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CYNIC'S CORNER R.L. PENN

We have new tormentors whom we must get squared away. It may take us a while to get the idea across that all of us are not like the brains (I could have used another word) who took the Astro extra course last semester. Since I haven't been to sleep yet in their class, I have picked up (notice, I did not say learned) a couple of little gems. The funniest one is a book highly recommended for extra reading: Vanguard! the story of the first man made satellite. (The Russians claim to have had the first steam engine, too, but I know that only Americans like Slasher could tie up so completely - even using entropy and enthalpy.) Someone must have given the Department of Astro some indoctrination because in their poop-sheet is written on page 1-12: "We do not know why bodies attract one another; we must content ourselves with knowing this mathematical formulation which will permit us to know and predict the gravitational forces acting on a body. We call this latter quality understanding." Dig that crazy last sentence. If there is anything Air Force Cadets are taught, it is (the type of) understanding illustrated above.

I hate to have to admit it, but after many long dry months, the Talon finally came through with something worthwhile. The last editorial by Fortner was the red hot word. I think I may sum it up by saying that he asked if we are going to let ourselves go to pot. The answer is apparently "yes!." Our cream-of-the-crop type future generals can't seem to wait any longer to start coasting, we've got to start now. Why should anyone care about unity, or grossoids anyway - look out for Number One.

Along the line of Fortner's editorial, I wonder just how magnificently we will do in intramurals this winter. Our future generals may form-10 enough doolies into volunteering for boxing and judo, but how many of them will be out there? I'm confident that so many tigers will turn out from the upperclasses, that the P.T. Department will have to add several new sports. "Voluntary" is the only way for dedicated men. "Sir, the discipline . . ."

What the devil ever happened to the \$300 set aside for officer uniforms that we now don't have to spend? Will this money be given to us within the next ten years, or has it already been embezzled?

A couple of members of Local 1959 got hazed briefly just before Christmas by being delayed a couple of days to take a test. However, thanks to our unity and indifference (which I'm sure we didn't learn by example) all the boys, even Reeves, passed their turn-outs. After seven semesters, we had better get to work. The honeymoon is over. I predict many unsuccessful turn-outs in June.

Oh well, I do have a new car!



Reeves

DODO DROPPINGS Biekle

Stop the Presses! Hold the Phone! Don't put that noose around my neck! In the last issue of the rag, inreference to the case of Canterbury almost versus the Class III Board, one remark inferred that Hankus should have known better. Just want to say that that remark did not come off the Dropper's typewriter, but was inserted somewhere along the line. 'nuf said.

Changing calendars, under "Notes for Next year" I noticed IHTFP. Good thing I had put it there too, because with leave ending and all, I'd never have remembered.

The Spud Club, under the direction of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Jefferson and Carns said to remind you all to eat lots and lots of potatoes, and if you want, send for their free booklet, "Why You Should Have an All-Spud Diet."

New Years Eve Joke:

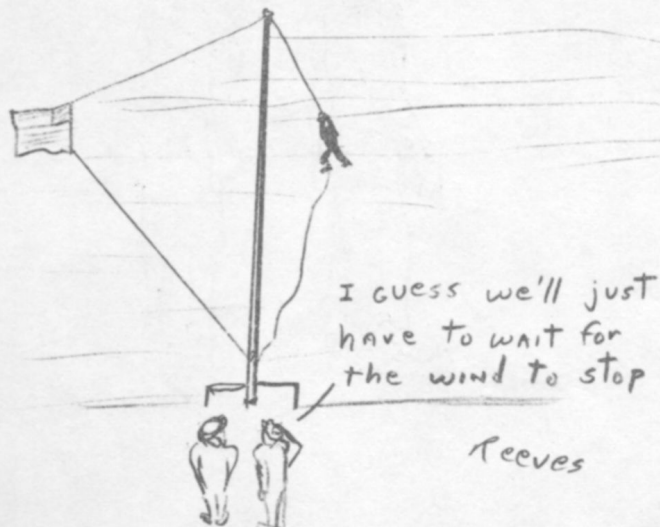
"Joe, look back and see if that car behind us wants to pass."

