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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

June Week issue next week. We'll have a recap of the year, plus some surprise articles.

If the children in the Wing don't stop finding new games to play, we'll lose some of the responsibility that we do have. Cadet-supervised Class II Boards are a step in the right direction...but let's meet the powers that be half-way.

Polaris equals true course; Contrails equal those things that have passed behind us. Let's not hold our cadet careers in front of us after graduation; Let's adopt the logical names for cadet publications.

Intramurals are supposed to be bone-crushing, but this spring was ridiculous. Possible practice in tennis and softball would be beneficial in later life; on the other hand, we may all become base speedball coaches.

Now that the Library has started to lead the Cadet Wing, research indicates that a considerable hesitation has developed, except in extreme cases, to the use of its facilities.

While on the subject of the Library, it seems unfair to have such a large and valuable segment placed on reserve for the handful of cadets in Fine Arts. This deprives the initiative and enthusiasm of cadets not in the course.

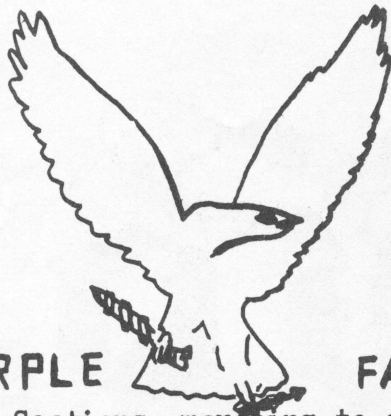
The year is nearly over and several things stand out in my memory but the foremost is a European tale (and strangely not a war story). I remember a Second Classman who, when in Wiesbaden last summer, bought a hungry German a warm meal and gave him transportation money to return to college. This German, hitch-hiking to Munich after attending his father's funeral, had not eaten in two days. The public will never hear of this, but the good will spread by this individual was worth the money spent on the entire trip.

Dave Wiest's article on the naming of the Academy gives food for thought on a neglected topic.

Noticed the other day that the landscapers are using a tape-measure to insure the "random" spacing of the trees on the north side of the dorm.

Good Will was looking at some plans the other day and happily remarked that Castle Rock falls right in the middle of the proposed firing ranges for Fourth Class Training.

Most of our visitors from the various Rocky Mountain colleges a few weeks ago at the Social Science meeting had only two comments to make: "How do you stand the wind" and "Do those belts come with the uniform?" (In astonishment on looking at the Visitor Control Detail). GHH



PURPLE FALCON

Sections marching to class will march along the east side of the ramp and across the north side of the bridge. Sections returning from Class will march across the south side of the bridge and proceed up the west side of the ramp. Cadets proceeding to class individually will stay in the center of the ramp and bridge. Cadets proceeding from class will stand by until we can decide what to do with them.

