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Graduation Day



Allen

Lt. Gen. James R. Allen

Academy Superintendent

Lt. Gen. James R. Allen began his tour as the seventh Academy Superintendent in August 1974.

Allen, a 1948 graduate of West Point, completed his fighter training at Nellis AFB, Nev. in 1949.

After serving with the 18th Fighter Group in the Philippines, where he flew the F-80C aircraft, and in Korea, where he flew two combat tours of duty in the P-51, Allen served as Aide to the Commander, Fifth Air Force.

Allen returned to the United States in October 1951 to fly the F-86A aircraft with the 71st Fighter Interceptor Squadron, and in 1953 he was assigned to the Military Academy, West Point, where he served as company tactical officer through 1956.

In February 1958 Allen was transferred to the Directorate for Plans, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, where he remained until his return to the United States in 1959 to attend the Army Command and General Staff College.

He was assigned to the Directorate of Plans, Headquarters United States Air Force, in the Pentagon in July 1960, and in August 1964 he entered the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

In July 1965 Allen was assigned to Eglin AFB,

Fla. where he activated and commanded the 4th Tactical Squadron. He then went to the Republic of Vietnam where he flew the F-4C aircraft as Deputy Commander for Operations of the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing at Cam Ranh Bay. Allen returned to the United States in January 1967 and became the Deputy Commander for Operations of the 3615th Pilot Training Wing at Craig AFB, Ala.

Allen returned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force in August 1968 as Assistant Deputy Director of Plans, and in August 1969 assumed duties as Deputy Director for Plans and Policy in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations. In January 1972 he became Commander of the 19th Air Division at Carswell AFB, Tex.

He assumed duties as Special Assistant to the Air Force Chief of Staff for B-1 matters in Washington, D.C., in January 1974.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and Army Commendation Ribbon.

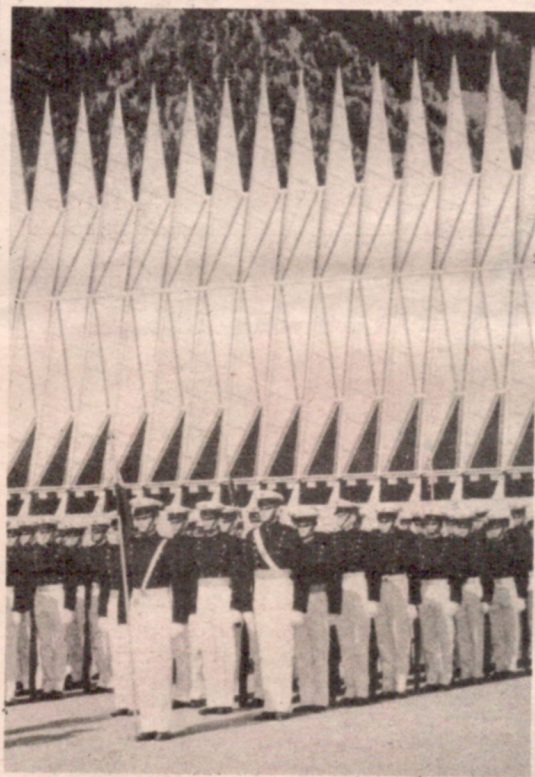
Schlesinger to receive cadet sabre

An Air Force Academy Cadet Wing ceremonial sabre will be presented Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger after his commencement speech to the Class of 1975 today.

Cadet Col. Bentley B. Rayburn of Creve Coeur, Mo., the cadet wing commander, will make the presentation.

The sabre is 35 inches long and is identical to the kind worn by members of the Cadet Wing Staff during parades and ceremonies. The sabre and a 31-inch scabbard are mounted on a dark walnut panel one foot wide and 47 inches long. Also adorning the panel are two polaris symbols and a metal relief plate of the cadet area.

A plaque on the panel bears the inscription, "Presented to the Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger, commencement speaker and honorary member of the 17th graduating class of the U.S. Air Force Academy, by the Class of 1975, 4 June, 1975."



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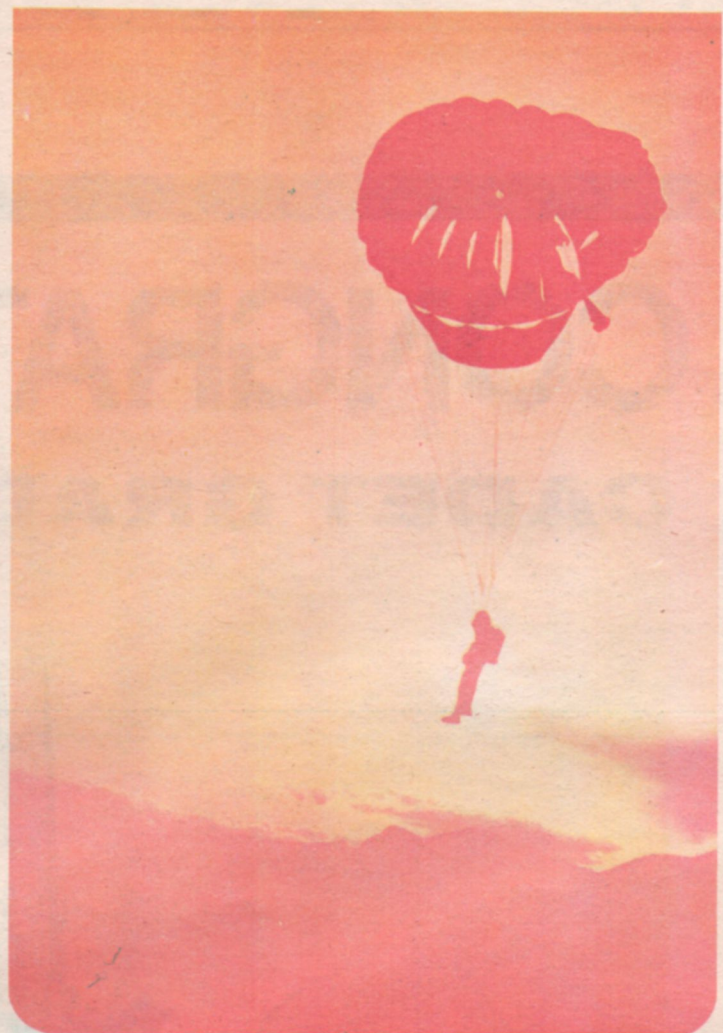
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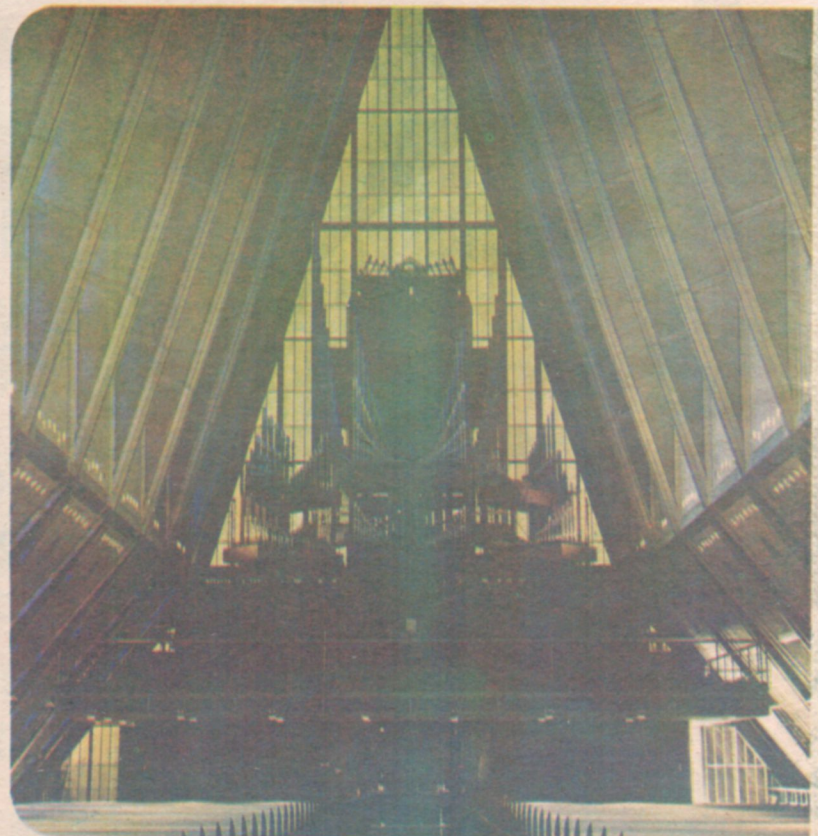


Skills are learned for safety and recreation



Aerial view of the cadet area

Academy chapel, a place for worship



The organ in the protestant chapel

Brig. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg

Commandant of Cadets

Brig. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg Jr. assumed the post of Academy Commandant of Cadets on Feb. 3, 1973.

