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OVER 90% OF 2ND CLASS WANTS ANOTHER DINING-IN PARTY

Apprehension turned to surprise Sunday evening at the Brown Palace Hotel on the occasion of the first dining-in party. Pre-dinner pessimism was erased by the harmony established among the reunited Fifty-Niners and their guests, a pleasant comfortable atmosphere, good food, and an entertaining guest speaker.

Fourth Squadron members who had made their debuts in matching plaid ties and cummerbunds had been anxiously awaiting the opinion of you-know-who of their deviation from conformity. Consequently, when Lt. Gen. Gerhart, the guest speaker, removed his tie to replace it with one of the outlawed plaid models, pandemonium, sprinkled with relief, arose from the 4th Squadron section. It is even removed that there were smiles seen on the dais.

After proving himself to be an affable diplomat, General Gerhart went on to prove himself an excellent speaker. His informal presentation, primarily spent in reminiscing on his experiences at dining-in parties, was well received. In concluding, he presented to Cadet Adamson on behalf of the Class of '59 a specially prepared placard as a gift from Milton Caniff, the originator of Steve Canyon.

A poll taken following the dinner showed 90.7% of the cadets in favor of having another dining-in party. 6.7% said that they didn't care for the party, and 3.6% were indifferent. Although the party was favorable received in general, there were a number of suggestions from the Second Classmen interviewed for future improvements. Some of the most re-echoed were: larger portions of food; a better opportunity for the expression of the Cadets' lighter sides; and, of course, the question of the controversial serving of those particular beverages with a lower specific gravity than that of water. It is hoped that future dining-in committees will give these proposals some thought. Meanwhile, the first dining-in party, in spite of any minor imperfections, must be labeled a success. ANDERSON

PITOT PROBLEMS...

It took two tries to get the gymnastics team off the ground at Richards-Gebaur AFB last Monday on their return trip from Illinois. After engine run-up, the C-47 taxied to the end of the runway. While the team made the usual jokes about how ignominious it would be to be killed in a Gooney Bird on take-off, the C-47 began its takeoff roll and left the ground about 2000 feet down the runway. The plane got about 10 feet into the air, when suddenly both engines were throttled back, and the aircraft settled back down. The ship touched down, braked to a stop, and turned off onto a taxi-way. The crew chief climbed out the back, returned a moment later with the pitot tube cover, and the team was off once more.

THE NEXT STEP IS OBVIOUS

The Air force, currently hard at work with its intercontinental ballistics and its anti-missile missiles, recently announced that it is beginning work in a new field--that of anti-anti-missile missiles.

ASSISTANT HOSTESS

Mrs. Gail McComas, Academy Hostess, has obtained a new assistant. Filling the role of Assistant Cadet Hostess is Mrs. Steve Turner, an Air Force widow from Colorado Springs. Mrs. Turner will assist Mrs. McComas in obtaining dates, planning and running dances, and in all the other varied activities of the Cadet Hostess.

Mrs. Turner's husband was a fighter pilot assigned to Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs.

Disc Digger — *reed*

A rather disconcerting set of statistics is being bandied about these days. You have seen some of them printed in the pages of this article. Here are a few examples, as stated in a recent article from a well-known national periodical. The radar screen of a major city was down for a period of fifteen hours because an unskilled technician had botched a repair job with the wrong tool, and no skilled personnel were available to repair the damage. Recently it was discovered that nine hundred SAC crews were non-combat ready because at least one officer from these crews had recently resigned from the service. The past three years have seen the resignations of approximately 12,100 pilots, at a training cost of more than one billion dollars to the AF. The combined armed services estimate that their shortage of officers in the 3-12 year service area runs to 37,000. This article has always attempted to impress you with the fact that our nation is attempting to solve its military manpower problem and trying to quickly find its solution. In line with this thinking here are the reasons stated by the magazine article for the large losses each year from our officer corps. Give a second or two to each, and make your own decisions.

Mass personnel reduction of the armed forces.

Inequality of comparable civilian pay.

Poor moving and housing conditions. Lack of career incentives for young officers.

A thoroughly inadequate selection system for our service academies.

From this end, this appears to be a fairly perceptive outlook on the subject. While we are on the subject, a passing thought. Wonder what effect a thoroughly comprehensive information program for prospective young officers would have on our motivation situation? In other words, let a man in a service academy or an ROTC program know exactly what he is getting into, both from the standpoint of advantage and disadvantage, in a straightforward, no "snow job" manner. All this coupled, of course, with improvements in the areas previously mentioned. The watch-word might be: improve the status of the military man and then let him know in an unvarnished picture what the new situation is.-----DMG

Tid Bits

Was sitting at the ramp this St. Paddy's day when one Mister Ho requested that the ramp be allowed to sit at ease. Reasons were requested. Mr. Ho immediately replied that it was the evening of the day of the wearing of the green. "Mister Ho," replied the table comm, fire in his eye, "are you Irish?"