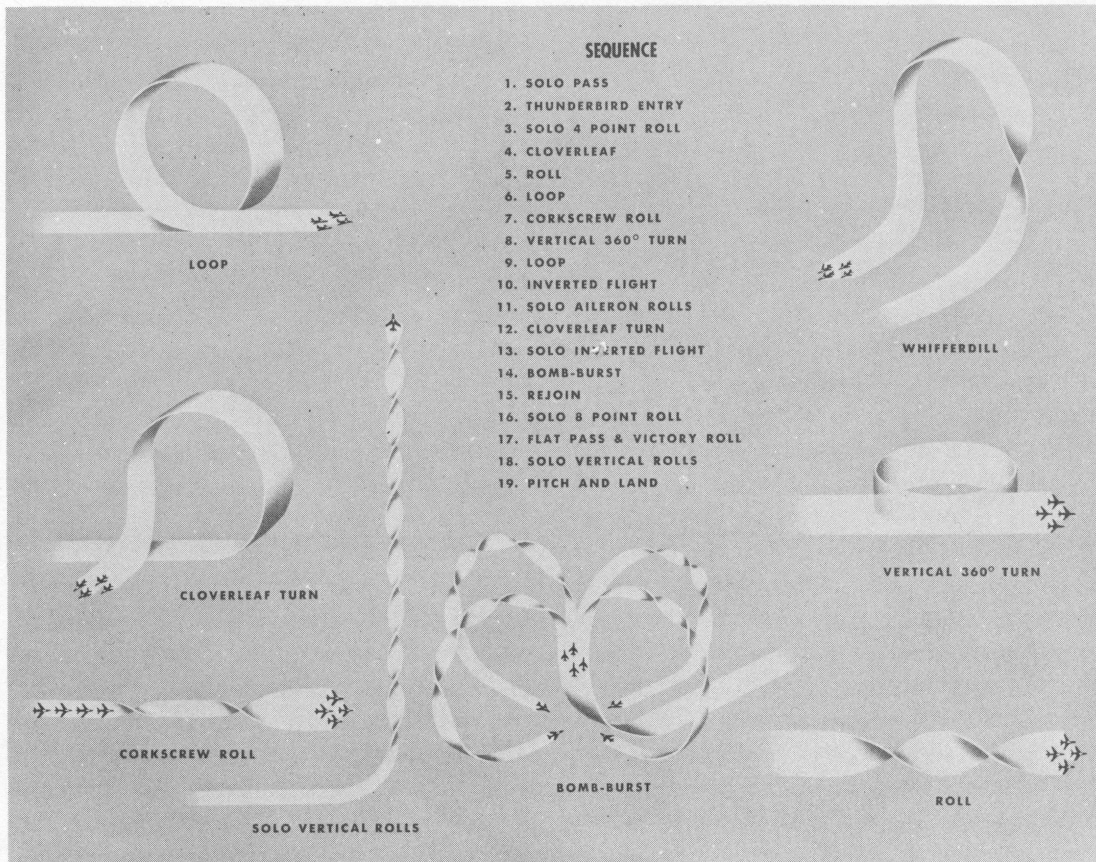
Cadets should be thankful to the Comm Shop for all the new privileges. For example, cadets may now use the west ramp in returning from meals. These privileges are granted in recognition of the maintenance of a high standard of performance in The Air Force Cadet Wing.

-with apologies to AFCR 33-15 p. 2a

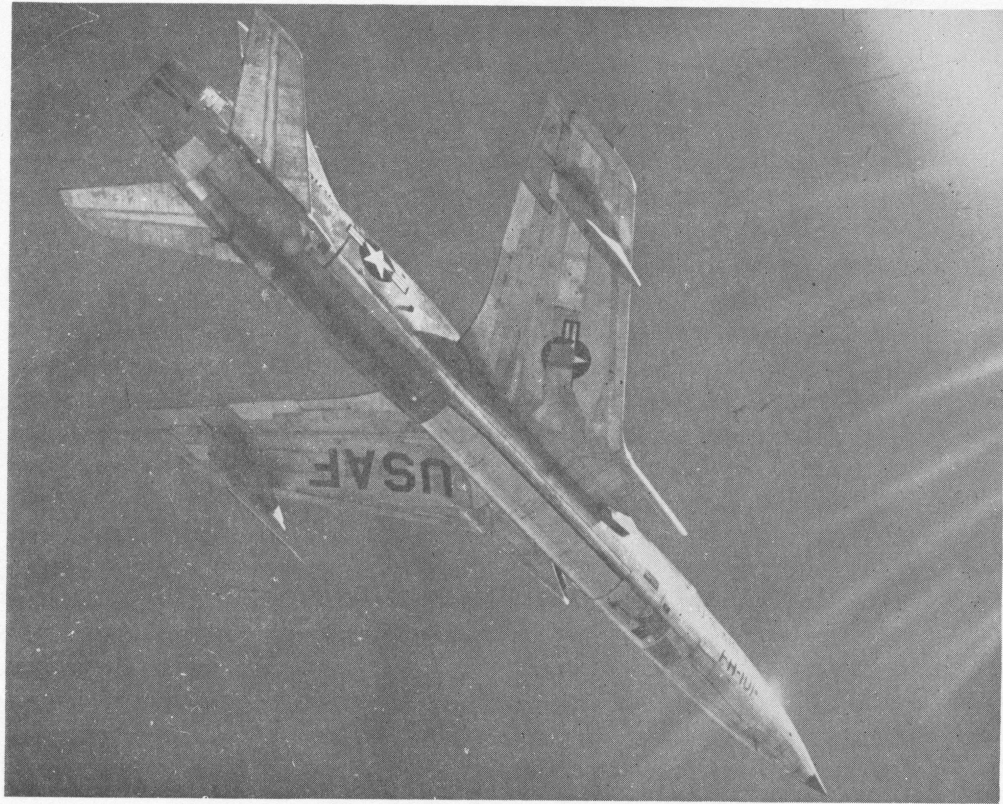
In answer to the questions of where the new milk comes from, it comes from Arnold Hall. The cadets leave it to the Academy Hostesses to bring home the bacon. (Just joking, Mrs. Mac: they're all real pretty!)

