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The
Cynic's Corner
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Welcome, friend, to Venturi Valley, home of the AF Academy drag strip.

I'd like to inject a note of cheer into your lives by pointing out the fact that classes end on 20 May. And finals don't start until 21 May. How about that?

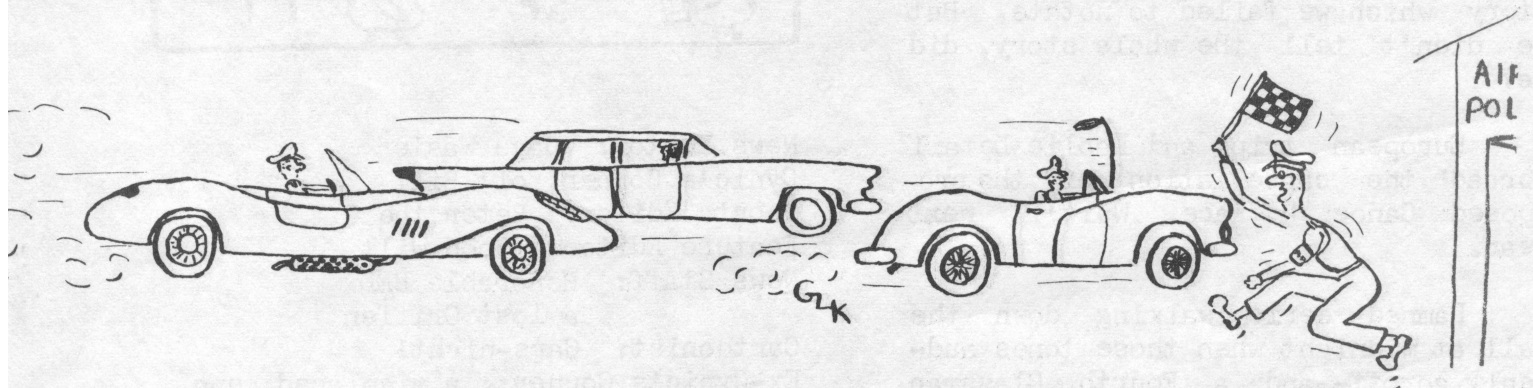
I think that the individual who writes the menus for the Dining Hall should be given a medal of some sort. Neven have I encountered such wonderful adjectives used to describe roast beef and mashed potatoes.

My room-mate and I are cultivating a tremendous fire in our wastebasket. The CCQ is going to shout with glee one of these nights when we finally let him see it.

Perhaps forming sick squad and marching them to meals wasn't such a bad idea after all. The quality of their marching definitely surpasses that of some of our squadrons.

Somehow, every time I look at this place objectively, I can't suppress Sadler's image of floating battleships in a sea of mud. Of course, there are bits of other foreign material floating in the mud, but that was with us at Lowry.

The closing thought for this week is dedicated to the Class of WHITLY--"Man's flight through life is sustained by the knowledge of his power."
TAYLOR



EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Justice triumphs--Ames and Currey Freed!

Seems to me that Cathedral Rock will have to go. Just look out any northern window--that mass of dust is the only thing interrupting an otherwise sweeping landscape.

One of these days the lights on the terrazzo may be tested at night... but I doubt it.

Haven't had a date in so long that I'm beginning to wonder if this is worth it. And now let's all shift locale over to Hidden Valley, where we find Debbie Talley busily trying to convince her folks that June Week won't be a wild, sinful affair. I'll keep you posted.

Some people didn't feel that any cadet in their squadron was the most outstanding in their class and hence didn't place the top man first; they were sevensed for keeping their personal signature sacred...

And then there was the tourista looking up at Good Will through binoculars. Several well-placed cherry bombs drove her away.

Wonder how long we'll go without those white belts on our formals. They seem to be a major attraction when put on the overcoats.

Fourth Classman Chet Griffen deserves credit for the '62 field trip story which we failed to notate. But he didn't tell the whole story, did he?

European trips and Doolie Detail forced the cancellation of the proposed Canoe U race. Wait'll next year.

Damned eerie walking down the hall at midnight when those tones suddenly go off--and a Fourth Classman paces out of his room.

Until next week - - perhaps with girls...