Murphy's comments on intramurals, to include TENNIS are well taken. It seems that all hands are eager to participate in TENNIS. One TENNIS player has purchased his sun-tan lotion already. Just about panicked when threatened with the job of officiating basketball. What with the P.T. classes in TENNIS, though, TENNIS as a sport is well represented among the sporting amateurs of the Wing. Enough TENNIS, John? At 10¢ a TENNIS, that's 70¢.

HOSMER



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

We're going to put out an abbreviated issue this week. I was seriously thinking of abbreviating the issue even more than it presently is. The whole staff is rising against me. TENNIS!

Hasten to assure those of you who haven't read the "Sound and the Fury" that "Benjy" is not an allusion to any personnel here at the Academy.

Those ties which made their appearance at the dining-in the other night were much improved by their bath of three-star holy water.

With typical nonchalance, I forgot to tell Sadler that we were rushed this week. I guess we'll have to lay his article out in the margins or somewhere. Goodrich's stuff just came in a minute ago. If this promptness continues, we will have a complete issue.

We have a volunteer to write a column. He is thinking of doing something similar to PYRENE from the Woo Poo Mag. If you see me around in the next week or so, how about giving me your ideas on same.

ATTENTION DODO READERS!!!! The DODO will hold a short-story contest beginning this week and ending 7 April. Stories may be about any topic, and must be 25 words or less. First prize will be twenty-five American cents. Second prize will be a kiss from the AOC's secretary of your choice.

The TALON threatened to run us out of business if we printed pictures. I dare them to cut off our funds. We can buy pencils at the C-store. Bye. REEVES

INTRAMURALS



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Spring Intramurals are still a few weeks away, but we will indulge in TENNIS, Lacrosse, Cross Country, Softball, and Volleyball. The Dodo will devote most of its coverage to TENNIS since Editor Reeves is to TENNIS as Benjy was to Golf.

Murphy

BECKEL NAMED TO ALL-STAR TEAM

Bob Beckel was named to the District Seven All-Star basketball team..... by Look Magazine, it was announced early this week. Dennis Boone of Regis was also selected along with Beckel for the honor. Also named were Tony Windis of Wyoming, John Nicoll of Brigham Young and Gary Hale of Utah. Windis and Nicoll finished 1-2 in the Skyline Conference scoring race.

Sports writers and college sports public relations men from District Seven voted for the team. Representatives from the entire country voted for an all-American team, which was headed by Wilt Chamberlain of Kansas.

RIFLE TEAM SINKS NAVY IN FIRST MEET

Bob Siteman fired a record-smashing 295x300 as the Air Force Academy rifle team defeated the Naval Academy, 1439-1426, in the first meeting of the schools last Saturday at Annapolis. The Falcons fired coolly in beating the Middies whose 1426 was an excellent effort. The 1439 fired by the Academy was eleven points below last weekend's 1450 against Montana, but any score over 1430 is considered exceptional in a shoulder-to-shoulder meet. Fourth Classmen Jules Viquesney was second high man for the Cadets with a 288, while Manager Robin Kozelka, firing for the flu-ridden George Luck, came through with a 284, high enough for fifth man although he had not fired this year.

SPORTS

FALCON FILINGS

by Hines

Last Saturday's rifle meet with the Naval Academy and the coming track meet with West Point mark an Air Force Academy milestone--the initial varsity competition with our East Coast sister academies. Regardless of the outcome scorewise, there is a great deal of benefit to be derived from the mere athletic exchange.

Much has been written since the founding of the Air Force Academy on that hot July afternoon in 1955 about the building of tradition and the necessity of molding a structure now that will be strong enough to withstand the test of the future. On the athletic scene, there has been a gradual building of spirit, but the Academy still lacks one vital tradition-building material--an arch-rival.

There have been times when civilian schools have managed to appear to fill this slot at crucial times. e.g., Denver University during the past football season. It seems that Colorado College is straining at the leash to fashion a strong athletic rivalry with the Academy. However, the final evaluation will show that no civilian schools can adequately assume this role. The very nature of this Academy has provided us with at least two natural athletic rivals, West Point and Annapolis. By initiating athletic contests with our sister academies while we still play the role of underdog, we are helping to develop within the Cadet Wing an esprit de corps.