"Nah, he can't pass us. He's running on tracks!"

I had considered dropping in a few lines about the cadet who went to the Cotton Bowl, wore his uniform, sat with the Wing during both halves, yelled for the team, clawed the air etc. etc. then got a Class II for not sitting with the Wing because he visited with his girl at half-time. But I decided I wouldn't mention it because someone might even think I'm bitter, or say "There ain't no justice," or some such foolish thing.

And didja hear about the two brooms? Seems they were broommates. Sometimes they swept together.

After that, I don't have to say that I'm out of stuff, so I'll just knock off without saying it.



EDITOR'S COMMENTS Reeves

We have a very short issue this week because all members are despondent. I, in particular am despondent. It wasn't really a tremendous leave--- you know----nothing special. It was much more relaxing than the present routine though.

I am retiring from the gripe-sheet business. I am not retiring because I have thirty years service, I'm just pooped. Besides, I took a double shot of aero finals last time, and I'm still dizzy.

Apparently R. L. Penn has been doing some serious philosophizing while strolling through the Academy grounds. I think his comments on Larry's comments are very appropriate.

The TALON has recently become independent from Cadet Activities, or so I hear. They must be losing money.

Next week you will read the fresh, enlightened lines of the next DODO editor. I don't know who it is yet, so I can't say. As a matter of fact, it may be difficult to get someone else who doesn't want any friends. (sniff)

Well, as everyone who is stopping doing something he was doing before he stopped says, "It's been grand."

Best wishes to my fortunate successor and all the literary lights who shine forth so brilliantly from the pages of this magnificent poop-sheet. Adios.
REEVES

MR BLATZ! WRITE UP THE
WAITER for discourteous
service



SPORTS

FALCON FILINGS

by George Hines

Bob Blake, a reserve guard, was the big gun for the Air Force Academy basketball team in their thrilling come-from-behind win over Loyola of Chicago last week. Blake entered the game late in the second half with the Falcons trailing and meshed eleven straight points for the victory. The First Class guard finished with 13 counters, which equaled his total output for the previous nine games. His performance earned the 5-10 speedster a starting assignment last Wednesday against Western State.

Coach Bob Spear was pleased with the team's showing last weekend, despite a 67-46 loss to nationally-ranked Marquette. Five men scored in double figures--one of the few times in the short Academy cage history. Tony Burshnick (12), Don Wolfswinkel (15), Jim Ulm (11), and Bob Beckel (10), all joined Blake to carry the scoring load against Loyola. Beckel, with his ten points, hit his lowest score for his career, as in leading Falcon scoring for each of the past three seasons, he has been in double figures every game.

Although many topnotch foes dot the remaining schedule, the cadets are beginning to jell, combining a scoring touch with an already effective defense, to make the Falcons a well-rounded outfit which will be gunning for its fourth consecutive winning season.

Many good stories came out of the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, but perhaps the loudest came from the nation's syndicated sportswriters. Most seemed to be unanimous in their judgment that the Air Force has "arrived" on the national scene--something that we here at the Academy realized back in early October. A just criticism was the apparent lack of chance-taking on the part of both AFA and TCU. This scribe was forced to admit to newscasters in the Dallas press booth that the Falcon footballers had played better offensive games, but wouldn't budge an inch on the stalwart cadet defense. Dave Phillips played the most outstanding game that this columnist has ever seen from a line position--he deserves any accolade that he might receive. One thing certain, though--most people gave us credit for a "moral victory," which although not as good as victory, was quite pleasant for our 850,000 Air Force supporters.

