny
Bunkie, LA
Economics

There were some rough days and then some rougher days. Thanks Kirk for helping me keep my sense of humor; Mom, Dad, and Cory, for supporting my decision to leave the wonderful South; and God for not giving up on me. "I'm leavin' here a better man." Clint Black.

**Douglass Brian Smalley**

Roy
Toledo, Ohio
Economics

"-I should like to know which is worse, being raped a hundred times by negro pirates, having a buttock cut off, running the gauntlet in the Bulgar army, being flogged and hanged in an auto-da-fe, being dissected and rowing the galleys—experiencing, in a word, all the miseries through which we have passed—or else just sitting here and doing nothing?" the old lady, *Candide*

Thanks Mom, Dad, & Bro!

**Jackkrit Thammavichai**

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Bangkok, Thailand
Aeronautical Engineering &
Engineering Sciences

"Today I gave everything I had, because anything I kept I would have lost forever" Anonymous

MOM, Thanks for always being in my mind. DAD and FAMILY, Thanks for your love and support. JUNE, Thanks for your most wonderful and greatest love of all. BULL, Thanks for your inspiration. Finally, LONG LIVE THE KING. KEEP THE FAITH & BELIEVE IN YOURSELF !

**Eric Jamal Tucker**

Tuck, HMT, Hard Mother Tucker
Toledo, OH
Aeronautical Engineering

Well I was going to make this thing full of cliché's, but I'm too tired to write them. I want to thank God, my parents and my brother for helping me get through this place. I want to thank my roommate Chris with the pipes, I also want to say peace to the rest of the guys in the squad, and finally I want to say thanks to my brothers on the team especially Fola (the working men). To end with I just want to say "the meek may inherit the earth but they won't get the ball." (Charles Barkley)

**Brian John Zawada**

BZ, Zawanda
Strongsville, OH
Political Science

Thanks Mom and Dad for all of your support. Without you, I certainly would not have made it, and I am eternally grateful. Special thanks April, Fred, and Young. You kept me sane the last two and a half years by helping me to keep everything in perspective. I'm counting down the days until the 18th. Best of luck to all of you in the Mighty Mach and Three-One.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Cheering for the home team; these cadets from the Class of 1994 got plenty of time to enjoy the Colorado weather as they sat through at least 28 home football games by the end of their Firstie year.

R=32 ROADRUNNERS

Arturo Enrique Alvarado Sosa

Art

Guatemala City, Guatemala
Aero/Engineering Mechanics

Gracias a mi papa, mama y familia por el apoyo y a los Conocidos por las fregaderas. Coaches, Rebels and Roadrunners never to be forgotten. Best lessons learned in the squad and inside the Ring: TOUGH TIMES DON'T LAST, TOUGH PEOPLE DO!!!



Baker Bozeman Beard

Shake-N-Bake

Germantown, TN

Military History

Can't say it's all been fun, but I have learned what is and isn't important in life. Thanks to my God, family, and friends who provided the inspiration to finish the race.

"You may fail the whole world down the pathway of years and get pats on your back as you pass, but your final reward will be heartache and tears if you've cheated the man in the glass." OOGY - I didn't fail.



Rebecca Bernardini

Becky

Farmers Branch, TX

International Relations

YAHOO! Thanks to my family, Amy, Angie, Tiff, Titi, and the Roadrunners; I would not have made it without you. And to my best friend Paul, I'm SOOOO excited about our future. Good Luck to the Class of '94 and God Bless. P.S. Don't forget your SMILE!

William Tom Bozeman
Bosco
Stony Brook, NY
Human Factors Eng



Thomas Kyle
T-Money
Dallas, TX
Political Sci

I want to first give thanks to Jesus Christ for getting me through this. Thanks to my mom and dad for their support. I love you both and to everybody else. Love and Happiness.

Robert Lewis Buzzell Jr

Buzz
Groton, MA
Political Science

"It's a dog eat dog world, and I'm wearing milkbone underwear." - Norm
The beginning of wisdom is the realization that what is of concern today will not seem important tomorrow, so remember the good times. I leave USAFA with a thousand memories. To the Horsemen, let's ride, to my BIA (Ostie) always stay ASAK, to VF, to everyone who has touched my life, and to my family, especially Mom and Dad, I love you.

Julian Charles Cheater

Big Jules, Streaker
San Jose, CA
Political Science

"A great statesman is he who knows when to depart from traditions, as well as when to adhere to them." - John Stuart Mill; "I've served my sentence, but committed no crime." - Queen
I sought a challenge, & wasn't let down. My goals: live honorably, act loyally, reject mediocrity. Family & friends were most important. Thanks Mom, Jon, Tan, Kim, Gran, Grandpa, & all of my family for your love & support. To the Horsemen, friends at USAFA & home, I'll treasure the memories.

Michael Thomas Dean

Sullivan, IL
Physics

To all those who helped me get to and through the Academy—especially Mom, Dad, Linda, Rick, and Grandma—I send my sincerest thanks. To everyone who helped me learn my profession, I promise to do my best.

William Tom Boscarino

Bosco
Stony Brook, NY
Human Factors Engineering

Whatever?



Thomas Kyle Dixon

T-Money
Dallas, TX
Political Science

I want to first give thanks to my Lord Jesus Christ for getting me through. Thanks to my mom and dad for all their support. I love you both very much. And to everybody else, God Bless... Peace, Love and Happiness.

Owen Daniel Evans

O, Evan, HomieO
Robbinsdale, MN
Electrical Engineering

"Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity." Horace Mann
Kompai...well, I'm ready to leave this hallowed institution. My experiences here have been both challenging and rewarding which will hopefully aid in my sphere of contribution. To the Four Horsemen, Kevin, family, Ilene, Belinda, Kathy, and Setsuko, thanks for the guidance, love, and support.

Stephen Christopher Grotjohn

Steve, Grotie
Portland, OR
Biology

To the Air Force I owe a career of service; to my family and everyone who gave me a second chance, I owe everything else. Remember the man in the glass and always "Be an example..." Thanks to Victor, Mike, Art, Andy, etc for setting standards the rest of us reach for. "Alpha Mike Foxtrot" Slower traffic keep right! P.S. If you learn from your mistakes, then where's my Ph.D.?

Michael Robert Hiddessen

Phoenix, AZ
Human Factors Engineering

Through the five years I have picked up three important lessons: Family, Friends, and Hard Work. These made it all worthwhile. Love and thanks to Mom, Dad, Amos, and Capa.

Dwayne Timothy McCullion

Skull
White Bear, PA
Civil Engineering

I can't believe I made it! After all the things I've done I still finished. It's been a long & strange six years which didn't go exactly like I or anyone else expected, but I learned more than most cadets. I never could've made it without the help of Mom, Dad, Lar, Ter, Jer, A, Mir, Da, Diane. I Love You all. Actually it's been a real fun time, but the door won't hit my butt on the way out the gate!



Jason McInerney

Newton, MA
Astronautical Engineering

For 21 years I have passed happy scenery, crested hills of challenge and revelled in valleys of freedom. Atop the biggest mountain yet, behind lies my history and forward a path untrodden, but leading to happiness and security, for me and all. I stand here through the help of Nick and Lina and my Father's love. I know not life's master plan, but I follow it's road with joy.



Bryce Alan Morgan

Nephi, UT
Management

Well after six long years it's finally over, but I wouldn't have done it any other way. Thanks to everyone who was there when I needed you, everyone from the squad, the heavy table, T and Pipes, everyone from church, Chris, Dave, and Gentry, from the ball team and everyone else that helped me along the way. I love you all. Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece.



Michael Patrick Murphy

Longmeadow, MA
Civil Engineering

Thank God it's over.



Ryan Kimble Osteros

Ostie
Longmont, CO
Astronautical Engineering

To my rock-hard friends, Steve-Look out da guards are coming, Byron-Why do you put up with the crap I give you?, Being your friend's been a privilege, Culpster-don't lose that enthusiasm. To the horsemen-the box, the house boat, Montreal, our 21st's, O's first, 3's in Keystone, Mekong, Indiannapolis, streaking with "streaker", need I say more. Lastly, to my BIA, "Buzz", stay ASAK. I'll be there.



Andrew Kyong Ouimet

Andy
Ojai, CA
Management

Do not rely on the Academy to give you courage, honor, self discipline, and sacrifice upon graduation. These ideals can only be found within the depths of your own heart and soul. A soldier who has integrity and trusts in the Lord will not fail. Be true to God, family, friends and especially yourself. Best quote: "You don't have to wear a patch on your arm to have honor."



David Andrew Piffarerio

Piff
Colorado Springs, CO
Biology

"That which does not kill me, only makes me stronger" — Conan.

After four long years, I have figured out nothing is impossible. I would like to thank my mom, dad and brothers for all their continuing support. To the heavy table, the Roadcocks and all the fellas, thanks for helping me get through. We're finally outta here. GET SOME!!!



Danny Clark Piper

Pipes
San Antonio, TX
Management

The Academy experience is once in a lifetime because who would do it twice. When I look back I want to remember those who got me through. Mom, Dad, Laura and Sean you're the best. Road-runners, Preppies and Mach 1 Frosh I owe ya one. Spring Break, Jimmy Buffett and Diving kept me sane. For the record "I memorized everything and learned nothing!"

Michael Joseph Raynoha

Mesa, AZ
Military History

Thank God I made it here and that I made it through. Thanks to everyone in Cerberus, 32, and on THE TEAM (past and present). I really love you guys! I pray that those of you who are now in charge of bits and pieces of the Wing will take charge and make YOUR ACADEMY the way it's supposed to be.

Never give up your dreams and remember...

THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO,
GIVEN ENOUGH TIME AND EFFORT!!!



Tiffany Lee Smith

Slim, Wiffer
Jacksonville, FL
Astronautical Engineering

"Life gives us two great things—one is roots; the other is wings." Mom, Dad, Kristen, Justin and Troy—Thank you for the unconditional love and support. I wish my friends much love, luck and laughter. "Whaddya mean too high?!" "...count it pure joy when you are involved in every sort of trial. Realize that when your faith is tested this makes for endurance." James 1:2-3
"The best way out is always through."
Robert Frost



Titi Soo

Fallon, NV
Management

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Tiaraya. I could not have made it without your love and support. Also, thanks to all my friends—Tiff, Beck, Betsy, Lisa, Carla, the V-Ball bunch, and the Roadrunners. You guys have made this place enjoyable ... bearable ... tolerable.

Always remember...

"Your greatest satisfactions come from your greatest sacrifices."



Donald Albert Supon Jr

Gramps
Political Science
Niagara Falls, NY

Someone once told me that the hard times are what make a great individual. Well, after this year I better be one heck of a person.

Mom we finally made it! Without you I would NEVER have made it through this past year. Thank you for all the support, I really needed it. I owe everything to you.

It's FINALLY time to begin a real life!



Christopher Cornell Vogel

Vogues
Sylvania, OH
Modern History

Two roads diverged in the proverbial yellow wood, and I might have taken a wrong turn. Despite the many hours spent in bed, I've learned something about myself, life, and what's important, even if my conclusions are antitheses to what this place represents. I will remember endless debauchery with the cool kids, and my family's unwavering support and love. Mike, you're the #?@&. Question everything, always, and especially yourself.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK "Yeah we got spirit!" Fourthclass cadets from the Class of 1994 took dressing up in costumes for homecoming week very seriously. These members of squadron 13 prepare to take over Mitch's on Arab Night.

KING RATZ 33

Loyd Eric Barton
Carrollton, GA
Aeronautical Engineering

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth.. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. There is one question in life where your answer truly matters: Where is your treasure?



Adelle Lynn Belisle
Yarmouth, ME
Biology

Mom, Dad, Lisa, Amy, Emily, Jeff, Matt, Sarah, John, Brian, and Peter thank you for all of the love and support you have given me. You mean the world to me. Despite the tough times, the Academy has left me with many wonderful friends and fond memories that I will cherish for years to come. May God bless you all. "Defense Rules!"

"There is no finish line."



Connor Sean Blackwood
Con-man, Blackie, Tool
Charlotte, NC
"BS", Engineering

I think the biggest lesson this place has to offer is about people. Good (?) luck to those who pursue their personal goals to the fullest - oh, you can probably do it yourself (I know you try hard); I'll be on the road less traveled. To the other laity - we'll keep in sync. Ever lived in the real world before? See you there!

-Thanks RBC-

-Connor

Ryan Breece Craycraft

Croft
Lexington, KY
Economics

It started as a dream from '71. The learning experience was good, especially about people. I wouldn't ever want to do it again, though. The first year: wow, thanks K.E., German, Mom. The rest: Dad. Team actually made it fun. Strappers, TEAM=K. I don't know where it will go, but I think I'm ready. It really was the best and the worst. -Thanks CSB-



Jason Derek Dickinson

Tricky Dick
Tucson, AZ
Management

"Some days you wake up in the army, And some days: it's the enemy. Some days are better than others." U2

It's finally time to go! Would I do it again? Ah-Ha. Thanks to the 32 boys, and to my RATZ buds. GSC 216 will always be in session! Finally, a most important thanks to my family: Dad, Mom, Josh, Jobey, for your support and all I am today.



Kevin Mark Dydyk

Newbury Park, CA
Engineering Science,
Aeronautical

The past four years have been yet another great addition to this foundation of mine. I plainly see my castles in the air; they will someday be truly mine. Being a dink wasn't the worst, but I can think of better ways I could have spent the time. O, do I appreciate the friendship! ...that's what it's all about! Never will I forget these times even though we shall be separated by distance, many thanx RATZ.



Leo LaVern Gage Jr

Le
Waterloo, IA
Human Factors Engineering

First of all, Thanks to Mom and Dad, the fellas, and everyone else. Now, in the time while at the Academy, I have done many things and met many people. For all those people I have met, most have loved me, some may have hated me, but none will ever forget me.



Nicola Paul Gismondi

Nick, Gismo, Giz
Pittsburgh, PA
Management



Leonel Gonzalez

Gonzo
Guatemala City, Guatemala
History-Latin American Area
Studies

A long five years. Thanks Louie for the opportunities you gave me, I owe you my education. Marcel, Ryan and Marcus, you're my brothers. Special thanks to the Buckleys and Linda, Laura and Luke. Good luck to my best friends Johnny, Nick, Jack, Arturo, and Alex. Finalmente, Mama y Papa me tomo ocho anos pero me gradue. Buena suerte Roxana, Monica, Chi y Alejandro. Guatemala feliz que tus aras...



Steven Bradley Graves

Graveyard Dog
Rapid City, SD
Human Factors Engineering

Seventy words aren't nearly enough to cover five years and thank everyone I should, but here goes! I thank God, my family, Ratz, fellow Bullsix smacks, melvinbuddies and group knobs for your support and friendship. It would have been real tough without you! It's been a long time, and this dog's ready to run off the porch. I'll see ya when I see ya. Psalm 121.



Jennifer Tasha Howard

Jenny
Watertown, SD
Civil Engineering

"No matter what accomplishments you achieve, somebody helps you." Althea Gibson The end is finally here and I survived. These weren't the college days I had in mind, but I did learn something from the ride. My heartfelt thanks goes out to my dear friends, for you made my days brighter. Most of all I would like to thank my family, for your constant love and support. Through your affection and confidence, you taught me to be strong and believe in myself. Dad, Momma, and Zach, I love you dearly.

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Lara Nicole Jaessing

Nikki, Either
Ann Arbor, MI
Humanities, (Russian)

John xv.13.

To the people that made it all worth while (or at least tolerable)—Carol, Bryan, Jason, Homie, James, Dave, Stan, Pat, Tammy, Keyan, and Trace...and to happy memories.

"And let them say my glory was I had such friends."

My strength was always from God, family, and such friends as I have made. "Some days you're the bug, some days you're the windshield!"

**Brannon Ellwood Kerr**

Charleston, W.V.
Geography

If you take life by the inch, it is bound to be a cinch. If you take life by the yard, it will be hard. Always look to the future and stay focused on goals. Thanks to everybody for your love and support, but nobody could make these yards feel like inches!!

**Robert Michael Lisch**

Rob
Belleville, IL
Political Science

My thanks go to God, my family, and all the friends who helped me survive. A special thanks should go out to Dustin and Brannon for putting up with me for seven of eight semesters. I guess baseball and all the fellas are primarily responsible for my sanity; even though 90 percent of baseball is half mental.

To USAFA: Farewell, so long, vaya con Dios, good-bye.

**Bradley William McDonald**

Mickey-D,
Kimberly, ID
Mathematics

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already..." John 3:17-18. Thanks most of all to my Saviour, Jesus Christ. Thank you Mom, Dad, Marcus, Rowdy, Jeanie, and KID. With your prayers and support, you've enabled me to fight the good fight. John 16:33.

**James Howard Miller**

Jim
Charlotte, NC
Human Factors Engineering

Thanks to my family, friends, and coaches for helping me make it through this place. Seventy words simply can't do justice to the way I feel about the friends I've made here or the times (good and bad) I've had. Gymnastics taught me a lot. I thank the Redeye and the Ratz but most of all I thank GSC-216, the council will always be in session!

—Sheeeeeesh, I'm done.

**Charles Monroe Perkins**

Daleville, AL
Human Factors Engineering

Jim, Jason, Tracy, Brannon, Jeff, and especially Sadie, Thank you for making this place a lot easier. Remember boys never quit Hoggin it. Without the support of Mom and Dad this place would have crushed me. Thank you God for all your help.

**Tuan Anh Pham**

Phaminator
Clear Lake, IA
Aeronautical Engineering

Remember the wondrous cross of Calvary. It was on Golgotha that Jesus died for me. The cross, the blood-stained cross I see. It was His blood that was poured out for me. The cross, I shall carry despite the shame. To proclaim that to live is Christ and to die is gain. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Galatians 2:20

**Jason Aaron William Queen**

Sloth
Scottsdale, AZ
Biology

Well my friends, we finally made it, it is of you I will think of when I look back on this place. Thanks to Deb, for standing by me through all of it, may you always be by my side. Thanks to my family, I love you all. Summing it up, all I can say is bittersweet, and my, how the time flies by.

Cedric Antoine Robertson

Brown Hornet, Ced
Chicago, IL
Civil Engineering

On the serious tip, this goes out to all of my boys who I love so dearly and for who I would die for. You guys know who you all are and I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being there for me when I needed you. So "Posse Up" and always remember "Life consists of nothing but, love and pure comedy."



Brett Schuyler Seiling

Shu, Sally
Pittsburgh, PA
Political Science

I would truly like to thank my father for all of his support. To the 27 Crew, what happened never should've. We really had it great for awhile. As far as RATZ, there's not a better squad in the wing, I think we definitely held our own. Noog, Tooner, Chicken, Sticks, Teschner, good luck next year. "This world is a comedy to those who think and a tragedy to those who feel."



James William Sikra

Jim, Freaka
Redlands, CA
Engineering Mechanics

The best word to describe my feelings about leaving is "bittersweet." I've waited four years for this, but now that it's over, I will genuinely miss all the friends I made, especially in RatZ, Amy, Mom, and Dad; thanks for everything, I love you.