It is no secret that the graduates of many colleges and universities associate much of the nostalgia that they feel towards "alma mater" with the good times at football games, replete with hip flask and bundling coeds. Foremost in the mind of most Harvard men when they reflect on bygone college days is the annual game with Yale. Win or lose, the Harvard-Yale game was the "big game" and memories are especially strong on this point. We can have no hip flask or bundling coeds, but we can develop the "big game."

As far back as 1946 William Bradford Huie was advocating an Air Force Academy in The Case Against the Admirals, stating that the annual Army-Navy game should allow the "Air Force boys to have their licks" too. Notwithstanding the fact that athletics should not be overstressed, it is necessary to have good teams and the yearly "big game" to create a common unity among cadets of all classes in devotion to the Academy. This year's schedulings with West Point and Annapolis are a step toward this goal, a goal that will be realized in football in 1959 and 1960, against the ground-pounders and middies, respectively. Until that time, last Saturday's rifle meet with the Naval Academy and the coming track meet with West Point mark an Air Force Academy milestone.

PENSIVE MEANDERINGS--George Domolky, Hungarian Olympic fencing team member, is scheduled to compete in all three weapons, foil, sword and sabre, against the Academy and other schools at the Westerns next week, according to the Stanford Daily.....Lyle Brownlee, Wyoming heavyweight wrestler, decisioned by Chuck Zaleski two weeks ago, is given a good chance for the Skyline Conference title.the Naval Academy basketball team finished with a 10-10 record.....Middle high scorer was Al Swanson with 11.9 average.....a student, senior Dough Corley, will act as player-coach for the Colorado College tennis team this year..... ..The baseball team has two games with CC, runnerup for the 1957 Rocky Mountain conference championship....rumor says that Derry Adamson could break Yale's Tim Jecko's national butterfly record if given the opportunity.....36 schools competed in the Eastern swimming championships at the Naval Academy last week.

BASKETBALL TEAM COMPILED 17-6 RECORD

The Air Force Academy basketball team compiled a 17-6 record in the 1957-58 season, led by the sharp-shooting of Bob Beckel and the excellent coaching of coach Major Robert Spear.

The Falcons were a small, inexperienced team at the beginning of the season and played a schedule that would have proved challenging to any Rocky Mountain basketball team. A basketball team with one player at 6-4 and the rest of the squad varying down to 5-10, composed mainly of juniors and seniors, playing such powers as Notre Dame, Regis, Omaha, Wyoming, Colorado, Drake and Creighton would have a real fight on its hands to maintain a .500 average. The story behind the success of the Falcons is the manner in which this year's team rose to meet the challenge of a most ambitious season. The story can't be found in the statistics, but rather in the desire of the team to win and the willingness to work unceasingly to achieve this goal.

The continued fabulous play of Beckel proved to be the highlight of the season. However, the steady play of Bob Williams, the vast improvement of Don Wolfswinkel and Ron Deep, and the aggressive play of Bob Blake and Larry Thompson contributed immensely to the team success. Beckel finished the season with a 21.7 scoring average, while Williams and Wolfswinkel had 12.6 and 12.1 averages respectively.

The high point of the year was probably the upset victory over the highly rated University of Wyoming. In what was considered one of the region's biggest upsets, the Falcons outran, outshot and outscored a staggered Cowboy team. Beckel played his best game of the year and put on a tremendous scoring show, dropping in 33 points in outshining Skyline scoring champion Tony Windis. After a 40-40 halftime score, the Falcons poured on the steam in the second half and emerged with a 78-73 victory. Other big wins were the 54-50 conquest of Colorado State University, the 83-41 victory over Washington of St. Louis, and the 63-52 victory over Creighton. The heart-breaker was a four point loss to the University of Colorado late in the season.

Overall, the season was a good one in which the Falcons broke several records, including the 72 rebounds gained against Westminster on December 4th. Next season the Academy will face an even tougher schedule than this year and will again have back the same team to attempt to better the 1957-58 record. RAY

TRACK TEAM RELEASES 1958 SCHEDULE

A May 24 dual meet with the Military Academy at West Point highlights the Air Force Academy's 1958 track schedule, released last week by the Department of Athletics. The thin clads have eight dual meets, plus three triangulars on tap.

The success of coach Arne Arneson's team will depend greatly on the development of the inexperienced athletes on the team. The workhorse again this season will be Don Livingston, who will be running everything from the 100-yard dash to the 880-yard run. Last season he posted a 49.2 time in the quarter mile and has indicated that he is capable of lowering the mark this year.