Capt. Charles S.T. Mallett has named a ten-man squad to compete in the Denver University Invitational Ski Meet tomorrow and Sunday at Winter Park. Captain John Miltner and Pete Burton are slated to compete in the four-way. Others named were Lee Molinelli, jumping a slalom; John Hayes, jumping, downhill, and slalom; Sid Abbott and Harry Swainston, cross-country; Bruce Hinds, downhill; and Bob Brickey, Stuart Boyd and Mike Schieber, reserves.

PENSIVE MEANDERINGS--Top news on the regional sports scene of late was Denver University's 4-4 tie of the visiting Russian Olympic team--predicted months ago by DU athletic director of news, Don Smith....AFA's three 1958 football opponents who made bowl games all won their contests--Oklahoma State (Blue Grass), Iowa (Rose) and Wyoming (Sun).....Wyoming loses only three of their first 22 men on the 1959 grid squad, incidentally.....Navy and Pitt are scheduled in football in 1961 to replace an Annapolis break with Penn State after a 43-year series.....Arne Arneson track coach, is in Athens, Greece, attending the 2nd Annual International Track and Field Coaches Congress...he made the trip at the invitation of the Hellenic Track and Field Coaches Association.

RIFLE TEAM WINS 23RD STRAIGHT

Colorado University's Air Force and Navy ROTC teams became the 22nd and 23rd consecutive shoulder-to-shoulder victims of the Falcons last Saturday. The Cadets fired 1412, CU AFROTC 1355 and CU NROTC 1227. The Falcon riflemen haven't been beaten since February, 1956.

FALCONS LEAD IN AFA-CC 4-WAY

The Air Force Academy Ski Team took the lead in the first half of a four-way meet in which they are co-sponsors with Colorado College last Sunday. At the end of the Nordic events (jumping and cross country), the Academy had 462 points, followed closely by Colorado Mines with 459.5 and Colorado College with 390.1. The Alpine events (downhill and slalom) will be held Sunday, January 25, at Berthoud Pass.

FENCERS DEFEAT IOWA, DETROIT

Victors in two of three meets last weekend in a season-opening swing through the midwest, the Air Force Academy Fencing Team makes its home debut tomorrow against Kansas University at the Community Center Gym.

Lt. Col. James Jackson's swordsmen opened with a sparkling 17-10 triumph over Iowa, 1957-58 Big Ten third place finishers, last Friday. On Saturday in Madison, they defeated Detroit University, 22-5, but were edged, 16-11 by the University of Wisconsin. Colonel Jackson will be working the Cadets hard this week to strengthen the sabremen who, at this state, appear to be the team's weak point. Bright spots in the cadets' performance over the weekend were Harlow Halbower in foil, Dave Shearin, Jim Rhodes and JP Browning in sword and Wayne Jefferson in sabre.

SWIMMERS TROUNCE COLORADO STATE

The Air Force Academy swimmers, who have breezed past their first two dual-meet foes of the season, should get a much stiffer argument from the University of Utah tomorrow afternoon. The Falcons won every event except diving last Saturday as they toppled Colorado State University, 67-19.

Outstanding in last Saturday's win was the 400-year freestyle relay team of Joe Austin, Dick Johnson, Denny O'Keefe and Capt. Derry Adamson. They swam the distance in 3:46.0, topping the old Academy mark of 3:51.7, which stood for less than one month.

WRESTLERS TOP FORT HAYS STATE

The Air Force Academy Wrestling Team downed Fort Hays State, 17-9, last Saturday in the first meet of the season. After Dick Head (123), Vic Yoakum (130) and Rees Wagner (137) lost decisions, the Falcons got to work against Ft. Hays and swept the rest of the program. The only pin was by heavyweight Charley Zaleski, the Falcon captain. Winners by decision were Bob Dwyer (147), Dick Day (157), Joe Zaleski (167), younger brother of Charley, and Wayne Kendall (177).

This week the cadets meet Adams State tomorrow afternoon in Lecture Hall A-1 on the terrazzo level of the Academic Complex.