"Incredible bittersweet, I know you well. We're victims of a dual complicity... Battle-scarred and beaming." - Judybats



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK To be the biggest, the baddest, the best Basic, these two Class of 1994 warriors duel it out hoping to be the last left standing.



Gina Elise Voellger

Gina
Fremont, CA
Bachelor of Science

Mom, Dad, Heidi: Thank you for helping me survive the past six years. I know there were times when I gave up on myself, but you never gave up on me, and always helped me to regain my self confidence. Thanks again! I love you!

Thank you, too, Rick, Laura, Vincent, and Derrick. You have all been great friends and sources of encouragement!



Tracy Lance West

Pearl, MS
Social Sciences

Mama, Daddy, and the rest of my family deserve a special thanks for their endless support throughout this grand ordeal.

Additionally, I thank all of those who helped make this experience a good memory—the Weasels, the RATZ, J.R., and of course the distinguished gentlemen of GSC-216. THE COUNCIL WILL ALWAYS BE IN SESSION!



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Members of 1990's Jaguars C-Flight (Front Mark Azua Back: Chris Colcord, Brian Holloman, Brandon Blackburn) get together to show their enthusiasm for the Chaplain's Picnic.

John Thomas Aalborg

Jack, Swede, Borgs
Lincoln, NE
Political Science, (French)

How is it possible that I've gotten from point A to point B already. From Viking 9 to the Loose Hawgs—what a long, strange trip it's been—something that one might describe as "grisly, yet strangely hilarious." Thank you, Mom and Dad, for everything!! I love you both more than you know. To all the crew: TALK HARD, LIVE DON'T EXIST, and ALWAYS WINDSURF ATOP MOUNT BALDY WHEN YOU CAN!

Christopher Andrew Bahl

North Richland Hills, TX
General Engineering

I thought I had to work hard to get into this place. Now I realize that I had to work even harder to get out. I've made it now and it's finally over. I'd like to thank my parents who gave me what it takes to make it here. Now it's time to move on, and thank God I made it!



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Brian Keith Bergeron

BB, Berch
Hemet, CA
Political Science

Nothing has impacted my life more in the past four years than growing in my relationship with Jesus. No other decision you could ever make will change your life like accepting Christ. The Academy lasts four years, life with Christ lasts forever! I love you Mom, Dad, and Kevin. See you soon PJ. Go Birds! Cara Noel: six years is long enough to wait, yes? I love you!

Brian Allen Brech

B²

Colorado Springs, CO
Civil Engineering

In this world of give and take, there aren't enough people willing to give what it takes. You wish you could've caught me. Thanks to the boys Socco, Barry, Fritz, Jimmy, A.J., K.V., Cookie, Sutt and Billy you made this place more tolerable. And here's to you Mom, Dad, Tim, and Shannon for all your support. My boy Derek, what can I say. Thank God for everything. Here's to honor...

Kathleen Lynn Cleveland

Kathy

Newark, DE
Mathematics

To Mom, Dad, the Quakers, Alicia, Rachel, and Joe - thanks for all of your love, support, and friendship. Happiness? ... BKID snapping (bathroom Deb?), laughter and hugs, short jokes, touring Japan with Paula, 2nd BCT (all three years), great times on staff, and my classmates in the squad - I'll miss you guys. No tears and no regrets, but lots of wonderful memories.

Colossians 3: 12-15

James Earl Eby

Ebster

Marina, CA
Engineering Sciences, Astro

"It's not how much bull\$#! you put up with, it's how long you put up with it."

Mark Thomas Fritzinger

Fritz, Zinger, Scooter Pie,
Tidz, Sparky
San Antonio, TX
Aeronautical Engineering

Blank. What needs to be said?



Paul Jay Hermann

Hermie

Richfield, MN
Materials Science

Bradley Kent Hodges

Vern, Billy, Hillbilly
Protem, MO

Modern World History

Liaquat Ullah Iqbal

Icky

Mianwali, Pakistan
Aeronautical Engineering

Matthew Paul Jefson

Tractor

Forest City, IA
Civil Engineering

Thanks to family and friends for four of the best and worst years of my life. Here's to us, and those like us, damn few of us left."

Four years, seems like an eternity. Tours, restriction, probation, training weekends, would I do it again? H— NO! To those who said I'd never make it, never say never to a hillbilly. To all my friends; Tractor, Crash, G-man, Nate, you guys made life bearable. Hey Butler, I want my \$500, a— h—. Later Days.

There was nothing more difficult than being away from my dearest Mother and my beloved Pakeeza Biwi Shabana Chandni. I am very happy that it's over by the utmost Grace of ALLAH TAALLA. I will miss Colorado, the Air Force Academy and my so caring sponsors, more accurately put, my parents, Mom Elanore and Dad Darryl. I will always love them and remember them in my prayers.

I should be farming. Isaiah 40:28-31.

Jennifer Lynne Kappeler

Jenny
Torrington, WY
Electrical Engineering

"I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me." PHIL 4:13. Thanks Mom & Dad & Jeff for your unconditional love & support and many long phone calls!

Thanks Jackie, Joyce & Wayne, Laura, and my friends on the Wings of Blue and at Officer's Christian Fellowship. I'll never forget my years at USAFA — memories of skydiving, SCUBA, flying, late nights for EE, caving, and visiting Spain and England.



David Craig Kent

Wild Palms
Longmeadow, MA
English

Choose from the following: a Bible quotation, your favorite song lyric, the opening of *A Tale of Two Cities*, something from "The Road Not Taken," your friends' nicknames, thank you's to your family, friends, and God, Jesus, or any deity or prophet, an expression of relief for having made it or of looking ahead to bigger things. Note: be original and avoid cynicism and passive voice. The horror, the horror.



Philip John Mendicki

PJ, Menditka
Edmond, OK
Applied Physics

Jesus is the answer. He's the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Three things last forever: God, His Word and men's souls. Where will you spend eternity? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes unto the Father except by me." He died, but rose again for us. Jesus Christ has made the difference in my life. Think about what's important? Questions!?



Elizabeth Ann Moore

Betsy
Thousand Oaks, CA
Engineering Mechanics

Thoughts of a friend long ago bring this to mind: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. — Thanks Brigham.

Thanks to Lisa, Carla, Titi, Billeye and Kirsten- I made it through volleyball smiling; to Dave, KV, John, AJ and Fritz, I'll have another one on you; Miller, my thoughts of Boulder and Denver will never be the same; and last, but certainly not least, Byron, I couldn't have done it without you. I love you all!



Steven Martin Otto

Otter, Ottoman
St. Petersburg, FL
Human Factors Engineering

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Thanks Mom & Dad! I love you two! Trace, you're like a brother! Jessica, you are the love of my life - I am looking forward to a lifetime of us! (or should I say we?) I love you all!!



Matthew Alan Parker

Tollhouse, CA
Biology

When in Rome... Thank you Mom and Dad for staying behind me all those times when I was unsure of myself and on the verge of giving up. Hawgs- it's been fun. I wish you all the best, especially those of you getting hitched. What are you thinking??? One last thought- I know not what tomorrow brings, but I know who brings tomorrow. Until next time- M.P. signing out.



Paul Fontaine Perkins

Perky, Old Man
Chatsworth, CA
Political Science

I came, I saw, and I'm grateful it's over. I quit college to come here to fly, pretty dumb huh?



Ian Scott Pharris

Toon
Mathematics

Paul, thanks for being my roommate, I learned more from you than anything the Academy could teach me. James, Paul, Matt, Tractor, PJ, Chris, Bill, and all you Hawgs—Thanks for being great friends. BKID, You three mean more to me than I ever let on. Thanks for putting up with me. I love you all dearly.

As far as you know, I enjoyed this place.

Michael William Pruce

Juice, Chu-so, Grady, Joe
New Brighton, PA
Biology

Three things kept me sane: friends-Jase, Jeff, Harv, Scott, Rico, Kit, Duff, Frazz, (your name here)- Thanks for helping me laugh at this place; Stop Out- it should be mandatory - K-Mart, DLU, women, freedom; family - Mom, Dad, Dave - without your love and support, I don't know where I'd be. I love you!

Don't criticize what you can't understand - Bob Dylan

Ashton Thomas Reynolds

Ash
Lake Harbor, FL
Modern History

Ready or not here we come.

Christopher James Sovada

cj.frid
Fridley, MN
History-Area Studies

"Go Hard or Go Home."

Thank you God, MDS, the Sweeneys, the Birds, the Hawgs, and the tri-guys that I decided to go hard. Come on there's a whole world out there for us to explore! Just risk a little. You Gotta Believe! Stop making excuses, get off your butt and do something crazy. Just tri it - you only live once.
Isaiah 41:10, Jeremiah 29:11-13, Matthew 17:20

Trace Wilson Thurlby

Russellville, AR
Management

Attitude is Everything!

Despite policy and pressure, the Academy is a place of INCREDIBLE PEOPLE, and because of the people here - Bro-San, the Nip-Nip-Kill Family, B-Man, Loose Hawgs (Steve-O), and Staff Pals - I would not trade my four years here for anything!

I thank God for past trials and triumphs, for future challenges, but mostly for my family and Kristin - with whom I hope to share them all.



Kevin Robert Vincent

K.V., Nappy Dred
Montgomery, AL
Electrical Engineering

Why are you doing this to me?
Am I not living up to what I'm supposed to be?
Why am I seething with this animosity?
think you owe me a great big apology!
- NIN

Paul Allyn Wagner Jr

Wags
Knob Noster, MO
Biology

Mom and Dad, I love you, and I couldn't have made it without your support. Evan, you've been an inspiration to me, and you will always be a source of strength for me. Thank you and I love you.
Roz, you are a true friend. None could ever be better. Thanks for all the times you've been there for me.
RED HOT '94!



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Showing more apathy than excitement, these members of the Class of 1994 (front of line Rob Taylor, back two Andy Popiel and Abe Friedman) wait in just one of the many lines of inprocessing.

Donald Scott Allison

Scottie
Auburn, IN
Economics

"Someone once said it couldn't be done, and he with a chuckle replied; that maybe it couldn't, but he wouldn't be one to say so 'til he tried.

So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin on his face. And if he worried he hid it. And he started to sing as he tackled that thing that couldn't be done — and he did it!"
Remember, no matter what happens,
LIFE ROCKS ON!

Leland Benwood Hunter Bohannon

Bo
Kensington, MD
Biology

For a mother who believed in me, a brother who encouraged me, a grandfather who inspired me, friends who have challenged me, and the Lord who never failed me, I give thanks for these four years. The challenges of the future will never be insurmountable, for it's written: so do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. Isaiah 41:10

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Travis Alfred Burdine

Balki
Portland, OR
Management

"I know you feel these are the worst of times, I do believe it's true. Our memories of yesterday will last a lifetime. We'll take the best and forget the rest. These are the best of times." -Styx

Thanks to God, Mom, Dad, Ken, Robin, Luis, and especially to Sheril, the love of my life, for supporting me and truly making these the best of times.
Invest or Die

Jason Currie Burgwald
Jake
 Gem Lake, MN
 Human Factors Engineering

"I've read dozens of books about heroes and crooks and I've learned much from both of their styles." For my family and friends and their unremitting support; I can never thank any of you enough. As for USAFA...It wasn't free.



Charles Frederick Carver
Chuck
 Titusville, FL
 Bachelor of Science, (German)

"We have put our hope in the living God, the Savior of all men... Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity... Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers." - 1 Timothy 4: 9-12, 16



Jeffrey Dean Dalrymple
Nipplehead, Dally, J.D.
 Waterloo, IA
 Human Factors Engineering

Wow, I look around and see a lot of my best friends from this place are no longer here. (J.T. & Sid). Does that mean you can do whatever you want as long as you don't get caught? Special thanks to my family, all guys from 6 and 35, the team, Capt. Bill Roy, Tara, Swanny... and some cop from Denver. "I SHALL FINISH THE GAME."



Julie Christine Garcia
Jules
 Blue Springs, MO
 Astronautical Engineering

Thank God, Mom, Dad, Lisa, Angela, Monica, Ray, Scott, Tanner, Jacob, and last but not least, Matt, for standing by me through the good times and the bad. I couldn't have made it without any of you. Best Wishes to the late-night satellite watchers; it was a blast.

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.



Luke Harris Gianelloni
 Bourg, LA
 Civil Engineering-Environmental

I went to see the doctor of philosophy... He graded my performance, he said he could see through me; I spent four years prostrate to the higher mind, got my paper and I was FREE. -E. Sailors Danforths, you give me hope. To all the "Cool Guys" in the wing, thanks for being realists. Reaper boys, couldn't've done it without ya, I love y'all. Mom & Dad...Thanks



Brian Gregory Hollomon
BH
 Beaumont, TX
 Political Science

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Tracy Dorothea Hubbard
Old Mother
 Levittown, PA
 Basic Sciences

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference." Thanks to all those that stood by me. Mom, Donna, Bob and the kids (Bobby and Joey), Adrienne, Karen & Jack & Angie, the Martins & Pete...I love you! Ruggers-keep working!



Gerald Joseph Huerta
Jerry
 Seattle, WA
 General Engineering

In retrospect, this place wasn't so bad...I'd even do it again. I owe a lot to family, friends, and especially God; friends and family can be a valuable source of encouragement, but there is no substitute for the love of God. Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of God will stand forever." "...I resolve to do my duty and live honorably, so help me God."



William Charles Kossick

Buffalo Bill, Jack
Rochester, NY
Computer Science

"... the story of life is quicker than the wink of an eye.
The story of love is hello and good-bye,
until we meet again." -JH

"A man is not finished when he is defeated, he is finished when he quits." -RN

Thanks for everything Mom, Dad, Mike and Charlene, the Winzenrieds, Michele, Becky, Leslie and Jen. Without you this journey would've been impossible.

"Fly on Little Wing"

**Gordon John Limb**

Gordo, Dirty-Nasty
Commerce Township, MI
General Engineering

I would like to thank my family for all of their support throughout this bad dream. The key to success here is having your own room! "If we weren't all crazy, we'd all go insane!" -J. Buffett
WWBC Semper Fidelis!

**Chad Alexander Craig Mathis**

Redding, CA
Civil Engineering-
Environmental

Thanks to all the brothers (who may or may not have stayed) that made it tolerable; I hope I did the same. I wouldn't have stayed without all the encouragement from my family- Thank You. To the others: Your time is gonna come. I'll never forget my roots.

**David Christopher Meggett**

Maggot
Kent, WA
Geography

Blacksheep mrsneiderlander geosully sydney fignewton unbelievable! whatever stickman clovis kunsweep 3daughteraloha shlomo scumbowl # \$ % & hamburgers tennis courts godbless tp the car sdt can i join walkin in memphis raggy a dentist on the paris golf weaselwagon biplane get off me free refills happy hour pull a dave noform nowwoody. Thanks jib for jgm. "Hey, got one of these?" What a long, strange trip it's been-PDGLMWMW.

**Michael David Pakiz**

Pakman
Crystal Lake, IL
Aeronautical Engineering

Its been a long strange trip and I've learned one thing along the way: I'd rather be lucky than smart, any day. Thanks to the fellas in the squad for making these last couple of years bearable and sometimes actually enjoyable. Advice to any one (especially Woody): Look in the mirror, point at yourself, and say "You da' man!"

**William George Sabol**

Bill
Trenton, MI
Astronautical Engineering

It's finally our time. I will never forget this place or the friends I made here. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Dad, and my sisters. Dave, here's to friends forever, Germany and Desert Villa. Scott, I would never have made it through here without your friendship. Mark, thanks for putting up with me for three years. Paul, choir and chorale wouldn't be the same without you. Derek, just two more years.

**Robert George Sepp**

Woody
Bogota, NJ
History-Modern

Thanks to everyone who made life a little easier & fun: family, the Pfeifs, TigerRoones, & Weasels. Never forget: "Schmell the eggs", "Grandma's cookies", "Catch a Clue", "Gazer", "De Affle Hous", "Guinness Night", "Check Male"
"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he today that sheds his blood with me Shall be my brother" - William Shakespeare

No, no Pakman, you da man.

**Kristi LaDean Sickels**

LaPlace, LA
Human Factors Engineering

First I would like to thank my mom and dad for listening to me complain about this place and encouraging me to give it another year. Thanks Liz for getting me up in the mornings and making me study. Thanks Becca, Jason, and Bill for all the good times in 9. Thanks 35 for making USAFA memorable. Lastly, thank you Norm for believing in me.

Gary David Smagorinsky
Smags
Ronkonkoma, NY
Basic Academics

Five down, five to go. It has been a long strange trip. First I must thank my parents. Without you I never would have made it. There is no way I could ever repay you. Deena your encouragement and support will never be forgotten. Lacrosse has kept me sane and I'll miss the boys. To all the eoffs, keep eating. Thanks Pheffer and Led Zep.



Kevin Michael Swanson
Swanny
Falmouth, MA
Human Factors Engineering

I've had the best times of my life at USAFA, and I also had the worst times of my life, and I'm happy to say the good times outnumber the bad, just barely. A special thanks to my family, friends, roommates, classmates, and Weasels, I couldn't have made it without you. The most important thing I learned at the Academy is that you have to know what you believe in.



Luis Antonio Villalobos Lopez
Rodrigo the Magnifico
Guatemala City, Guatemala
Environmental Civil Engineering

Well, we are finally done with this. Maybe this will sound weird, but I'll always remember my Academy years as the best years of my life. I want to thank God, my parents and all my friends, especially all the "Cool People" for getting me through this place. Mustancito, Penicito. Good luck to everyone! And remember: "Everybody has to die sometime."



Ronald Russell Watkins
Ron
Roanoke, VA
Electrical Engineering

I have only just a minute—Only sixty seconds in it—Forced upon me can't refuse it—Didn't seek it—Didn't choose it—But it is up to me to use it—I must suffer if I lose—give account if I abuse it—Just a tiny little minute—But eternity is in it!
Don't sell out. Don't be content. Make a difference + always be true to the Game!! ____It's Always WEUSI



Curtis James Wichers
Curtis J
Litchfield Park, AZ
Political Science, (Chinese)

I'm glad I came, but I can't wait to get to the rest of my life. Thanks Mom and Dad for always being great. Thanks B.H. for keeping me sane. I think you taught me my most important lessons here. I'll never forget any of the Weasels. Good luck, and I'll see you on the other side!



Mark Fulton Wood
Woody, Barnaby, Kalakala
Bellevue, WA
Computer Science

It's our time! It's about time! Great memories: Chorale trips, PChoir, da Fairlanes, Bluebards, SChoir, Ski week-ends, Hot tubs. Great friends: Trevor-keep singing (five years!), Billiam-keep working hard you'll go far (thanks for cleaning the room), Deonna-smile!, Keno, Dr. Joe-thanks, Weasels-tench hut, Wags, Roz, CS gang-good luck ya bunch o'geeks. Thanks Mom and Dad for the support and Grandpa Don for inspiration.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK The party starts right here and right now, these members of the Class of 1994 show off their fashion sense during one of the many spirit dinners they had during their fourthclass year.