He is the eighth man to fill the position since the Academy's inception in 1954.

Vandenberg succeeded Maj. Gen. (now Lt. Gen.) Walter T. Galligan who took command of the Air Force Security Service at Kelly AFB, Tex.

Vandenberg has been here since August 1972 when he was vice commandant of cadets. Before coming to the Academy he was commander of the 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Tex.

The son of the second Air Force Chief of Staff, he is a 1951 graduate of West Point. Until coming to the Academy his assignments have been both in the operational and senior staff areas.

The general commanded the 390th Tactical

Fighter Squadron at Da Nang AB, Vietnam from October 1966 to June 1967. There he flew 100 missions over North Vietnam and earned the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star and the Air Medal with 12 oak leaf clusters.

He also wears the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

In 1969, Vandenberg earned a master of science degree at George Washington University. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the National War College.

His assignments have also taken him to Arizona, Nevada, California, North Carolina, Germany and Washington, D. C., where he served in the office of the Director of Plans and the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



Vandenberg

Cadets follow father's military footsteps

When the Academy Class of 1975 is graduated today almost one third of the 750 young men will follow in the footsteps of military fathers.

As might be expected, the largest group of military parents are from the Air Force, but parents from the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air National Guard are also represented.

Within the Air Force group of 158 parents, six of the graduates are sons of active duty general officers. Fifty are sons of Air Force officers on active duty and 56 are sons of retired officers.

Air Force noncommissioned officers on active duty are the parents of 21 of the graduates, while 25 more are sons of retired NCOs.

One graduate is the son of an Army general on active duty, one is the son of a retired Army general, and 31 more graduates have an Army back-

ground. Eleven are sons of active duty Army officers, while 10 are sons of retired officers. Five graduates are sons of active duty Army noncommissioned officers, and five more are the sons of retired men, with two sons of active duty Navy officers, and five more sons of retired officers. Two graduates are sons of noncommissioned officers on active duty with the Navy, and four more are sons of retired NCOs.

The Marine Corps is represented by two graduates. One is the son of an active duty officer, and

the other is the son of an active noncommissioned officer.

The U. S. Coast Guard is represented by three graduates in the Class of 1975. One is the son of a retired officer, and the other two are sons of active duty Coast Guard noncommissioned officers.

Two graduates are the sons of Air National Guard fathers. One is the son of an active duty officer, and the other is the son of an active duty non-commissioned officer.

29th selected top squadron

The Academy's 29th Squadron was honored at the 15th Annual Outstanding Cadet Squadron Awards Banquet at the Broadmoor International Center Saturday.

Air Force Chief of Staff General David C. Jones was the guest speaker, and Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach served as master of ceremonies. The banquet was sponsored by the Air Force Association.

Although many awards are given during June Week, there is only one which measures all elements of cadet life and excellence by entire cadet squadron.

To be named the Outstanding Cadet Squadron, the unit must maintain high standards of performance in academics, athletics and military training during the course of the year.

Cadets First Class (seniors) William O. Ashcraft, Christopher A. Fillar and Kimberly C. Schwarz have served as the squadron's commanders during the year. Captain Michael W. Hovastak is the air officer commanding.

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TALON awarded All-America rating

On May 19th, the TALON, an Air Force Academy cadet published magazine, received recognition when it was awarded an "All-America" rating by the National Scholastic Press Association/Associated Collegiate Press.

This is only the second time in Academy history that the cadet magazine, which is published monthly, October through June, has received this top national collegiate magazine recognition.

On April 26, the cadet magazine was awarded First Place in General Excellence in the western regionals competition at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association's 51st annual

convention in Colorado Springs with colleges and universities from 10 Western states attending.

The cadet staff of the TALON were C1C D. Rick Douglas — Editor; C1C Steven J. Kent — Creativity Editor; C2C Donald D. Hall — Humor Editor; C3C Mark J. Fowler — Associate Editor and next year's editor; C3C John J. Michels Jr. — Sports Contributor; and Walter F. Hern — Features Contributor.

The Officer-in-Charge of the TALON is Maj. Leonard Clark, the non-commissioned officer in-charge is Sgt. Vern Miller, and Administrative Assistant is Ms. Becky Seykora.

Eight cadets accepted for commissions in other services

Eight members of the Air Force Academy graduating Class of 1975 have been accepted for commissions in other branches of the military services.

The Air Force will gain 16 new officers graduating from the military academy at West Point.

Four Air Force Academy graduates will be commissioned in the Navy; two will become Marine Corps officers and two will be commissioned in the Army.

Air Force Academy cadets who will accept Army commissions are Scott W. Baxter and Marvin E. Kobza.

Baxter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Baxter of Verona, Bucksport, ME., and Kobza is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Kobza, 228 W. Colden Ave., Cripple Creek, CO.

Marine Corps commissions will be accepted by Air Force Academy cadets Steven M. Palmer and Terry M. Symens.

Symens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Symens, 3846 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA. Palmer is the son of Lt. Col. (Ret) and Mrs. W. J. Palmer, 6613 Red Jacket Road, Springfield, VA.

The four Air Force Academy graduates who will be commissioned as ensigns in the Navy are Marc R. Lenci, Jerry L. Manthei, Edward M. McCollum and Allan H. Nash.

Lenci is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Lenci, 303 10th Ave., Britt, MN, and Manthei is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal O. Manthei, RR No. 3, Freeport, IL.

McCollum is the son of Lt. Col. (Ret) and Mrs. C. McCollum, 1010 Richville, Houston, TX, and Nash is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Allan M. Nash, 115 Glencoe Ave., Penn Yan, NY.

Among the 16 West Pointers who have been accepted for commissions in the U.S. Air Force, nine will go to the jet pilot training after graduation and win their silver pilot wings.

Three of the West Pointers will go to navigator training at Mather AFB after graduation, and four will be assigned to the Strategic Air Command as missile launch officers.

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Academy alumni total 9,400 with today's graduation

The ranks of the Academy alumni will increase to nearly 9,400 with the graduation today of 755 members of the Class of 1975.

This year's class is the 17th group of new officers to be commissioned since the initial class of 1959.

The new second lieutenants will be reporting to a variety of assignments including 488 to pilot training, 15 to helicopter training and 74 to navigator school. Another 20 graduates are slated to attend pilot training school after they earn their masters degrees under cooperative educational programs with civilian universities.

Additionally, one graduate will go to helicopter training and nine others will attend navigator schools after they receive their advanced degrees.

An additional 90 men will go directly to various assignments within the U. S. Air Force.

A total of 39 men will attend cooperative masters programs. Twenty-two of the Academy grads will attend medical school.

Of the total number of men graduating from the Academy this June, eight have chosen commissions in other military services. There will be four going to the Navy and two each to the Army and Marine Corps. There are three graduates from allied countries. One each from El Salvador, Chile and Uruguay. Two men who have completed four years of education at the Academy will be graduated but not commissioned for medical reasons.

Of the 8,596 graduates from the previous 16 classes, 6,648 continue to hold active duty commissions in the Air Force.

According to records, 274 are listed as deceased. Of that number 94 were killed in combat, 30 others are listed as missing in action in South-

east Asia. There were 25 other grads who died in Southeast Asia; however their deaths did not come in actual combat.

Other losses between graduation and present active duty rolls are attributed to voluntary resignations of commissions; medical separations and retirements; graduates selecting commissions in other service branches; and foreign grads returning to their home countries.

To date, 17 graduates have been promoted to the rank of colonel, the highest rank attained by a graduate on active duty. There have been six grads selected as White House Fellows.

Among Academy graduates who have earned military decorations there are 12 who hold the Air Force Cross, the second highest medal for bravery that can be awarded an airman.

Presently there are 230 former cadets assigned to the Air Force Academy.

Writing symposium winners announced

The Department of English and Fine Arts announced the winners of the 1975 Cadet Creative Writing Symposium last week. This year's winners and their entries have been published in *Icarus*, the annual cadet creative writing publication.

