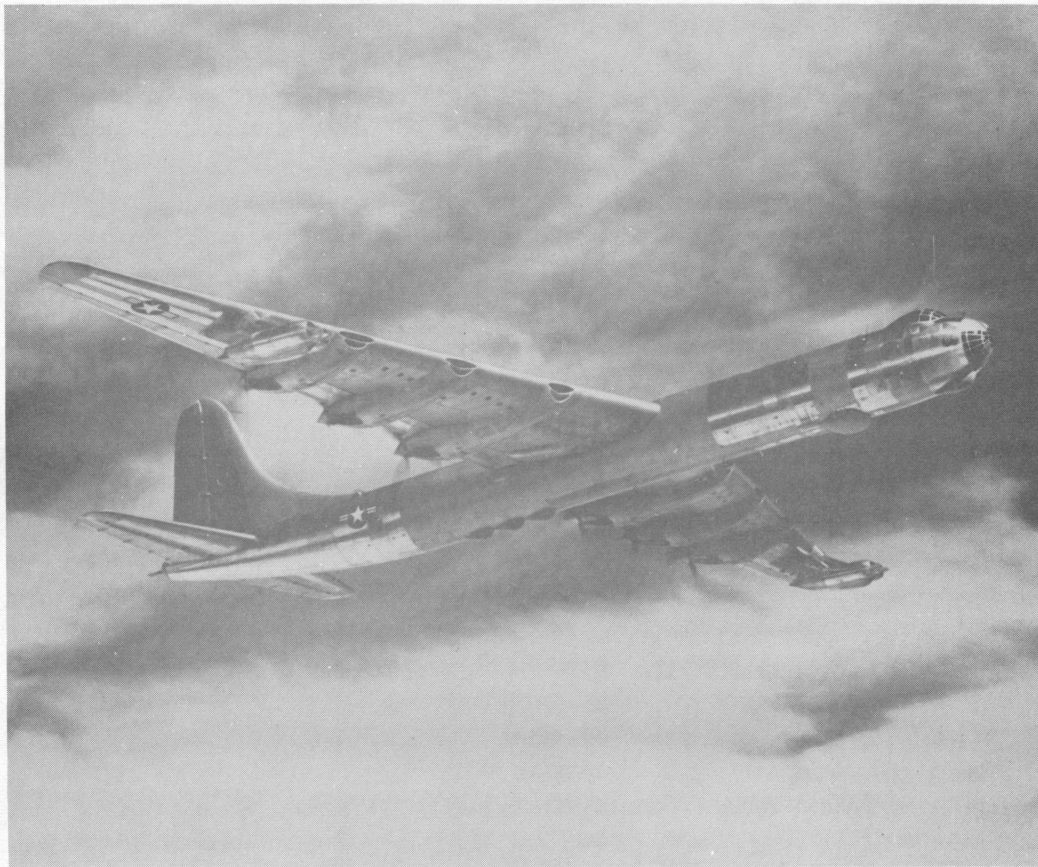


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THE CONVAIR B-36 PEACEMAKER was probably the most powerful weapon the world has ever known that was designed, developed and retired without ever being used in combat. The graduates of the Air Force Academy will devote their lives to this concept and to developing "aerospace power for peace."

JUNE WEEK ISSUE

Valedictory -

"Into the Valley of Death rode the three hundred." The Class of 1959 jokingly adopted this paraphrase after their Fourth Class Summer as somewhat of a class motto. Its later publication in the Talon, coupled with the relatively high attrition rate, met with wide reception among the fledgling '59ers.

This was 1955, the year of the founding of the Academy and the year of the coming of the ATOs. Since that time the Academy has risen from the frame buildings at Lowry 2, the ATOs have gone, and now the Class of 1959 prepares to go the way of their careers.

The building of an Academy from the ground floor, the progression through four years of new academic classes and instructors, the nursing of a tiny athletic program into a Cotton Bowl game before 75,000 people--the Class of 1959 has been witness to all of this.

The development of the present cadet Honor Code, the first AFA participation in an Inaugural Parade, the transition from shade 84 to Rocky Mountain blue uniforms, the training of two new cadet classes, the move to the permanent site from Lowry---all were part of the '59 regime.

The Class of 1959 has left the Academy a heritage of hard work, punctuated by both success and failure, but typified by endurance and the will to continue. Following classes will recall that the early days of the Academy were physically difficult, with less-than-adequate facilities, and will appreciate the ideals and goals set by the Class of '59.

This is the heritage that the Class of 1959 has left for the Air Force Academy. They have been pioneers in every sense of the word; exploring, building, probing, sometimes destroying, but always pushing forward toward the high goals that they set in 1955.