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William Michael Douglass

Bill, CINCSAR
Belen, NM
Military History

This has to be the worst way in the world to make some of the best friends I've ever had. I don't know if I'd do it again, I'm just glad I don't have to. I didn't take many things seriously here, if I had, I wouldn't have made it. Just remember, if you sleep twelve hours a day, you're only here two years.



Christopher Lee Ellis

Chris, Trellis, Wolf
Canyon Lake, TX
Electrical Engineering

To all the old Smack Loose Hogs - FTN. To Mike, Keith, Bobby, Goody, Fred - May the "Hearts of Darkness" reign forever; and always bring your 68. To the unfortunates who shared my major, I never knew hell was spelled with 2 Es. To the monkeys/crackers in 36, down with the lemon oil God. Mom, Dad, Sandi, Jen - thanks for everything, all four of you mean the world to me.



Chad Ethan Frazier

About anything attached to the end of Chad.
Winters, CA
Bachelor of Science

When you part from your friend, you grieve not; For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountains to the climber is clearer from the plain. -- Khalil Gibran
Thanks and luck to Girth, Bra, Ho, Mikey, Bridget, Flupa Lupa, Tim, Wade H., Wade R., Hudge, Pat, Bill D., Good Friends but especially, thanks to Mom, Dad and Betsy for believing when I didn't.

Ted Riley Gatlin

TR, Baldy, Opey,
Cracker, Teddy G
Benton, AR

Engineering Science
Astronautics Track

"Tough times don't last, tough people do" "The capacity of human beings to bore one another seems to be vastly greater than that of any other animal" H. Mencken. To Jeff, Scott, and Mike: nights in the SAR, away-football games, and nights at CHI-CHIs. I'll never forget the times the Monkeys shared. Thanks to Rissy and my family for their support & love. O.K guys, here's what we'll say...



Copernicus German Guerra

Pucky, Puck, Nick
Colorado Springs, CO
Management

It's been a long five years...Many things have changed since I walked through these doors, but now I've got the chance to go out and live life to its fullest without going OTF. "Our lives are a gift from God, what we do with those lives is our gift to God." Good luck Sis, and Thanks to all my family, friends, Nans, and especially ROOMY.



Jesse Daniel Hernandez

Hollywood, Dez, Grampa
Billings, MT
Human Factors Engineering

It's been a long, long road since '86. A few regrets, but I'm glad I did it. Many thanks to all who believed in me and helped me believe in myself. Mom, thanks for the push. Dad, you've been my best friend. Also, the Lit's, Cruz, and, of course, Recon. Good luck buddy! Monkey's take care. PTWOB's, thanks for the best of times. Blue Skies and "Here's to you..." #059



Chad Andrew Hamilton

Americus, GA
Biology

Thanks Mom and Dad. Thanks pals!
I LOVE YOU!



Scott Alan Krause

Cracker, Monkey
El Paso, TX
Electrical Engineering

Here's to two Recognitions, all day CQ, rolling a jeep down a hill, useless M-5's, 225 pilot slots, lemon oil, the trunk of Jeff's car, 50/80/4, and not becoming an SP. But seriously, here's to testosterone hour, Silk Stalkings, SAR talk, the Monkey ski trip, Chi-Chi's two-for-one margaritas, my family, friends and all the Monkeys that helped me through this place.



Heidi Larronde Lindstrom

Heidi
Spokane, WA
Biology

Thanks for all your support Mom and Dad. Tessa, thank you so much, little sis, for always being there for me. To my Best Friend/H.M./M.M.I.B - I never could have made it without you! I love you!
"As the waves that rise and fall are the events of this world, as the sure and steady tide beneath is the movement of the Spirit" - Follow your dreams '94.



Jeannine Josephine Lopez

J.J., Bubba, Mama Lopez
New Orleans, LA
Aeronautical Engineering

Bonding sessions—highlights. Baseball games with AMY. TURTLES RULE!!! Thanks Mom, Dad, and Tammy for everything...I LOVE YOU. Thanks to Col. Shaifer, Mr. Jim, The Erhard's, Mikey, Nick, my buddies from N.O. and my friends from Camp USAFA you guys sure made this place bearable. THANKS! I'LL MISS YOU ALL!



Jeffrey Charles Merrell

Cracker, Bone
West Chester, PA
Aeronautical Engineering

To all my friends and monkeys - thanks for all the good times. Just remember, life is something to do when you can't get to sleep.

Victor Walter Moncrieffe II

Miami, FL
Military History

I would like to thank God, my family, and my friends for giving me the strength and the guidance throughout my life and my career as a cadet at USAFA. Without these elements in my life, I would have never existed. "Remember where you came from, and you will always know where you're going." - Peace out BUC.
CHARLIE MIKE! -continue the mission
USAFA CADET HONOR GUARD c/o '94



Debra Ann Nawrocki

Suzie, Trixie, the Rock
Harrisburg, PA
Aeronautical Engineering

I couldn't have made it without the help of my friends. Thank you to Bowhead, Shawn-Christopher, Jane, Heather, Sgt. Price, the Pink Panthers, the Bullpups, and all the guys in 411! I'd also like to thank my family for sticking behind me even when they didn't know why I was in trouble (again)! Remember, we are all "fighting a never-ending battle for truth, justice, and the American way!" (Superman)



Christopher Scott Rachael

Rach
Dunlo, PA
Civil Engineering

Thanks to my family and Sherri for their support. Now that I'm almost finished I can say that I don't regret coming here; It was just not what I expected. Oh well, live and learn, I guess.



Michael Garrett Rider

E-Z
Arlington, TX
Management

Dropping off cliffs in the winter, empty kegs, climbing cliffs in the summer, empty kegs... Seems like no matter what the "higher ups" did, we always managed to have fun. The "Monkeys" and the "Crackers" never played around when it came to partying; I for one was glad to be a part of it all. Thanks to everyone for making this place bearable. Mom, Dad, and Sis... I Love You!



Hyun Sik Shim

Wedge
Baltimore, MD
Basic Sciences

They asked me, "What do you want to say in the yearbook?"
And then I said, "Hmmm. . ."



Steven Michael Sims

SAC, Dirty Steve
San Diego, CA
Aeronautical Engineering

Well, the fat lady hasn't sung yet. I want to thank Mom, Dad and all my friends back in Minot for getting me where I am today though. Good luck Norm, Woody, Mikey, Toaster, Chad and all the rest of you guys. They've gotta let me out of here one of these days.



Stephen Mark Sloop

Sloopy
Charlotte, NC
Civil Engineering

It's a great place to be from, not at!



Norman Clayton Summers

Girth
Lebanon, TN
Management

Bra, Smitty, Link, Woodsy, Mickey, Flatback and everyone else. Fellas you are the best-Thanks for being there. Chad, your insight on life—GO BIG OR GO HOME! Woodsy, "you're a sucker for a good time." Smitty, you dirt bag—got a fatty for me? Bra, I hear barking noises. Mikey, Chico is fun. Bill, how's your dad? Thank you Walter and Patricia for everything, sorry about Cameo. Hearts anyone?

James Clayton Taylor
Wilmington, NC
Computer Science

"...they who have believed in the Holy One of Israel, they who have endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it, they shall inherit the kingdom of God...and their joy shall be full forever." 2 Nephi 9:18
Thanks to the Lord, my folks, my friends, Herbst, Roomy, and a two-year stop-out. No regrets.



Tonnee Marque Tonnesen
Sir Psycho, Rumpleshtitch, Scrawny
Vancouver, WA
Electrical Engineering

"We're going to have a good time . . . Always!" Thank you Mom for giving me everything you ever could. Theban, you are always in my heart. "Look," he says, "there are no secretes. Sometimes you walk along a beach, looking for a piece of sand. Sometimes it's right in front of you. You don't have to dig. The sand is the sand-do you know what I'm saying?" -I FLY NPS-



Brian Edward Toth
B. Toth, Toast
Bath, OH
Civil Engineering-Environmental Engineering

The Academy has given me "The best and worst of times." My advice, enjoy everything the world has to offer, don't forget the things that made you, and grow from the challenges you meet. Mom, Dad, and Laura, I love you and thanks for all the words of encouragement. To the best friends I have ever had, I love you, and will never forget you. There can be only one.



Dustin Conner Welsh
Dusty, Rusty, Crusty,...
Logan, NM
Civil Engineering

Thanks to Stoner, Al, Zow, and Moon for keeping me out of trouble. To Bill, for putting up with me for all four years, and keeping things in perspective. To my family for making me believe. Without all of you, I wouldn't have had a snowball's chance. I don't have any regrets about choosing this road. It's just disappointing when the road not taken appears to be leading back to the beaten path.



Lance David Whitfill
TEX
Cleburne, TX
Legal Studies

Dreams and goals are the foundations for success. The strongest goal is to survive. SO FAR, SO GOOD!! Many thanks go out. Mom, Dad, Wendy, Holly, Mark, Granny, Papa (my time here is in your honor), Meno, Granddaddy, Grandmama, Don, and all the others, including my weekend friends (Rodeo, Cowboys, and Gambler). The highest thanks have to go to you Chris (LDWFWBCJK). I Love you all. To the future.



Patrick James Woods
Woody
Castle Rock, CO
Bachelor of Science

USAFA was a very long six years. I would have never made it without the support of my parents. Also, without my brother Mike and my buddy Linc rescuing me on the weekends I would most likely be completely insane, rather than just slightly. Norm we got a GR and a paper due tomorrow, shall we hit the bar?...ABSOLUTly. Hey Darin, see you on the race track. LONG LIVE THE FELLAS.



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Where's the beach? James "Brillo" Bieryla and Dave "Meggy" Meggett prove that the right props and a little imagination can turn any place into paradise.

Paul Hans Abair

Bear
Troy, VT
Political Science Area Studies

Man's flight through life is not sustained by the power of his knowledge, but rather by the application of his knowledge. BOHICA 94, it was too late for us when we signed up. I couldn't have done it without you: Mom & Dad, Doc & Peg, Lt. Bear, Fitzgerald's, Dip, B, DL, Frazee, Losers, and mostly Brandi. The Good Life is easy riding in Padre.

Brett Carl Anderson

Doc
Douglas, MA
Biology

Thanks, Mom and Dad. I couldn't have done it without you.

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Robert Lloyd Charlesworth
Chuck, Chuckworth, Chuckworthless, Cheese, Big Chuck, Worthless
FAFB/Medical Lake, WA
Human Factors Engineering

FIDO!!! Later!

Fred Ryan Cunningham
The All-American Kid, Opie
 Overland Park, KS
 Management

It's finally over... or is it just beginning? Thanks to the Skyraiders, Mighty Mach, and all the Gators back at the Point. Mom and Dad, you will never realize just how lucky I am to have you for parents. Matt, good luck and never lose sight of the Dream. Finally, all thanks go to Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, without whom I never would have made it! Hasta...

Leslie Joseph Davis
Houston, Les, Lester, Tex
 Houston, TX
 Bachelor of Science

Five years and it's finally over. I owe the greatest thanks and praise to God who strengthened me in my times of weakness and comforted me in my times of despair. My mother and my sisters were incredible in supporting me and I just want them to know I love them dearly. To the squadron buds thanks for the support and friendship. To Taurus and Vic thanks bros, BUC-C-U-later.

Jodi Ann De Martelaere
 Detroit Lakes, MN
 Civil Engineering

I made it Mom and Dad! Thanks for all of your help. I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks, Dione and Sheri, for all of the support! Gee, maybe your baby sister will finally compare!?! Thanks to all of my friends for always keeping me happy! Michael, you're the reason I stayed, you're the reason I survived. I'll always be grateful!! So long everybody, see ya soon!

Andrew Stewart D'Ippolito
Dip
 Portage, MI
 Human Factors

I have learned many things during my stay in prison but no lesson comes to mind more than the power of friendship. These have been the best of times and the worst of times and without true friends I would not have made it. I wish everyone luck no matter where their future takes them and I feel confident that everyone will look back at this institution with a certain sense of fondness and appreciation.



David James Emery
Chemo, Killer
 Pleasanton, CA
 Electrical Engineering

I owe getting through this institution to the Good Lord and my family. Mom, Dad, and Karen, I love you all very much. Best wishes to the friends I have made here; I hope your lives are filled with happiness and your careers are successful. Special thanks to Reggy who helped mold me into the man I am today.

James Farrell Fagan Jr
Jimbo or BF
 Billings, MT
 Human Factors Engineering

The legacy of the Five Freeloaders will live on forever. Thank you Anthony, Mike, John and Christian. The best times of my life have been spent with you guys. There is only one way to describe this place—"Sweet Bra." I love you Mom, Dad, Dan and Deb.

Michael Grunwald Jr
Grunny
 Northfield, MA
 Military History

Time has flown by! It's hard to believe that we're getting ready to graduate. I can still remember the first day of BCT. I've learned a lot in four years - I consider it a privilege to have attended USAFA.

To my family - you ARE the reason I made it this far. Jen, Brett, Fred, Houston, Jodi, Mark and everyone else - thanks for the great memories. Good luck and God bless.

John Timothy Jose
J.T., Jates
 Newark, CA
 Space Operations

Long ago I told my brother I would prove I was better than him. Whether I proved anything or not doesn't matter. What I learned does. I want to thank Mom and Tay for teaching me that life is tough, but easy with Christ, Kuya Josh for telling me how much harder he had it when he was here, and Jesus for saving my soul.

Michael Deen Miller

Millhouse
Abingdon, MD
Civil Engineering

All I need to say is DONE! Thanks Mom, Dad, Brian, and Jen. For all my friends here I just want you to remember that only the lead dog will have a significant change in scenery. LONG LIVE THE NTC!
LAX Team - See ya in the crease.

**Martin John O'Grady**

Niles, IL
Engineering Mechanics

All I have to say is long live the NTC! Thanks, Mom, Dad, Colleen, Cathy, Maureen, Tim, and Brian for supporting me throughout the last four years. Thanks, Mike, Dip, Tae, Beau, and lastly Marc for being the best friends a person could ask for. If it wasn't for you, I highly doubt I would have survived here. Although graduation will be a great moment, it will be almost bitter sweet. I'll miss the good times we spent together, but I will take comfort in the fact that our memories will remain in my mind forever.

Byron Lynn Miranda

Vancouver, WA
Engineering Mechanics

I got no regrets, I'm glad I came here, honest. To the friends I made here, I won't forget you. Drew, for burning out my olfactory glands; Fred, for inspiration. Pete and Betsy, don't know if I could have made it without you, glad I didn't have to try. —Byron and Drew, currently leaving.
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

**John Arden Ohm**

Johnny O., Gohmer,
Stands By Tree
New Berlin, WI
Computer Science

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will." -V. Lombardi
Thanks to the guys: Brian, Drew, Sean and Shoe, the WOKS, the BBBs, all the roadtrips, all the dreams. Brian, we'll make it all happen. But thanks especially to my family, Mom, Dad and Jeff - I couldn't have done any of it without your encouragement and love. Thanks.

Mark Sebastian Mitchell

Mitch
Farmington, MI
Political Science

I thank God for giving me a shot at "My Dream" and for all of the people who believed in me. A BIG thanks to my family: Mom, Dad, Rob, Kelly, Cameron, Jordan, Joe, Paula, Jerry, and Aunt Pat and Kit. Gramps, I know you're smiling down from heaven. For those of you with doubt, live by a CDDDC (confidence-discipline-desire-dedication-Champion) attitude and your success is limitless.

**Sean Christopher Routier**

Gaston
Springfield, MA
Aeronautical Engineering

Work hard for the first thirty years of your life...Life is relative...Life is what you make it...You can't make it alone...The impressions of others may get you places in life, but the impression you leave on yourself will allow you to sleep at night...Integrity...Loyalty...Thanks Mom and Dad, Sheri, Tim, and especially Erin...I wouldn't have made it with out you.

Brian James Morrison

B, Mojo
Yorktown, VA
Space Operations

For the past four years we've all been Riders on the Storm, Waiting for the Sun. But we're nearing The End of the Night and When the Music's Over, we'll Break on Through. I believe that one cannot survive this place without the support of family and friends. (Roomie!!) Loving thanks to my family. Sigurd, missiles at Ellsworth, here we come.
The End

**Jennifer Samantha Russ**

Sam
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Biology

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge, my fortress: my God: in Him I will trust." -Psalms 91:2. Mom, Dad, John and Raymond...I couldn't have made it without you. Hien, thanks for pulling me through this place. Deb, Amy, my roommates, Blackjack Smacks and Raiders, you all made the bitter parts a little bit sweeter. To my friends at home-thanks for caring. Thank God for you all!
"For with God nothing is impossible." - Luke 1:37

Elliot James Salmon

E, Elu

Wayne, NE

Human Factors Engineering

...This looks like it could be gravy.. Well, who'd a thunk it huh Mom? Thanks to all my family. I never could have survived without your support. I love you all. Strappers, TEAM is a constant....let's keep it that way guys....always! Huskers & Lopers !!!

David Glenn Shoemaker

Shoe

Nashville, TN

Human Factors Engineering

Thanks Mom and Dad for the support and encouragement, along with the willingness to let go. I never would have made it without my "other family", the Dodds. The WOKS, Fast Eddie, and all the old Nightriders out there made it fun, even if it wasn't always worthwhile — no one else will ever understand. Evie and Paul--Get Ciera and Meleia as far from USAFA as possible before they turn 13.

Drew Anthony Sopirak

Amazing Sopirnak, Evil One,

Blows Bad Wind

Wilmington, DE

Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Ryan, Pink Panthers, the Montgomery's, free-fall, Anthony Sangenetti, B-52s, WOKS, skiing, rabbit eyes, April, Blue Hole, MCI, soaring, road trips, Kimberly, BBB's, Doc, Chug, Disco, Dice, Spot, Brunagin's, F-16s, Mona, Texas A&M, Brandi, Jeep, U2, Pink Palace, Summerfest, Denny's, Skyriders, Stands by Tree, Heap Big Horc, Gaston, Shoe, and Byron.

"It's not our aptitude, but our attitude that determines our altitude."

FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Throwing socially acceptable behavior out the window, Stephen Pieper, Class of 1994 entertains himself while waiting to march to lunch.



Michael John Spanich III

Spanky

Grosse Pointe, MI

Aeronautical Engineering

Tae Song Yu

Bob

Panama City, FL

Electrical Engineering

Friends are forever, and while sometimes I forget how much they really mean to me, I will always be thankful for the friendships that I have made. Without them I wouldn't have made it. Thanks George, Tom, Michael, Mark, and Jodi for being there when I needed you the most. Thanks Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grampa for your love and support. UPT & 21 ... someday I'll get there.

For four years, I found myself hating the Academy. I would often ask myself "Why did I come here?", but if I had to live my life over again, I would not change a thing. "Why?", you ask. The answer is FRIENDS. Thanks Dip, for putting up with me and also Mark, Marty, Mike, and Beau. Let's keep in touch. ...And the KIMCHI CREW.

FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Standing with chins in and shoulders back (an art perfected during BCT) Chris Callaghan and Eric Gruszecki from the Class of 1994 anxiously wait to see if their room will pass the dreaded Saturday Morning Inspection. This type of SAMI was rarely seen during the 1993-94 academic year.

