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Editor's Comments REEVES

There are some doolies here who may think that the Fourth Class Customs system is just a hair (pardon the expression) useless. Well, they should wait three years and take another look at it. If then they don't think differently, they should wait another twenty and see if they can't see that it is an excellent system and that all people who haven't experienced it are just a bit substandard. If then a man still thinks it is useless, he is reactionary enough to sit on a Court Martial Board for a Billy Mitchel.

All Third Classmen should study their navigation training because it will prove so useful to them in the future. If any one is not convinced, just take a poll of the First Classmen and see what the general opinion is. There are some who would just as soon go into pilot training without having had that excellent background training.

The first man in the class to prang one in will probably plead before the Great Board of Inquiry Upstairs, "But Sir, I just made a 98 on a 'True - False Quiz' today. Doesn't that prove I'm good?" It could be that about then, a few of us, and (absurd idea) perhaps a few instructors, may begin to think that there is some use in some of this bilge besides as a basis for "objective testing."

This man may also say, "Yes, I read Death of a Salesman in the English program at USAFA, but what's that got to do with me?"

I gotta post like, well, like I'm "D" in $3\frac{1}{2}$ subjects, i.e., I'm still taking Astronautics. They're still trying to teach it too. I can't quite figure-that.

Dave Goodrich has returned to the fold. His pearls of wisdom once more flow smoothly from his agile pen. The general gist of his article this week seems to be something about counting chickens before egging, and it has the unusual virtue of being practical.

Bhiele returns to his Aunt Martha letters to provide us with an accurate and informative view of us as seen by elderly aunts.

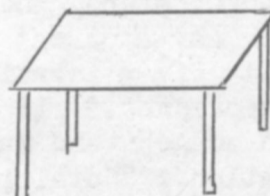
Hines has taken a comprehensive and introspective look at the sports world, both in and out of the local region.

Last week's Armed Forces Press Service Weekly Clipsheet made note of the fact that we have a Rhodes Scholar. Brad Hosmer has upheld the honor of the profs and the selection board. Our brothers-in-arms (even though they use disgustingly savage arms), the Woo Poo boys, placed five men on the Scholarship. We have got to grow.

I hope to improve the general information angle of this rag next week. I have lots of good source material if anyone has the time to write it up. Anyone interested see me ASAP please.

I have to retire now. Hope to be around again sometime. REEVES

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After a period of absence, here we are back at it again. Another semester is upon us, the final stretch for the Class of 1959, and one step closer for others. It is a period of planning and career - discussion for the First Classmen. One hears the old arguments of fighters versus bombers, pilots versus navigators, short-term versus thirty-year career, etc. In the midst of it all, one wonders just how much credence one can place in the feasibility of long-range planning of his career. It can hardly be denied that it is a wise man who learns all he can about his future career, the benefits of one phase, the detriments of another: But, it seems from this end that there might be some valid questions raised as to the practicality, or for that matter, the possibility, of laying out ones career plans over long periods of time, with any valid hopes for the success of those plans. It seems almost a hard-bound rule that "The best laid plans of mice and men," etc. apply quite aptly to the career officers, when one questions them on this point. And in the final analysis, is this a career aspect which should cause great consternation? For isn't one of the most often-mentioned characteristics of the effective leader the ability to quickly adjust to a variety of command situations, and to just as quickly commence making mature decisions, based upon past experiences and level thinking? It can hardly be denied that a variety of jobs, coupled with an open-minded approach to all, and a willingness to gain valuable experience from each, no matter how unappealing it may appear on the surface, are the moulding forces of a successful leader, whether he be civilian or military.

I'm sure no one would advocate a career attitude of "Take what comes, and don't care less," lest there be any misunderstanding. Perhaps a more appropriate attitude might be, "Make more short range plans, and be prepared to take any apparent reverses in the spirit of a learning and broadening experience." If we might borrow an old adage, and make a few minor modifications, "Nothing is more changeable than the military attitude toward the conduct of general affairs and warfare." Stay loose.-----DMG

D O D O by Biele
D R O P P I N G S

It's been a long time, but we finally got another letter from that understanding old gal, Aunt Martha, so here it is:

Dear Nephew,

I visited your mother again a few days ago, so I thought I'd drop you a line since I have your new address.

Well, how do you like the Army now that you're at the new camp? You must have worked hard to get the transfer because my Billy never did get to go where he wanted to when he was in.

I guess you still get to take those trips to Oklahoma don't you? Your mother said you also got to be a member of the Security Flight! That is really wonderful. I guess they need somebody to fly over the camp and watch for intruders and the like, and it might as well be you.

It certainly is too bad that you aren't a CCQ anymore. We were all so proud of you, but I know you did your best. I noticed in one of your letters too that you slipped all the way down to the 11th squadron, but I know you'll work your way back up. Even if everything else has gone bad, at least your conduct rating improved on your last report card. I remember last year you only got a 22 and this time you had a 234. Keep it up!