Whatever the criticisms of the First Class, there will never be another Class of '59. The 207 who remain to graduate have shown the nation what they can do as a group; the nation will now watch for them to continue the job as individual Air Force officers. ghh

1959

TRADITION THRU FOUR YEARS

With the graduation of the Academy's first historic class it is fitting that we should look back over the past four years and see what traditions they are leaving behind that may become a part of the future Cadet Way of Life.

The Academy is a new creation, dedicated to producing a new type of military officer for the Air Force. But at the same time it must respect certain traits and principles that have been required of the Military Man for centuries. Thus it is not surprising to find that we have adopted many of the traditions of our sister academies.

The tradition of not allowing ladies in the Dining Hall when the Wing is present is one of these. This rule is so strong that not even Mrs Eisenhower was allowed to break it when she visited the Academy two years ago back in Denver.

The privilege of granting amnesty to those men serving punishments by visiting heads of state is another tradition that falls in this category. This has happened only twice, but it is a practice that the Wing will not give up without a long fight.

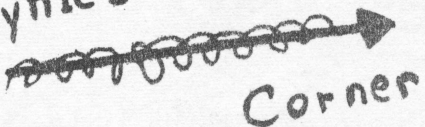
We are indebted to our sister academies, as well as to the Aviation Cadet Program, for many of the terms, titles, and slang that have become so large a part of our daily lives. Things such as boodle, doolie, the C-Store, G. R., and "hacking the program" are all borrowed terms. Most of these were left with us by our first upperclassmen, the Air Training Officers.

One thing that has been going on for the past four years that may become traditional is the annual after-taps, unauthorized pizza and coke parties given the Fourth Classmen by the upperclassmen in their squadrons. This always happens on the last night before Christmas leave begins and is one of the few times during the Fourth Class year that the "system" breaks down. It is also probably one of the first times that the "doolies" realize that their upperclassmen really are human.

Of course in our rapid growth there have been various practices started which many people thought at the time would become traditional, the future of which is now in doubt. When the Class of '59 had their class rings flown through Mach I, many of us hoped that this would become standard practice. This has not been so. Sixtieth Day, when the Third and Fourth Classmen change positions for twenty-four hours, was observed for two years. It was skipped this year, but may be revived in the future.

Although the idea of after-Taps pep rallies is not original with us, what they have lead to is ours. This is of course the tradition of Winning. In many respects this is our most honored tradition and one that we can not afford to ever give up. The competitive spirit, coupled with a deep desire to win, has become a real part of everything that we do, be it in academics, sports, or keeping that "one and only."

"Good Will"

Cynic's

 Corner

A CYNIC LOOKS BACK. Now that Parade Week is upon us, I thought it might be appropriate to reminisce briefly about some of the Year's incidents which helped to make this such a profitable and instructional period of our impressionable lives.

September: We were provided the marvelous opportunity of being able to gaze in awe for the first time upon the magnificent United States Air Force Academy in all its unfinished splendor, It was also our first opportunity to utilize the infinite facilities of which we'd heard so much. I'm sure no one complained once they saw the large expanse of hallway which was to serve as our reception room and the sole place in which we were permitted to entertain our dates on Sunday afternoons. We Were GLAD to be here.

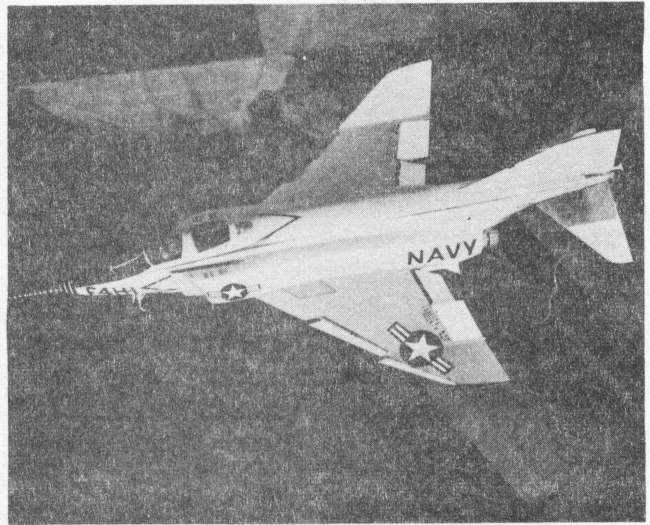
October: The stay-at-homes met their punitive formation as our athletes went to bigger and better things on the gridiron against the Hawkeyes.

November: We eagerly awaited the promised opening of Arnold Hall with sufficient bowling facilities for everyone, only to learn that it wouldn't be ready until Christmas.

December: Many of our number were given the exhilarating experience of taking turnouts during Christmas Leave. Arnold Hall was to open, but postponed until March.

January: We returned to "our home" through one of the heaviest blizzards in history. The support given to those cadets who spent their own money to cheer the team in the Cotton Bowl by those above us was very clearly evidenced by the Form 12.