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Heather Jean Aldrich
Tampa, FL
Space Operations

After four years what have I learned? God IS my refuge and strength, a VERY present help in time of trouble. I CAN do ALL things through CHRIST who strengthens me. Computers DO have a mind of their own, and mine is INSANE! Thanks to my family for supporting me no matter what. I couldn't have made it without friends, Rich, Dave and Julie especially. Thanks!!



John Thomas Beattie
Beattie, JT
Pittsfield, MA
Political Science

Well, it's been a long four years of hypocrisy, double standards, and disillusionment, but we made it. Gross out contests, midnight mud slides, late night discussions about nothing in particular, Jiro—Showertime! Remember "The loftier your goals, the higher your risk, the greater your glory." Thanks especially Mikey, Matty, Jiro, Steve, Squid, John, and Sis. Auntie and Tony, thanks for being there when I needed you. I love you both.



Brian Dean Benter
B. Bri, Cadet X
Horicon, WI
Civil Engineering

"So, do you travel quite a bit?" I've been through four years of college and I can't think of anything to write in the yearbook except a line from Strange Brew. So much for a free education; at least I got to be a Slamhog. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for everything. I love you.

John Thomas Beahm
Beattie, JT
Pittsfield, MA
Political Science

John Anthony Carr

Mr. Carr, The Assassin
DeGraff, OH
History

Like a Rhinestone Cowboy or a Shot in the Dark...Not too bad for a hick from DeGraff. I want to thank Bill Elliott, Ozzy, the Bandit, #28, Mr. Guthrie, Capt. Kirkham, Ms. Kinion and Lt Col Thornton, the boys back home, Mike Barhorst, and my family - Tommy, Judy and Joe, my brother and sisters, Mom, and my grandfather who'll watch graduation from altitude. I love you. Ok...we'll take'em all.



Tara Lee Dubilo

Chicopee, MA
Operations Research

Melissa, Keri, Erika, Brenda: Good Times and Bad, the Fab Five will always be a part of my life I'll never forget and I'm glad I was part of. Noah, extra thanks for looking out. Carla I owe you 10 bucks. Jeff, Noah, Kegger, Duke: Hey you guys, I'm really stressing over this rock thing. I really love you guys, thanks for some of the best times of my life.



Shiloh Douglas Fischer

Fish, Sky
Richardson, TX
Aeronautical Engineering

To the One who is with me wherever I go & in everything I do, my Savior, King, & friend, Jesus Christ — without Him I can do nothing and apart from him have no good thing (Jn 15:5, Ps 16:2) — I will Continue Devoted thanks to Mom, Dad, & Sis. Also: the Coveys & Shakes, S. Forbes, F. Patrick, Animals, A. Hinojos, T. Kirk, B. Benter, CS-38, 36th Co., NA-9 FLIRT, J&T. Thurlby, Fall Staff, and Naps (AFA & USNA). Love God, Hate Sin, & BEAT ARMY!



Marcus Donnell Green

Norfolk, VA
Bachelor Of Science

Only by the grace of the Almighty did I endure. With that in mind, I'd like to give a shout out to the Lord Jesus Christ, my family, my fiancée, my sponsors, and my friends for the love, compassion, encouragement, and solace they provided on my seven year quest for a commission. Proverbs 29:11. Luke 6:27, 6:41, 7:7. Galatians 3:26-4:7. To those who follow: Remember "Thou Shalt Never Quit."



Brian Dean Beahm
A. Beahm, Cole I
Harrison, WI
Civil Engineering

Wade Patrick Hawes

Haploid Boy
Pasco, WA
Biology

To the WOODS, (you bunch of idiots) thanks for getting all the craziness out of me early because they kicked out all the people who ever made this place interesting. Well Slamhogs, we all like to get where we started for, even if it doesn't make a bit of sense and now we're about to sprout wings and fly through the hangman's noose. It's been quite a party hasn't it!



Michael Owen Hedenskoog

Skoog, Blue
Gahanna, OH
Materials Science

Thank you for the support Mom and Dad (you thought it was free), Anne, Matt, and especially God. Bart, many years of friendship passed, many yet to come. Mark, Penny, and Brian, keep in touch. Harris, Matt (my brother), Mike M., Sean, and Jen, music brethren. If we could understand one another, there would be peace. See you on the road.



Robert Dale Jackson

Terre Haute, IN
American History

College graduate...is that what I am now? I guess I did learn some things from a place where often those who know the least say the most. I want to thank God and my family for the strength and wisdom to make it. To Darin, Suf, and the Slamhogs, thanks for the great times and the memories. It's on to bigger and better things, so LET'S GO GET IT!!



John Michael Klein Jr

Athens, MI
Astronautical Engineering

My very sincere thanks to God, Ma, Dad, and the rest of the family. I couldn't have done it without you. Also, thanks to Kid (Fly with me forever!), G-Man (Got a stick of Beemans?), Col. Stokes (Thanks, Sir), the Allstars, the Mighty Mach, and all the others who have been an influence. Have no regrets. D.I.G.

Choose to chance the rapids
And dare to dance the tide.
- Garth Brooks



Thomas Joseph Kulas
Stevens Point, WI
Engineering Science

To all who helped me make it, thanks. Chris for all your faith. Brian, Stephen, & Rat,- get yourself a few pals, ain't nothing stronger than that- BtK, thanks for making sure I didn't forget the important things an' do to much work; "It's true hard work never killed anybody but I figure, why take the chance" - Reagan. Bob, Mel thanks for everything, Mom, Dad, fam; thanks for all the support.



Darin Richard Lerew Esq
Wheatridge, CO
Behavioral Science

Some questions left unanswered—Why are we wearing parkas? What's up? Why don't I have a girlfriend? Who farted? When will the Terrazzo be done? My God, what have I done? Special thanks to Mom and Dad, who truly did pay for my college education. Words cannot express my gratitude. Thanks to USAFA—I learned more than I wanted to. Would I do it all over again? No way.



Brian Douglas Lewis
Thumper, Louie
Amherst, NH
Military History

Moose, Donnie, Pleasure, and the Beav, thanks for making it all worthwhile. Sanity has nothing on you guys! We made it! RED HOT, friends for life! Dad and Mom, I'm glad you were there for me. Thumpette, you're the best, I love you! RATTEX..It's a thing of beauty and a joy forever, close the..truck! Jon and Greg, ONCE A KING, ALWAYS A KING, BUT ONCE A KNIGHT..PARTY HARDY! Allstars, "I WILL CHOOSE FREEWILL."



Erik Sigurd Lund
Swede
Prior Lake, MN
Aeronautical Engineering

Marble Halls and Bronze Statues
An ant on a child's sandcastle
A little red rooster waiting for the sun
A lovely day for a game of croquet
A campfire on the side of a mountain
A rebellious evening with the shadow
A bottle of Chivas to break on through
A loud and thunderous "Birdog is on the Prowl!"
Augering in with Mo Bro Nai Sirron
A fresh sunny day with a bee and a yard
And finally, a Christmas with family and relatives



Patrice Michelle Maneely
Beaverton, OR
Astronautical Engineering

Four long years at USAFA: its a great place to be from, but not at. Thanks to all the people who helped me through, especially to Brian, I never could have done it without you. Friends and fun will never be forgotten. Remember to look toward the future and never lose sight of your dreams, they're what will keep you going, always.



Brian Matthew Marquette
B., Bri, Quetty, Dungbeetle
Warren, MI
Human Factors Engineering

First I got into trouble with the "Hooters Six Pack," then came the "Slamhogs." Well fellas, "If I didn't have puke breath, I'd kiss ya." Thanks for making the Academy a much more tolerable (but not perfect) place to be. To Mom, Dad, Michelle, and the rest of the fam., I love you and thanks for putting up with me and for all the support given to help me survive.



Timothy Duane McGavern
Shop Vac
Zephyrhills, FL
Management

My graduating proves that miracles do exist in the 90's. Thanks to my fellow preppies and Slamhogs for making this place bearable. "I walked this earth my whole life with my pride, if that goes let the rest of it go with it" Gus McCrae, Lonesome Dove. By Gosh, It's been quite a party hasn't it.



Brian Damian Mikus
Bri
Gunnison, CO
Area Studies, (German)

Leaders are never born, they rise from the ashes of chaos and take charge. As you venture through life, try to be the one who rises up. The military and the nation need people like this. I know I'm one of these people. I thank GOD, MOM, DAD, Dan, Brendan, Shannon, for helping me through this hectic place. I'm the last Mikus of three: c/o '88, '92, '94.

Penny Elizabeth Parmer
Pen, Mighty Mouse
Wyoming, IA
Astronautical Engineering

Despite efforts of the sadistic department (brilliant people lack sympathy for those of us who aren't), all-nighters (J&J&J knocking on my door at 3 am, finding keyboard imprints on my forehead, garble on my screen) make me wonder if the most useful skill I've learned is how to sleep while standing. Dad, Mom, Tim, Don, & the Burkes, thanks for all the support. 02&38RH94 classmates, pray for the clock.



Robert Logan Patton V
Morganton, NC
Human Behavior

I've changed. Don't know how or why. Maybe I grew up a bit. I hope not. Thanks to this place I got to know my folks better, met some incredible people and made some quality friends. Just remember, "you might be a redneck if you consider a six pack of beer and a bug zapper quality entertainment." Thanks Mom, Dad, Jill, Bess, Grandma and Granddad, and J.C. "See y'all later." "Hey 6-pack, lets go catch some fish!"



Brian Ehrlich Ralston
Lexington, SC
Operations Research

I can't say that I liked this place, but thanks to Karen, my parents, and friends like Andy, Steve, and Tom, it was interesting. You guys better come and see Karen and I! Remember John, if you ain't the lead dog, the view never changes. I'm not bitter though. Yeah right.



Andrew Gaylin Ratliff
Brownwood, TX
Human Factors Engineering

I would like to start by wishing the best to all my friends. If it weren't for you guys I would have quit a long time ago. To "Jose" Keaton, Calley "you're not good" Poarch, "Rip VanWinkle" Smith, Tom "Ruff" Kulas, and Brian "Ralstein"—thanks for keeping me out of focus. I would also like to thank my family and sponsors. I never would have made it without y'all.



Jeffrey Horst Hugo
Sandrock
Teff, Sandy
Washington, D.C.
Modern History



**Michael Joseph
Andrew Sierco**
Nok-Nok
Bowie, MD
Political Science



Brian Allan Siravo
Sunset
Maumee, OH
Geography

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Michelle, Thumper, and especially Patrice. It has been a long four years and I never could have made it without all of your help, most of all Patrice. To everyone else out there, it's been fun and a pain all at once, and "... God willing - we'll all meet again in SPACEBALLS 2."



Stephen Frederick Smith
Alexandria, VA
Social Sciences

I would like to thank those people, some would call them friends, who contributed absolutely nothing to my success (or lack of it) here at the Academy, but contributed to the important things in life: baseball, movies, and those annoying dart games that I never won. Brian "Francisco Cabrera" Ralston, Andy "Please don't bash my head with that lead pipe" Ratliff, and Tom "Mr. Mom" Kulas. I would also like to thank my family for their love and support. Good luck Matt (you'll need it!!)

Mark Edward Strub

Strubber, Strubbery
St. Paul, MN
Aeronautical Engineering

The success of life: To live long and to love much; To know the friendships of many and the supporting love of family; And to be Challenged with the Opportunity to Serve it all in the most noble of professions.

Thank-you Mom and Dad, Kurt, Jeanette, and especially Lynn for keeping your faith in me and helping me to keep faith in myself.

Yes, it most definitely was...

**Jamison Thomas Tranfalia**

Littleton, NH
Biology

It's a hard trip - but I suppose it's better to have an AFA diploma and not need it, than it is to need it and not have it. "Learn to enjoy all the every day things in life." "It's been hard to have fun in a place like this, but I did my best." Many Thanks to All for the support. UVA UVAM VIVENDO VARIA FIT Slamhogs forever. F & I

**Steven Lyle Tuggle**

Tug, Snug
Monticello, KY
Bachelor Of Science

With Ac Pro, two surgeries, and seven months in a back-brace, I feel like I've been through hell to get out of this place. But hey, a COUNTRY BOY CAN SURVIVE. Watch out for those moguls! Rod - thanks for talking me into sticking it out. Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without your love and support. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

**Daniel Scott Ulmer**

Clue, V
Naples, NY
History

Sensai, Snug, Six-Pack, Rob, and all the Hogs, we've had a lot of fun and interesting times. Thanks to the guys (Big Daddy and the Fleece etc.) I flew with in the summer; it was a ball. Good luck to all the guys that I played B-ball with the first two years (Robertson you still can't hoop).

Special Thanks to Dad, Mom and Jeff.



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DUHON, C. R.	BRAUN, J. M.	MARKS, C. G.
BENTON, S. A. JR	POPE, P. D.	MORRIS, C. K.
CARLSON, J. D.	KATOSIC, M. A.	BOGUE, P. A.
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AMPUUS RADICALS



A color portrait of a young man with dark hair and a mustache, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue military uniform with a white sash and a white collar. The background is a mottled blue.

A color portrait photograph of a young man with short, light brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue military uniform with a white diagonal sash and a shoulder strap with rank insignia. The background is a mottled blue.

"Welcome to the wild world Bruthaa! Sometimes it's gonna rain on you!" After four years, finally - SUN! "Know a little about a lot, BS the rest." I love my folks, JKLM, & all other family & friends, especially K's. Everyone's support has been great. Thanks, Trace, for believing in us, I love you. "Lord loves a working man, don't trust whifery, see a doctor an get rid of it." PALS TWIAA!

Jason Randall Combs

J-
Blair, NE
Biology

Thank you to everyone who helped me get here and to make it through. I especially want to thank MAJ Dubisson, my Liaison Officer, my family Geary, Linda, Kelly, Lou, Deb, and Lara for putting up with me for four years. DODNTINT

"Many of life's failures are men who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up"



Daniel Robert Cozzi

Coz, Cozidub
Plainfield, IL
Aeronautical Engineering

Thanks to my parents for all they had to put up with. Also, to Jody, love can conquer all and will last through all times.

I wish I could sum up my years here, but there is no real way to do it. I've learned a lot but there is so much more to come, and I pray that the duty concept I've learned here will carry me to high places.



Brian Andrew Crum

Crummy
Sioux Falls, SD
Military History

How do I feel? That which does not kill me can only make me stronger. To those who came before, thank you for showing me the way. Thanx to Vern, Chance, C.C., pH, Dandy, King George, and my pubmates from England, for all the fun. To those who come after, cultivate the strength and fury of the true warrior spirit.

Preserve the Constitution.

How do I really feel?

This sucks!



Donald Gene Davis

Prince X, Crazy D.
Snowhill, NC
Social Sciences

Will we ever see justice for all Africans and descendants of Africa our my time? Or will this be another graduation into the cruelties of human kind? Dr. Johns said: "If you see a good fight ...". We must be true soldiers by getting in it and eliminating the PARADIGM and Modern Lynching. Minister Shabazz believed that this was our obligation "BAMN". Much like the educator M. Bethune, "death should neither alarm or frighten us either." Aaakhira (HQ 45:18) BUC



Christopher Roy Duhon

Dewey, DuHo, Ho
Fort Walton Beach, FL
Management

I have two fantastic parents, lots of friends, and many others that I would like to thank for helping me get through it all.!. DF = Done Finished with the five year plan.!. My best times here were when I wasn't here.!.
- Now it's Miller Time - Later => Chad, Tor, Jack, Stein, Jimbo, Norm, Coz, Graveyard, Campus Rads, and everyone else who knew me as a cadet.!.
I love you all and would kill or die for any one of you.

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Tradition



William Derek Engberg

Chet, Engjerk, Tackleberry,
Engenbergjenjurgenjorgen
Mounds View, MN
Bachelor Of Science

I'M NOT CRAZY! The CINC Radmobile had to be well armed. Eagle's Peak/ TOGA- Go Roman or go home! E.P. is king, Jeffy. ButtTown- I'll always luv ya, Steve. 0200 from bed, "Rachel, is that you?" Greatest compliment of my life, "If I ever go down, I'd want you to come get me out"-P.B.

I love you all and would kill or die for any one of you.



Benjamin Gomez Galindo

San Diego, CA
Bio-Chemistry, (Spanish)

"One day you give a lesson and the next day you take a lesson."

GM Robert James Fisher
World Chess Champion
Sveti Stefan, 1992



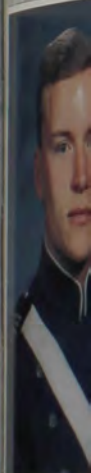
Darren David Garber

Garbs, Garbage
Macungie, PA
Astronautical Engineering,
(Russian)

Thank you, Mom, Dad, Beck, and Andrew for your love, support and encouragement for the times when I needed it the most. Thanks Duke, for putting up with me the past five years. To KEEton, Marksey, JB, Graveyard, and the rest of the 'guys' thanks for keeping me laughing, F+!!
"Good times and riches, ...
I've seen more than I can recall"
-- Jimmy Buffet

David Anthony
Cattenden,
Astronautical Eng
(Spanish)

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Charles Little
Sacramento, CA
Bachelor of Sci

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I learned a lot. I

Donald Gene D.
Prince X. Gray
Snowball, NC
Social Sciences

David Anthony Hillner
Crittenden, KY
Aeronautical Engineering,
(Spanish)

First of all, I want to thank God for helping me when no one else could. He has helped me more than I will ever know. Also I want to thank my parents and family for always letting me choose my own path no matter how wrong it seemed while still being there to pick me up when I fell. I never would have been able to do this without you.



Debra Kay Hoium
Columbia Heights, MN
Mathematics

"Lord, remind me that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together can't handle." This prayer let me smile through the past four years. What I will remember is my friends. BKID, you were always there for me. Thanks Mom, Dad and especially Betsy; you were my role model. Good luck in the future 94. Remember, "I think I can, I think I can..."



Mitchell Adam Katosic
Plano, TX
Engineering Mechanics

Dreams don't wait for people, life is what you make it and without humor - what is life? "All great achievements are 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration" (no s---!)

Thanks fam and RKB. - S.U.T.P



John Ernest Kipp Jr
Kippster, Kippinator
Anna, OH
General Engineering

I want to thank my family for their support through my four years at the Academy. But, I think I enjoyed the friends that I made here the most. My best friends were able to pull me through the years without letting me maim my roommate (another friend of mine). Good luck to everyone as the years pass by, enjoy your friends, I did.



Louis Charles Littleton III
Sacramento, CA
Bachelor of Science

What's up?! I must say that the four years I've spent here have been interesting. I learned a lot. I forgot a lot.



Christopher Gardner Marks
Marksy
Waynesboro, PA
Computer Science

This one's for you Mom. "No man is a failure who has friends."
S.U.T.P
Gav, NEAT!! Jeff, Mitch, Garbs, Skip and everyone else, O.K, I guess it was fun, piss off!
Is it June yet???



Chad Kendall Morris
Altavista, VA
Political Science

Four years have past since I marched up the BRING ME MEN ramp. We all come here for our own reason... most of us leave with new hopes and dreams. The hardest thing about graduation is leaving the best friends I could ever hope to have. To the GUARD, I say: thanks for the good times; may the spirit of the patch never die; and STAY HARD. Thanks Mom, for everything.



