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True Course Career by DMG

The Air Force system of "flying pay" is once more under "the closest scrutiny" in Washington. It seems that there is some feeling that the present plan that pays the extra rate to all flying officers, whether they are currently flying operational aircraft or barely maintaining flying proficiency in out-dated aircraft, is felt to be financially unsound. It is felt that by the very nature of the pay system, that of a "hazardous duty bonus," there should be such extra reward only for those who are frequently flying first-line aircraft, rather than maintaining border-line flying status in order to receive flying pay. While this position certainly has a degree of logic on its side, the argument that these border-line cases will provide the nucleus of an easily upgraded flying officer corps, which would be necessary should a national emergency arise, has been quite effective in the past when the question arose. There is little reason to doubt that it will not be convincing in the future. The question does arise, however, as to just what might happen should the missile generally replace the piloted aircraft in the future. With the basic justification removed, it would seem that we might see the demise of the flight system - a most unfortunate situation to say the least. One wonders if there might not then be justification for some sort of proficiency pay, for the various skills involved in missileery. While there is little question as to whether such proficiency pay could be justified from a hazardous duty standpoint, there is equally little doubt that from a motivation standpoint such remuneration might well be termed an absolute necessity. Long duty hours, lack of variety in duties, and isolated duty stations seem to be good arguing points for some sort

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'Nu-Faces' Bills All-New Talent!

An all-new stage show entitled "Nu-Faces of '59" will be presented Sunday afternoon at 1545 in Auditorium F-1 (1000-man) by the Wing Entertainment Committee.

Talent will be drawn from Fort Carson and Colorado College.

From Colorado College will come several dance acts, including "Steam Heat" from "Pajama Game," and the "Man with the Golden Arm." Dottie Emerson will sing the two songs with which she scored a hit in the college variety show held last week.

From Fort Carson, Eugene Neal will play "Malequena." A number of Fort Carson personnel will put on a variety of acts ranging from musical numbers to comedy skits.

Musical backing for the entire show will be provided by the 9th Division Band under the direction of Sgt Robert Fagen.

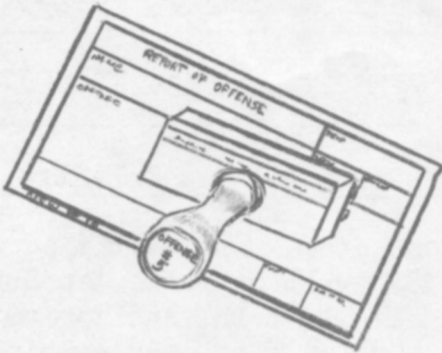
Howard C. Smith, assistant entertainment director of Special Services at Fort Carson is directing the show.

All cadets may attend, and they may escort. No tickets or admission--- first come first serve basis for seats.

A worthwhile deviation from Sunday afternoon ennui. Reeves

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REMARKS (for use in summary)		
1. The Report "Absent from Taps formation, 29 Feb 1959," is correct. 2. I attended classes, and upon trying to return to the area, I could not find an open door in the academic building.		

Not to be outdone by anyone, the Class of '60 has already drawn up their emblem for next year, so here it is for your inspection you lucky readers:



So, men of Sixty, be the first in your squadron to have a new "Offense Stamp." Offenses for all occasions. And with every order of 25 or more stamps, you get a book of personal Form 10's! Your signature engraved in brown (that very special brown!) on everyone. Just send your money to Nulli Secundis Inc., care of this paper. Class I Offenses, just a dollar, Class II's for one-fifty, and Class III's a bargain at three skins. And while you're at it, why not enter the big contest to try to win a dozen free stamps. Just finish this sentence in 25 words or less: 'Having appeared before the Commandant's Board for _____ Most interesting entry wins.

Cadets of the Wing..... Throw off your worries! Where? At the Roman Blast of course! Ros-Al Ltd. is going all out to make this the biggest blast ever. Remember their motto: The Sky's the Limit with Ros-Al Limited. See You there on the 21st.