Another standout should be Dick Schehr, who has already thrown the discus 138 feet in practice. Howard Akers and Tom Jozwiak should give the cadets two strong competitors in the shot put, while John Houston and Don Schmidt have been throwing the javalin well in practice. Jim Bilello and Dave Carlstrom are two good distance runners.

The schedule: April 5--Denver at AFA; April 12--Hardin-Simmons and Eastern New Mexico at Abilene, Tex.; April 19--Wyoming at AFA; April 23--Adams State at AFA; April 25--New Mexico at AFA; April 26--Colorado University Relays at Boulder; May 2--Colorado State University at AFA; May 3--open; May 7--Colorado Mines at AFA; May 10--Colorado State College and Colorado College at AFA; May 17--San Jose at AFA; May 24--Army at West Point, N.Y.

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PISTOL TEAM OUTFIRES OREDIGGERS

The Air Force Academy pistol team defeated the Colorado School of Mines, 1337-1261 in a shoulder-to-shoulder meet last Saturday at the Lowry range. Four of the Academy firers had better scores than the number one Mines' shooter. Hutchinson fired a 279, followed by Ulmer (268), M.I. Miller (265), Lan, kenau (263) and Hunt (262). High man for the visitors was Caldwell with 275. 75bestalive.org

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

This week:

WRESTLING--USAFA competes in the Rocky Mountain AAU Championships at Boulder
Friday-Saturday, March 21-22
BASEBALL--USAFA vs. University of Arizona at Tucson
Friday-Saturday, March 21-22
TENNIS--USAFA vs. University of Arizona at Tucson
Friday-Saturday, March 21-22
RIFLE--USAFA vs. Colorado Mines at AFA
Saturday, March 22 at 1330
GOLF--USAFA vs. University of Arizona at Tucson
Friday-Saturday, March 21-22

Next week:

FENCING--USAFA competes in the Western Intercollegiates at Palo Alto, Calif.
Friday-Saturday, March 28-29
GOLF--USAFA vs. Colorado Mines and Colorado State University at AFA
Saturday, March 29 at 1400

----- AFA THIN CLADS FIFTH IN CU INVITATIONAL

The Air Force Academy track team scored ten points to finish fifth in the Colorado University Invitational indoor track meet last Saturday at Boulder. The host team piled up 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ points to take first place, followed in second by Kansas State with 26. Denver University was third with 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ points and Utah State finished fourth with 13.

The Falcons had three individuals place, plus the mile relay team. The Falcons were relatively strong in the distance events, but failed to score a single point in the field events. Dave Carlstrom had the best Academy performance, finishing second in the two-mile run to Bernie Frakes of CU. Frakes' 9:48.7 run eclipsed a meet record of 9:49.1 set in 1956.

Don Livingston took second place in the 880-yard run, finishing behind the 1:57.2 of Colorado's Mike Peake. Jim Bilello took third place in the mile run for the Academy's other individual point-making activity. The Kansas State mile relay team broke their own meet record of 3:28.5 of 1956 by turning in a 3:25.8. Colorado came in second, closely followed by the Academy.

For the first meet of the year for most of the team, there was a good deal of fast activity with six records being smashed. In addition to the two-mile run and the mile relay, records were bettered in 440-yard, dash and pole vault, and two marks were broken in shot put.

----- FALCON WRESTLERS BOW TO CSC

Wayne Kendall and Jim Fey scored the only points as the Air Force Academy wrestling team dropped a 22-5 decision to a powerful Colorado State College aggregation last Saturday at the Cadet Gym. The upset of the day came when heavyweight Chuck Zaleski, who scored the Falcons only points against Wyoming-, was pinned in 5:04 by CSC's Walt Gotl.

Kendall decisioned Tom Sanders, 8-4, in the 167-pound class and Fey drew with Max Mitchell in the 137-pound division for the Academy scores. Ron Sandholzer lost a close 3-2 decision to Colbert Pepper in the 177-pound class in starring for the Falcons.

AFA goes into the Rocky Mountain AAU individual championships this weekend. Although no official team scores are recorded, CSC is a heavy favorite to repeat as the mythical team champion this year.

The summary: 123-pound; Smith decisioned Head (AFA), 4-0; 130-pound: Gomer decisioned Furuta (AFA), 7-0; 137-pound: Mitchell drew with Fey (AFA); 147-pound: Sandelin decisioned Jorris (AFA), 7-1; 157-pound: Wilson decisioned Sanders (AFA), 7-1; 168-pound: Kendall (AFA) decisioned Roberts, 8-4; 177-pound Pepper decisioned Sandholzer (AFA), 3-2; Heavyweight: Gotl pinned Zaleski (AFA) in 5:04.

DANBORN