Michael Scott Morris
Chief Big Head
Green River, WY
Biochemistry

Thanks to Mom and Dad for your love and support during all the difficult times. To my PALS—you're what it's all about. Though it took me a while to realize it, this whole trip was more than worth it, and above all:
ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!

Darren David G.
Garbs, Garbs
Marriage P.
Aeronautical Engineer
(Russian)

Thank you Mom, Dad, Ben, draw for your love, support, encouragement for the time needed it the most. Thanks to putting up with me the past 4 years. To KEEton, Marksy, JB, Garbs and the rest of the Guard for keeping me laughing. Good times and riches. I've seen more than I can read. Jimmy Butler

Vernon Lawrence Mullis

V, *Bad Boy*
Spring Valley, CA
Biology

"Be not afraid of greatness,
For some achieve greatness,
And some have greatness thrust
upon them." — Shakespeare

Thank God, Mom, Pops, V, Cin,, (Crime
dog, M, Laurie, Jb, Triche, Booger) for
being there.

My hat and glove lie without me be-
tween the white lines, and with them my
soul. Fear not, I will prevail, PEACE
OUT, the game is over.



Jessica Lynne Nickodem

Jesup, GA
Political Science, (Russian)

The only two things I will miss about this
place are the mountains and the friends.
Jenn, G., and all the Radicals - Thank
you for all the friendship and love you
have given me. To my family and my
sponsors - I wouldn't have stayed here
if it hadn't been for all of your love and
support. You all believed in me. Re-
member - Love and Laugh Always!



Patrick Duke Pope

DUKE, DP, Dukester
Annapolis, MD
Civil Engineering

F&I RDPC LAXERS and you all in the
core, ya'll are what it's all about! Thanks
to my parents and loved ones for all the
support, encouragement and under-
standing. I love you CHRI and look
forward to spending many more nights
of studying C(hri)E. If your happiness
is based on tomorrow you stand to miss
the laughter of today.



Jimmy Carroll Worley

Berryville, AR
General Engineering

Thanks Mom, Dad, Scott, & all the rest
of the family, I love all of you and I
couldn't have done it without you.
Thanks to the Fellas, you guys made
this place bearable. We're fixin' to find
out if the outside is as great as we
always thought it was. I'm sure it is.
Let's finally go experience life. Carney
said it best: "Pals, TWIAA."



FIRSTIE FLASHBACK Using his head,
Arturo Alvarado helps his squadron
present a ghoulish Halloween Haunted
House for the children that trick or
treated through the squadrons.



Jimmy Carroll Jr.
Berkeley, CA
General Engineer

W=40 ARHAWKS

Jennifer Suzanne Allen
Cranky Wench, Nifer
Tampa, FL
Biochemistry

Carpe diem! It's time to toss those hats high into the sky. Mom? I hope you're there to catch mine. This one's for you. Congrats Playboys- we made it! Court, you've been like a sister to me- Ground Zero, "blanket people"- we've done it all! Michael, my best friend and soul mate, you made my final two years simply wonderful. Do couples get any happier than us?! I'll be waiting...

Mark Ernest Azua
Zooley
Orland Park, IL
Economics, (Spanish)

It was an invaluable experience. I had my greatest moments and my worst, and I made the friends of a lifetime. I'll never forget how close the Warhawks Class of '94 was. Thanks also to Mom, Dad, Debbie, and Karen. Your support got me through here. I love you!

"Persistence is omnipotent!" - Calvin Coolidge

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7



Charles Deniz Brown
Snoopy
Ankara, Turkey
Operations Research

The Road Not Taken -ROBERT FROST
years and 2 recognitions The future is
here, at last I stand at the entrance to a
new world I can see. -U2

We're finally out of here
The reasonable man adapts himself
to the world: The unreasonable one
persists in trying to adapt the world
to himself. Therefore all progress
depends on the unreasonable man.

-George Bernard Shaw
Thanks to everyone who helped me out
while I was here.



Jeffrey Donald Burbank
Hudson, CO
Biology

Thanks go to my family and all my
boys. I'll never forget Stalyounit and all
the fun we had with Papa Ron, Sunny-
D, and the 3 wise men. B.H., we still
ALIVE. I'm out c-ya.



Arthur David Cummings
Dave
League City, TX
Mathematics, Operations Re-
search

From 1988 to 1994 - every year was
worth it. To my family, Donna, and my
friends here and abroad I say "tusen
takk for alt!" "I will not boast of myself,
but I will boast of my God, for in his
strength I can do all things..." Alma
26:12



Richard Steven Dill
Dilly
Mansfield, TX
Electrical Engineering

I would like to say "thanks" to Dad and
"Mr. A" who worked so hard to get me
into the Academy and to Mom, Marla,
and my family and friends at home for
their support. To my friends John, Mark,
and Scott, "thanks" for making it so
much easier to stay. Without ya'll I
never would've made it through. To the
rest of the Warhawks, especially ev-
eryone in '94, thanks for the good times
and all the memories. A large part of
a man's success in life is the quality of
his friends, and mine are the best!

Rory Christopher Dunham

Roar
Oklahoma City, OK
Biology

I guess this comprises my last four years in seventy words or less. I just hope that people remember me for things other than this short statement. Mom and Dad-Thanks. Ray, have a good two years. Jenn, a short statement would be an injustice for all that you have done for me. Warhawks, you've been great. Good luck in life. Take it easy, and if it comes easy, take it twice.



John Albert Dunlap

Dunny, Buddha, J.D.
St. Charles, IL
Economics

Holy Cow, after five years I can't believe it's finally going to come to a close. I am indebted so much to Steve, Mark, and Scott for all of those great and rocky times we had. You were all an instrumental part to me being able to keep my sanity. You all had better stay in touch so that we can keep the animals of the world on their toes.



Jason Robert Fallis

Fal, Big J, Fallic
Enterprise, AL
CE-Env. Engineering

Whatever this was supposed to be -- thank God it's over. To my family and friends: Thanks for making it as enjoyable as possible. I love you all ... Dan: "A mysterious fraternity born out of the smoke and danger of death." "Find the enemy and shoot him down, anything else is nonsense." Brian: "Remember what's truly important here ... Oh yeah IHTFP, Carpe Diem -- life is short, FDFF, and remember: "We pay a high price for being intelligent, wisdom hurts."



Scott Arlen Grover

Scotty, Groovy
Hardin, MT
Political Science

It's finally over, and what do I have to show for it? Experiences I will never forget and friendships that will last a lifetime. I guess it was a pretty small price to pay. Thank you Mom, Dad, and DeAnne for supporting me. And thanks to all of my friends for being just that - friends.

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he today who sheds his blood with me shall be my brother." - Shakespeare.



Lisa Michelle Harrigan

Nini
Coral Springs, FL
Legal Studies

Well it's been real! I actually made it - can you believe it?! Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without your support. My volleyball buds, what can I say - we had some fun trips! And I can't forget my best friend, companion, love, Chris. You brightened each and every day, and made me smile. Thank you. We had some good times, but the best is yet to come.



Christopher Harris

Hairball
Philadelphia, PA
English

To Mom and Dad - I'll never forget. Amara, Bill, and Rocio - I'd of withered and died without you. Denise and Tim... just in time! And finally Aileen - Did you say season tickets? I love you more than I can say. Here's to many years and hot lemonade. I raise some to the Warhawks and the photo folk. I thank everyone. I'd never have made it without God, baseball and you!



Brian Edward Hazel

Brunswick, OH
Environmental Engineering

Well I'm done, but do I deserve to be? Is that the question? and if so -- Who cares??? I'm still ALIVE!!! And I can thank that to all the Fellas, Papa Ron, Sunny D, and, of course, the Three Wise men!



Stephen Fraser Jost

Yost, Spur
San Antonio, TX
Computer Science

"I must be the change I wish to see in the world."

Mom and Dad, Charlie and Jay, David, Jennie, Cathy, Tracy, Trigger, OB, Ken-Dog, Big, Lewey, Roar, Zirk, Zoo, Groovy, CP, Fallic, JP, Kegger, Koz Shorty, and the Colonel, thank you always for your love, friendship, and support. I will always be indebted

Nicholas Thomas Kozdras

Nick
Calumet City, IL
Electrical Engineering

"And I must be an acrobat
To talk like this and act like that
And you can dream, so dream out loud
... don't let the bastards grind you down."
U2
Thanks to everyone who helped me get
here and slugged it out in the trenches
with me - I couldn't have made it without
you. Thank you Lord for the opportunity,
and for graduation. For Mom...



Shawn David Larcher

Big, Tiny, Lurch
St. Paris, OH
Civil Engineering

The Academy has truly been an experience I'll never forget. These past four years have changed my life completely in a way no other institution could have. I've made some of the best friends in my life while here, thanks guys! Thanks, Dana, for your love and support my final year here! Finally, loving thanks to Mom and Dad. I wouldn't be where I am today without your love and support!



James Edward Lee Jr

Jay, Jim, Jimbo
Selfridge ANGB, MI
Biology

Thanks Mom and Dad for your love and support. Looking back, I'll never forget the good times: Football, Gospel Choir, and 40th Squadron. If I could pass on two things, it would be to stand strong through thick and thin and have faith in God. Good luck and god speed to all of the Class of 94'. We made it!



Stephen Edward Lewis

Louie
Aeronautical Engineering

I would like to thank my parents for their support. I also want to thank my friends who made the weeks tolerable and the weekends worth looking forward to. There was never enough time for work, play and a good "rack", but we made do with what we had and I'm taking some good memories with me.



Michael Thomas Manor

ManorMan, Meat, Mickey
Santa Rosa, CA
Management, (Baseball)

"The more I see, the less I know about all the things I thought were wrong or right and carved in stone." -- The The

Those who have lived through this all will know the truth lies within the friendships we have made here and not in the videos, pamphlets or tours. I owe everything to God, my parents, teammates and friends. My heart will always fall between the white lines.



Marc Fredrick Morales

Pablo
Sarasota, FL
Engineering Sciences

"Destiny brought me here, but stupidity kept me." I never would have come if it hadn't been for the support of my wonderful parents. Mom & Dad, I LOVE YOU! I never could have made it without my friends. Warhawks, Marty, Dip, Zooie, Millhouse, Shelly, Tucker, Tae, Boulder Bizzo's, Pedro, and the rest of the gang, thanks for everything, I could never forget you. NTC FOREVER!



Brian James Noe

B. Noe
Seville, OH
Computer Science

Special thanks to the friends and family that made this possible: Mom and Dad, Ver and Chuck, Nick, Wing Nut, Pat, Stacey Householder and the Phantom SMACKS, Warhawk firsties, and most importantly the Seekers Crew especially Muscle-Man, Steph, and Robin. To Christy: You are my angel. Captain Trent: You are not forgotten. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)
Warhawk Pride!



Christopher Jon O'Brien

O'B, C.J.
Winthrop, MA
Space Physics

"Good heart conquers all ill fortune" Anonymous One of the most important things the Academy has taught me is that there is nothing in this world more important than family and friends. To my Buddies in the Warhawks for all of the great times. Mom and Dad, I cannot thank you enough for all of your love and support but most of all for believing in me. Never lose sight of your dreams, they just might come true...

**Christopher Whitehead
Parry**

Malad City, ID
Engineering Sciences,
(Japanese)

To make one life breathe a little easier, this is success. Any man who thinks success is to be had on his own is a fool. Thanks to my family, my friends and my God. Heleman 5:12.



Robert John Peragine

Phoenix, AZ
Biology

Thank God, my parents, and the Fellas. What did I like about this place? Next question. F.O.L.A. "The Palace" and the great times in Denver & Boulder. Burbs, Moose, Kieps B.H., and Petie, thanks for not letting me crush any of the zeeks and keeping me sane. Brothers forever! Take no @#!* off of nobody.



Peter Daniel Smith

Staten Island, NY
Biology

No sir, I didn't like it. To Boulder brawling, monster truck rolling, nude man runs, my favorite fishing partner and everyone else who made it bearable. Thanks.



Monica Sue Wheeler

Mike, Mona
Toutle, WA
Political Science

To Mom & Dad - Better find something else to stress out about cuz I'm outta here. To my sis - Get a life and stop playing with weeds. To my bro - Don't come here. To all you Warhawks - I hate the name Mona. To "the gang" - I lend up dying from secondhand smoke or an overdose of coffee. Who cares, it was worth it. "Nothing ventured nothing gained. Sometimes you have to go against the grain"

-Garth Brooks



Kenneth Edward Yee

Chet, S.I. Yeeeee, Krash, K.W.S.
Villa Park, CA
Political Science, (German)

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."
AF H20 Polo Rules! Hey, 4 degree with a chicken, have you seen my kitty cat? To the guys in 40 - if you need me, just look for the glasses and robe. Coffee talk, skiing, roadtrippin', and Corner Pocket made my day. Without God, Mom, Dad, Terrance and Kevin I couldn't have made it.



James Jevon Zirkel

Zirk
Longwood, FL
Economics

To my lifelong friends, the Warhawks of '94, Scotty, Zoo, Dilly, Dunny, Lou, Roar, OB, Big, Yost, KWS, Mona and Nick, I could not have made it without you. To Mom, Dad, and Jenna, thank-you for all of your love, support, and advice. To Emily, it hasn't always been easy, but we did it. I love you Sweetheart and can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

A TOAST TO THE CLASS OF 1994.

WHEN WE ARRIVED AT USAFA ON 29 JUNE
THERE WAS A QUESTION WE ASKED OURSELVES SOON
"WHY?" WE ALL ASKED OF THINGS PRESENTED TO US
WHY'D THAT GUY YELL WHEN HE GOT ON THE BUS?
WHY BE HUMILIATED, WHY LET THEM CUT ALL OUR HAIR?
WHY COULD WE NOT GO ALONE ANYWHERE?
WHY LEARN TO KILL — OR EVEN TO FIGHT?
WHY RUN AROUND SHOWING SPIRIT AT NIGHT?
WHY LET THEM ATTACK OUR SELF-WORTH AND OUR PRIDE?
WHY CARRY ON, HEARING "RECOGNITION DENIED?"
WHY STUDY ALL NIGHT, TIRED AND WEARY?
WHY LEARN SURVIVAL, AS WE DID THROUGHOUT SERE?
WHY JUMP OUT OF AIRPLANES, WHY LEARN TO SOAR?
WHY STAY A PLACE WHERE WE CAN'T LOCK OUR DOOR?
WHY GO THROUGH A SAMI, PARADE, ORI?
WHY STICK AROUND WITH NO CHANCE TO FLY?
WHY SIT CO, WHY TRAVEL ON OPS?
WHY ALL THESE QUOTAS IF WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TOPS?
WHY ALL THE SCRUTINY WE GET FROM THE PRESS?
WHY ARE WE TOLD HOW WE SHOULD DRESS?
WHY GO TO RING DANCE — AND 100% NIGHT TOO?
WHY ARE WE GIVEN SHOTS THAT GIVE US THE FLU?
WHY TAKE 410 IF IT'S SUCH A HAZE?
WHY USE ROLLS OF TOILET PAPER TO COUNT DOWN THE DAYS?
WHY STICK IT OUT WHEN RULES CHANGE EACH WEEK?
WHY LOSE OUR PASSES, GET RESTRICTED, ETC...?

WHY SALUTE THE FLAG EARLY EACH DAY?
WHY CDBs TO DECIDE WHO SHOULD STAY?

WHY'D WE GET JOBS THAT WE DIDN'T CHOOSE?
WHY WEREN'T ASSIGNMENTS MUCH BETTER NEWS?

WHY RUN TO THE ROCK, AS WE'VE DID LONG AGO?
WHY MARCH TO MEALS IN THE RAIN AND THE SNOW?
WHY LEAVE THE FRIENDS WE'VE HAD ALL THESE YEARS?
WHY DO GREAT MEMORIES CAUSE SO MANY TEARS?
WHY CALL HOME AND HEAR OUR MOMS CRY?
WHY TELL THE NATION THAT, FOR THEM, WE WILL DIE?
WHY TRUST IN HONOR, WHY WEAR OUR CLASS RING?
FOR OUR CLASS AND OUR NATION,
AND THAT'S EVERYTHING!

— TO THE CLASS OF 94!!
By C.C. Masotti-Maxwell

Giving graduation festivities a new twist





Every year, there is one tradition that cannot be changed: the school year must end. But, getting to the end of June Week sometimes means that traditions are redefined.

June Week

June Week traditionally starts with juniors becoming seniors during Ring Dance. The rest of the week is full of events such as the baccalaureate, parades, banquets, balls, and the graduation ceremony itself. However, even these sacred events were fined tuned to add a twist that was as unique as the classes that participated.

After the graduation parade for instance, it was reported that cadets took a dip in the Air Garden pools. These pools returned to the Terrazzo due to the pressure of tradition. At graduation, a new tradition was started with the changing of the rings. Even the speaker made history when Dr. Widnall broke tradition; she was the first woman to speak at graduation.

Despite all the redefining of events the end result of June Week will always be the same, another class will leave and a new one takes control of the Wing.

By Rob Sepp

Tradition

With all the pomp and circumstance that anyone could want, the classes of '94, '95, '96 and '97 march onto the parade field for one last time before graduation. Fortunately the weather was pleasant for all the outdoor graduation activities. Photo by S. Forslund



*C*lass rings are a tradition that's as old as the Academy itself. Rings symbolize cadets' four year journey through the Academy and it distinguishes them from other classes with their own distinct class crest. The class rings are given to cadets at the beginning of June Week in a traditional event

which is ranked as one of the Top 10 prestigious college events in the nation: the Ring Dining Out and dance.

The evening starts in Mitchell Hall with the Ring Dining Out. Cadets and their dates, who usually fly in from all over the country, enjoy a formal dinner that is laced with memories and photos from the past three years at the Academy. After dinner, the moment all juniors have been waiting for arrives. AOCs hand each cadet's date his or her ring. Cadets have to follow more tradition to get the ring from their companion. The ring is placed in a glass, christened with champagne, drank by the cadets while the ring is caught in their teeth,

passed back to their dates without using their hands, and then placed on the cadets' fingers with the class crest facing their hearts.

After these festivities, the events move to Arnold Hall for the Ring Dance. Cadets and their dates spend the evening cutting a rug and chewing

the fat saying how great their rings look and feel. One tradition that can also be seen at the Ring Dance is a long line. Are people waiting to get a drink from the bar? No, they are waiting to talk to the happy Wing Media staff in order to get their picture taken in a big mock up of their class ring. At the end of the evening, cadets return to reality and the rest of June Week.

The Ring Dining Out and dance is an unforgettable event in a cadet's life. As one new ring recipient said: "It's like finally being accepted to a prestigious fraternity after pledging for three years."