Third Classmen are reminded to call the room to attention when a Second Classman enters. And do not make any noise during Call to Quarters. After all, they'll be gods too in a few weeks.

THE PURPLE FALCON



AEROBATICS PERFORMED BY THE THUNDERBIRDS all stem from a diamond formation and are based on maneuvers taught all Air Force pilots.



THE REPUBLIC F-105 THUNDERCHIEF is termed by the Air Force as the "world's most powerful fighter-bomber." This supersonic weapons system is armed with the Vulcan cannon and has a nuclear capability.

Professional News Notes *by Dave Wiest*

The George Washington, first of Navy's ballistic missile carriers in its submarine fleet, will be launched on June 9 at Groton, Conn.

This sub is to be operational in 1960, the same time that the Polaris is to become operational.

The sub is to be 380 feet long with verticle tubes for firing the Polaris as well as being equiped with conventional torpedo-firing systems.

The navigation system for this water bird will be inertial.

A lightweight air-droppable pathfinder beacon light has been developed by Army Engineers to mark the assembly points for airborne troops.

The device wights only 20 pounds and has an infrared beacon with a range of 2 miles on the ground and 5 miles at an altitude of 1,000 feet.

The Army's supersonic missile, the Hawk, will undergo coldweather tests at Fort Churchill, Manitoba, next winter.

The surface-to-air missile Hawk will be manned by selected U.S. and Canadian personnel trained at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Sill, Okla.

The Army Corps of Engineers will build the launching and support facilities for nine new Air Force Intercontinental Ballistic Missile sites during 1959.

The sites for both the Atlas and the Titan will cost about \$300 million.

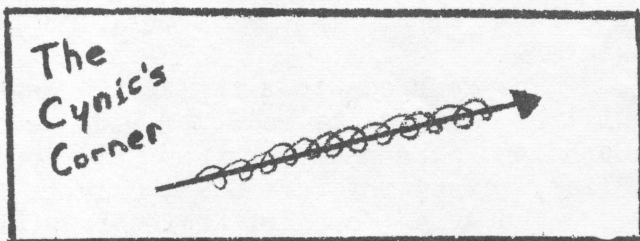
The 556th Strategic Missile Sq. armed with the Snark will move to Presque Isle AFB, Maine in July.

On April 23 of this year the Hound Dog was fired for the first time under its own power from a B-52 flown out of Eglin AFB, Fla.

The B-52G can fly at least 9,000 miles without refueling.



THE B-58 HUSTLER, built by Convair, is a Mach 2 bomber that carries a detachable "pod" under its fuselage. Now undergoing flight-testing, the B-58 is powered by four GE J-79 engines and is designed for altitudes in excess of 50,000 feet.