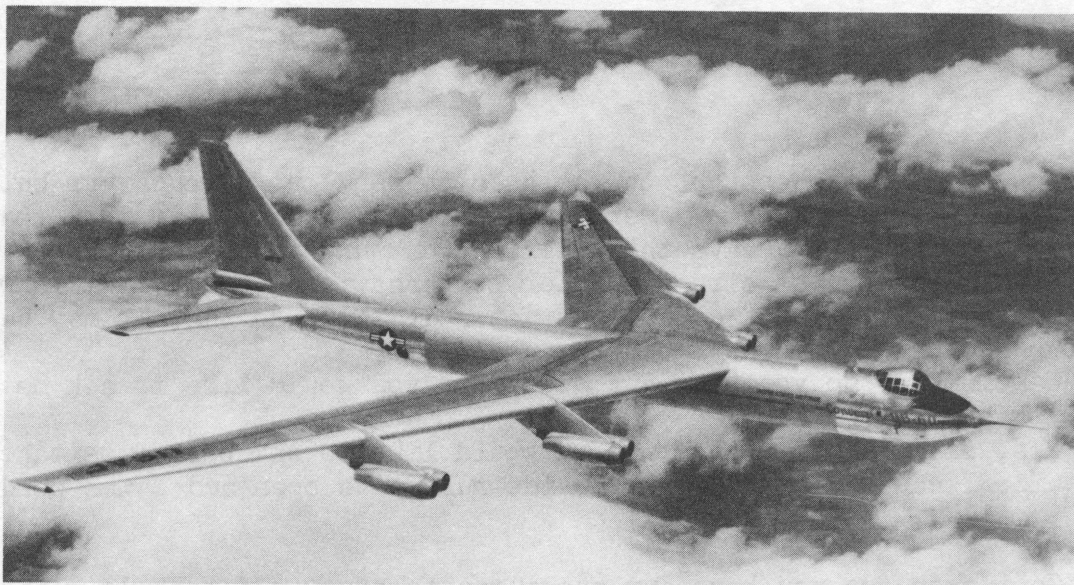
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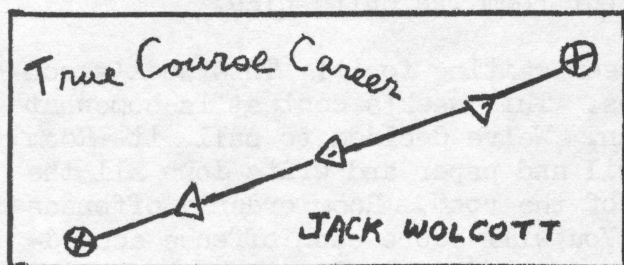
THE INTERIM AIR FORCE ACADEMY CREST is in the process of revision. After a group of designs for the permanent Academy seal had been rejected, a group of cadets from the classes of '59 and '60, under the direction of the class committees, set to work on another new approach.



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THE CONVAIR YB-60 all-jet bomber, called the "big brother of the B-36," was designed to exceed the performance of the B-36 and made its maiden flight seven years ago last week.



Fully well do I realize the possibility of hopelessly wallowing around in the shoes that Goodrich wore as I attempt to follow the footsteps of this graduating 1st Classman. In this column he has endeavored to bring before interested cadets the facts of life in the Air Force with a constant emphasis on making a career out of this profession we find ourselves in. I hope to continue this general trend toward professionalism and will always be open for criticism and suggestion in hopes of giving you what you as a future second lieutenant might want.

Before beginning the actual series of random bits of information in future articles, I think it fitting to give the reader an insight into one of the more basic philosophies concerning Cadet Life to which I subscribe.

From this level it would seem that there are about four types of cadets, not necessarily corresponding to the four classes. There are those who "don't like it here", those who try to make others believe they don't know what they're doing here, and those who can begin to see the border of the Big Picture through the mists of everyday knocks.

If one put these together, I think that by far the very great majority has a positive attitude toward an Air Force career, though this may now be hidden by a tremendous fear of being labeled as "gung-ho".

It is for this majority that my typewriter will clack, and it is to this majority that this column is dedicated.

Hi Ho



Hi Ho,

I was fortunate enough to be able to send out more career-building information to you creams of American last week. To any outsider that may have the misfortune to have this publication thrust into his or her hands by an eager cadet guest struggling for conversational bits, I will now let you in on a smattering of cadet-instructor dialogue so that it may be seen that we here are not an easy-going lot. To wit:

"Gentlemen, do you have any questions you would like to ask me before we take this short quiz?"