By Rob Sepp

After three years the **CLASS OF '95** *becomes ring* **KNOCKERS**



A time that strengthens the bonds. The Ring Dance isn't just a time to get your ring, but a time where the bonds of friendship bring a class together as they prepare to assume leadership of the Wing. Photo by M. Darakij



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What a rock! This cadet shows off his rescued ring after he single-handedly saved it from the bottom of his champagne glass. Photo by J. Tipton

A little help never hurts. This secondclass cadet gladly accepts the help of his date to put on his new class ring. Photo by J. Tipton



Finally something other than their feet are stuck in their mouths. These secondclassmen pose to display their hard-earned signets of graduation.

Lone member of the peanut gallery. Being the designated "class clown" for the evening, Mr. Vice C2C Fred Damuth provided the humor that made the evening memorable. Photo by J. Tipton

A time to celebrate. Following the formal Ring Dance dinner, the Class of '95 moved to Arnold Hall to celebrate with a little dancing. C2C Paul Wood and his date take a spin on the dance floor. Photo by J. Tipton

The major events involving firsties during June Week began on Sunday. The two functions that started this annual tradition filled week were the baccalaureate and the parent's reception.

More than 3,000 people attended the baccalaureate services. This religious event was especially held for the graduates and their families. Both the Protestant and Catholic chapels offered two baccalaureate services in order to seat all seniors and their families. Even with this accommodation each graduate was limited to six tickets, for those who needed more, they literally had to beg borrow or "steal" (just kidding) additional tickets from classmates. Squadrons 1 through 20 attended the early morning service, while CS-21 through 40 attended the second set of services.

Each service encouraged the soon-to-be-officers to reflect on what it takes to be a good leader and Christian. Those who attended the Catholic service got other special reminders, the man who gave the basics

of 1990 cookies during chapel, Father Higgins made a special trip to speak at this year's baccalaureate. Although his message and the messages of the other speakers were short, they made a lasting impression.

Another last impression came after the services. Cadets and their families made their way across the

Honor Court to Arnold Hall to attend the parent's reception. This was the first time in many years that the event was not held at the superintendent's house. During this function, parents passed through lines to talk with the superintendent, commandant, and dean one more time before their son or daughter left the Academy. Also during the reception, parents and cadets were able to partake in food and cold drinks to find relief from the heat.

June Week was a joyous time for cadets and

families alike. Both the baccalaureate and parents reception started the week on a good note.

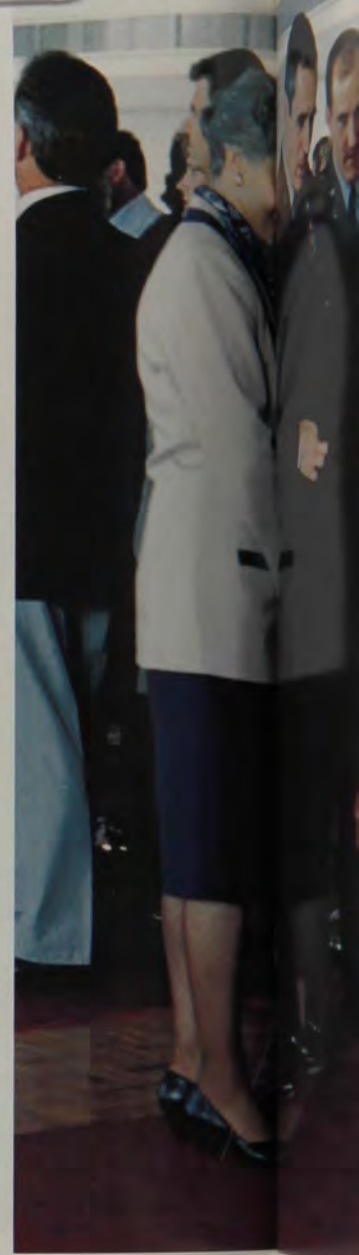
By Rob Sepp

Thanking the LORD & celebrating at a RECEPTION



Guiding the procession. This firstclass cadet leads his family to the cadet chapel for a baccalaureate service. More than 3,000 people attended one of the four events. Photo by S. Morris

"Yeah, great, but what's on the menu?" This firstie and his family read over the program of events at the graduation dinner. The dinner was followed by the grad ball. Photo by B. Scharton





New recruit? Lt Gen Bradley Hosmer uses a little charm to recruit another member of this firstie's family at the parents' reception.
Photo by S. Morris



Monday and Tuesday are traditionally tense and exciting moments for the Cadet Wing. Parent arrivals and the single digit countdown to graduation made firstie stomachs uneasy, but things such as the individual awards ceremony and the graduation parade permitted seniors to almost touch the light at the end of the long tunnel.

The Wing filed into Clune Arena on Monday afternoon to honor those cadets who excelled at the Academy during the individual awards ceremony. Awards were given to firstclassmen in three areas of cadet life: military, academic, and athletic. The culmination of the ceremony came when the superintendent, Lieutenant General Bradley C. Hosmer named the number one graduate for the Class of 1994. For the first time in Academy history, the honor was presented to a cadet who was a foreign national, C1C Jackkrit Thammavichai from Thailand.

On Tuesday, the Cadet Wing formed up for the last time with the Red Hot graduating class in com-

mand. The graduation parade signified the official transition of power to the secondclass. The transition was signified with the firsties departing their usual squadron formation for the other side of the parade field in the flying wedge.

Awards & a grad **PARADE** *the end is* **INSIGHT**

The only other time the Class of '94 performed this formation was back on a foggy August morning back in 1990 when they were accepted into the Cadet Wings as fourthclassmen after Basic Cadet Training. After the firstclassmen had left the Wing behind, the two degrees passed in review and proceeded to march by the class wall to see their class crest in the place of honor.

Monday and Tuesday were exciting days for the upcoming graduates with the individual

awards ceremony and graduation parade. However, the firsties did not lose sleep over these events because they all knew that after Tuesday the only thing they had left to do as cadets was wake up.

By Rob Sepp

All dressed up and waiting to receive their awards, members of Class of '94 were recognized for their outstanding individual achievements at a special ceremony that was held in Clune arena. Photo by M. Darakij



Pass and Review... members of the squadrons of Second Group march past the Class of '94 that just wedged out of the Wing. Photo by S. Forslund



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Bringing in the colors in style. Members of Honor Guard pave the way for the rest of the Wing to march onto the field during the graduation parade. Photo by C. Grosjean



Returning the salute, this cadet receives an award for Athletic Excellence at the Individual Award Ceremony. The entire Wing watched as these outstanding firsties received their awards. Photo by M. Darakji

The Class of '95 starts their year at the top. Cadet Squadron 28's Fall Squadron Commander leads his squad in saluting the Wing's new firsties.



Admiring the token of four years of work. All this newly graduated lieutenant can do is smile as the fruits of his cadet career have finally ripened. Photo by J. Tipton



The end of the road is in hand. Proudly displaying his well earned diploma, this firstie walks across the stadium floor for the last time. Photo by B. Fallis

"Congratulations, job well done!" This firstie shakes hands with Dr. Sheila Widnall before heading down the ramp to salute his waiting classmate. Photo by C. Grosjean



"Do you solemnly swear ...?" This firstie Mary Hartman, takes the Oath of Office in the presence of her parents and squadronmates just prior to the afternoon graduation ceremony. Photo by B. Scharton





Four long years complete with joy, tears and laughter came to an end for the Red Hot Class of 1994 on Wednesday, June 1. The hard work to get through basic training, the delayed recognition, the cutback in pilot slots and the military review committees were merely pinhole memories in the sky once the members of the Class of 1994 took their Oath of Office and walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. This year's class had 1,007 graduates that included ten international cadet, it also was the 36th class to graduate from the Academy.

The beautiful sunny day seemed to match the overwhelming attitude of those who graduated. Although the weather was only a tradition that mother nature could control, this was the first graduation in three years that didn't see a drop of rain.

More than 21,000 people who made up family and friends of the graduates gathered in Falcon Stadium to listen to Dr. Sheila Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force, address the class. This was the first time in history that a woman delivered the commencement speech.

Widnall commended the class for its hard work and reminded the soon-to-be-lieutenants that strong moral character is essential to success.

"The measure of the excellence of this institution is not in the rigor of the courses nor the money invested in you," Widnall said, "but on the positive impact of its graduates on

the noble profession of arms."

It's a profession that graduates were willing to take seriously especially with all of the changes that are being made in the Air Force.

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Four long years **COMPLETE** *graduation is* **RED HOT**



Anxiously awaiting the end of Dr. Widnall's speech, some of these cadets from Squadron 21 struggle to stay awake. By the time that the actual graduation ceremony roles around, many from Class of 1994 have come off their "June Week High" and would like a few hours of sleep. Photo by J. Tipton

*"Y*ou have to get used to change," Lt Laura Teal said. "That's what the new Air Force is all about," and into the Air Force the newly graduated Class of '94 will go with mixed emotions of bittersweet joy and sadness.

Kathy Bozied, mother of graduate Jennifer Bozied said: "It's hard to put into words, the stamina and endurance these kids have shown. I'm amazed."

If one asked Lt Todd Tumidanski, he would probably tell you that he wasn't amazed that graduation finally came; he knew it would all along.

When Tumidanski entered the Academy he took a black felt-tipped marker and wrote June 1, 1994 on a pair of his underwear. He did it to remind himself that four years can't last forever ... they didn't and if a

person looked very closely, this message could be read through Tumidanski's parade pants as he marched to his chair.

Another cadet showed his enthusiasm when the Thunderbirds made their first pass overhead; he tried to hit a plane with his hat. "I put so much energy into throwing that hat", Lt Kurt Keaton said. "For every push-up, for every lap run, for every test I had to take - I threw that hat for all of it."

The methods for celebrating were as diverse as the class that graduated, however right after the ceremony Lt Jeff Rengel best summed it up

when he said: "this is a childhood dream come true."

By Amara Fotenos

From childhood **DREAMS** *graduation becomes* **A REALITY**



"Hey buddy we made it!" Freshly graduated Lt Rob Sepp grabs his friend Lt John Antedomenico for a manly congratulatory embrace. Hugs, tears and kisses were flying after the completion of the graduation ceremony. Photo by S. Morris

A new twist to the uniform, Lt. Wes Palmer poses for a picture with his girlfriend from Hawaii. She had this lei flown from the islands especially for this occasion. Photo J. Tipton



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Class of 1994 you're dismissed! With hats thrown and Thunderbirds flying by these distinguished graduates all start their personal celebrations. Photo by S. Morris

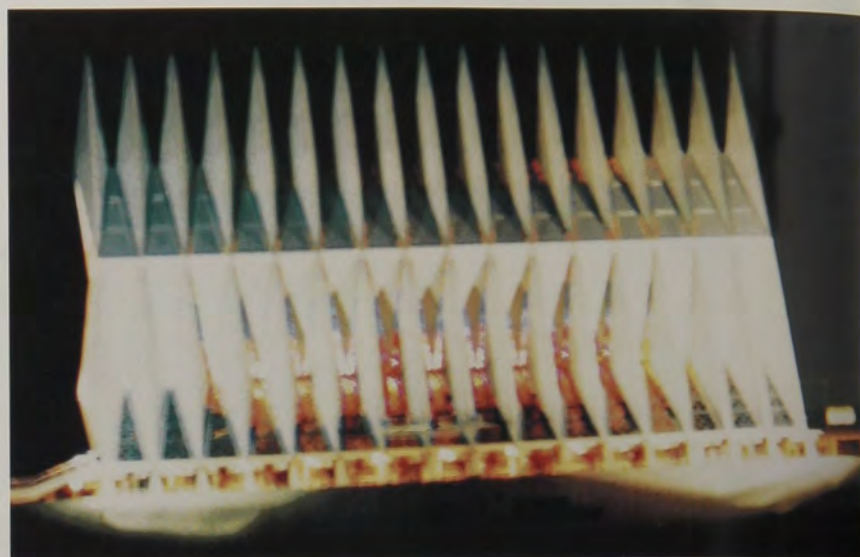
"We are proud of you!" Even the crowd gets creative on ways to congratulate their graduating cadets. Signs similar to this could be seen throughout the stadium. Photo by J. Tipton



Now it's official, Lt Todd Tumidanski (right), Lt Dave Berg and friend show off their shiny new diplomas. Job well done fellas! Photo by J. Tipton

Academy
tradition -
consistent,
yet
ever
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A familiar sight with a new twist, the chapel at night. Every year thousands of tourists come to visit the home of most cadets' spirituality and worship. No matter what traditions are redefined, the pillar of religion will remain strong. Photo by S. Morris



Academy
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Marching into their future, these soon to be officers take steps to solidify their commitment to country and careers as they march onto the field at graduation. After four years of training, the next year promises to offer graduates a lifestyle which is far different from their past. Photo by C. Grosjean

Taking care of tradition, Honor Guard retires the colors after a weekday of military and academic instruction. The flag symbolizes the commitment that the Academy has to maintaining freedom and liberty for all as they train tomorrow's officers. Photo by M. Darakij

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The modifications did not come easy. Good people spent lots of time and energy improving the Academy. The support from the Wing was surprising in this age of turmoil. When everyone pulled together, the new policies of community support, self-help, and internal discipline seemed to be upheld.

Now that the traditions have been modified, the Wing is once again challenged to support them. The leadership is content that the cadets have once again made changes for the better. The institution prides itself on another successful year in which many were helped, and much was learned.

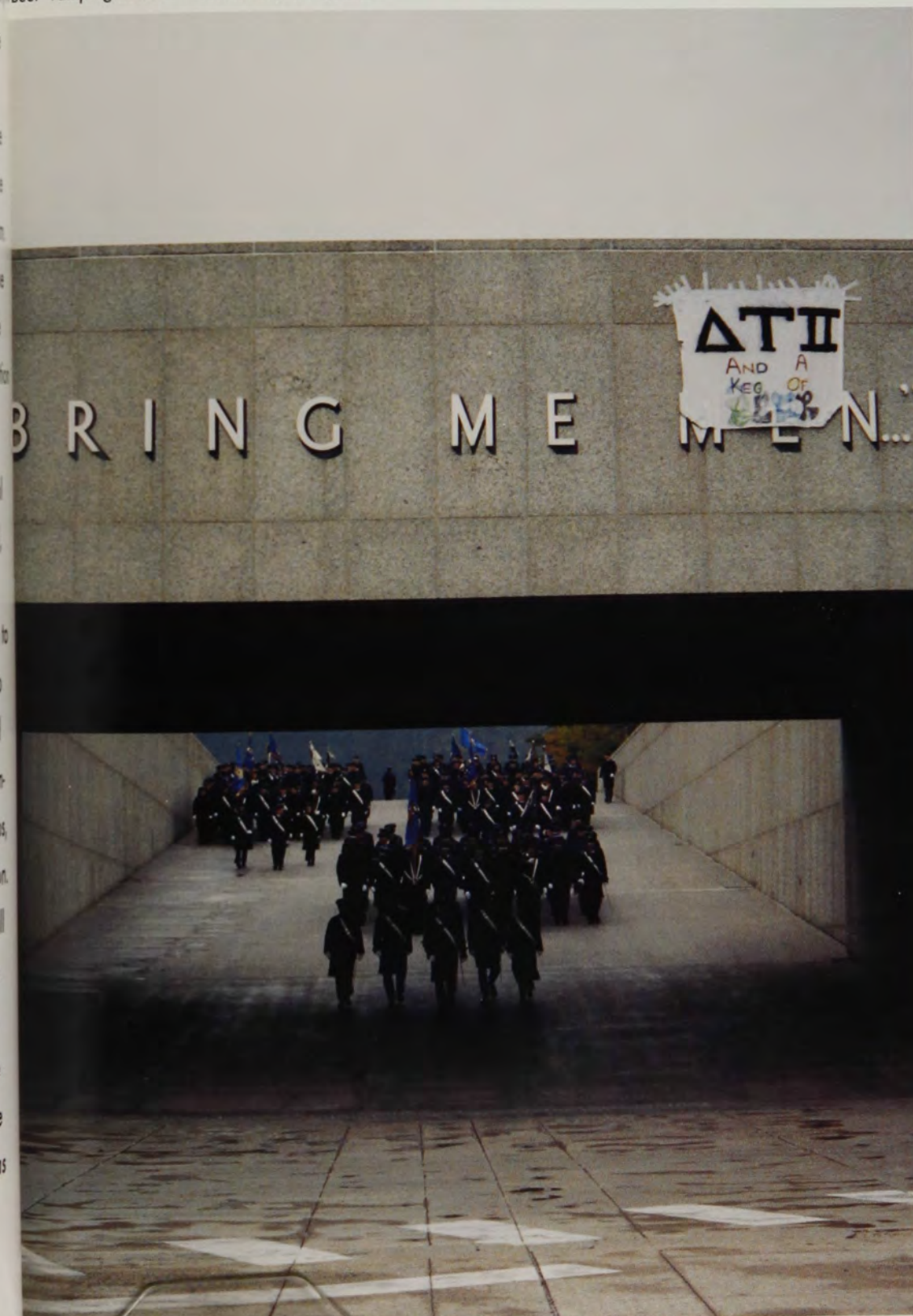
The academic year has drawn to a close, cadets will venture on to become sophmores, juniors and seniors. A few have become members of the Air Force Officer Corps, and several will leave the institution. No matter what the destination all these people will remember the goodness created by taking a chance on making a change. The bad times will be forgotten but the new traditions will live on forever as their legacy.

By Michael Brevard

ALTE

RNATIVE

Forward march! The weather's crummy but the show must go on, marching in what seemed like an inordinate amount of bad weather, the Wing takes to the parade field. Although parades tend to take on the same flavor for the most part, signs that decorated the "Bring Men/Beer" ramp lightened the mood of participants.



Gallery.