So you are a Staff Sergeant now. You certainly are getting to be a big wheel out there aren't you? And congratulations on getting to be a Flight Guider. I guess you really have to know how to handle men to do a job as big as that.

Well, I think that about does it for now. Why don't you save some of that pile of money you're making and take a few days off to come and see us soemtime. We'll be looking for you.

Aye-Aye and Over, (Ha-Ha)

Aunt Martha

SPORTS

FALCON FILINGS

by George Hines

The naming of Lee Grosscup, Utah's 1957 all-American quarterback, over Rose Bowl champion Iowa's Randy Duncan, consensus 1958 all-American to the first team of the Air Force Academy all-opponent football team was somewhat of a mild surprise. Iowa and Oklahoma State, with three players apiece, dominated the team. Grosscup, who tossed two touchdown passes against the Falcons in the cadets' 16-14 victory, did play an outstanding game against the Academy, while Duncan, who set several new Big Ten passing and total offense records, played a steady, but uninspiring game in the 13-13 tie.

The Hawkeyes placed halfback Bob Jeter, Rose Bowl record-setter; guard Gary Grouwinkel and end Don Norton. Oklahoma State, whom the cadets defeated, 33-29, with a great come-from-behind effort, listed guard Vandiver Childs, tackle Jim Howard and halfback Duane Woods. Colorado University placed tackle Jack Himelwright and fullback Chuck Weiss. Rounding out the list are center Don Miller, Denver; end Don Black, New Mexico; end Chris Burford, Stanford; and Grosscup, Utah.

Miller and Himelwright were unanimous choices, with Jeter, Weiss, Howard and Childs all receiving strong backing. Grosscup was favored by a 2-1 margin over Iowa's Duncan. The team did not consider Texas Christian's Cotton Bowl team in its balloting, limiting it to regular season foes. (For complete results, see other page.)

The Air Force Academy basketball team, 6-7 after last weekend's effort against Wyoming, has finally started to click. The shooting attack looks better (as evidenced by the .413 performance against the Cowboys), and Maj. Bob Spear's hit-and-run, then stall, tactics are keeping the opposition off balance. The nicely balanced offense (Bob Beckel-18, Don Wolfswinkel and Jim Ulm-15 each, Bob Williams-11) kept Wyoming so far off guard that they committed 31 personal fouls. Wednesday's game with Denver was the first between the schools in basketball, as will be tomorrow's tilt with Oklahoma at Norman.

Dal Ward's firing at Colorado University points out the declining life expectancy of the football coach. Alumni pressure for winning teams has never been stronger--perhaps, Notre Dame's Terry Brennan is a good example of this. Here at the Academy, however, with no alumni as yet, it would be wise to evaluate our own feelings toward these matters. Military academies traditionally build winning teams, but we must take precautions not to allow the all-winning spirit to rule our feelings. In striving for perfection as cadets and officers, it would be well to remember the primary reason for the Academy...we cannot allow ourselves to be referred to by the national press as a "football school" or a "tax-supported monument to athletics."

PENSIVE MEANDERINGS--The surprise exit of Tony Windis, Wyoming's all-American basketball candidate, has left the Laramie school in an uproar. .not expected to return, Windis was averaging 22.4 points for 12 games and was leading the Skyline Conference with a 26.0 average.....The brother of Capt. Dave Mullaney, Falcon assistant hoop coach, is building a new basketball power in the Northeast--Joe, coach of Providence College, has a 13-2 record, his latest victory a four-overtime 90-83 conquest of rangy Villanova.....Illinois, seeking a ninth straight Big Ten championship and fourth NCAA crown in five years, invades USAFA next week with two Olympic potentials, Abe Grossfeld and Don Tonry...Both have won NCAA all-around titles.....the Illini fencing team, defending NCAA champs,...

will take on the Academy swordsmen (4-1), boasting a 5-0 slate and undefeated performers in foilsman Abbey Silverstone and sabreman Martin Kramer.....Wyoming's Sun Bowl and Skyline champion footballers will play a coast-to-coast schedule next fall, including games with North Carolina State, San Jose, and USAFA in addition to their regular conference slatesince the Talon has placed a no-sports ban on copy for February and March, there will be added informational emphasis on DODO sports during this period...this writer was informed that there was "no space allocated" for sports in the Talon.

SKI TEAM WINS FIRST MEET

The Air Force Academy ski team won its first intercollegiate four way meet in three seasons last Sunday, amassing 557.7 points to win the AFA-Colorado College sponsored invitational. Colorado Mines finished second with 541.2 points, trailed by Colorado College with 391.9. Regis, which competed only in the Alpine events, scored 164.3.