I suppose that springtime always breeds nostalgia, and your cynic is no exception. I started thinking about all the solace which I used to derive out of curling up in my blue comforter and now I can't get it out of my mind. It was one of the few truly enjoyable things I've done as a cadet, and they rudely took the source of my infinite joy from me just as I was beginning to love it most. Yes, they just up and took it away.

But then, we're always condemning "them," the men over us, for the lost pleasures taken from us. We must try to realize that they have a job to do and they are performing this job to the best of their ability. Just remember this: Beneath their hard exteriors beat a heart of stone.

Included in the list of a Cynic's Suggestions For A Better USAFA are the following:

1. A sidewalk leading westerly up to the dormitory area from the top of the steps to the gym, so we won't have to walk 2,8 miles out of our way to get there on muddy days.
2. Ashtrays placed strategically along the hallways of the dormitory.
3. A summer parade uniform.
4. Better still---no summer parades.

The closing thought for this week is---Why study for finals and probably be turned out when you can relax and be sure of it? It's the element of doubt that kills you. WW TAYLOR

If you were to graduate from the Naval or Military Academy you most likely would say "I graduated from West Point or Annapolis." But, you will not in all probability graduate from these institutions, so where are you going to say you are from? There is the obvious reply of Colorado Springs, but then why not Denver? Perhaps the Falcon Nest, Venturi Vally or Sku Blue U would do.

Seriously though, it is time to start thinking about just what we are going to call the place.

As you may have guessed by now, I have a suggestion. At first this may be considered as bad as some I have already mentioned and even after reading the rest of this it may still be viewed with a jaundiced eye. Even if you do not like what is to come, perhaps it will be bad enough to bring up some other ideas.

Not too long ago one of our guest lecturers called us the Acropolis. Take it easy, I laughed too but after (if you will pardon the expression) thinking about it, I saw how this might have possibilities.

The first thing I did was to do some research to determine just what the Acropolis was and then try to see if what it was and what it stood for was comparable to the Academy. Here is what I found out.

In early Greece high spots of land were picked out to be settled because they were easily defendable. The Greeks then called this type of location an acropolis, meaning literally "top city." Eventually Athens came into being. This city started from a high spot of ground, and Athens became so famous that the term Acropolis has today become synonymous with the city. Actually the Acropolis is a hill in Athens with several temples on it, among these the Parthenon, and not the city itself.

The Parthenon is the main temple on the Acropolis and inside was a thirty-foot statue of Athena the namesake of the city. Athena was the goddess of many things. She was the goddess of warfare, but warfare in the sense of defensive and prudent warfare as opposed to brute force and rashness—the latter being represented by Ares. Athena was also the goddess of (believe it or not) navigation, wisdom and peaceful pursuit in general as well as guardian of the home and state.

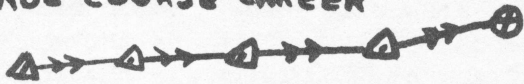
Since the early days of Athens, the Acropolis has become a symbol of great thinking and ideals. The greatest contribution that Athens made to the world was democracy. Many of her leaders fought to bring and keep this concept in being.

We too are involved in keeping Democracy alive. Here on our own small acropolis we are being prepared to defend our country with many of these before-mentioned ideals in mind such as prudent warfare, wisdom and guardianship of homes.



JO ANN GREER, soloist for the great Les Brown band, which will play for the graduation formal.

TRUE COURSE CAREER



JACK WOLCOTT

As one of the not so proud traditions left to the Cadet Wing by its Air Training Officers of years gone by, that of distaste for navigation as a career would be one of the most harmful. These men were correct in realizing that this certainly is not the most glamorous of flying careers, but one only has to glance through any recent AF Times to realize that all flying time, particularly fighter time, is being curtailed considerably more than in past years.

And then, everyone who wants to fly will not be able to do so. In the Class of '59, there are only a few who will not enter flight training; but, judging from past statistics, about 30% of those who do will not complete the program. The only major flying career left for these people would be navigation.

This is not so drastic as it might seem, because the life of a navigator can be just as rewarding as any other.