February: The long weed-end and the Roman Blast afforded a much-needed opportunity for emotional release for many of our red-blooded fellow monks.



THE MODONNELL F4H-1 Navy Mach 2 FIGHTER carries a multiple load of Sparrow III missiles and operates off aircraft carriers.

March: The field trips provided a welcome break from classes, but in some instances only served to emphasize the inadequacy of our present existence from a social viewpoint. Arnold Hall was to open.

April: The Academy drag strip opened with a bang. And the snows came and came and kept coming. Spring was postponed until July.

May: We experienced our first rain since our arrival. On 9 May 1959 Arnold Hall opened! Parade Week began

June: And now the time has come to bid adieu to the Class of Whitly and may of our other favorites who are ending their tours of duty. And the tours of duty we marched as a result of their signatures mean little now, for we can look ahead to another year of cadet life!

And so friends, this is the last time I'll be cynical until September if then. Before I wind this up, however, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the Class of 1963 a happy Fourth Class summer. **BILL TAYLOR '60**

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The end of another year is fast approaching and for some this is none too soon. A great many things have happened to the Wing since May of '58.

Perhaps the first thing that is remembered is the move to the permanent site in September. I know the first time I saw this place it made me think of Sadler's battleship. Many people wondered how they were going to find everything and everywhere when all the halls and rooms looked alike and were arranged in such orderly confusion.

Of course the first winds will never be forgotten, especially by the people who are signing checks for the repairs.

As far as the public is concerned our undefeated football season was the high point this past year. I'm sure the Cotton Bowl will never be forgotten. As a matter of fact, I think the Wing was impressed also.

Then there was the first parade when our state of oblivion in the form of sprawled-out cadet made the back page of Life magazine.

The presentation to the Eagle statue to the Cadet Wing from ATC will be remembered because of the crane operator who dropped it. I wonder why they set the Eagle up pointing south?

For the Class of '60, Operation Third Lieutenant will always be well remembered, especially the beer calls.

Spring time in the Rockies will be remembered for the 35-inch April shower.

I'm sure the APs won't forget the day they were issued checkered flags.

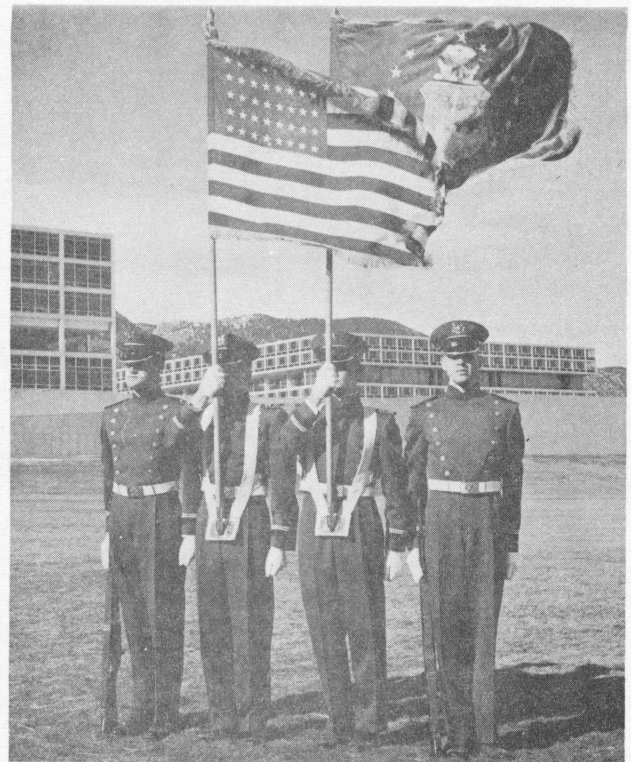
Just last week we were accredited so the Class of '59 won't be leaving for nothing.

Now our first graduation is almost upon us—and who knows what lies ahead.

DL WIEST



THE AIR TRAINING COMMAND presented this statue to the Academy during the Academic year. Two First Classmen observe the eagle and eaglets.



THE WING COLOR GUARD poses on the parade ground with the Cadet Area in the background last fall after the move.

**PROFESSIONAL
NEWS
NOTES**

The latest schedule for two US Venus probes using Thor-Ables call for firings on June 4 or 5 and an Atlas Able, launched by an Atlas Booster to be fired on June 6,7 or 8. If the Thor-Ables are not fired within the first two days the firing will be rescheduled for June 10 or 11.

Higher thrust has been obtained in the final versions of the Atlas D and Atlas E by using a higher fuel flow rate in the North American Rocketdyne engines than on the earlier models. Also the D series has incorporated a glass fiber skirt around the two booster chambers. Fiber glass is also used in some of the structural supports.

The Navy has awarded a contract to Gyrodyne Co. of American for the construction and testing of a 15 foot diameter, man-carrying ground effect vehicle.