"Yes, sir: I have a question. I would like to ask before we take this short quiz; I can't seem to get my slide rule case open and I was wondering if..."

or

"Gentlemen, do you have any questions to start off today's class?"

"Yes, sir: could you tell me what class this is?"

There seems to be an ever-increasing tendency toward panel discussions here at USAFA. Perhaps you have felt that they can be interesting, but that you never quite come to any sort of a conclusion on anything. Well, I would just like to say that I had a short panel discussion here in my room and it was decided that the paneling in our room was quite nice.

Now comes that part you've all been waiting for!!! This week's contest in our Motivation Contest Series. This week's contest is somewhat different, albeit, interesting and fun. We've decided to call it--Room Discrepancy Hunt. You merely take pencil and paper and write down all the discrepancies you can find in your half of the room. Room orderly offenses are not, I say again, NOT acceptable. You will score each offense according to the scale below. To your total score, add a short paragraph stating why I am ashamed of MY room discrepancies, and send it to the editor of this publication.

The points for offenses are as follows:

(Lack of) Dirt, dust, improper arrangement of articles, etc-1 pt.
Dirty pictures - 2 pts. An AF manual that's actually been read by YOU--3 pts.; Booze in your Old Spice Bottle-4 pts.; Any notes taken in class-5 pts.

To be fully qualified for 7 and 8 point offenses such as having woman in room or sticking pins in AOC voodoo dolly, you must actually have done or be doing this when you receive notification of this contest. The wheelhouse, I am certain, will fairly and justly judge all applications, none of which may be returned. All winners (and losers) will be notified. You can bank on it.

And now the prizes...unbeatable to say the least...We have a 45 record of George Sadler recruiting cadets for USAFA; a complete book of "Ganges River Customs," a list of Off Limits places in Monument, Colorado; a record of monster growlings from the latest Frankenstein movie; 50 rounds of 23-caliber rifle ammunition; and a five-minute film strip of the Aga Khan doing the Chicken Reel.

This is it for this week. Maybe always.

FUTURE AOC

There is a new man in the COC office that few if any of the cadets have had a chance to meet. He is Capt. Patrick E. McGill, Deputy AOC of 6th Squadron and future AOC of one of the new squadrons next fall.

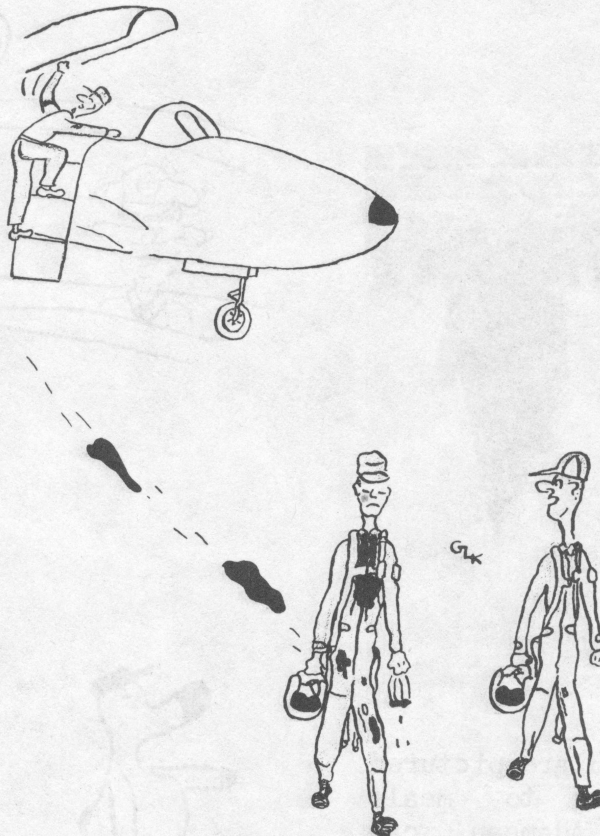
Capt. McGill is a 1950 graduate of West Point, hailing from Haines City, Fla. During his service career to date, he has served with many different units including the 26th Fighter - Interceptor Squadron (F-80), Okinawa; 80th Fighter - Bomber Squadron (F-80), Korea; and as an F-86L instructor pilot and academic instructor at Moody AFB, Ga. He served with distinction in Korea, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross while with the 80th.