From the Academy, a new second lieutenant has only two major possibilities open to him in navigation. He can either go directly to MATS as a qualified navigator or he can enter the SAC program.

If entering the SAC program from the Academy, a new lieutenant would probably go directly to a course in radar and radar bombing at Mather. Also included in this basic preparation would be a high speed course to acquaint him with navigational techniques of high speed jet aircraft. After this instruction, he would then probably go to Castle or Merced to begin special preparation for his crew duties aboard a new bomber. This aircraft he would fly with his crew to his home squadron to begin training leading to combat ready status.

His schooling is not over, for he will be required to take courses in special weapons, survival, and equipment maintenance from time to time and will be expected to be familiar with latest navigational techniques.

He'll learn that a "bad bomb" will require six more good ones to keep up his proficiency. He circular error will, to a very large extent, determine whether or not his whole crew receives the spot promotions for which SAC is famous. He'll learn the requirements are reasonable and can be met with a conscientious effort on his part.

One begins to wonder where such a career might lead him. What can navigation do for the man who wants command responsibilities? It seems that all the top jobs are presently held by pilots. While this may be true now, it is this writer's opinion that this may well be a temporary situation, because it is each navigator's professionalism that will determine, to a large extent, the success of any wartime operation.

Navigation can more firmly establish a man in a staff position in a shorter time than most other flying jobs, because there is no alternating between flying and a staff position. Most navigators fly for about two tours of duty and then enter, more or less permanently into staff duties after their flying time is over.

Many navigators try to enter the field of plans and programs, especially strategic planning. For this they are well suited because they know, better than a pilot, exactly what can or can't be done with a given weapon system. Other areas well suited to a navigator's special abilities are target intelligence, special weapons, weather, and missile technology.

The navigator of today is earning the prestige which will make his followers of tomorrow justly proud of the career they're in and the job they're doing.

Hi ho,

I was feeling a bit depressed tonight so I decided the best way to cheer myself up was to read a few jokes out of my joke book. There were some pretty good ones in there. If you have time you might read a few. It's called Air Force Cadet Regulation Book. And they're putting new jokes in all the time. For you people too industrious to indulge in such leisurely reading, I would like to take the time to give you a brief digest of some of the better ones. For instance:

I noticed that privileges were increased each year due to an increase in maturity and judgement on the part of the cadet. In calculating my privileges vs. age graph, I was delirious with joy to discover that I am now younger than I was in high school.

I also noticed somewhere in there that the cadet should drive around to his AOC should he for any reason be in the position of having veered from the instructions set forth in same. But of course!!

To save the powers that be some work, I have compiled a small list of what I feel are appropriate suggestions for better regs to come. These are designed to fit neatly into the overall picture.

(1) Cadets marching in sick call formation and unable to keep in step due to lack of vital members such as legs will form a separate formation, henceforth to be called Sick Squad 2, and will return to their rooms and eat candy bars from the Cadet Store. It has been found that these men are making the spectators and photographers sick as they march by and will no longer be allowed Dining Hall privileges.

(2) In the future, all requests for weekend leave will be accompanied by a note from the cadet's mother stating that you have her permission to go on weekend leave.

(3) In cases where the squadron AOC is absent from the Academy, a Regulation Book will be placed on his desk and will act as temporary AOC.

Perhaps it is in a way fortunate that the President cannot make it out here for graduation excercises. For if he should decide to christen the place and the whole academy fell apart when the bottle, then what?

Some new ideas have come our way for the time when they might like to do a program entitled, "YOU ASKED FOR IT...NOW TRY TO RESIGN!!" Showing highlights of the Academy such as.....a complete complex crumbling before your very eyes...the Cadet Wing doing a pass in review at the triple time.. ..the Second Group AOC's harmonizing on, "You've Gotta Have Heart,".....a cadet punisheing himself by staing in on Saturday night, for having found dust while inspecting himself the day before.....a roomful of cadets fighting to see who gets to sign up for E.I. first....and countless other interesting items to be found only at our illustrious institution.