TRUE COURSE CAREER, CONT. FROM 1

of motivation and proficiency reward for future missile men. A recent newspaper article marked a "new era" in the missile business, with the first successful launching of the Titan. Perhaps the not-too-distant future will mark a new era in thinking of military planners with regard to the military pay system. DMG

I have a rather short column this week because I'm really teed off. I'm tired of being misinterpreted by cadets, especially those who are beyond criticism. This classification includes everyone except me.

The perfect cadet already knows this, but in case there are some of the other type here, I'll give out the word. There was once a man named Mitchell in our proud tradition who sacrificed his career (and himself) because he was insubordinate and said what he believed.

There are many men (and even more boys) who come here with great ideas of personal integrity and stolid moral courage. By the time a man gets to be a First Classman, he has learned by examples of both those who always agree and those who often don't agree, that the strongest practical course possible for a man who wants to get ahead, is to keep his mouth shut. The ultimate in getting ahead is to loudly agree with what ever program is in progress at the time.

If one always assents, or tells his leader (OER writer) that he does agree with every proposal, and if he never has the courage to disagree, he will eventually become unable to think for himself. Thus he can not ever disagree no matter how obviously wrong his superior may be. It can readily be seen (especially in the best of us) that this trait becomes stronger with practice, i.e., years of service and increased responsibility. I know that a superior may be tied up completely once in a while because I have some subordinates myself.

Then there is the problem of being right or wrong. As all of us (sharp heads) know, Mitchell was right, so the Dining Hall was named after him. But he also got sent to Texas, which was Thule in those days. Even one of us might be wrong (Mitchell wasn't an Academy man, was he?). In this case a man not only gets zapped, but there is no great clamor to name a dining hall in his honor. (CONT P-5)

FOR SALE: Harmony Monteny guitar with case, shoulder strap, electric pickup, and amplifier. Can be played with or without amplifier. Will consider selling items separate or together. See Karschnick in 3-G-84.

THE PROGRESS OF CADET CONDUCT

Cadet conduct and common courtesy has been lacking lately on several occasions. Things like leaving a lecture when a speaker is in the middle of a talk; ignoring lost and bewildered visitors on the Academy grounds; and not-so-quietly scoffing the nations of foreign visitors have been too much in evidence. Two Second Classmen comment on a recent example of this growing immaturity and discourtesy: GHH

There is a great deal to be said for the cadet uniform. It is a symbol of future professionalism. It is an indication that someday we will be putting on the uniform of an officer and take our place among the ranks of professional people like the doctor, lawyer and engineer.

The uniform is only a symbol of what is inside. The uniform does not make the man. There is supposed to be a man first. However, if the uniform is properly exploited, it will allow a child to act like a tin god. It allows him to have a brass band awaiting him at every base he visits; to make women swoon at his feet. It even allows him to look down on other people and make a jackass of himself and still consider himself a man, safe behind the Rocky Mountain blue veneer. To see this in action, all you have to do is to attend a Saturday evening movie here at the Academy.

Here you can listen to the little blue men and their remarks of infinite depth. If this is really what the uniform stands for, then it is as phony as some of the people that wear it. The interesting thing is that we all are to blame for exhibitions like this because no one does anything about it. This would make one unpopular with his classmates and might endanger his cadet career!

It is high time that the Cadet Wing wakes up and realizes the courtesy, manners and breeding that we must have before we put on the AF uniform of an officer. As long as we consider the uniform to be our passport to do as we please, we are endangering the long-fought for position of a professional man. Is this our goal?

DAVID L. WIEST

Last Saturday evening I saw a movie; one of the many fine things that I have been privileged to see and enjoy since coming to the Academy. I am deeply appreciative of the military and social position that I hold as a cadet and would not hold otherwise.