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"If I could do it,
I'd do no writing at all here.
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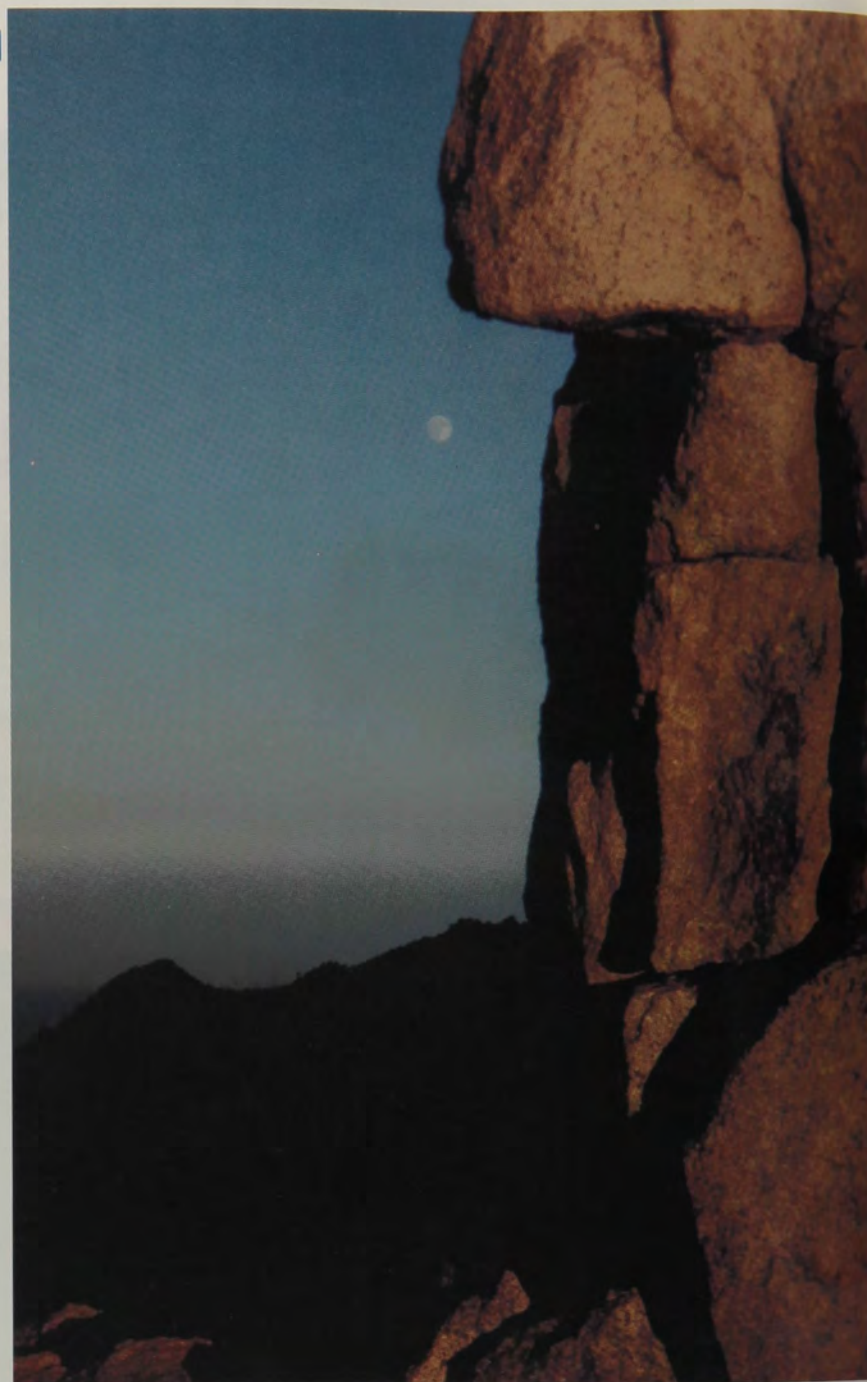
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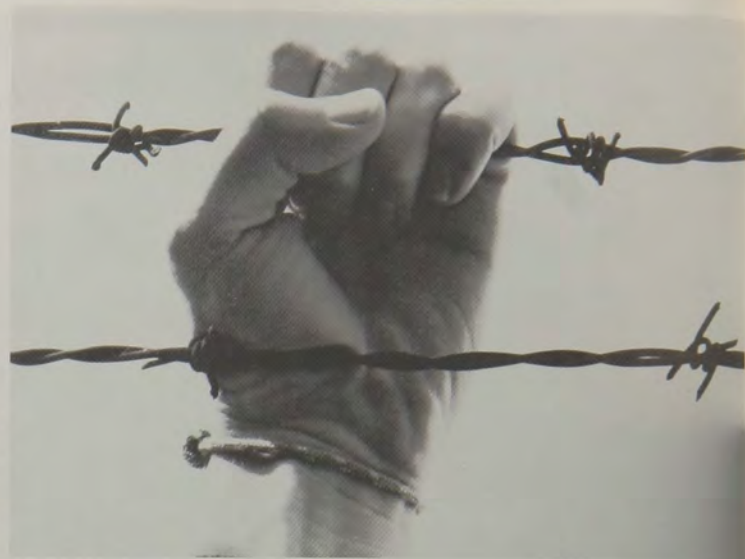
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"A picture shows me at a glance what it takes
dozens of pages of a book to expound."

- Ivan Sereyevich Turgenev

Fathers and Sons (1862)



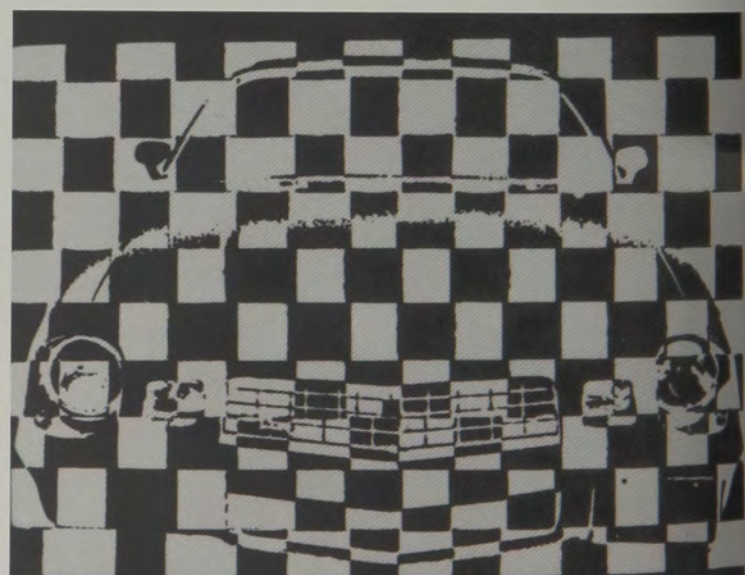
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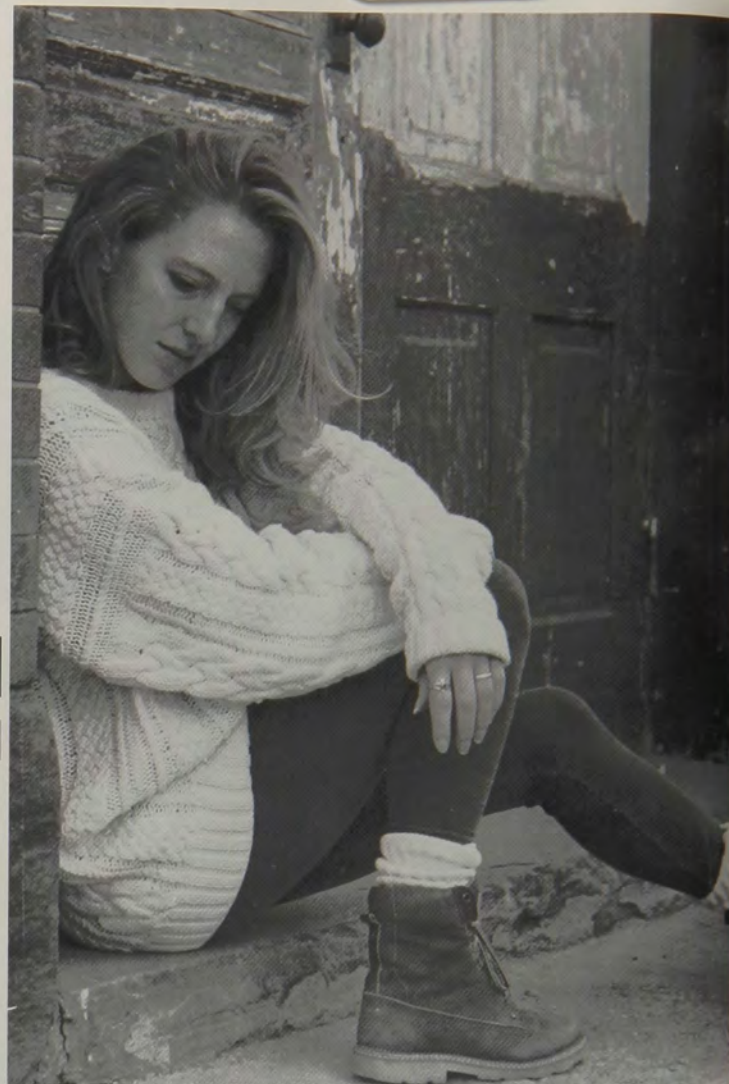
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Dave Weber and a civilian pilot, Charles Stephenson were killed in a tow plane crash Jan 28, 1994 during an Academy training mission. Dave will be missed by his friends and classmates. Photo by Cliff Volpe '95.

In memory of David Wayd Weber

I know that a lot of you didn't know Dave Weber. I did, he was my best friend. He's dead now, killed by circumstances no one could foresee or control. I loved him like a brother and it's hard to believe he's gone.

Dave had a deep and abiding love of life. It was hard to be around him and not get caught up in his enthusiasm for living. He was a hard worker and really proud to be here. He approached everything with a competitive spirit and a desire to be the best.

He loved flying and wanted more than anything to fly for the Air Force. That's why he was an instructor pilot.

He told me he loved flying and he really enjoyed helping other people experience the thrill he felt being able to fly.

Dave was everything a cadet is supposed to be. He did well in school, he was a great athlete, very professional militarily, and always did the right thing.

That was one of the great things

about Dave, he did what was right, not because he felt compelled to, but because he wanted to.

Dave had a way of lifting your spirit just by being around. You couldn't stay angry or upset when he was around because you couldn't help but catch his cheerfulness. He was just fun to be around.

For instance, it was kind of a joke among his friends that he could never get the words to songs right. Dave loved music. He loved to sing and play guitar, but he just couldn't get the words exactly right and we would kid him about that. Dave would always laugh right along with us, and he'd always tell me it didn't matter what the words were, so long as you knew what he was singing. And it turns out he was right.

I find that words can't describe what a great guy Dave was or how much he meant to me, I just hope that some of you recognize the song I'm singing.

Good-bye Dave, I'll miss you.

By C2C Matthew Travis

Remembering Douglas Greenleaf Class of 1996

To Westfield, NY Doug Greenleaf was the hometown hero, the apple of their eye, a bright young prodigy who had plotted a course towards excellence. To the young children of the town, Doug was like a Story-Book hero whose stories of mischief and adventure were told by older brothers and sisters. To the adults of the town he was an inspiration who kept their faith in the younger generation alive. First-Grade teachers, Cub Scout leaders and parents all remember the childhood Douglas shining brightly and planning for the future. His memories will be carried on every street-corner, backyard, playing-field and tree house in Westfield, his home.

To his family Doug was his father's pride and his brother's joy. He was the perfect son; never needing encouragement or motivation to excel. The perfect younger brother; always looking up to find support and guidance. He was a boy filled with aspirations and plans who turned into a man fulfilling all those dreams. He had become a photocopy of the family's long forged qualities, bringing pride and respect to their name wherever he set foot. His family will always be grateful for the wonderful gift they were given.

To his friends Doug was someone we all tried to emulate. He had more personality, character and charisma than all of us yet he never left us behind. Doug brought his light into any room he entered filling its walls with the sounds of our own laughter and the freshness of peace. He was never fake, always open and honest, never too busy to lend a hand. He was everything that a friend should be.

To our squadron Doug was a hidden treasure. He was a modest, natural born leader who performed for the benefit of others, not to gain praise for himself. Even when tasked with the smallest of jobs he completed them with such a professional finish that his work was always top-rate and flawless. He graced our hallways with his flavor and endless character always stopping to say a few kind words. Those of us who are in Eagle-Eight are lucky because it will be quite some time, if ever, before a man of his caliber walks these halls again.

To all who knew him Doug has touched our lives in some way. Whether you were one of his dearest companions or just someone he always said "Hello" to in passing, we will all remember him. Just saying you knew of him was respectable because that meant you had been part of the excitement that surrounded his every move.

To me Doug was everything. I looked to him for guidance and instruction to answer life's burdens. He always had his life together and his mind at peace. He always amazed me with his quick-witted thought and poetic speech. Together these qualities along with Doug's unquenched thirst for life made him the most respectable and awe inspiring man to grace my life. No award, no prize, no recognition will I ever be granted that could make me more proud than I am to have been his best friend. Doug will live in our smiles, our laughter, our memories and our dreams. - **Marc A. Tourville**



Falcon Prayer

Rampart cuts the azure sky,
Sunset low, stars cast high
Cadence calls and bugles blare
Yet so quite in the cold night air.

Simple words merely thought
Are heard more loud than cannon shot.
Forget me not
Forget me not
Those whom for this country fought.

So Falcons gone before us now,
Hear us make this solemn vow.
In every breath of life we take,
You're felt in heart, with heavy wake.

Chapel wings spread high aloft,
Keep us close to those we've lost.
In never ending Flight of Spirit,
Grace before us, Godspeed: Hear it.

David S. Droegemueller

Mr. Droegemueller is a an aviator and Coloradan. His deep pride and respect for the Academy prompted him to write this poem in honor of those who give so much to preserve American ideals and freedoms. We appreciate him taking time to write a poem honoring our cadets and graduates who have died during duty.



**In Memory of
Laura Ashely
Piper**

Class of 1992

Second lieutenant Laura Ashley Piper, 25, a 1992 Air Force Academy graduate, died April 14, as a result of the shootdown of two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters near Irbil, Iraq.

Piper was assigned to the 745th Tactical Intelligence Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany and was deployed on a temporary duty assignment to Turkey in support of Operation Provide Comfort.

While attending the Academy, Piper was a mem-

ber of Cadet Squadron 40 and she majored in political science.

After graduation, Piper went to Goodfellow AFB, Texas for Intelligence Applications Officer Training. Her first assignment was Ramstein where she was the exercise and contingency plans officer.

Piper was buried at the Academy Cemetery. A memorial service was held at the Protestant Cadet Chapel.

Thanks to our family and friends

For the second consecutive year the Polaris staff has offered Parent Clubs, families and friends the opportunity to express their congratulations and best wishes to their cadets. The response to this offer was better than we hoped for, we are pleased that the Polaris yearbook offers yet another avenue for people to let cadets know that they are proud of their efforts. The following pages are a combination of Parents' Club, family and friends messages. The family, friends and supporter messages are in alphabetical order as are the Parents Club Congratulations and Recognition messages. Happy reading.

A

Alabama Parents Club
congratulates the
Class of '94.

We are proud of you Teri!
Love Mom and Dad Allen '96

Rich A. good job, you did it!
Love Mom and Dad

Rewards to Steve Anderson
for being the right stuff '94.

Arch '96-What a great future!
We're proud!
Mom, Dad and Allison

Way to go Jason Arnold!
Congratulations!
Love, Dad and Mom

Words can't express how
proud we are!
Love Mom and Wally

B

Congratulations
Jeffrey Babinski '94

We are proud of you
Scott Bartak!
Love Mom, Dad and Ann

Brain Bartee, We are proud
of your achievements.
June '95 is near!!!

Congrats Lizard, you did it
with class. We're proud Pippy

Proud family and friends of
Lance Baxter '94

Congratulations
Chuck Beake! '94

We are proud of you John!
Love Tony and Ai

We are proud of you
Bernard Bedgood.
Love you Mom & Dad

Proud parents of
Rich Bejtjich '94.

Congratulations, the proud
family of Dante A. Biancucci II

God go with you Connor
Blackwood '94! Love Barry,
Carol, Shana & Jason

Billy B. with pride we have
watched you live your dream.
Love, The Bunch

Love always, Mom Bosiljevac

Congratulations - Tebrikler
Charlie Brown

Congratulations!
Lt. Darren J. Brown '94
CS-06.
Your loving family

Eric Bulger - Joshua 1:9
We're proud!
Love Mom, Dad & Wendy

Yes!! Steve, you done good!
Love Mama & Dad

C

Proud family of Chris
Callaghan '94. Dreams do
come true.

Proud family of Ralph Can-
non '96. Go Air Force!

JDC, you are a terrific son!
Love from all of us.

Congratulations!
Jennifer Changery
graduated June '94



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Wesley Smith
Kevin Stone
Alan Wesenberg
John Wheeler
Jason Wollard

Congratulations John Childs
'94! Love, Mom, Dad & Julie

Congratulations
Christopher Clagg '94

Scott, congratulations! I love
you! YATB Love, Pam

Dean Guy great job! Semper
Fi! Mom & Dad
Winee Choko Tsuke

Proud parents of
Shawn Covault '96.
Keep up the good work!

Proud family of
Matthew D. Croon '94

Chris D-I'm so huge
I'll be back - Chas P.

Chris Dalton -
Congratulations-
Love the Petersons

Adrian '94 How proud we all
are of you. Love, your family

D
You made it happen!
Congratulations Brian.
Love, Mom, Dad & Dee Dee

Karl Deerman, A true warrior.
Mom & Dad

Proud family of
Michael Dellert '94.

Proud family and friends of
Jodi De Martelaere '94.

Jason D. Fly high you whole
life! Love, Mom and Dad

Dan, you've made it 4 of a
kind! Love, Mom & Dad

Proud family of
Timothy Dowd '94.

Rosadel we are proud of you.
Love Pa, Ma, Lex & Jay.

Super start Collin D.
1 down 3 to go.
Luv U Mom, Dad & Vanessa.

Chris P. Congratulations
Love Mom and Larry

Proud family of
Scott Dunphy '94.

Lt. Durham, the fat lady sang!
Aim High Fly Further

E
Angie E. I'm so proud of you.
You never gave up. - Mommie

Congratulations Greg Evans
'94. We're proud of you -
Mom & Dad.

F

Proud family of
Rocky Favorito '94.

Brian Fitz, take some time
and enjoy the Wild Blue U.
Brad

Wayne, you worked hard.
You did well. We are proud.
Mom & Dad

A-1 job Chris Ford! Love,
Gram, Doug, Greg and Mom

Chad, keep taking your own
path! We love you for it!
Mom, Dad and Betsy

Proud family of
Mark Fritzinger '94.

H

We are proud of you David.
Love, Mom and Dad

Craig H. your dream came
true, congratulations!
Mom & Dad

Jason H '94
spread you wings & soar.
Love, Mom, Dad, Ry & Megs

Go Harv!

Best wishes Mike
Hedenskoog! Love, Mom,
Dad, Anne and Matt

John Hennings '94
Congratulations! Your proud,
loving family.

Congratulations
Paul Hermann '94.

Proud family of Dan Heuck Jr.

Congratulations Mike! Proud
family of Michael Hiddessen

Dan H. the toughest year is
behind you we are proud of
you. Love Mom and Dad

Proud siblings of Andy
Holmberg '94.
Good job Homey!

Congratulations Andy
Holmberg '94. You did it!
Your proud Mom

Congratulations
Britt Hurst '94 you did it.

Proud family of Joseph
Raymond Huscroft, Jr. '94
We love you!

J

Susan follow your dream.
Love, Mom & Dad Jacobs

Way to go, Brian Janney!
Congrats!
Love, Mom, Dan & Clif

Jeff, we're proud of you.
Love, Mom & Rog

K

We are proud of you Tim!
Aim High!
Love Dad, Mom, King & Ann

2nd Lt. S. D. Kelter
your family is proud of you.

Way to go Sarah Kerwin -
Mom and Dad

Congratulations
Paul Kirmis '94

Semper Fi to Kirk '94 -
Mom, Dad and Amy

Rik '96 2 down 2 to go.
Proud of U!
Mom, Dad and the KJ's

Jana Kokkongen '95 - Flying
Finn awesome SISU
Love Mom & Pops & D.

JTK: Part one is done! Our
best on the rest! Knack Pack.

Congrats Scott! Your family's
love and pride go with you.

L

Congratulations!
Max S. Lee '94.