The Falcons had taken a three-point lead into the second half of the competition, but trailed by seven points going into the final event. Then Capt. John Miltner won the slalom to help seal the verdict. Pete Burton was first in cross-country in the initial phase of the meet and wound up with the skimeister (all-around) award.

This Sunday the cadets hope to continue their success when the first half of a meet sponsored by Colorado Mines and Regis is held at Loveland Basin. Downhill and the slalom will be held this weekend, with cross-country and jumping slated for the weekend of February 6.

MERMEN RECORD FOURTH VICTORY

The Air Force Academy swimming team broke eight pool records in whipping Colorado State College, 59-27, last Saturday at the Community Center pool. The Falcons kept their record intact in recording their fourth 1959 victory and winning over CSC for the first time in history.

Only the 400-year medley relay mark withstood the Falcon assault, as Jerry Farquhar and Fourth Classman Dick Johnson each won two events and swam on a winning relay team to chalk up 11 3/4 points apiece.

The cadets were at Austin last night for a meet with Texas University and move over to College Station tomorrow for a meet with a powerful Texas A&M squad.

WRESTLERS LOST FIRST 1959 MEET, 23-2

Wayne Kendall's draw in the 177-pound bracket accounted for the only Air Force Academy points as the cadets suffered their first wrestling loss of the season, a 23-2 setback at the hands of Colorado State University. The Zaleski brothers, Charley and Joe, both went down to defeat for the first time. Captain Charley lost a decision in the heavyweight division and Joe dropped a similar match in the 167-pound class.

The Falcons hope to bounce back tomorrow against Colorado University at the Community Center gym.

PISTOL TEAM SEEKS SECOND WIN

The Air Force Academy pistol team, idle for three weeks in shoulder-to-shoulder competition, will return to action tomorrow by taking on the Colorado School of Mines at the Colorado Springs Auditorium range. The Falcons hold a 1334-1240 early season decision over the Miners.

FENCERS COME OF AGE IN DOWNING DFC

The Air Force Academy fencing team in routing the Denver Fencers' Club, 19-8 proved that they have "come of age" in the sport. The week-end effort was only the second time in eight meets that the cadets have managed a win over the veteran college and amateur fencers--and the initial time that the score has been decisive. Lt. Col. James Jackson's charges wiped out the Denver sabre team, 7-2, in what is usually the up-staters' strangest weapon. Foil and Sword took easy 6-3 decisions.

Harlow Halbower in foil and John Paul Browning in sword both won three bouts, while George Hines and Jim Rhodes won two each in foil and sword, respectively. Art Elser, Wayne Jefferson and Dave Goodrich all won two bouts in sabre.

This week the Falcons take on defending NCAA champion Illinois at the Community Center gym on Saturday. The undefeated Illini will be out to avenge an 18-9 trouncing last year at the hands of the cadets. The meet will pit the nation's best against what now must be considered as this region's finest team.

RIFLE TEAM EXTENDS WIN STREAK TO 25

The unbeaten Air Force Academy rifle team extended its win streak to 25 dual meets last weekend in defeating Colorado and Creighton University at the winners' range. The Falcons fired a 1425, as opposed to the Buff's 1388 and Creighton's 1386.

Jules Viquesney fired a 287x300 to lead the Academy, while team balance was again in evidence as Dick Kingman, Bob Siteman and Jim Weaver fired 285s and George Luck a 283. Viquesney, Siteman and Luck all hit perfect 100s in the prone position, a feat matched by CU's Jim Tanner. Viquesney added a 99x100 in the kneeling position.

The Falcons will seek to gain their 26th straight at the expense of Colorado State University Rifle and Pistol Club tomorrow at AFA.

BASKETBALL TEAM GAINS REVENGE, 68-63

The Air Force Academy basketball team, springing a balanced attack, avenged an early season 55-50 tournament loss and edged Wyoming University 68-63, last weekend at the Colorado Springs High School gym. Bob Beckel led the Falcon attack with 18 points, but Jim Ulm and Don Wolfswinkel chipped in 15 apiece and Bob Williams added 11. The Academy led, 23-29 at the half, but a determined Cowboy rally tied it up at 42-all with 13:37 remaining. The remainder of the game was nip-and-tuck until Williams iced the decision with a pair of free throws with 7.26 left.

The deciding factor in the game was the cadets' 30 penalty markers, gained by Wyoming's 31 personal fouls. The entire Cowboy first team fouled out of the game and AFA Coach Maj. Bob Spear's second-half stall strategy thwarted the Wyoming effort in the late moments of the game.

The Falcons met Denver University on Wednesday and are on the road tomorrow against Oklahoma University at Norman. Both actions initiate basketball competition between the schools.