We are expected to maintain our high standards at all times as a matter of course and the exception is supposed to be a lowering of standards. We all know the amount of pressure that is brought to bear on us; however, it is extreme shallowness to use this argument as an excuse for substandard behavior in the public eye. The behavior which some cadets displayed last Saturday evening in the cadet theatre has been witnessed from San Francisco to Berlin and probably in the Far East as well.

Why is it that a group of normally well-behaved individuals, placed in a group of their fellow cadets, act like the teenage hood. We are all proud of our relationships with one another; and yet, I have been ashamed on several occasions when these very same cadets acted like self-indulgent children and shouted to see who could drown out his opponent first. Admittedly, every once in a while an individual will come up with a funny comment. But people who want to make themselves obnoxious can form a club and alternatively play joker and straight man. The only impression that the public has concerning the Wing is the impression we give them. If we identify ourselves with the Wing as a source of pride, let's give that pride a firm foundation. If we don't feel this identification, why are we here?

PHILIP A. COOKE

SPORTS

FALCON FILINGS

by George Hines

The subject of yach racing, incongruous as it may seem at an Air Force Academy, has been knocking about the area quite loudly of late. What is more intriguing is the proposal of an Atlantic race with the Naval Academy. That the middies should contemplate taking on their brother Academy in what is generally regarded as a Navy province is in itself unusual.

The details are not yet firm, but it appears that the race between USNA's 90-foot "Royono" and an 80-foot yawl representing USAFA would be staged from Annapolis to Bermuda. Although official Air Force Academy approval has not yet been officially requested, it seems quite likely that the race, staged at no expense to the Academy and during leave time, would receive approval. The question of whether or not practice time could be obtained this spring at some of the larger mountain lakes is still in the air, however.

It will be interesting to keep an eye on the developments forthcoming. Give a 50-50 chance right now of being pulled off, the defeat of a Naval Academy team on the water would be a spectacular publicity move for USAFA. We have the talent and experience necessary here at the Academy...scheduling will determine the outcome.

Bob Parker, a Fourth Classman from Edwards Air Force Base, has left a most favorable impression on regional swimming competitors. Last Saturday Bob took the only Academy first place, a 218 score in diving, as the Falcons lost to Wyoming. This feat, added to a first against Texas A&M and a second against powerful Texas on the preceding weekend, has made the young Fourth Classman the topic of much local swimming conversation.

With five Second Classmen and four Third Classmen carrying most of the swimming load, the addition of Parker and four other talented newcomers has enhanced the regional position of the Falcons considerably. In spite of loss of First Classmen from the team, indications are that USAFA ought to have a fine team again next year and depth enough to gain the Rocky Mountain Empire championship. Fourth Classmen, like Parker, give the Academy reason to be optimistic.

By snapping Notre Dame's 25-meet winning streak, the Academy fencing team has established its claim to national prominence. Illinois and Notre Dame represent the cream of the nation's fencing teams--the Falcon swordsmen have down both in successive weeks. Great depth, rather than individual stars, has been the story of success thus far. Lt. Col. Jim Jackson, Head Coach, has a hard corps of First Classmen, backed by a solid Second Class contingent.

Captain Art Elser, Wayne Jefferson and Dave Goodrich head the sabre team, while Vic Thomas and Bob Davis, both probably good enough to be first string on most college teams, back up the more experienced First Classmen. This is the story of the Falcon's fencing success (6-1) thus far in 1958. Ahead lies the Western Intercollegiate Tourney and its inevitable Hungarian Olympians.

PENSIVE MEANDERINGS.....The hockey club's defeat by the Colorado College freshmen points out a need for a hockey rink here, plus giving an indication of what a long way we have to go.....Illinois gymnasts, resting this weekend with an exhibition meet against Finland's Olympic team, are touting freshman Ray Hadley, a prospect to surpass records set by Abe Grossfeld and Don Tonry.....the Illini fencers, rebounding from a defeat to AFA two weekends ago, wiped out Michigan State and Chicago in a triangular meet.....the Illini have revamped their lineup for their spurt toward a national championship.....there has been rumor of changing the size of home plate in baseball to aid pitchers...more about this later.