The Navy has set up requirements for its new longrange air-to-air missile called the Eagle. The requirements call for a 100,000-foot altitude capability and a speed of Mach 4.///////

The Dassault Mirage 4, bomber is powered by two Snecma Atar 9 turbojet engines and is capable of Mach 2 or better. The French Air Ministry is presently developing a 100,000 pound Mach 3 bomber with a 1,250-1,875-mi. range. The engines will most likely be Pratt & Whitney J75 Turbojets built by Snecma under license.

The contract for the airframes and launcher for the Project Scout Rocket has been awarded to Chance Vought Aircraft. Thirteen other companies also bid for the contract. The first test firings are expected to be in mid 1960.

The data obtained from small scale nuclear rockets using gaseous material for fuel will not be significant. As a result full scale engines with 15-ft. combustion chambers will have to be built early in the development program.

The last Douglass F4D-1 Skyray was delivered in January. The majority of the Skyrays are serving with the Marines.

Chance Vought has delivered its last Regulus I to a West Coast Navy base. Regulus I has been produced since 1958.///////

DL WIEST '60

STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION -

Despite the similarity of the May Hypoxia, the writer of Hiho wishes to announce that he has no affiliation with the Talon.

Hiho

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

With this issue of the Dodo ends the academic year. The year has been a long one, but one that will never be forgotten.

1958-59 saw many changes both in the physical setup of the Academy and in the spirit of the Cadet Wing. The Wing transitioned from the spirit of personalities implemented by the ATOs to the strictly impersonal, cold, chain of command-type organization run by distant cadets.

Perhaps during the coming year we'll see more changes...like--the installation of a typing course in the curriculum, even as a special course; a workable arrangement for textbooks, to replace the present turn-in policy; a growth of the Professional Study group, to help turn cadets into military emn, rather than engineers; space allotted in the program somewhere for recreational and non-required reading, to enable cadet to broaden their backgrounds in favorite areas, a return to a spirit of duty.

And to those who worked without recognition--Jim Vance, organizer and internal worker for others in activities and professional studies: Jim Blackwell, whose work in the entertainment field never ended; Jim Milholik, primarily responsible for the '59 class ring.

If you're interested in a book that's as current as it is profane, try Brendan Behan's "Borstal Boy," a tale (like James Joyce's Ulysses) of the life and times of Dublin.

As you can see, we came up with a solitary female in this issue--next fall we'll have more. Give the staff the summer in which to gather them.

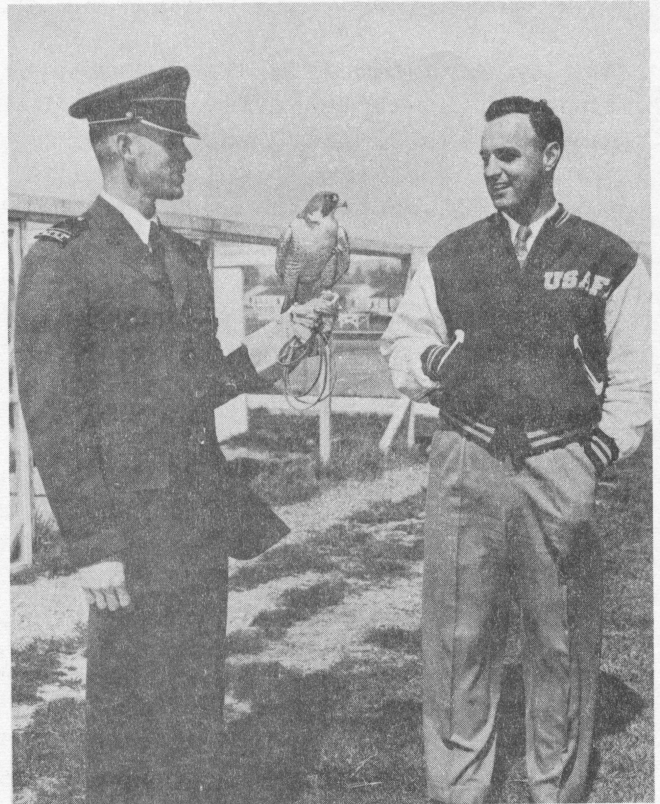
Caskey accused me of being a padrat, so I called his bluff and bet him a shilling or two on recorded padtime. Jerry being the biggest padrat that I've seen since rooming with Sleepy Bill Taylor, I figured that I'll have no sweat. Caskey proceeded to rack out at 2030.

And then there was the Spud Club, which caught the bull market in potatoes and rode it out.

The Dodo OIC, Colonel Cassidy, who has borne the brunt of the criticism directed at this "cadet publication for cadets," has been the silent power behind the Dodo. Without him, there would have been no Dodo. No vote of thanks could be large enough for the Deputy Commandant.

I won't say that I'll see you in September--such statements are dangerous. But the Dodo will be around to broadcast the news--when we beat Army.