Cadets can enter five categories in the creative writing program—Poetry, short fiction, drama, essay, and drawing. Each entry is read and evaluated by a minimum of three judges from the English and Fine Arts Department who do not know the identity of the author.

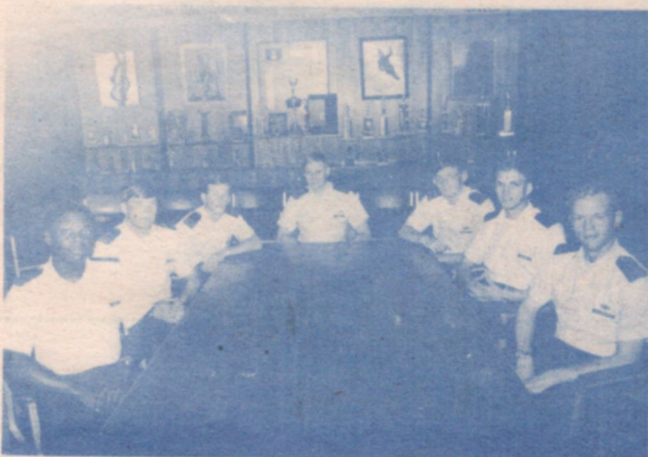
The three best entries in each category are awarded first, second, and third places, and these and other selected entries are published in *Icarus*.

In the Poetry Division, 2Lt. Edward M. Whalen placed first with his poem "Heritage." Whalen, who submitted his winning entry during the Spring semester of his first class year, is now stationed in Germany. C1C Steven J. Kent, 34th Sq., won second place for his poem "Rues de Nouvelle Orleans." C2C Harold C. Manson, 26th Sq. earned third place for his entry "Aida Dressed Like a Communist."

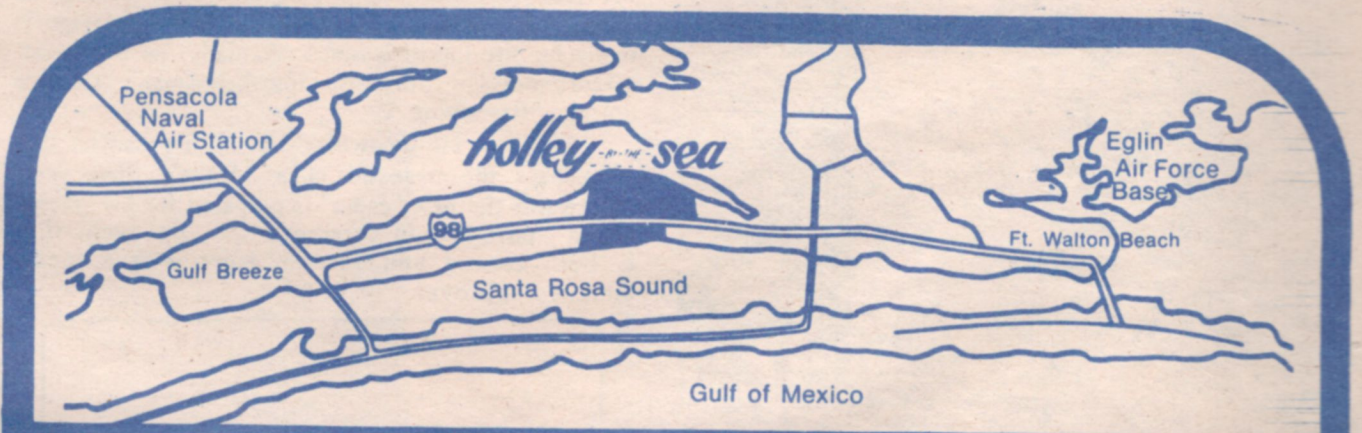
In the Short Fiction category, C4C Timothy B. Antozzi, 32nd Sq. received first place for his story "The Unwanted Element." C1C Paul S. Killingsworth, 4th Sq. won second for "Career Officer," and C2C Charles S. McHenry received third place for "My Coming Home."

Placing in the Creative Drawing category were C1C David L. Fleming, 24th Sq., who took first place for his sketch of a prairie facon entitled "The Hunter"; C2C Robert Niedzwiecki, 16th Sq. received second place for his drawing "Share the Land"; and C3C Steven S. McGuire, 14th Sq. won third place for his surrealistic "Hunter."

The annual Cadet Creative Writing Symposium, sponsored by the Department of English and Fine Arts, begins in October and continues through January. This year's *Icarus* is deemed an American Revolution Bicentennial publication.



WINNERS — The winners of this years creative writing symposium are: (from left to right) C4C Timothy Antozzi, 32nd sq., C1C Paul Killingsworth, 4th sq., C2C Charles McHenry, 1st sq., C1C David Fleming, 24th sq., C2C Robert Niedzwiecki, 16th sq., C3C Steven McGuire, 14th sq. and C2C Harold Manson, 26th sq. Not shown in the photo but also winners are C1C Steven Kent, 34th sq. and now 2nd Lt. Edward Whalen who is stationed in Germany. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



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Although this sounds as if it were directly from a war movie, it isn't. It's an event that 32 fourthclassmen of the 37th squadron participated in recently, during "Retraining Week" activities.

Steeped in history and based on fact, the original event occurred during the Cuban War when 1st Lt. Andrew S. Rowan of the U.S. Army's 19th Infantry Division was ordered by President William McKinley on March 27, 1898 to carry an important message to the leader of the Cuban insurgents, General Calixto Garcia.

All through his journey, Rowan was sent to different partisans that escorted him. Some tried to relieve him of his message. Failing to do so, they directed him to General Garcia.

Starting in 1969, a cadet firstclassman, majoring in history, recommended a re-creation of this event for underclassmen.

The tradition allows for an upperclassman of the 37th squadron to "guide" a fourthclassman through rough terrain, making contact with different "partisans" that direct him to the next point. Finally, after running the entire course, the fourthclassman presents the message to "General Garcia," portrayed this year by Brig. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, commandant of cadets. Upon presenting the message to "Garcia" it turns out that, ironically, the message is really for the fourthclassman. Actually it's a congratulatory message from the fourthclassman's sponsor during "Retraining Week."

This is a custom within the 37th squadron that symbolizes the near-end of a "doolie's" first year. Afterwards the new "cadet" is prepared for his "recognition" parade and ceremony . . . an event that is both earned and sure to meet with General Garcia's approval.



Partisan trying to intercept the message.



Messenger being guided by his firstclassman sponsor.

Story & Photos
by
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The journey ends. General Garcia (Brig. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, commandant of cadets)

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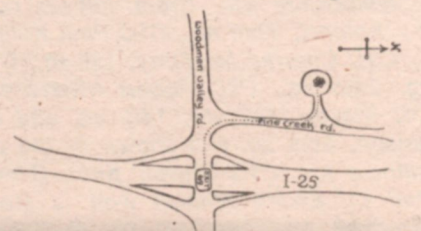
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Brig. Gen. William T. Woodyard

Dean of Faculty

Brig. Gen. William T. Woodyard became the second permanent Dean of Faculty at the Academy Aug. 1, 1968.

He succeeded Brig. Gen. Robert F. McDermott, who retired July 31, 1968.

Woodyard has been a member of the Academy faculty and staff since the institution was founded in 1954. An associate of chemistry since 1955, he was appointed a permanent professor at the Academy in 1958 and vice dean of faculty in 1967.

In pursuit of a career in education, the general obtained a bachelor of science degree at the University of Missouri in 1950, and was subsequently awarded a master of science degree in chemistry there in 1951.

The University of Denver awarded Woodyard a doctorate in higher education in 1965. He is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington.

He spent 3 1/2 years at West Point as an instructor and as associate professor of chemistry and physics.

He had been selected for the Air War College, but chose, instead, to join the emerging faculty at the Air Force Academy, then at an interim site at Lowry, AFB.

Woodyard served with distinction as chairman of the Academy Accreditation Steering Committee and succeeded in having the Academy curriculum recognized among institutions of higher learning before the first class graduated.



Woodyard

Awards presented for academic majors

Awards for outstanding achievement in academic majors were presented Monday to 18 members of the Academy graduating Class of 1975.

The awards were presented at the Scholastic Honors Ceremony in the Academy's Cadet Field House.

The Outstanding Cadet in Aeronautical Engineering Award was won by Jon R. Turner, of Huntington Beach, Calif.