RIFLE TEAM ENDS LONG STREAK

The 26-meet undefeated streak of the Air Force Academy rifle team, dating back to February, 1956, ended last weekend as the Falcon firers dropped a 1432-1422 decision to the Military Academy at West Point. Minus the services of all-American Bob Siteman who was sidelined in the hospital, the Falcons fired a good, but sub-par (for USAFA), score.

This weekend the Academy riflemen seek to start another streak at the expense of California and Wisconsin. The former aggregation has a fine team and is highly rated, being the defending National Rifle Association champions.

PISTOL TEAM LOSES TO ARMY

The Air Force Academy pistol team, victor in two previous shoulder to-shoulder 1959 meets, dropped a 1394-1348 count to the Military Academy last weekend at West Point. Firing under pressure, the Falcons fired a relatively low score.

This weekend the Cadets entertain Wisconsin and Texas A&M at the Colorado Springs Auditorium range. The Aggies finished sixth and Wisconsin 11th in the NRA meet last year.

WRESTLING TEAM WINS, LOSES

The Air Force Academy wrestling team snapped a three-meet losing streak by swamping Nebraska, 25-5, last Saturday after losing, 19-12, in a close meet with Kansas State on Friday.

Wayne Kendall won victories in both matches in the 177-pound class and Joe Zaleski managed a win and a draw in the 167-pound division.

Tomorrow the Falcons take on Colorado School of Mines in the 100-man lecture hall under the Library. The Miners are always tough and the meet promises to be one of the top local attractions of the season.

GYMNASTS WIN TRIANGULAR

The Air Force Academy gymnastics team won handily over Colorado and Nebraska in capturing a triangular meet last Saturday at the Community Center gymnasium. The triangular score was 86 to 42½ for Colorado and 25½ for the Cornhuskers.

In dual meets, the Academy trounced Nebraska, 71½-40½, and downed the Buffaloes, 85½-26½. The victories upped the season record to within one meet of .500 and a 2-3 record. This Saturday the Falcons travel to Arizona for meets with Arizona and Arizona State.

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Want to get ahead? If you have two bosses and they disagree, tell each of them what he wants to hear. I feel safe in giving away my secret because I employ them so well myself that I needn't fear any competition from even Pinocchio.

I've read Biehle's column. He's written up! He should know about the bull by now. I used my rubber stamp with such a flair that I got two of his classmates in the same stroke.

BASKETBALL TEAM DOWNS SOUTH DAKOTA

Superior floor-shooting told the story as the Air Force Academy basketball team trounced South Dakota, 75-57, last Saturday night at the Colorado Springs High School gym. Bob Beckel had one of his best nights with 26 points, and teammate Bob Williams chipped in with 17. Third Classman hit on four of four field goal attempts in scoring nine points.

Norris' three baskets sparked a late first-half rally that gave the Falcons a 36-28 halftime advantage. The Cadets opened strong in the second half, building up a ten point advantage, and were never again behind. It was the eighth victory in 18 games for the Academy. The Falcons built their advantage from the field, outscoring South Dakota, 28-19, in field goals.

Tomorrow the Cadets take on Regis at Denver. The Regis game has been considered the "big game for the past few games and tomorrow's tilt promises to be a real thriller.

FENCERS END 25-MEET NOTRE DAME STREAK

The Air Force Academy fencing team snapped a 25-meet Notre Dame win streak last Friday in defeating the Fighting Irish, 14-13, at the Community Center gym. Jim Rhodes won the crucial last bout in epee, after the Falcons had blown a 13-9 lead and the visitors had come back to tie, at 13-all.

Wayne Jefferson, Dave Goodrich and Captain Art Elser all won two sabre bouts in winning, 6-3. Harlow Halbower won two bouts as the Cadet foil team lost for the first time this year, 3-6. JP Browning, Dave Shearin and Rhodes all fenced well in winning the crucial dueling sword competition, 5-4.