GHH



BEN MARTIN WAS INSTRUMENTAL in putting this falcon, held by John Melancon, on the map last fall in leading the football falcons to their first undefeated season and the Cotton Bowl.

JUNE WEEK MARRIAGES

Second Squadron

Richard D. Lee (Miss Frances Imhoff)	-Denver, (6 June)
Michael C. Murphy (Miss Mary K. Conners)	-Denver, (6 June)
Jon G. Shaffer (Miss Nancy A. Meredith)	-Church of the Angels -Denver, (6 June)
Philip R. Smothermon (Miss Mary C. Ruth)	-Superintendent's Residence (3 June)
Richard L. Trail (Miss Ann Tondreau)	-McCook, Nebraska (7 June)

Fifth Squadron

David D. Anderson (Miss Robin Lee Tracy)	-First Methodist Church Colo Springs (7 June)
Ules L. Barnwell Jr. (Miss Barbara Edwards)	-Christ the King Church Denver (4 June)
Harlow K. Halbower (Miss Anna Lee Galloway)	Anthony, Kansas (14 June)
Robert L. Hurley (Miss Carolyn A. Churchill)	-Long Beach, California (26 June)
Charles A. Kaake Jr. (Miss Lynetta Jean Perry)	-Muncie, Kansas (17 June)
Robert T. Loveridge (Miss Mary Lightfoot)	-Dillon, Montana (20 June)
Kent Montavon (Miss Diane Jordan)	-Superintendent's Residence (8 June)
Richard E. Tracey (Miss Sandra Charmaine Florian)	-Superintendent's Residence (4 June)
John W. Ulmer Jr. (Miss Carolyn Y. Singleton)	-Conroe, Texas (2 August)
Eugene L. Vosika (Miss Jane Baumgarner)	-Superintendent's Residence (3 June)

Ninth Squadron

Roger I. Counts (Miss Margaret Ann Day)	-Shove Chapel, Colo Springs (4 June)
Louis Kingland Jr. (Miss Alice Jackson)	-Denver (6 June)
Graig O. Schaum (Miss Mary Chard)	-Minnesota (15 July)
Dennis R. See (Miss Trude Meuller)	Corpus Christi Church Colorado Springs (4 June)
Brock T. Strom (Miss Claire Crosdider)	-Pauline Chapel, Broadmoor (4 June)
Charles D. Zaleski (Miss Pat Haan)	-Denver (5 June)
Gerald F. Elsbernd (Miss Joanne Strachan)	-Denver (4 June)
Joseph D. Morgan III (Miss Karen Calhoun)	-Denver (5 June)
Hansford T. Johnson (Miss Linda Whittle)	-Augusta, Ga. (21 June)
James F. O'Neil (Miss Barbara Brooks)	-New York (13 June)

Twelfth Squadron

Robert D. Beckel (Miss Donna Lee McAdams)	-Superintendent's Residence (3 June)
Walter E. Schmidt (Miss Beverly L. Douglas)	-Superintendent's Residence (3 June)
Stanley K. Burghardt (Miss Mary DiIullo)	-St. John the Evangelist Denver (6 June)

JUNE WEEK MARRIAGES

Third Squadron

Stephen E. Galios (Miss Beverly Colvin)
Donald E. Madonna (Miss Harlene Cook)
Lyons Wilder (Miss Robbi Lynch)
James Burton (Miss Nancy Chiddix)
Edward Lankenau (Miss Pat Cabble)

-California (No date)
-Denver (6 June)
-Denver (4 June)
-Normal, Ill. (28 June)
-Union Dale, NY (13 June)

Sixth Squadron

Paul T. Douskey (Miss Linda LaPonte)
James K. Fletcher (Miss Petra K. Nyman)

-Omaha, Neb. (6 June)
-Superintendent's Residence
(3 June)

Larry D. Fortner (Miss Rosemarie Weiser)

-Superintendent's Residence
(3 June)

Thomas D. House Jr. (Miss Christie S. Daker)
Lorin B. Krueger II (Miss Donna Crabill)

-Cleveland, Ohio (20 June)
-Superintendent's Residence
(4 June)

William E. Page Jr. (Miss Joanne Podenbeek)

-Superintendent's Residence
(4 June)

James R. Weaver (Miss Adele Jay Mosslander)

-Columbus, Ohio (11 July)

Seventh Squadron

Robert C. Buckles (Miss Rosalee Wickwire)

-Superintendent's Residence
(4 June)

Richard A. Mason (Miss Joyce Upshaw)

-Superintendent's Residence
(3 June)

John A. Olson (Miss Laura Kornemann)

-Montview Presbyterian Church
Denver (4 June)

Albert L. Waters (Miss Janet Vistain)

-Superintendent's Residence
(3 June)

Dean Chase Wood (Miss Linda M. Love)