He is not the first of his family to seek a career in the military; his father, a 1919 graduate of the Military Academy, was in an artillery unit and his two brothers served with the Navy and Coast Guard.

He indicated that his major interests were flying (2100 hrs and a senior pilot rating), Lacrosse (CIC of the club at West Point), and his family which now includes their first deduction just four weeks old at publication date.

We hope the Captain and his wife will find their tour at the Academy as rewarding as that during prior assignments.

B. E. Decker



THAT'S OK, BROWNING! THEY STILL
FLY STRAIGHT AND LEVEL IN SAC.

DEFINITIONS OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING'S TERMS

The following are terms that the cadet must know before successfully completing EE 302 at the Air Force Academy.

RESISTOR: The girl you had out last weekend

CAPACITOR: Device for measuring the capacity of cadets (graduated in gals.)

CIRCUIT BREAKER: Class III

TRIODE: Poem written by three men

SERIES FIELD: Usually Yankee Stadium

TRANSFORMER: Officer-in-Charge

ALTERNATOR: A cadet with a girl in Denver and another in Colorado Springs

RECTIFIER: Colonel Higdon

SIMPLE JACK: Any civilian (cadet age)

COLD CATHODE: To be served next week in the Dining Hall

LADDER NETWORK FILTER: 20,000 filter traps

PENTODE: A poem written in the Pentagon

FARADS: The old rulers of Egypt

BAND ELIMINATION: Ray Anthony was going to be here

REACTANCE: What happens when a cadet sees his blind date

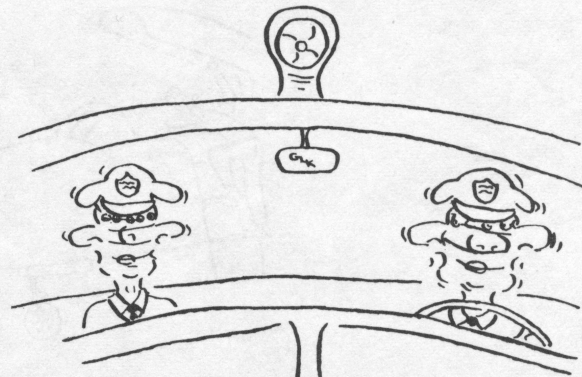
COUPLED IMPEDANCE: Her parents

MAGNETISM: Cadet's effect on Form 10's

Pat SMITH



ROYAL AIR FORCE CADETS are pictured marching the Cadet Wing to meals two weeks ago. C/Col Adamson can be seen as the lone AF Cadet on the staff.



APRIL 18



Golf

The golf team evened up its record this weekend with a 14-7 win over Wyoming at Colorado Springs Country Club. Playing in a high wind and snow flurries affected most of the men's games, but Bob Blake overcame the wind and his opponent to take medalist honors with a 76. Other winners were Bill Blanchard and Bill Toney, who also won as a team in the 4-man best-ball match.

Next week's match is with the University of Arizona, which usually fields an excellent team. Here's hoping that the warm, dry Arizona weather will bring out the best in everyone and the team will continue its winning streak.

Track

This weekend the track team won the first meet to be run on the Academy oval by beating Wyoming, 79-47. Due to the high wind and the poor conditions of the track, the records are not outstanding. Each winning time or distance is a track record, however, due to this being the first meet on it.

Besides the 14 track records being set, two cadet records were also broken. John Dolan, '59, broke the shot put record with a put of 47'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", bettering the previous one of 47'- $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Dick Schehr, '60, heaved the discus 145-6', three feet further than the old record.

Aside from Harold Farmer, who accounted for a third of the Poke's 47 points with three first places, the competition was not too rough. The Falcon's swept the 2-mile and all of the field events, with the exception of the broad jump, won by Farmer, and Lane's specialty, the high jump. The rest of the points were fairly evenly distributed between the two teams.