This week the Falcons have a breather, traveling to Tucson to take on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the University of Arizona. The Academy swordsmen, 6-1 for the season, are expected to win both meets.

SWIMMERS BOW TO WYOMING, 61-25

Despite compiling better times than any of those which Wyoming posted in shading the Falcons in the Wyoming Relays early in the year, the Air Force Academy swimming team dropped a 61-25 decision to the Cowboys last Saturday at the Community Center pool. Bob Parker took first place and Chuck Coryn second in diving to pace the Falcon swimmers.

This week the Cadets hope to hand Denver University its first regional loss since 1953. The Falcons edged the Pioneers for second place in the Wyoming Relays and have the slight edge in times this year.

MILTNER CAPTURES SKIMEISTER AS AFA LOSES

Captain John Miltner won the skimeister award and cadets took first place in three of four events, but Colorado Mines edged the Falcons, 545.0 to 509.1, to win the Mines-Regis sponsored four-way, concluded last Sunday at Winter Park. Colorado College was third with 201.7, trailed by Regis with 188.4.

Miltner won the downhill and slalom in the first half of the meet on February 1st, and Harry Swainston was the cross-country victor Sunday as Don Osborne of Mines won the jumping. The Orediggers' better team depth paid off.

This Sunday the Cadets will take part in a meet at Winter Park sponsored by Colorado University. 6

"SCORES, PLEASE!"

(This is the first in a series of articles on the scoring of intercollegiate sports. It is hoped that they will be of assistance to the cadet in understanding the less-publicized athletic events.)

For any of you that have attended a gymnastics meet, "Scores, please!" is a familiar phrase. It comes right after a contestant has finished a routine. Next you might hear the announcer read off, "...76-78-80-75." A moment later he will say, "The score for so-and-so is 77 (or 154)." What's happened?

First, there are four judges as indicated by the four scores. In this case the top and bottom scores were discarded and the middle two averaged. This will usually be the case for most of our meets.

Next question is--how did the judges arrive at these scores? Basically, it is like this. Each contestant's routine is judged on the basis of 100 points. Fifty percent of these points are for form and continuity. Form might include keeping his toes pointed and legs straight. Continuity means the smoothness with which he goes from one part of his routine to another, and how the different parts of his routine are tied together. The remaining fifty percent of the points are awarded for difficulty. Each piece of equipment has certain moves which will rate high or low in difficulty.

The judges, beside judging each individual contestant, must keep a record for themselves of the scores that they have given previous contestants so that the scoring will be in the proper perspective.

This, briefly, is where the score comes from. At the next meet you attend, try looking for some of these points yourself and see how your scores stack up with the judge's.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

This week:

BASKETBALL: Regis at Denver; Saturday, 14 Feb at 2000
GYMNASTICS: Arizona State at Tempe; Saturday, 14 Feb at 1500
FENCING: Arizona at Tucson; Saturday, 14 Feb at 1400
WRESTLING: Colorado Mines at AFA; Saturday, 14 Feb at 1500
SWIMMING: Denver University at Denver; Saturday, 14 Feb at 1500
RIFLE: Wisconsin & California at AFA; Saturday, 14 Feb at 1600
PISTOL: Wisconsin & Texas A&M at AFA; Saturday, 14 Feb at 1300

Next week:

BASKETBALL: Creighton at AFA; Wednesday, 18 Feb at 1930
Washington at St. Louis; Saturday, 21 Feb at 2000
GYMNASTICS: Colo St Coll & UCLA at AFA; Saturday, 21 Feb at 1600
FENCING: Denver Fencers' Club at Denver; Saturday, 21 Feb at 1400
SWIMMING: New Mexico at AFA; Saturday, 21 Feb at 1500
WRESTLING: Wyoming at Laramie; Saturday, 21 Feb at 1930
RIFLE: Oklahoma State at Stillwater; Friday, 20 Feb at 1830