-Superintendent's Residence
(3 June)

Eleventh Squadron

James O. Bartholomew (Miss Ruth Ann Berg)

-Corpus Christi Church
Colo Springs (3 June)

John W. Dolan (Miss Dorothy Ann Vigil)

-Pauline Chapel, Broadmoor
(4 June)

Arthur G. Elser (Miss Joan Louise Parsons)

-Pauline Chapel, Broadmoor
(4 June)

Laurence J. Thomson (Miss Carol Anne Mallowney)

-St. Patrick's Church,
Billings, Montana (13 June)

Harold W. Todd Jr. (Miss Claire Jeanne Etchepare)

-Blessed Sacrament Church
Denver (4 June)

WORLD WAR II AAF MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS

MAJ WILLIAM A SHOMO...on a mission over Luzon January 11, 1945, observed an enemy bomber escorted by 12 fighters. Against 13 to 2 odds, he and his wingman flew to the attack and destroyed seven aircraft in an action unparalleled in the Southwest Pacific.

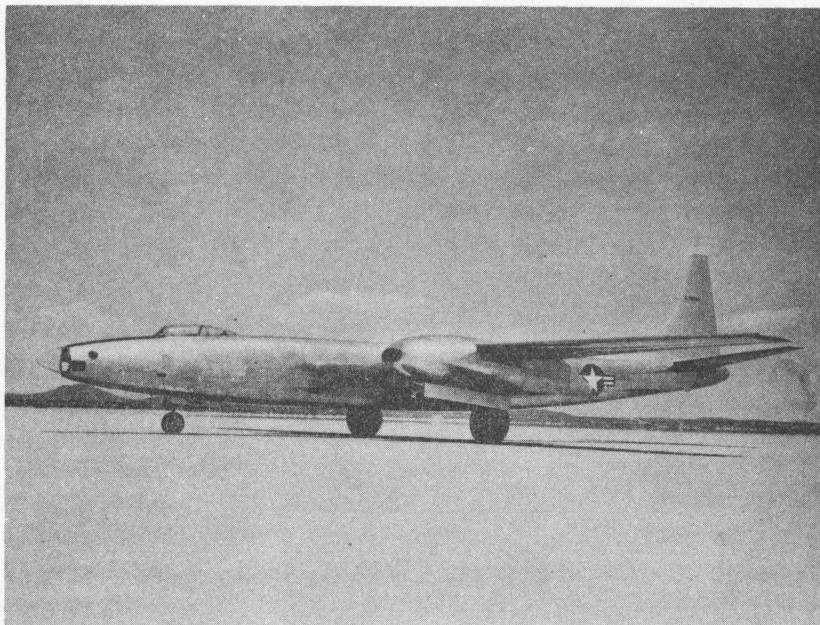
2NT LT JOSEPH R SARNOSKI...bombardier on mission over the Solomons June 16, 1943, he helped fight off 20 Jap fighters. He got two planes, then mortally wounded, crawled back to his guns and fired until he was dead.

BRIG GEN KENNETH N WALKER...in a daylight raid over Rabaul January 5, 1943, he led his bombers straight to the target, in spite of swarms of fighters, to hit nine enemy ships squarely. Then the Japs turned their full force on his crippled plane and shot him down.

LT COL LEON R VANCE...in spite of a grave injury, and with 3 engines lost to flak, the pilot killed and several crewmembers wounded, he led his bomber group in a successful raid over France June 5, 1944, then flew back over the channel.

MAJ THOMAS B MCGUIRE...voluntarily led 15 P-38s on an escort mission against the Japs on Luzon Christmas Day 1944, shooting down three Zeros, won his 38th victory the next day. He was killed in a crash a few days later trying to save a fellow flyer.

MAJ JAY ZEAMER JR...volunteered as pilot on important mission over the Solomons, proceeding with the run despite an attack by 20 fighters. Though painfully wounded in arms and legs, he maneuvered the plane so skillfully that the crew shot down four planes and himself one in a 40-minute fight.



THE EXPERIMENTAL XB-46 was built by Convair and was a forerunner of the now obsolete B-45. This bomber was completed in 1947 and was powered by four GE turbojets.

Hi Ho,

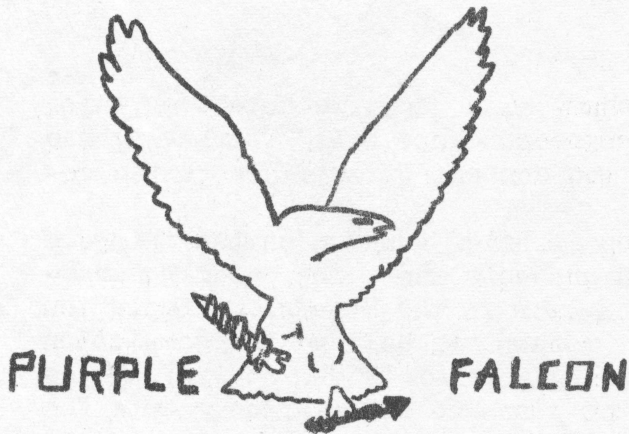
This column is designed to cure what ails you...we have everything from advice for the expectant mother to correspondence E.I. Not having had previous experience along these lines, you can expect a rather rotten column for some time to come.