John D. Howard, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is the Outstanding Cadet in Astronautical Engineering.

The Outstanding Cadet in Behavioral Sciences is Scott A. Hammond, Lancaster, Ohio.

Randolph J. Mason, Satellite Beach, Fla., won the Outstanding Cadet in Chemistry Award.

David A. Sprenkle, Pittsburgh is the Outstanding Cadet in Civil Engineering.

The Outstanding Cadet in Computer Science Award was won by Larry W. Bryant, Albuquerque.

The Outstanding Cadet in Economics is James McBride, Alamo, Calif.

David A. Anhalt, Waverly, Iowa, won the Outstanding Cadet in Electrical Engineering Award.

The Outstanding Cadet in Engineering Mechanics Award went to Jose R. Castro, San Salvador, El Salvador.

Peter C. Losi, Bethel Park, Pa., won the Outstanding Cadet in Engineering Sciences Award.

Ted A. Hilbun, Memphis, Tenn., is the Outstanding Cadet in General Studies.

The Outstanding Cadet in Geography is Paul S. Killingsworth, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Philip T. Piontek, Neptune Beach, Fla., won the Outstanding Cadet in History Award.

The Outstanding Cadet in International Affairs Award was won by Martin E. Miller, Great Bend, Kan.

William C. Weiderman, Chillicothe, Ohio,

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CIC William K. Davis, son of Mrs. Florine M. Goodman, Downey, Calif., is the top graduate in the Air Force Academy graduating Class of 1975.

Davis also won the second highest honor in the class — the Academic Achievement Award.

Davis and 750 other young men will be graduated today with a bachelor of science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Following graduation Davis will enter the University of California at Los Angeles to study for a master's degree in management. He had attended UCLA for two years, 1969-71, before he entered the Academy.

Davis compiled a 3.97 grade point average (4.0=A) during his four years at the Academy. He was on the Superintendent's List for excellence in academics and military training for all eight semesters.

He was station manager for KAFA, the cadet 10-watt radio station, and belonged to the Catholic choir and chorale, and the economics/management, amateur radio, navigation and photo clubs.

A 1969 graduate of North High School in Torrance Calif., Davis was his class valedictorian, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. He was also offered scholarships from the Air Force and Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, Junior Achievement and Elks. In addition he lettered in baseball and football.

During his two years at UCLA he was on the Dean's List.

The top graduate award (Military Order of Merit) is presented in memory of Lieutenant Generals Hubert R. and Millard F. Harmon by the Daedalian Foundation.

General Hubert Harmon was the Air Force Academy's first superintendent, serving from 1954-56 after being recalled from retirement by President Eisenhower to fill the post.

Davis' Academic Achievement Award is sponsored by the American Legion in memory of General Muir S. Fairchild.

Entering this country's air service in 1917, General Fairchild was Air Force vice chief of staff in 1948.

The Academy is a four-year college dedicated to training career Air Force officers.

Grad school is in the future for many graduates

Sixty-nine members of the Class of '75 will attend graduate school this year through fellowships, scholarships and cooperative graduate programs.

Fellowships and scholarships were won by six of the former cadets, 23 will go to medical schools and 40 will be attending various universities under the cooperative master's degree program.

Guggenheim Fellowships were awarded to three young men. David A. Anhalt, Waverly, Iowa, and Randall G. Joslin, Montpelier, Vt., will enter Princeton University while Michael L. Heil, Crofton, Md., will study at Columbia University. Anhalt's speciality is aerospace propulsion sciences, Joslin's is jet propulsion sciences and Heil's is flight structures sciences.

Peter C. Losi, Bethel Park, Pa., will attend Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh under a Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Fellowship. He will earn a master's degree in materials science.

A Franklin C. Wolfe Fellowship was awarded to Steven E. Else, Richardson, Tex. He will study history at the University of Indiana.

Joseph M. Debes, Evanville, Ind., was awarded a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Scholarship to study physics at Ohio State University.

The universities, number of cadets and courses of studies included in the cooperative graduate program are: Purdue, 9, aeronautical engineering, astronautical engineering and behavioral science; Univer-

sity of California at Los Angeles, 12, computer science, operations research and management; University of California at Berkeley, 3, electrical engineering; Georgia Institute of Technology, 3, engineering mechanics; Michigan State University, 1, engineering of Michigan, 2, economics; University of Pittsburgh, 4, economics and political science; University of Indiana, 4, history; Ohio State University, 1, physics; and University of Illinois, 1, civil engineering.

The medical schools and the number of graduates attending are: Tulane University, 6; University of Texas, Southwestern, 3; Georgetown University, 2; and one each to the University of Miami; Chicago University; University of Texas at Galveston; Hahneman Medical College; Medical College of Wisconsin; Rush Medical College; New Jersey Medical College; New Jersey Medical School; University of Missouri; University of California at San Francisco; University of Texas at Houston; Albany Medical College; and State University of New York, Upstate Medical Center.



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Awards presented to cadets in specific academic fields

Awards for outstanding achievement in specific academic fields and departments were presented Monday to 17 members of the Academy graduating Class of 1975.

The awards were presented at the Scholastic Honors Ceremony held at the Academy's Cadet Field House.

Stanley P. Siefke, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla., won the Outstanding Cadet in Aerodynamics and Flight Mechanics Award.

Three cadets win Guggenheim Fellowships

Three Academy first classmen have been awarded Guggenheim Fellowship for advanced education and research in flight structures.

They are Randall G. Joslin, David A. Anhalt and Michael L. Heil.

Nine or more Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Fellowships are awarded each year for graduate study at three major centers of research and development in rockets, space flight and flight structures. The purpose of the fellowship is to train students for engineering and scientific leadership in the development of space flight, rocket propulsion and flight structures.

Four or more of the Jet Propulsion Fellowships are presented for study at Princeton University. Joslin and Anhalt will study there.

Heil received one of the more than three Flight Structure Fellowships to Columbia University.

The three cadets were the unanimous choice of the eight-man Graduate Scholarship Committee. Of the 15 cadets who applied for graduate scholarships, 12 sought Guggenheim Fellowships.

The Academy has produced 17 Guggenheim Fellows in its history. There has been at least one recipient each year except 1968 and 1970 since the Academy began graduating officers in 1959.

The Guggenheim Fellowship is recognized as the most prestigious engineering fellowship in the country.

Stephen M. Keen, Rowley, Mass., is the Outstanding Cadet in Basic Sciences.

John D. Howard, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., won the Outstanding Cadet in Engineering Award.

George B. Martin Jr., Newburyport, Mass., was selected the Outstanding Cadet in English.

Patrick E. Rupey, Estes Park, Colo., won the Outstanding Cadet in Far Eastern Languages Award.

The Outstanding Cadet in French Language Award went to Randall G. Joslin, Montpelier, Vt.

Steven R. Else, Richardson, Tex., won the Outstanding Cadet in German Language and in Humanities Awards.

The Outstanding Cadet in Intercollegiate Speech Award was won by Alex Limanni, Gibbstown, N.J.

The Outstanding Cadet in Law and in Political Science Awards was won by William E. Hughes III, Kenosha, Wis.

Richard A. McIntosh, Coos Bay, Ore., is the Outstanding Cadet in Military History.

David Tillotson III, San Antonio, won the Outstanding Cadet in National Security Studies Award.

The Outstanding Cadet in Philosophy Award went to James P. Waller, Anchorage, Alaska.

Michael J. Mark, Ruston, La., is the Outstanding Cadet in Russian Language.

Alison L. Piotter, Colorado Springs, Colo., won the Outstanding Cadet in Spanish Language Award.

Perry L. Lamy, Manchester, N. H., was selected the Outstanding Cadet in Thermodynamics and Propulsion.

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There will be a total of 61 cadet weddings almost immediately after cadet graduation at the Air Force Academy today.

Fifty-five of the weddings will be performed in the Cadet Chapel while six others will take place at the Community Center Chapel.

Weddings scheduled include 34 Catholic and 27 Protestant. Thirty-four of the brides of the newly commissioned Second Lieutenants are from Colorado.

The betrothed are:

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BICENTENNIAL FLAG — Colorado Lieutenant Governor George Brown, third from the right, and Joseph R. Albi, second from the right, regional director of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, presented the Academy the national bicentennial flag and plaque in ceremonies on the Cadet Parade Ground Monday. Accepting the awards on behalf of the Academy were Lt. Gen. James R. Allen, second from left, Academy superintendent and Brig. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Jr., left, commandant of cadets.