Don Livingston and Miles Kaspar were top scorers for the Academy thin-clads, each getting eight points. Don won the quarter, with a second in the 220; Miles copped the 220 low hurdles while taking a second in the 120 highs. Other Academy firsts were Tony Bilello's in the mile, Bob Fischer's in the javelin, and a three-way tie between Chris Dixon, Paul Dean, and George Lyddane for the pole vault.

Next week the team travels to Boulder for the Annual CU Invitationals. If CU invited Kansas, the Jayhawks will undoubtedly dominate the meet as they did in their own relays. Competitors to watch will be Bill Alley, KU, who holds the American javelin record of 270', and KU's $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile relay team which ran a 41:00 race this weekend.

TRAVEL

First Class



USAFA - DENVER

Intramurals by Pete Burton

After almost a week of inactivity, intramurals again got underway with several rugby games, 2 games of lacrosse, and a speedball contest. With the varsity lacrosse program shot down by the head shed, it appears that there will be many excellent intramural teams taking the field each week. Strom and Zaleski of 9th, Pat Buckley of Tenth, 4th Squadron's Price and Myers, Tim Travis in 3rd, Mike McCall from 6th, and Herb Eckweiler of 1st are some of the standouts in the league.

Rugby is showing fine progress although the players, coaches, and some of the refs have yet to fully master the "Laws" of the game. Being a new sport to all but one or two of the participants, it is extremely difficult to know whether to punt, run, or pass, and many of the men are mixed-up about what they can do. At the end of the season however, the squadrons should field some excellent teams.

April 16th and 17th Speedball

Tenth defeated Eighth for its second victory of the season. A team that is studded with ex-intramural soccer men, 10th has an excellently rounded team. Gerry Garber sparked the defense to hold off 8th's offense, while 10th's triple-threat offense continued its ravage of the opposing goal in a one-sided 12-4 victory.

Lacrosse

In a game marked by a lot of hustle, 11th's lacrosse beat 2nd by a score of 4-0. 11th was on the offensive most of the time, but 2nd's defense was fairly good and 11th managed to score only 4 times. No individuals stood out for either team, with teamwork being the word for the day.

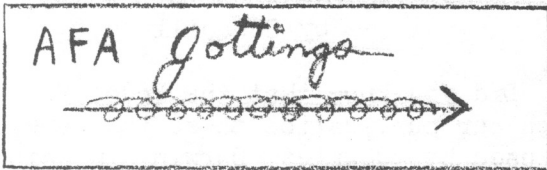
4th Squadron won its second game with the defeat of 7th, 8-0. Although 7th had superior bench strength, it was unable to overcome the scoring power of Price, Myers, and Dana Lentz. Teamwork was noteworthy in this contest with good passing and some excellent set-ups at the goal. The stick-handling of Price was very pretty to see as he scored 5 goals in this defeat of 7th. An added attraction was the refereeing of Lachelt and Griffin, which was as colorful as it was thorough.

Rugby

Third overcame 1st in a well-fought game that covered the entire field. Reavely, Chepolis, Wagner, and Cwach looked good for 3rd, as did Reb Lee for 1st. 3rd had a passing attack which did much to upset First's defense. The kicking of both teams leaves a bit to be desired though.

Although the well-played, hard-fought game between 7th and 4th ended as an 11-11 tie, it proved the point that rugby is a thinking man's sport, and only a man with an adequate knowledge of the rules is able to be an asset to his team. 7th's hard defensive play that pressed the 4th offensive caused many fumbles and much loss of ground on the part of the 4th ruggers. Also a two-point conversion at one point would have won the game, but a lack of "laws" knowledge caused a bumbled kick, and the game ended a tie.

In the game between 11th and 2nd, a wet field considerably slowed the play. But the alertness of Bartholomew and Wilhelm enabled them to turn some 2nd Squadron plays into 11th Sqdn tries and won them the game, 8-3. Another contributing factor to the win was the kicking of Jim Conally which kept 2nd deep in their own territory during most of the game.