We may as well start out by giving a brief rundown on the things of mutual interest here at Fly High. As you probably know, the oncoming graduation has really caused some commotion over in the Scheduled Completion Date Rescheduling Department. We have reason to believe the completion date for the Air Garden to be finished being completely dug up will not be too long after the completion date for the plans to begin arrangements for making the completion date for Arnold Hall. I'm also happy to see that somebody around here had the good sense to put buckets in the buildings to catch the dripping water. It's this kind of foresight that makes this place as efficient as it is.

We all know that advice given in the right vein can be a boon. So, subordinate though we may be, perhaps we can add our small measure to the graduating class. We realize that flying school and grad school will occupy a great deal of your time, but if you could find only one or two hours in the evening to supplement your education with a correspondence leadership course, the benefits reaped will reward you many-fold.

I would like to announce the forthcoming Motivation Contest Series to be run by the Dodo. It is a plan to help you see yourself developing and to have hours of thought-provoking fun while doing it. This week's contest is quite simple (as is the rest of this column). All you have to do is take pen and paper and, in twenty-five words or less, complete this statement, "I owe a load of thanks to my Versalog Post slide rule because...." Some sample suggested answers might be: "It is wonderful for that two-minute fencing match I always try to squeeze in before the instructor enters the classroom." Or "This wonderful, education tool has been no end of help in the construction of free-body diagrams." This week we will give out unbelievable prizes. They are: a Korean mechanics book by Higdon and Stiles; a 45-rpm record starring Christine Jorgensen singing, "It's so nice to have a man around the house," and Joe Lewis doing a soft-shoe routine to "I've got plenty of nothing." A full-size color picture of a Coldstream guard winking at Princess Margaret Rose; a book entitled: "The Python, Friend or Foe" with a preface by Edgar Rice Burroughs; a complete schedule of events for '59-'60 in Red Square; and Frank Costello singing "Slow Boat to China."

I'm sad to relate that this just about does it for today...and, for that matter, perhaps for all time.



And seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain: and when he was set he opened his mouth, saying, "Gentlemen, you are at ease."

The Class of '59 leaves the following words of wisdom (?) for the new First Classmen (Class of '60): "The pen is mightier than the sword."

It's strange how the sentiments of many cadets (notably Class III's) have suddenly gone Democratic.

One instructor very adeptly put it: "Watch to see which instructors write up cadets for sleeping in class, and you'll see who the dull instructors are."

As compensatory time, cadets will not attend Lesson #41 (which was cancelled anyway).

"...having appeared before the Commandant's Board for the offense: Extremely poor judgement, i.e. disagreeing with Wing Commander..."

The present chain of command has adopted a scientific formula from Mao Tse Tung. The formula is U-C-U. It means, from unity (U) you get criticism (c), which leads to unity (U). In China, they eliminate (liquidate) the criticism. Here, they just give you a Class III.

A thought from a recent movie: "Is Mount Olympus worth it?"

The latest word from the Military Studies Department is: Change the schedule half a dozen times in half a dozen ways and then write up the section marchers for tying it up.

One underclassman has come upon a possible reason for '59's attitude: Some of them had to take a night navigation mission and get up early the next morning on the New Cadet detail. Some of these haven't gotten over it yet.

Although a cadet serving a Class III punishment is not eligible for CCQ or Security Flight, CCQ's and members of Security Flight may not serve any punishments other than Restriction.

Okay, you guys. If you're gonna race and squeal yer wheels, do it now while we can still get the Third Classmen to buy us new tires.

THE PURPLE FALCON

THE CADET CHORALE

During the past four years, the Cadet Chorale has developed from a small 20-voice glee club into a full-sized organization with almost one hundred members. Directed by Mr. Roger Boyd, who also directs the Protestant and Catholic choirs, the Chorale has given several concerts and has appeared on television both locally and nationally during the past year.