Academy recognized as National Bicentennial Site

The Air Force Academy is the first military academy, and the first military installation, to receive dual recognition as a National Bicentennial Site.

The designations were made by Colorado Lieutenant Governor George Brown, on behalf of the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission, and Joseph R. Albi, regional director of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA).

Brown and Albi presented certificates and the national bicentennial flag to Lt. Gen. James R. Allen, Academy superintendent, during Monday's Organizational Awards Parade. The Academy was singled out for its bicentennial programs in the Bicentennial College and University division and as a specific Bicentennial Military Installation.

The bicentennial flag carries the

ARBA symbol, a white five-point star set against a larger second star of continuous red, white and blue stripes. The double star represents the two centuries which have passed since the American Revolution. It is also meant to evoke a feeling of festivity and suggests the furled bunting traditionally used in celebrations throughout the nation.

Its contemporary design is in keeping with the goals of the bicentennial--"to forge a new national commitment, a new spirit for '76, a spirit which will unite the nation in purpose and dedication to the advancement of human welfare as it moves into its third century."

The flag will be displayed at the Academy and carried by Academy honor guards at ceremonies throughout the bicentennial observance period.

Three cadets graduating today are from foreign countries

Three foreign students are among the approximately 750 cadets in the Class of 1975 who will graduate today at the Academy.

The graduates are Jose Ricardo Castro of San Salvador, El Salvador; Hernan Francisco Echaurren of Santiago, Chile; and Rodolfo Saavedra-Ferrere of Montevideo, Uruguay.

Allied students are not commissioned in the U. S. Air Force upon graduation, but they do receive bachelor of science degrees.

According to law, as many as 20 citizens from American Republics may be enrolled at the Academy, although not more than three from one country at one time. Requirements for admission are essentially the same for allied students as for United States cadets.

Cadet Castro is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricard Castro of San Salvador, El Salvador.

After his Academy graduation today, Castro will return to San Salvador where he will be commissioned in the El Salvadorean Air Force.

While at the Academy, Castro was named to the Dean's List all eight semesters and to the Commandant's List for three.

He was a member of the Catholic Choir, treasurer of the Math and Spanish Clubs, and a member of CAFPOW (Cadets Are For Prisoners of War).

During his final semester he held the rank of cadet captain as the safety officer on the 1st Group staff.

Cadet Echaurren is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Jorge L. Echaurren of Santiago, Chili.

Following his Academy graduation, he will report to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study for a master's degree in economics.

At the Academy, Echaurren was active in the Cadet Ski, Foreign Language and Engineering Management Clubs. He was the honor representative for the 10th Cadet Squadron.

On the Superintendent's List twice while at the Academy, Echaurren has been on the Dean's List for academic excellence all four years.

Cadet Rodolfo Saavedra, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos A. Saavedra of Montevideo, Uruguay.

In 1970, Saavedra completed a year at the Saerado Corazon Preparatory School in Uruguay prior to coming to the Air Force Academy.

Today Saavedra will receive a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering at commencement exercises in Falcon Stadium. He has been on the Dean's List for six semesters for academic excellence.

At the Academy, Saavedra was president of the Spanish branch of the Foreign Language Club and was a member of the Cadet Ski Club.

His post graduate plans call for Saavedra to go to the University of California at Los Angeles to earn a master's degree in electrical engineering. Later, when he returns home to Uruguay, he will work in the engineering field.

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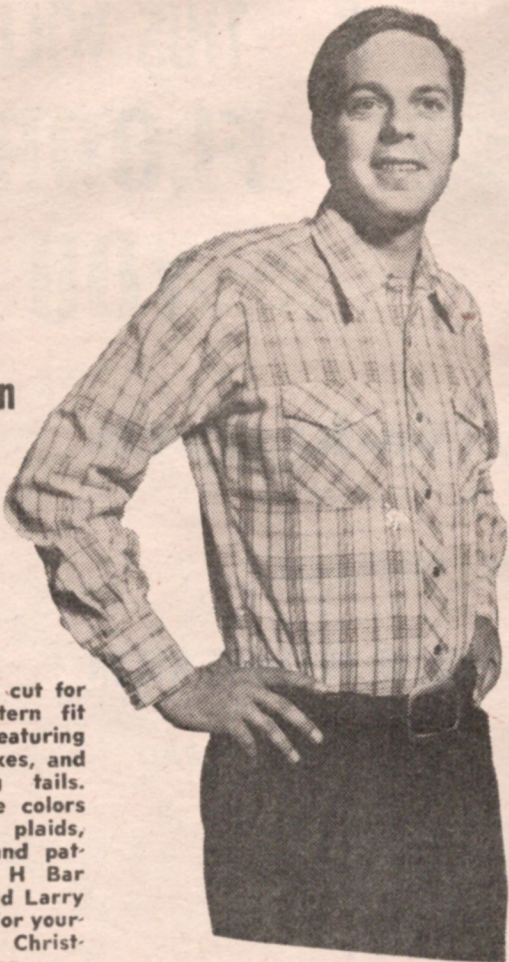
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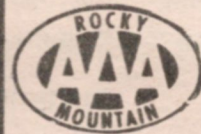
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long stretches uninhabited by man or beast. Those petro stops that wear the sign "Last Chance" are often just that. If you're planning on doing some touring - which you really ought to do - be sure you're adequately stocked with fuel, water and other essentials of automotive progress.

Finally, Colorado's summertime highways are mostly populated by tourists. It is not uncommon for the car immediately ahead to stop in the middle of the road. The next scene is the driver (with eighteen cameras hanging from his shoulders) hopping out - followed shortly by seven kids, who rapidly disperse in seven different directions along the highway. The final scene reveals 2/3 of the tread from your brand new \$300radials lying smoking along a about 380 feet of Colorado summertime highway.

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Distinguished Graduates

Fifty-four cadets were selected as distinguished graduates for the Class of 1975.

Academy regulation limits the number of distinguished graduates to seven per cent of the graduating class.

Every cadet is given a numerical, general order of merit for each year at the Academy. Selections are based on this order of merit with greatest emphasis placed on senior year and least emphasis on the fourth class year.

The list is then approved by the Academy Board.

Class of 1975 distinguished grads are:

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THANKS — Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Jr., commandant of cadets, presents a certificate of appreciation to Cadets D. J. Lain, chairman of the Cadet Public Relations Committee (right) and Doug Knox, CIC of Operations Christmas and Easter. Project Head Start forwarded the award to the Cadet Public Relations Committee in recognition of the 1,100 cadets who gave Christmas and Easter to 1,700 underprivileged children in the area. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Individual and organizational awards presented

Members of the Academy graduating Class of 1975 and cadet organizations received awards for accomplishments in leadership positions and military training Monday at the Organizational Awards Parade and Individual Awards Ceremony.

The top award went to Bentley B. Rayburn, Creve Coeur, Mo., for outstanding accomplishments as Cadet Wing Commander during the 1974-75 academic year.

Other winners were:

Outstanding Cadet Group Commander — Mark K. Holmes, Salem, Ore., commander of Cadet Group 2.

Outstanding Cadet Squadron Commander — Jay R. Wallace II, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., commander of Cadet Squadron 11, spring semester 1975.

Outstanding Cadet in Airmanship — Scott A. Hammond, Lancaster, Ohio.

Outstanding Cadet in Military Training — Donald W. Henney III, Hacienda Heights, Calif.

Outstanding Cadet in Navigation — Alison L. Piotter, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Outstanding Cadet in Powered Flight — Chris R. Glaeser, El Cajon, Calif.

Outstanding Cadet in Parachuting — Scott H. Spring, Muncy, Pa.

Cadet Honor Committee Chairman Award — Timothy G. Murphy, Whittier, Calif.

Cadet Professional Ethics Committee Chairman Award — William R. Clark, Alton, Ill.

Cadet Who Best Exemplifies the Highest Ideals of Loyalty, Integrity and Courage — Stephen J. Pitotti, Beckley, W. Va.

Cadet Showing Most Advancement in Military Training and Leadership — William O. Ashcraft, Silver City, N.M.

The organizational awards were:

Cadet Group 3, Outstanding Group—Richard L. Layman, Galion, Ohio, was group commander for 1974-75.