This week's contest is short, but good. All applicants will select the wall of his choice and on Tuesday next will commence to watch said wall for signs of crumbling. Prizes will be given to the man whose wall stands the longest, the man whose wall crumbles first, and the man whose wall makes the loudest crumbling noises. Prizes will be as follows: A kine-scope recording of a "One Man's Family" program; a ticket for on to the tunnel of love at the Lakeside Amusement Park; two tickets to the 1959 mechanics turnout board (if you haven't been previously invited); and an APQ-24A radar set for use in your room (for handy spotting of boulders blowing by and other cadet rooms blowing by).

INTRAMURALS *by Pete Burton*

The last regularly scheduled intramural contests were played last week in a couple of holes under the clouds. Most of them were pretty good, as the end-of-the-season games should be. In lacrosse, 1st beat 8th 8-0, Third took Sixth 4-3, and 9th won two, 6-0 over 2nd and 1-0 against 11. In speedball, 7th took 8th 9-7, while 5th lost two -- 22-10 to 4th and 20-10 to 10th. 6th ended its season with 2 wins: a 9-4 decision over 1st and a 15-10 one over 9th. Rugby finished its first season with some excellent games -- 4th won over 5th and 8th in two close ones, Second shot down 3rd and 9th, and 11th also took 9th.

To wrap up the spring season I'd like to bring before the jaundiced eye several questions that have been asked and a few things the eye should see and hasn't. The first subject is what of varsity lacrosse. The rumor has been floating around that the PT Department squashed this program before it really got started in order that there be enough men out to play intramurals this spring. I can't vouch for the validity of this report, but nevertheless, is it right for men of varsity caliber to be playing against men who've never handled a stick before? In intramural level competition, this varsity type might score from 3 to 8 goals without half trying, just threading his way through the gaggle to the crease, where it is nigh on to impossible to miss. The other team loses heart and becomes disinterested almost before the game has started. Why not give the lesser experienced and poorer players a chance by eliminating these standouts in a varsity program? Even the varsity jocks could learn something then.

Another question, also brought out in lacrosse but very much in evidence in rugby and speedball, concerns the rules. Several coaches are of the opinion that lack of knowledge of the rules is the cause of many injuries. Players do not know what they can and can't do and the refs don't know what to do after the player does do something. This leads to many infractions of the rules which go undetected and/or unpunished, a very sloppy game, and many injuries and gripes. But how can this be remedied? We can't get professional refs to do the job and the present refs are unable to cope with the problem. One solution, for lacrosse anyway, is to use such men as Alwick, Whitfield, and Atkinson, who have had previous experience but can't play, as refs. Not only do they have the knowledge of the less obvious rules which make the game tougher and more interesting, but they have the desire to keep it clean and make it a good game just for the sport itself. And the refs working with them would pick up the game also.

Another solution would be to do away with lesser known sports such as rugby and substitute the better known: softball, ping pong, Tasmanian Hermanpull, or hai alai. But this would defeat the purpose of intramurals---no contact.

Lastly, I'd like to say something about sportsmanship, or the lack of same. Good sportsmanship is an indication of the breeding of a gentleman. Almost every man at the Academy will someday be a "gentleman"; but you couldn't prove it by their actions while here. Isocrates once described a gentleman as follows: "...Thirdly, he will be a master of himself in misfortune and pain. Fourthly and most important, his head will not be turned by success." This of course allows a man to swear during and after a game, to brag about his wins, and bemoan his defeats and still be considered a "gentleman" -- because Congress says he is.

There has been a decided lack of good sportsmanship in the intramurals this spring. First Classmen have been heard swearing at refs and other players, a 4th Classman was heard taunting one of his classmates about a tactical error, a coach in essence said "Get him out of the game; I don't care how you do it, but get him out. He might beat us." And these are the men that might someday be your superiors.