Icy Lee thanks for
keeping the faith

Mike Leong we love you!
Mom, Dad, Christa, Sarah
and Dave!

Darin Lerew, our pride is
boundless, our love infinite -
Mom & Dad

Proud of you Brian Lewis,
Love you, The Arrudas

Congratulations Steve Lewis.
From your proud family

Semper Fi Gordo.
Love, Mom, Dad and Mo

Congratulations
Troy Lohmeyer '94

Congrats, Rich '94!
Love, Mom, Dad, Bill, Kelly,
Steve, Linda & Kathy

M

Without a doubt CRM '94.
All our love,
Mom, Dad and Sarah

Congratulations!

CLASS OF 1994



Richard Michael Bejtlich
Scott David Kelter
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Beth Joy Wetherington

From:
The USAFA Cadet Parent's
Association of
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We are so proud of you
Mike Malone!
Love, Dad, Mom and Steve

Proud family of
Mike Manor '94.

We are proud of you Felix,
Love, Mom, Dad,
Brothers & Family

C.C. C'est tout! Laissez le bon
temps rouler! Papa & Mama

Jodi, all is possible with a
willing heart. Mom & Chuck

Jodi, thanks again for making
me a very proud father.
Love, Dad

Space mission next Jessica
Matthews! Go for it!
Mom and Dad

Proud family of
James A. McGregor '97.

Jud, Keep meeting the
challenge, we love you!
Mom & Pop

John, congrats on U.P.T. Love,
Mom. Dad & Jeff

Proud parents of
Darrell J. Meyer '94.

Way to go "Jeff called Bob"
we're proud of you!
Mom & Co.

Love and prayers Chris '94.
Dad, Mom, B.R., N.R., J.R.

Proud family of
Kyle Minarik '97.

"And that has made
all the difference,"
Julie! Mom & Dad

Wings away Tom!
Love Mom & Dad

Congratulations
Mark Mongillo -
You did it, we love you.

Sierra Hotel Lt. Jon Moore!
The sky's yours!
Mom, Dad, etc

Brian Morrison '94,
you are the very best!
Your loving family and
friends.

N

Congratulations Debra
Nawrocki '94.
Love, Mom, Dad & Laura

So very proud of you John!
Love Mom & Dad Newberry

We're proud of you Kenneth.
Love, Mom and Dad

Great job Greg.
Love, Mom, Mark & Julie

O

TJ you never cease to amaze
us, well done!
Mom, Pops, Dano

Good luck Hugh O'Donnell.
From all of the family

Greg O. as always you make
something happen!
Love Mom & Dad

Steve O. "I can do all things
through Christ." I-Corin. 4:13
Love, Mom and Dad

Proud family of
Jacqueline Otis '94

Todd Owens '94. You made
it! Finally! Congrats!
Love, Mom & Dad

P

Congratulations
Matthew Alan Parker.
You are special!
Love, Mom & Dad

Proud parents of
Jeff Parks '94

We are proud of you
Stephanie '94.
Congratulations!
Love Mom & Dad

Congratulations
Jennifer Patrick,
oh the places you will go!
Love, Mom

Gooooooo Jennifer! Love, Dad

Congratulations
Brian C. Payne '97

'Strike, Isaiah 40:31 keep
looking up love the zooooooo

You did it!! Remember I am
your only girl!!!
Vaya con dios.

Very proud family of
Rob Peragine '94 love and
God bless you always.

I am proud of you Nestor!
Love, Mom

Chas Peterson we are so
proud, thumbs up.
Love, Mom, Dad & Tiffany

Lamar, you sought the dream,
our love and pride
go with you. Mom & Dad

Lamar, a dream come true!
Keep on keepin' on! Love Ya!

Fantastic achievement, Andy!
Mom, Dad and Leslie Popiel

Becca P. we are so proud of
you. Love, Mom & Dad

Sharon '94, clear for take off!
Love, Mom & Dad Presley

R

Congratulations Dan.
Love, Mom & Neil '98

Paulo - Fica forte -
mas dois!
Mae e Pai

On eagle's wings & a prayer
M.J. Ray Noha did it in '94!!

JDOR - Bumble, Sting,
Lieutenant, Always the best!
Love, Mom

Good on ya! Lt. Robert S.
Renford II love Mom & Rich

Christine R. '94 yea!
You made it!
Love Mom, Dad & Poochie

We are proud of you Cedric.
Love, Mom and Lawrence
proud grandparent of Cedric
A.J. and Dorthy Green '94

Proud family of
Jeannie Roellich '97.

Love to Andrea Rolfe. From
her proud Papa, Mama and
Kate

Our favorite cadet,
Jennifer Rollins.

Congratulations, Radoslaw
we are proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad & Rafal

S

Chris S., we are so proud of
you! '94 Watch ur six!
Mom & Dad

We are proud of you Bryan!
Love Mom, Dad and Meghar

Congratulations '94!
Proud family of Marc Sands

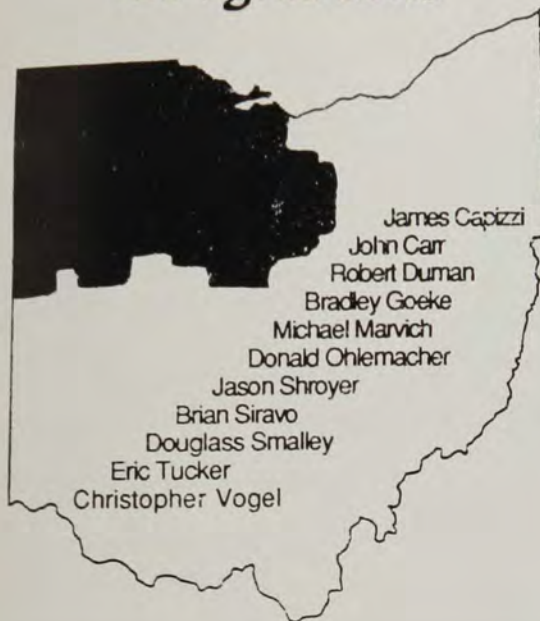
Tom reflect on your
accomplishments.
XO Mom & Dad Scheel

So blessed, so proud of you
Erika Schenavar.
Love, Mom, Ray, Derek '94

We are so proud of you
George S.
Love, Mom and Dad

Sheyler, we've loved
sharing the USAFA with U.
Proud luv M & D

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The Class of 1994



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Jason Combs
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Darryl Terrell**

Mike Sierco: '94 grad
congrats. Love & pride.
You did it!
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Lt. Sikra!
We're proud of you!
Mom and Dad

Congrats, Ratz! Outstanding
squadron '94! The Sikras

You done real good
"Freakra"! I love you Amy

Joe Silvers '94, congratula-
tions. Love, Mom & Dad
Knew you could do it ...
congrats ... Gong, Asher,
Dobber

Todd Smith,
we are proud of you!
Love, Daddy and Mother

Wes Smith - "See I told you so
1/2 of '89 was right - 14
years - goal UPT yes!

You did it Mark Snowden, we
are very proud of you.
Mom & Dad

Scot, we are proud of you.
Lots of love,
Mom, Dad, Shelly & Sheri '94

Proud parents of Jeff
Spinnanger

Shane Steinke '95, three
down, one to go,
Love Mom & Dad

Patrick Suerman '97 excellent
year. You did it! Mom & Dad

Mike Suerman '94 -
From Army brat to AF 2Lt.
we salute you.

Proud family of
Matthew J. Sufnar '94.
Love, Mom, Dad & Anne

Brett 2 down 2 to go! Great
job - The Woodies

Proud family of
Paula Anne Thorson '94.

Matt Tieman '96
soar like the eagles!
Love, Mom, Dad and Ken

Proud family of
David Toogood '94.

Proud parents of
Jason Towns '94.

U

Way to go Scott!
Love, Dad, Mom & Jeff Ulmer

V

Brian V.M. -
It could have been worse.

Congrats Erik Van
Weezendonk!
Love from your proud family

W

Proud & loving family of Paul
Wagner '94. USMC
Congrats!

"You must never give up."
Proud family of Bill Walpert

Proud family of
Jim Wamhoff '94.

We are so proud of you,
Max Weems '95.
Love, Mom and Jim

Proud family of
Christian Wendler.

Follow your dreams Tina -
Phil. 4 ... 13.
Love Dad, Mom and Lisa

Way to go Wheels '94!
Love Mom & Dad

Always proud, for ever loving
Mom, Dad and Clint
Whitfield.

The Wilkins of Texas,
not surprised! Congrats
Lance.

Well done Jason Wollard &
the best for UPT. Dad - Gma
& Gpa

Congrats, Greg Wood
honor is paramount!
Love, Mom, Dad and Dave

Mark Wood - Get a haircut.
Love, Dad and Kathy

Lt. Steve Woods, we are so
proud of you - Mom and Dad

Z

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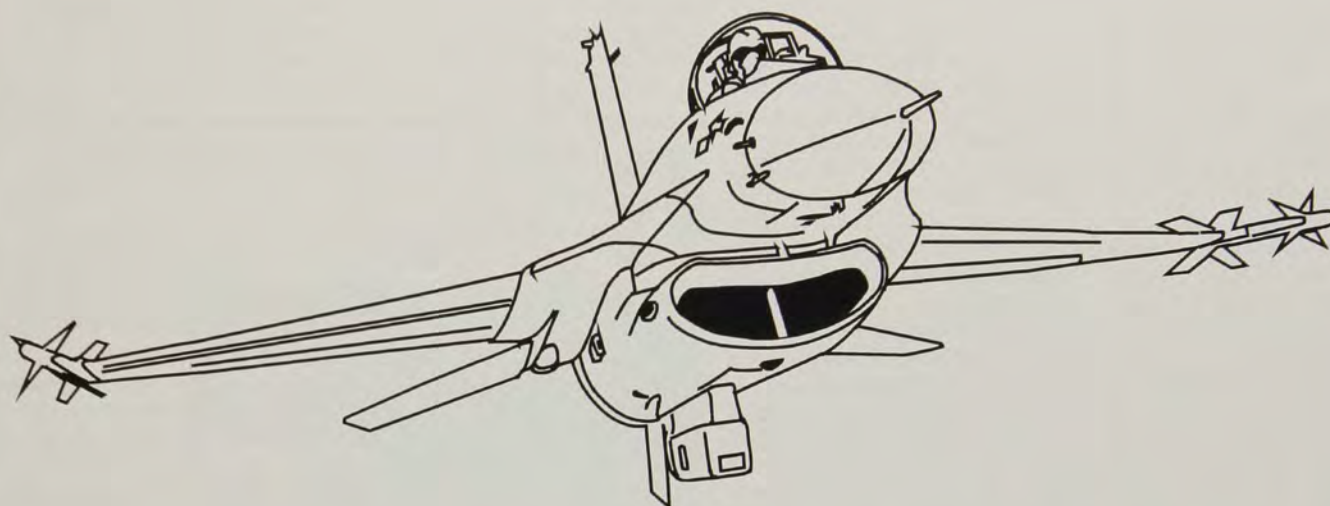
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Bosnian civil war continues

The 18-month civil war in what was formally Yugoslavia continued a tale of human tragedy. The bitter turf battle between the Croats and Muslims left more than 200,000 people dead or missing. This



number included ten United Nations relief workers. The struggle centered in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, but it was reported that life in other communities was even worse.

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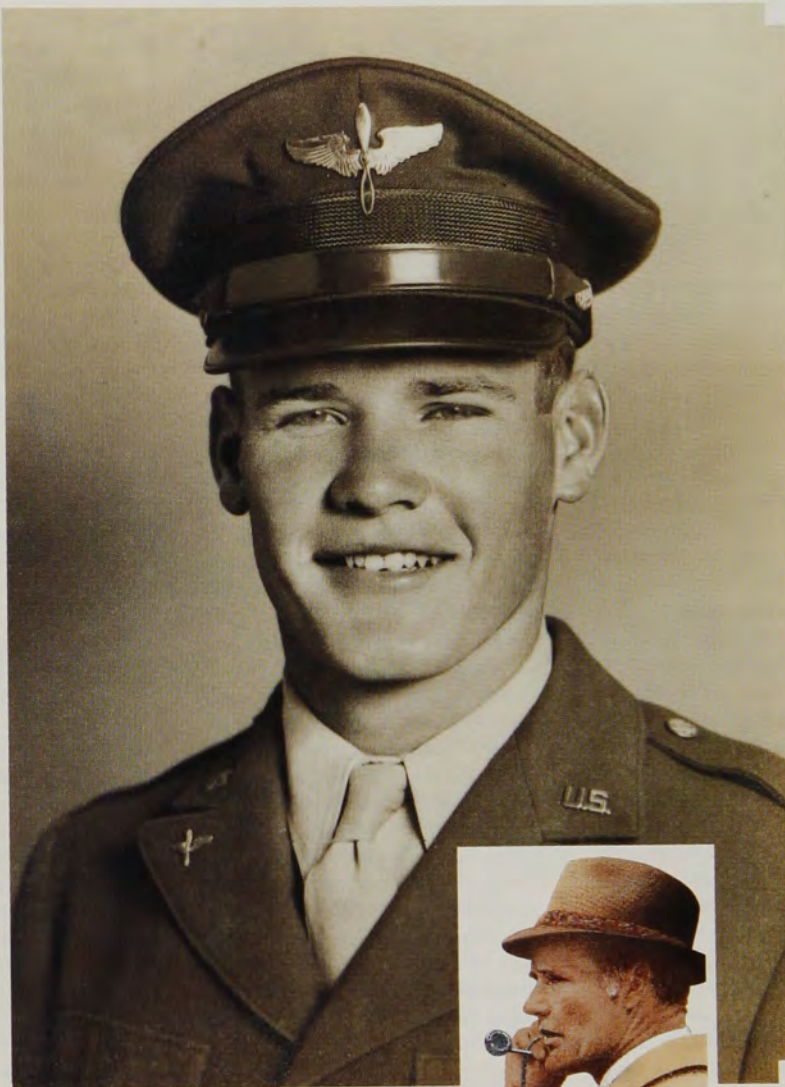
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Denver's last stop on Pope's tour

World Youth Day in Denver marked the end of Pope John Paul II's four-day tour of the United States in August.

During his last outdoor Mass at a city park, more than 14,000 sought medical treatment for heat exhaustion and dehydration; despite the hot conditions spirits were high. Many cadets took the opportunity to see the pontiff at his stop in Denver.



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Earthquake rocks California

At 4:31 a.m. on Monday, January 17, a 6.6 (on the Richter scale) earthquake shook Southern California. It claimed 61 lives and left damage totalling \$30 billion. Transportation was crippled when five interstate highways were damaged. Broken aqueducts cut off much of the water supply to the San Fernando Valley while more than 500,000 people were left without power in Los Angeles County. Richard Riordan, the Los Angeles mayor said: "The days ahead will be rough; let's all stick together."



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Football feats - Dallas wins again

While Texans celebrated a second national championship, the Buffalo Bills lamented over losing their fourth straight Superbowl. Dallas defeated the Bills 30-13 on Sunday, Jan 30. Emmitt Smith was the game's MVP. Chad Hennings, an Air Force Academy graduate, also helped the Cowboys along to victory.



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Ginsburg confirmed to the Court

Ruth Bader Ginsburg became the second woman to sit on the United States Supreme Court on August 10. She is the country's 107th Supreme Court Justice and President Bill Clinton's first nominee. Ginsburg was overwhelmingly confirmed by the Senate. This women's rights pioneer said: "in my lifetime, I expect there will be as many federal judicial nominees ... as many sisters as brothers in law."



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Peace treaty signed history made

Old enemies became peacemakers, Monday, Sept. 13 with a shake of hands and a stroke of pens. Arab Yasser Arafat, representing the Palestine Liberation Organization, and Jew Yitzhak Rabin of Israel declared their commitment to peace on the White House lawn in front of several thousand people. The agreement stated that the PLO recognized the right of Israel to live in peace, while Israel will recognize the PLO as the representative of Palestinians.



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Reinventing government?

Surrounded by forklifts of government paper waste, President Bill Clinton and Vice President

Al Gore delivered a plan to cut, consolidate and reshape federal bureaucracy. This included phasing out 252,000 government jobs through early retirements, attrition and retraining for private sectors. The White House hopes to implement the plan in the next few years.



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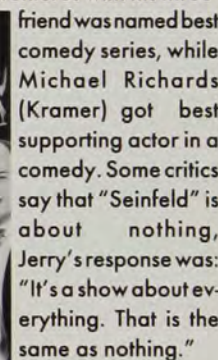
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U.N. intervenes in Somalia

In 1992, we saw pictures of starving children in Somalia; in 1993, the pictures changed to those of fighting adults as the country descended into feudalism. Mogadishu remained a city divided, warlord Ali Mahdi Mohamed held the north while rival Mohamed Farah Aidid held the south. Their struggle for power killed more than 350,000 people through fighting and famine. Aidid became the U.N.'s bete



noir after he allegedly ordered an attack on a group of Pakistani peacekeepers. The U.N. launched a manhunt for Aidid that lasted until an Oct. 3 battle. The battle, which left 18 Americans, one Malaysian and 300 Somalis dead halted the aid to only essential military convoys.

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Causing at least \$1 billion in damages, 26 wildfires swept through Southern California in 1993. These fires destroyed 1,150 homes, burned 200,000 acres, injured nearly 200



people and left four dead. Adding to the horror of the fires, authorities said that 19 of them were started by arsonists. A \$250,000 reward was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprit or culprits.

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All of the background colors that were used are either Pantone papers or "special handmade papers" that we found at different mailorder shops and places around Colorado Springs.

We used a virtual plethora of types and consequently we had many type traumas as the computer

and the printer couldn't agree on how they should look printed. The body and captions throughout the entire book are Futura. The headlines and subheads varied from section to section and included: Arial, Bell MT, Britannica Bold, Contemporary Brush, Elephant, Eurostile, Impact, New Calidonia, Onyx, Parade, Peignot Medium, Times New Roman.

We did the entire layout and design of the book on Pagemaker 5.0 while the graphics were done on Aldus Freehand; due to much complaining about "lack of power" future graphics will be done on Corral Draw ... better late than never guys!

As for the human factors engineering aspects of producing this book, there were more than 30 cadets who helped with some aspect of the book. We kept them motivated by ungodly amounts of food, thank goodness for soda, chips, cookies, Burger King and pizza!

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Giving credit where credit is due ... Job well done!

Another year has passed and once again the Polaris yearbook staff managed to put together a book to record the year's events. This year, the book's production took on a new twist, there were the old veterans on both editing staff and photography staff that led the way however, the staff also attracted (and kept) the talents of many from the Class of 1997. Thanks so much you first-year-staffers (you know who you are) we couldn't have done it without you!

Once again Mike Brevard kept us on track by doing his section and playing Mr. Computer Support, he graduates in a year ... the staff is hoping to make his first assignment here (just a joke Mike). Scott Morris also deserves a quick mention, he not only took pictures but he became Sports Guy when the editor bailed out - great job. Although their clan has already been mentioned special thanks go out to Jen Tipton and Christophe Vasquez, between the two of them they helped on every aspect of the book! The best is yet to come you two!

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