Cadet Squadron 29, Outstanding Squadron and Drill and Ceremonies—Squadron commanders during the year were William O. Ashcraft, Silver City, N.M.; Kimberly C. Schwarz, Home Kan.; and Christopher A. Fillar, North Versailles, Pa.

Cadet Squadron 21, Academic Achievement --Commanders were John E. Vandendries Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.; Michael R. Witherspoon, Weatherford, Tex.; and Bruce K. Edstrom, White Bear Lake, Minn.

Cadet Squadron 16, Military Proficiency — Commanders were Lawrence R. Dowling, Ocala, Fla.; Kurt F. Bock, LeRoy, Ill.; and Roderick R. Kallman, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Cadet Squadron 38, Intercollegiate Athletics — Commanders were James R. Heald, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Michael J. Mark, Ruston, La.; and Stephen J. Pitotti, Beckley, W. Va.

Cadet Squadron 24, Intramural Athletics — Commanders were Larry D. Crenshaw, Indianapolis, Ind.; David L. Fleming, Quarry Heights, Canal Zone; and Marc R. Hallada, Crystal Falls, Mich.

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Col. Frank E. Merritt

Director of Athletics

A former West Point All-America, Col. Frank E. Merritt, heads the athletic and physical education program at the Academy.

Merritt, director for Athletics, was no stranger to the Academy when he assumed the post in June 1967. He was a member of the Department of Athletics when the Academy first opened its doors 20 years ago at Lowry AFB, Colo.

Merritt served as assistant director from 1954-59. He graduated from West Point on D-Day. While at the Military Academy, he played varsity football under Col. Earl (Red) Blaik and was a starting tackle on the Army team during 1942 and 1943. Merritt earned All-America honors for his performance.

After his Academy tour, Merritt commanded the

40th Troop Carrier Squadron in France. During this time he was the first airlift commander at Leopoldville, Congo, in support of the United Nations Operations there.

Merritt was also commander for the airlift of U.S. troops into Kindu and Goma, and for transporting Ethiopian troops into Katanga.

From 1961 through 1962 Merritt was chief Air Transport Division, Headquarters USAF, and was vitally involved in troop movement during the Berlin Crisis.

Returning to the United States in 1963, he attended the Naval War College and earned his Master of Arts degree in International Affairs from George Washington University.



Merritt

Most valuable players

Micheletti takes top honor at Athletic Banquet

Gerry Micheletti took the top honors at the 20th annual Athletic Awards Banquet Monday night at the Academy.

Micheletti, a senior from Hibbing, Minn., who was an outstanding defenseman on the ice hockey team, took the top honor when he was named the Academy's Most Valuable Athlete. He also was selected as the Most Valuable Ice Hockey Player.

Micheletti was a four-year letterman who led the Falcons' to a 24-5-1 record last winter, best mark in Academy ice hockey history and one of the best records in the nation. Although a defenseman, he tied for third in scoring last season with 50 points and wound up as the eighth leading career scorer with 127 points.



Micheletti

Senior Rick McAlister of Madera, Calif., received two awards -- Athletic Excellence and the Most Valuable Swimmer Award. One of the top divers in the nation, he compiled a 94-0 dual meet record and four times earned All-America honors from the National Collegiate Athletic Association, winning the national collegiate three-meter diving title in 1974.

Senior Larry Bryant of Albuquerque, N.M., received the Scholar Athletic Award, which goes to the graduating varsity athlete who has shown excellence in academics as well as athletics. A three-year letterman on the baseball team, Bryant compiled a 3.95 cumulative in a mathematics major.

The Athletic Leadership Award was presented to senior Mike Mark of Shreveport, La., for his character and conduct on the playing field. A three-year football letterman as a tailback and defensive back. Mark also was selected as the Most Valuable Football Back.

Another double award winner was senior Len Salvemini of Daly City, Calif., who received a Special Award for his four years of Academy athletic competition as well as being selected the Most Valuable Soccer Player for the second year. A two-time All-America, Salvemini has already been selected to play on the U.S. Pan-American and Olympic teams.

The majority of the awards presented at the banquet were to the most valuable athlete in each of the 18 intercollegiate sports.

Winners included:

M.V. BASEBALL PLAYER— Junior Jeff Brown of Escondido, Calif. An Academic All-America in 1974, Brown has led the team in batting for three straight seasons, posting a .419 average this

season. He already holds the Academy career record for home runs and runs batted in.

M.V. BASKETBALL PLAYER — Senior Dan Kraft of Canton, Ohio. A team co-captain, Kraft led the team in scoring last season with an average of 16.3 point per game and set Academy free throw shooting records for the season and career.

M.V. CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER — Senior Pat Rupel of Dallas, Tex. The team captain, Rupel was one of the team's top runners and through his leadership helped the squad post a winning record.

M.V. FENCER — Senior Russell Newland of Atlanta, Ga. The top athlete in foil last season, he won the Western Collegiate title and posted a 30-7 record, later competing in the national collegiate championships.

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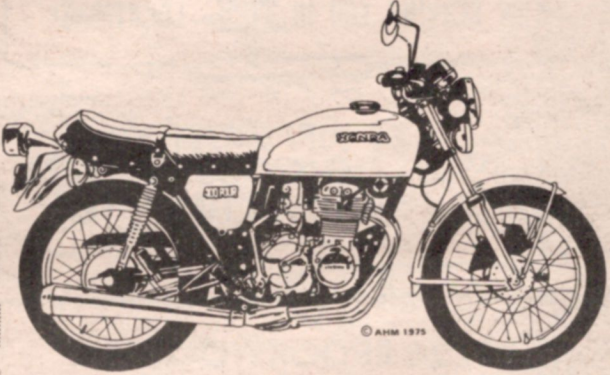
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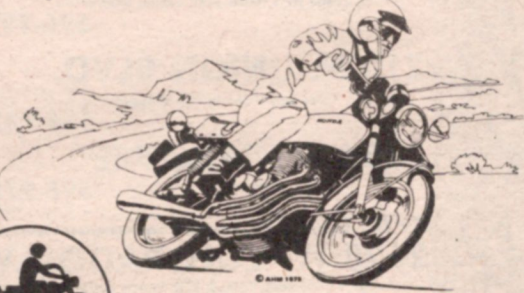
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velop such traits as persistence, will to win, aggressiveness and courage — all characteristic of a good leader. The Academy curriculum is divided into three main areas: academics, military training and athletics. A cadet must excel in all three areas to earn his second lieutenant commission and bachelor of science degree.

Eighteen intercollegiate sports are played and represent the highest form of competition for cadet athletes. Varsity teams compete against some of the top teams in the nation in football, cross country, soccer, water polo, basketball, fencing, rifle, pistol, ice hockey, gymnastics, indoor track, wrestling, swimming, baseball, outdoor track, lacrosse, golf and tennis.

Despite this extensive program, Academy athletes have held their own in competition, winning 70.3 per cent of their contests during the last seven years, one of the top winning marks in the nation. The past school year was the best in school history with the 31 varsity and junior varsity teams posting a winning percentage of 73.9 per cent.

YEAR	W	L	T	PCT
1968-69	269	116	1	.698
1969-70	275	98	3	.735
1970-71	239	128	3	.650
1971-72	258	125	3	.668
1972-73	262	112	1	.700
1973-74	289	112	2	.720
1974-75	298	104	4	.739

The Intramural program is conducted by cadets under the supervision of the Department of Physical Education. Each cadet squadron fields a team in each of 16 sports — tackle football, soccer, tennis, flickerball, lacrosse, boxing, wrestling, water polo, handball, squash, rugby, basketball, swimming, cross country, team handball and volleyball.

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Most valuable players

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M.V. FOOTBALL LINEMAN— Senior Terry Young of Green Bay, Wis. At 6-7 the tallest player in Falcon football history, Young was also one of the best, coming up with 123 tackles as a defensive tackle to tie for the team lead.

M.V. FOOTBALL PLAYER— Senior Bob Farr of Glendale, Calif. One of the top pass receivers in school history, Farr was a split end who led the team in pass catching last fall with 32 catches, and played for the West team in the East-West Shrine game.

M.V. GOLFER— Junior Jeff Sogard of Duluth, Minn. The team captain, Sogard had the best average on the team at 76.5 and also was the runnerup in the Rocky Mountain Invitational Tournament.