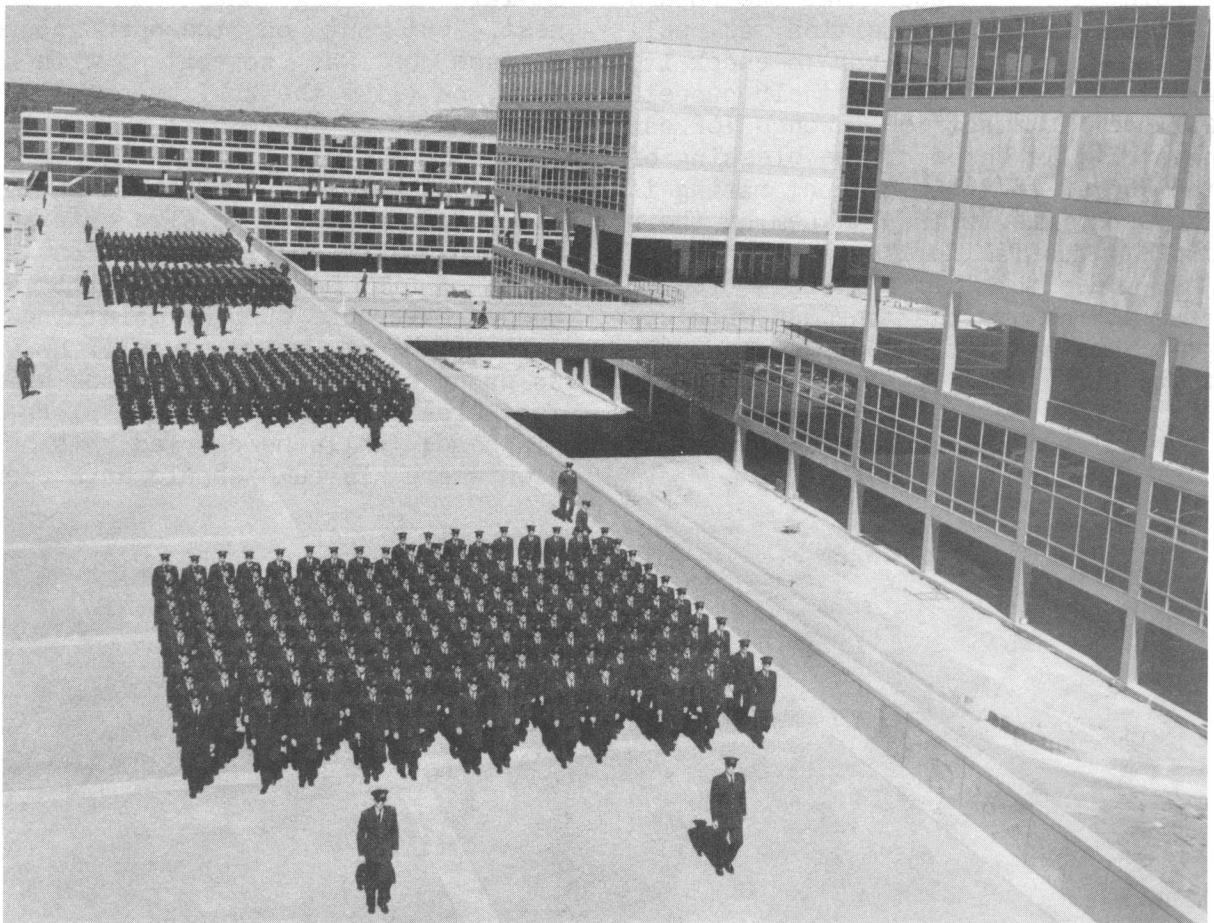
At the Academy
I saw a creature, naked, horny,
Who, sitting on the terrazzo,
Held his heart in his hands,
And ate of it.
I said, 'is it good, friend?"
'It is bitter--bitter,' he replied;
'But I like it
Because it is bitter,
And because it is my heart.'
(With apologies to
Stephen Crane)

Forty thousand buckets at 25 dol-
lars each equals one million dollars.

Someone computed the other day
that the Air Garden will be worth,
when completed, about 2.8 times a
comparable piece of property in down-
town Manhattan.

Attention in the area, attention
in the area: Entertainment Commit-
tee representatives will report to
Security Flight to pick up tickets to
the April 18th USAFA Grand Prix.

A size 12 garrison cap
was found in the Academic Building.
Will the First Classman owning same
pick it up at Security Flight?



THE WING MARCHES TO MEALS as seen by a viewer on the Dining Hall roof.