CROSS-COUNTRY LETTERS RECOMMENDED

Four members of the Air Force Academy's cross-country team have been recommended for varsity letters and six Fourth Classmen for numerals by Capt. Ed Matthews, Head Coach. The Falcon harriers had their most successful campaign in 1958, defeating Maryland, North Carolina State, Wyoming and New Mexico, and bowing to Iowa, Stanford and Colorado, all powerful cross-country aggregations.

Qualifying for his second letter was team captain, Tony Bilello, a Second Classman, while Third Classmen Ken Ballien, Dave Carlstrom, and Joe Mandel were recommended for their first letters.

Fourth Classmen recommended for numbers were John Fer, Wil Holbrow, Dick Parker, Roy Stafford, Lew Svitenko and Austin Wedemeyer.

FOOTBALL NAMES ALL-OPPONENT TEAM

The following is the 1958 Air Force Academy all-opponent football team. (See editorial on preceding page)

<u>First Team</u>			<u>Second Team</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	
Lee Grosscup	Utah	QB	Randy Duncan	Iowa	
Bob Jeter	Iowa	HB	Eddie Dove	Colorado	
Duane Woods	Okla St	BH	Bob Sawyer	Wyoming	
Chuck Weiss	Colorado	FB	Larry Rundle	Okla St	
Don Miller	Denver	C*	-----	-----	
Vandiver Childs	Okla St	G	John Wooten	Colorado	
Gary Grouwinkel	Iowa	G	Pat O'Donnell	Colo St Univ	
Jack Himelwright	Colorado	T	Dale Memmelaar	Wyoming	
Jim Howard	Okla St	T	Eric Protiva	Stanford	
Chris Burford	Stanford	E	Curt Merz	Iowa	
Don Norton	Iowa		"	"	
& Don Black	New Mexico	E**	-----	-----	

*Miller was unanimous choice for center.
 *Norton and Black tied for end.

Honorable mention: Ends-Irv Nikolai (Stanford); Jim Wood (Okla St); Bill Elkins and Mel Semenko (Colorado); Dick White (Utah)
 Guards-Leon Kuczekski (Wyoming); Bill Mondt (Colorado)
 Halfbacks-Ray Jauch (Iowa); Larry Wilson (Utah)
 Fullback-Monk Bailey (Utah)

EIGHTEEN SOCCER PLAYERS RECOMMENDED FOR LETTERS

Sixteen soccer players and two managers have been recommended for Air Force Academy varsity letters by Coach Arne Arnesen. Nine others have been recommended for freshman numerals. Soccer, one of the most successful of the Academy sports, won seven, lost two and tied one this past season.

Slated to receive their third varsity letters are First Classmen Mike Carns, Captain James Connally, Al Gagliardi, John Mantei, Norris Olson and Dick Tracey.

Two year-lettermen are First Classmen Jim Carpenter and Mel Merz, plus Second Classmen Andy Biancur, Bill Currier, Sid Newcomb, Don Singer and Dale Thompson. Earning their initial letters were Third Classmen Bill Griffis, John Taylor and Roger Woodbury. David Archino and Marty Richert were recommended for manager awards.

Fourth Class numerals were recommended for Fred Banks, Bob Kuchlewski, Tom McAtee, Steve Nielson, Dave Pederson, Charles Price, Bob Schaller, Ed Spicer and Bob Weight.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

This week:

- BASKETBALL: Oklahoma University at Norman; Saturday, 31 Jan at 2000
- "B" BASKETBALL: Casper J.C. at AFA; Saturday, 31 Jan at 1500
- FENCING: Illinois at AFA; Saturday, 31 Jan at 1400
- GYMNASTICS: Illinois at AFA; Saturday, 31 Jan at 1600
- PISTOL: Colorado Mines at AFA; Saturday, 31 Jan at 1500
- RIFLE: Colo St Univ R&P Club at AFA; Saturday, 31 Jan at 1300
- SWIMMING: Texas A&M at College Station; Saturday, 31 Jan at 1400
- WRESTLING: Colorado at AFA; Saturday, 31 Jan at 1930

Next week:

- BASKETBALL: Panhandle A&M at AFA; Wednesday, 4 Feb at 1930
- South Dakota at AFA; Saturday, 7 Feb at 2000
- GYMNASTICS: Denver at AFA; Wednesday, 4 Feb at 1500
- Nebraska & Colorado at AFA; Saturday, 7 Feb at 1400
- FENCING: Notre Dame at AFA; Friday, 6 Feb at 1500
- Denver Fencers' Club at AFA; Saturday, 7 Feb at 1400
- WRESTLING: Kansas State at AFA; Friday, 6 Feb at 1500
- Nebraska at AFA; Saturday, 7 Feb at 1500
- SWIMMING: Wyoming at AFA; Saturday, 7 Feb at 1500
- RIFLE: USMA at West Point; Saturday, 7 Feb at 1400
- PISTOL: USMA at West Point; Saturday, 7 Feb at 1400