M.V. GYMNAST— Senior Bruce Edstrom of White Bear Lake, Minn. The team captain and a two-year letterman, Edstrom was the Falcons' top athlete in rings last season and placed third in the Western Independent Championships.

M.V. LACROSSE PLAYER— Senior Kip Peterson of Denver, Colo. The team captain, Peterson ranked as one of the top goalies in Falcon lacrosse history, holding several school records in that area, and led the team to a 10-2 record.

M.V. MARKSMAN-PISTOL— Senior Stanley Siefke of Homestead AFB, Fla. An All-America athlete, Siefke won the national intercollegiate pistol title and helped the Falcons win the national team title.

M.V. MARKSMAN-RIFLE— Senior Joseph O'Brien of San Antonio, Tex. O'Brien maintained the

highest match average on the team and also won the Wyoming Invitational.

M.V. TENNIS— Junior Steve Skidmore of Amarillo, Tex. Skidmore led the team with a 19-4 record in singles in addition to a 14-8 mark as a doubles player, helping the squad post one of the best records in its history at 18-7.

M.V. TRACKMAN— Senior Dick McIntosh of Coos Bay, Ore. The indoor team captain, McIntosh held several school records as a hurdler and won the award for the second straight year. He also was a member of the 240-yard shuttle hurdles relay team that set a world indoor record of 27.6 last winter.

OUTSTANDING TRACK COMPETITOR— Senior Mark Modrich of Roseville, Mich. A three-year letterman, Modrich was a 440-yard runner whose desire and determination made him one of the top competitors on the team. He was a member of the one-mile relay team that ran in the national collegiate indoor championships.

M.V. WATER POLO PLAYER— Senior Ben Phillips of Honolulu, Hawaii. The team captain Phillips was the Falcons all-time scorer and also won this award in 1973. He led the team in scoring all four of his varsity seasons.

M.V. WRESTLER— Senior Bob Orwig of Atlanta, Ga. A four-time letterman and the team captain, Orwig was the team's high scorer and placed fifth in the 190-pound class of the national collegiate championships to earn All-America honors.

Featured speaker at the banquet was Dr. Kenneth McFarland, nationally-known speaker who is a guest lecturer for General Motors Corporation.

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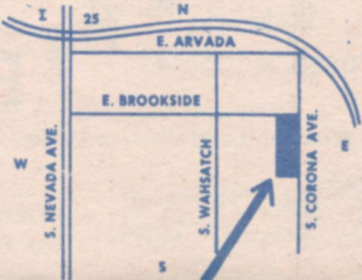
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It was another banner year for athletic teams at the Academy.

During the past school year, Falcon athletes won 73 per cent of their contests.

Counting varsity, junior varsity and freshmen teams, the 32-team overall mark consisted of 298 victories, 101 losses and four ties.

Sport by sport, here is how it went.

Football

With one of the most frustrating seasons in school history now a thing of the past, Air Force Academy football starts looking forward to the 1975 season and the prospect of once again moving into the winner's circle.

The Falcons wound up with a 2-9 record after falling to Notre Dame, 38-0, on Nov. 23 but the record was far more deceptive than indicated.

The Falcons lost seven games by margins of a touchdown or less and most of the games went into the final minute of play.

For example, the Oregon game was decided with 1:27 to play, the Colorado loss went to the final 13 seconds, the setback at Army was decided by a field goal with 17 seconds to play and Arizona scored with only 11 seconds to play to wrap up the victory.

Of the nine losses, one was by seven points, two by four-point margins, one by three points, one by two points and a pair of games, Colorado and Army, were one-point losses.

It was a season of continual frustration but on the other hand were also bright spots. Here are a few:

- The kicking game of Dave Lawson will long be remembered. The strong-legged junior from Shawnee-Mission, Kan., set a national collegiate record with 19 field goals and later was named All-America.

- The running of tailback Ken Wood made him one of the top rushers with 708 yards on 203 carries, the most yardage ever gained by a sophomore running back in school history. He also was the second-leading rusher with nine touchdowns for 54 points.

- Of the 44 players on the top two units, a total of 33 will return next season, giving coach Ben Martin a solid nucleus for the 1975 season.

- Defensively, junior rover Ray Wild and senior Terry Young tied for the most number of tackles with 123 apiece but there also was the emergence of some new faces among the defenders. Two of the most notable were sophomores Mark Kenney, a middle guard, and Brian Carney, a linebacker. Kenney was the third-leading tackler with 103 while Carney had 68.

- Last but certainly not least, the Falcons wound up with a share of the Commander in Chief's Trophy as Air Force, Army and Navy each finished with 1-1 marks in trophy competition. Air Force edged Navy 19-16, on Lawson's field goal with eight seconds to play, Army nipped Air Force 17-16 also on a late field goal; then Navy blanked Army, 19-0. The trophy however, will remain in Navy's possession since they won it in 1973.

Ice Hockey

One of the best records in the nation, and certainly the best in the ice hockey history of the Air Force Academy, has been posted by the Falcon hockey team.

The Falcons of coach John Matchefts wound up with a record of 24 victories, only five losses and one tie. From a percentage standpoint, the record was slightly better than the 25-6 mark post by the Falcon team of 1971-72.

The Falcons posted a 17-1 record at home this winter, including a 13-game winning streak that will carry over into next season. At one point the Falcons won 10 straight games, a school record.

Season highlights included victories over nationally-ranked New Hampshire, 7-6 in overtime, in the season opener and a pair of victories over another nationally-ranked team, Colorado College, 1-0 and 7-6, also in overtime.

Sophomore Chuck Delich of Eveleth, Minn., led the team in scoring for the second straight year with 64 points, including 38 goals, also the team high. As was the case last season, he will wind up among the top goal producers in the nation. His two-year total of 131 points moves him to seventh on the Falcon all-time scoring list.

Delich, also the holder of several school records, bettered one of those this season when he scored seven hat tricks, two more than the old record he set during the 1973-74 season. Although playing only two seasons, his 12 hat tricks is a Falcon career mark.

Senior goalie Al Morrison of White Bear Lake, Minn., once again was the top netminder and had his best season, stopping 88.3 per cent of opponents' shots, one of the best averages in school history.

Basketball

A winning spurt at the end of the season has given the Air Force Academy basketball team its second winning season in three years.

The Falcons of coach Hank Egan won their last three games to wind up with a 13-12 season

record and one of the best defensive marks in the nation.

The Academy wound up with an 8-5 home mark but had its best road record in 11 years when it finished with a 5-7 mark, equal to the road record set by the 1964 team.

Air Force Academy also wound up as one of the top defensive teams in the nation for the third straight year by surrendering only 63.0 points per game, a figure that probably will place the Falcons in the top 10 on team defense when final national collegiate statistics are released.

Also figuring in the national statistics was senior guard Dan Kraft, who set a school season mark by making 83 of 95 free throws for an 87.4 per cent average, a statistic that will place him among the top five in the nation in the final statistics. Kraft also set a school career free throwing shooting mark by making 116 of 138 for an 84.1 percentage, easily above the old record of 80.2 set by John Judd in the 1960's.

Kraft also wound up as the leading scorer with 407 for a 16.3 average and his career total of 752 points moved him to 11th on the Falcons' all-time scoring list.

Fencing

The fencers of coach Nick Toth posted their 19th straight winning season with a 10-2 mark defeating Army enroute.

The fencers took second in the team standings of the Western Intercollegiate championships for the second straight year but had an individual champion in senior Russ Newland, who won the foil title. Newland later competed in the national collegiate championships, the Falcons' only entry in that event.

Pistol

The best record by a team was posed by pistol, which had a 21-0 mark, a feat that gave the marksmen their second straight undefeated season and stretched their winning streak to 48 in a row.

The Bobby Tiner-coached team won the intercollegiate convention and international sectional titles for the second straight season and was the defending national convention champion.

Junior Joe Zahrobky won three individual titles in the sectional championships while teammate Stan Siefke won the most matches throughout the season.

Swimming

All-America senior diver Rick McAlister was once again a team leader, completing a four-year varsity career with a 92-0 record in dual meet competition. He also won his seventh All-America rating at the national collegiate championships in Cleveland, Ohio by placing sixth in the one-meter board.

Such an effort helped the team post a 12-0 dual meet record, its third straight undefeated season. That stretched the team's winning streak to 37 in a row and lengthened their home winning streak to 57.