A VOICE FROM THE PAST

A small, cynical group of Third Classmen were sitting around one depressingly snowy afternoon philosophizing as only the inimitable Class of '61 can do, and they began to wonder what the Great General Washington might have said to them had he lived 173 years later and been one of our fledgling leaders here at the Academy

The result:

Gentlemen, give me your attention:

I am sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of continual griping and complaining, a vice heretofore little known in the Aluminum Monestary, is growing more persistent. I hope that the Powers that be will by inquisition, as well as the Form 10, endeavor to check it, and that both they and their puppets will reflect that '60 through '62 can have little hope of the blessing of the "BO's" on their conduct rating if they continue to insult them by their impiety and fallibility.

Added to this, it is a vice so mean and nathty that any man with unbent bars and auto despises and de-tests it.

Lackenough O'Privileges
C/3C, USAF

ORIGINS OF THE DODO by Goodwill

Did you know that the Dodo, from which our publication takes its name, was used by Charles Darwin in his Origin of the Species? In proving his theory of natural selection, Darwin used the Dodo as an example of that type of species that didn't deserve to exist and was eliminated.

The Dodo was an inhabitant of Mauritius, an island some 500 miles east of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean. This locale suited the Dodo fine. There it found plenty of good food and no disturbing elements to molest its happy way of life.

The Dodo was a lazy, stupid bird. It laid one egg and that not in a nest, but out on the open ground. Because he was so content with his fate, he (like the Auk) became flightless and never learned to swim.

A member of the pigeon family, the Dodo was about the size of a swan with Blackish-gray feathers on all parts of his body except bill and rump. Over his rump he maintained a tall bunch of white plumes. He was so proud of these conspicuous white feathers that they took the place of his head; while he carried his head down where his rump should have been.



THE BEECH UC-43--a utility cargo aircraft used mainly by embassies overseas.

THE MISSION

In just a few more weeks, the First Class will be leaving the Academy. To many it means pilot training, to some marriage. When we entered here four years ago, there wasn't one man that had an idea of exactly what the Academy was to accomplish. Now, I'm sure that there are very few that can say definitely what the goals are.

The mission of the Academy everyone knows. It points the way, but the specifics are left to the cadets. Due to extremely broad scopes of training, there isn't an officer here that can advise a cadet on what is desired and necessary to become a good professional officer. Each officer has his own specialty. Being exterior to the system, he cannot view all facets of it. One thing certain, however; the Academy must graduate leaders superior to any other school. If we needed engineers, diplomats, or administrators, there are hundreds of schools that can far better train an officer for these specializations. Only one thing sets us apart from them--training for leadership.

In the past four years we have set a great many traditions of the Academy. The curriculum has been revised and re-revised. All of this was with the intent of making a better officer. When the Class of '59 leaves in June, we will be able to say that we have pioneered a new institution. But, we have only broken the ground. It is up to the classes that follow to sow the seeds and weed the fields until the crop is well established. We are leaving a big job, one that must be accomplished. A sense of duty, honor, professionalism, cannot be taught in class rooms per se. They must develop through living with them everyday. The officers we associate with day to day demonstrate the basic tenets of leadership; we must find which are effective for ourselves.

Regulations and directives serve only as a guide. They show intent of the Academy and set the minimums that must be accomplished to graduate. To guarantee that the Academy continues to improve, it is necessary to look beyond the black book. An element leader cannot just take a nose count in ranks and really make a lasting effect on the system. Requirements of the officers in the Air Force change, and we must anticipate these changes so that we will have men in the field that are properly prepared as they are needed.

There are three lower classes now that are being given the job of guaranteeing that the Academy is outstanding in all things. This can not be accomplished while lying in the pad. With the larger classes coming into the Academy, each upperclassman will have more effect upon the system than it will ever have again. Good example and dynamic leadership are musts. The best way to improve the status quo is to ask yourself what you can do to better the Academy and the kind of men it will graduate. This almost guarantees something to do, if only improving one's personal appearance.

The job is a big one and for the time being the most important one in the Air Force for us. I think that it was best summed up by the late Lt. Parrish when he was approached by a businessman and offered a good job. He stated that his job as an Air Training Officer was the most important job in the world and that he couldn't consider any other job until it was finished. Unfortunately, he was killed accomplishing that job. I am sure that his example will live on for many years to come. Only with this attitude can continued improvement be made and professional military men so needed by our nation be produced.

J.C. VANCE '59