School records were set by Jim Hogue in the 50 freestyle at 21.36, the 400 medley relay in 3:35.32, the 400 freestyle relay in 3:09.34 and McAlister in the three-meter board with a score of 349.30 points.

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Rifle

A strong showing in three tournaments propelled the rifle team to an 18-8 season record and the team title in the intercollegiate sectional championships.

The marksmen, coached by Dave Iverson, defeated Army and won the Colorado Mines and Air Force Invitationals.

The team's leading shooter was Joe O'Brien, who was the squad's top shooter in 14 matches.



Lacrosse

The Falcon lacrosse team completed its ninth straight winning season by defeating the Denver Lacrosse Club 20-1.

The win raised the Falcons' final season record to 10-2 and also marked the third straight and seventh time in the last nine years that the Falcons have won the Rocky Mountain open and intercollegiate championships.

The Falcons set six school records and tied two others during the season. Heading the list was junior Bill Woolford, who set five individual records and tied another. They included: most goals in a game, nine; most points in a game, 15; most season assists, 47; most points season, 98; and most goals career, 120.

Senior goalie Kip Peterson ended a four-year career, adding five saves to a career total of 523, a school record. Peterson also saw action for the first time as a midfielder and had one attempt on goal.

The Falcons as a team also tied a record for most goals in one game, 29, and outscored their opponents 208 to 75, the best goal spread in the last four seasons.

Woolford led the team in scoring for the second straight season, netting 51 goals, one shy of his own season record of 52, and added 47 assists for a total of 98 points.

Seniors Dave Anewalt, Henry Esposito and Gary Janelli ended with 75, 103 and 211, points respectively. Janelli and Anewalt tied for second in total season points with 39 each, while Esposito was fourth with 29 points.

Wrestling

One of the biggest turnabouts by an Academy athletic team came from wrestling, which improved from a 6-5 record in 1974 to a 10-1-1 mark this past winter.

Pacing the matmen was senior Bob Orwig at 190 pounds, who placed fifth in his weight class at the national collegiate championships to earn All-America honors, the fifth wrestler in Academy history to win this honor.

Orwig had a 5-2 record in the nationals but

Cross Country

Hard work made it possible for the Air Force Academy cross country team to end the season with a 4-3 record, according to head coach Arne Arnesen.

The Falcons posted wins over Wyoming, Northern Colorado, Colorado State, and Adams State. Two of the three losses were by close margins, a 26-29 loss to Idaho and a 28-29 loss to Northern Iowa.

The 1974 season prospects weren't very bright in the beginning but hard work under the leadership of team captain Pat Rupel made the season a success. According to Arnesen, Rupel, while not the fastest runner on the squad, was the ingredient that made an inexperienced team work hard and improve together.

Jeff Ford, Steve Long, Toby Nichols, Vince Stephens and freshman Brad Stratton were the runners besides Rupel who improved their performances throughout the season. With this nucleus of returning runners and the addition of several top freshmen from a strong JV team, Arnesen looks forward to a much improved team in 1975.



Baseball

The final pair of season wins lifted the baseball team to a 16-8 finish. Although not a winning season, the 1975 year was one filled with numerous records.

Heading the list was Jeff Brown, who set the career runs batted in and home run records with 88 and 28, respectively. Brown also led the team in hitting for the third straight year, ending 1975 with a .419 average and a .389 average for his three season career.

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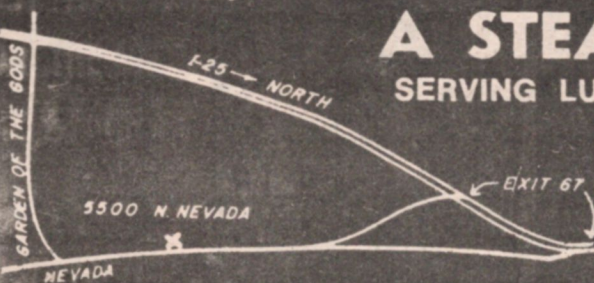
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Another top performance was turned in by senior Jim Corrigan, who broke three records: season at bats 137; career plate appearances 321; and most home runs in one game 3. Corrigan hit three round trippers in one game twice this season and helped the Falcons swat a total of 53 for the year, five below the school record. Corrigan also was the only Falcon player to appear in all 34 games this year.

First baseman Steve Murdoch, who finished with a .325 average, also posted the top fielding average for a regular with a .982 (278 of 283 chances).

As a team, the Falcons smashed a 13-year-old record for most runs in a season, totaling 298 in 34 games. The squad also set records for most hits (370) and most runs batted in (247). As a team, the Falcons ended with a .315 average, the best in 11 years and fifth best in school history.

Coach Joe Robison, who said it was a season of "ups and downs", ended a five-year job at the Academy with an 82-83 overall record, the most victories by any Falcon baseball coach.

Bob Wagner set two records by breaking the season and career strikeout records with 37 and 61, respectively.

In the pitching department, Matt Martorano earned top honors with a 3.04 ERA. Individually, Bobby Thompson hung up the best performance, throwing a one hitter in a six-inning relief performance against California-Berkeley at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Invitational. The best win-loss record was posted by Rick Sarver, with a 3-1 mark.

Gymnastics

One of the youngest teams in Falcon sports, the gymnasts of coach Karl Schwenzfeier, posted a 10-9 mark, their seventh straight winning season.

The Falcons placed sixth as a team in the Western Independent Championships and had three athletes compete in the national collegiate championships - senior Bruce Edstrom in still rings and senior Tim O'Connell and sophomore Kirk Stephens, both in pommel horse.

Indoor Track

Coach Arnesen's squad posted a 9-0 record, one of three teams to finish undefeated.

Highlight of the season included an American indoor record of 27.6 in the 240-yard shuttle hurdles relay by the team of T. G. Parker, Ahart Powers, Joe Kahiapo and Dick McIntosh.

Other school records included a 7.0 by Powers in the 60 high hurdles, a 1:10.4 by Mark Webster in the 600 and a 6.7 in the 60 low hurdles by Joe Kahiapo. In addition, Joe Shirley tied the 60-yard dash record of 6.2 several times.

Water Polo

Take a team captain from Hawaii who has an excellent scoring touch, mix well with some talented, and unselfish athletes from other states and you come up with recipe for a winning water polo team.

Those ingredients helped spell a 20-6 season record for the Academy water polo team, the most wins in one season in the four-year history of the team.

The winning record included three tournament titles, winning streaks of 12 and 7 games, a 19-4 win over interservice rival Army and competition in the National Collegiate Championships at Long Beach, Calif.

The Falcon team won the District 7 water polo championships with wins over Utah, 13-4, New Mexico, 10-6 and Arizona, 12-4.

In NCAA competition, won by the University of California at Berkeley for the second second straight season, the Falcon's captain Ben Phillips, from Honolulu, completed four highly successful seasons which saw him reign as the top scorer each season. He also led the team in goals scored for three seasons and led the squad in assists for two seasons including this year. In 4 seasons, Phillips collected 441 points, 338 goals and 103 assists, all school records.

During the 1974 season, the Falcons scored 296 goals to 157 for the foes, and held their opponents scoreless in 27 quarters. The Falcons' All-America goalie candidate Walt Heidmous, from Lompoc, Calif., had 238 saves for a .653 percentage, a school record, including 43 saves in the NCAA Championships.

Golfers

Starting with last September's second-place finish in the 17-team Rocky Mountain Invitational through the 18-team Sun Devil Invitational this spring, the Academy golf team has turned in some excellent performances.

The Gene Miranda-coached team competed in 10 tournaments, winning three, tying for first once and garnering three seconds in the process. The 1975 spring season also saw the Falcon linksmen complete a 10-0 dual meet record to stretch their two season dual meet winning streak to 12.

Four of the first places came during the first annual Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Golf Association (RMIGA) tournaments which the Falcons won overall. In dual meets, the Falcon's closest match was an 11-7 victory over Western State, who finished second behind the Falcons in the RMIGA series of tournaments.

Falcon team captain Jeff Sogard compiled the lowest competitive stroke average for the season, a 76.5. Sogard, a junior from Duluth, Minn., also placed second to teammate Chip Diehl, who had the lowest stroke average, a 74.9, in the RMIGA series tournaments.

Diehl, the Falcons' only senior this season, recorded the lowest round of the season, a 69 in a RMIGA tournament hosted by Northern Colorado. Diehl finished the season with the team's second lowest stroke average, a 78.06.

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