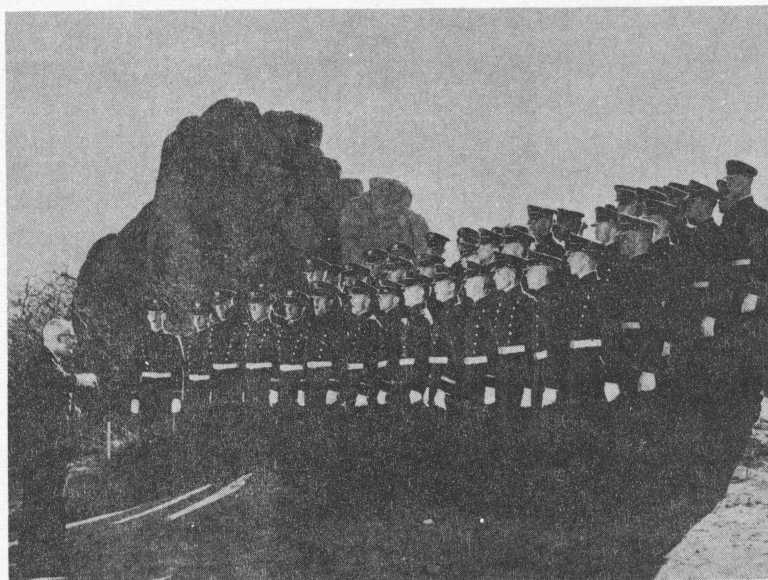
The Chorale was given the privilege of being the first group to appear.

The chorale was given the privilege of giving a Christmas concert on KOA-TV's first semi-cast last December in which the picture and voice on TV and the voice on KOA-radio gave a stereo effect--the first time in the local area. The chorale also appeared on "American Pauses for Springtime," a nationally telecast show and on "You Asked for It," another TV show with national coverage.

Next year the chorale plans to expand and take several trips in the U.S. It will give a concert tonight at Arnold Hall.



JULES VIQUESNEY IS PRIMARILY KNOWN AT AFA for his high scores on the Falcon rifle team. Hazel, (last name withheld), a Kansas City lass, apparently thinks of Vic in other terms.



MR. ROGER BOYD DIRECTS THE CADET CHORALE AT THE GARDEN OF THE GODS during the filming for a television performance with the West Point Glee Club on "America Pauses for Springtime," a TV Spectacular.

FALCON FILINGS

by George Hines

The past year has been a tumultuous one, athletically speaking, for Air Force Academy. No recap in detail is possible or desirable, but the highlights will be remembered for many a moon and bear repeating here.

The Fall of 1958 saw the first undefeated Falcon football team, compiling a 9-0-2 record climaxed by a stirring 0-0 tie with Texas Christian University on New Year's Day in the Academy's first Cotton Bowl game. An unexpected 13-13 tie with prohibitive favorite Iowa in the second game of the season sparked the unbeaten spurt. Among those falling by the wayside were Skyline Conference, and Sun Bowl champion Wyoming, Blue Grass Bowl champion Oklahoma State, powerful Colorado University, Skyline runnerup New Mexico and West Coast power Stanford. The unprecedented rise was sparked by all-American tackle Brock Strom; Dave Phillips, the Cotton Bowl pick for outstanding lineman; and Rich Mayo, the fourth highest passer in the nation.

The cross-country team had its blaze of glory by downing Maryland and North Carolina State, two of the nation's top teams, in a triangular meet at Maryland. The soccer team saw a 20-game unbeaten streak go down the drain at Maryland, but came back to finish second in the Rocky Mountain Soccer League behind Colorado School of Mines, always a tough contender.

The basketball team had a relatively good season, finishing well above the .500 mark. Bob Beckel, four year captain and high scorer, set many new regional records by tallying more than 1400 points during his three varsity seasons. Minor sports, such as fencing and gymnastics, had excellent seasons. The fencers, led by Capt. Art Elser, had an 8-2 record and won the Western Intercollegiate Tournament. The gymnasts won the Rocky Mountain AAUs and made an excellent showing in all other competition, including the all-college invitational at Colorado University. The swimming team had an 8-2 record and defeated the University of Denver for the first time in five years that the Pioneers had lost a dual meet. The rifle team saw its 20-plus winning streak broken by West Point, but the sharpshooters were without the services of all-American Bob Siteman. The wrestlers started strong and won the first four matches, but finished below the .500 mark when they suffered late season reverses. The pistol team won two of three meets. The ski team won its first meet, defeating Colorado Mines, Colorado College and Regis in a quadrangular.

This spring the baseball team is well above the .500 mark and continues to improve its record. Norm Haller, Pete Burton and Rog Axlund are all hitting the ball hard, while Jim Gunter's pitching sparks the Falcons. The tennis, golf and track teams continue to develop, the latter team finishing second recently to Colorado in the regional AAUs. The emergence of Jack Hardison as a hurdler, plus several fine Fourth Classmen, have helped the cadets considerably.

It remains to be seen how Falcon athletics will develop in years to come. Facilities will be second to none, which will give the Academy a decided advantage in practice and conditioning, but the terrible weather that the site experiences will continue to hamper outdoor sports in both these aspects. This past year, however, had placed the Air Force Academy on the map--in football, fencing, swimming and rifle. The years to come should show the other teams coming into their own and helping to illuminate this section of Colorado known as the home of the Falcons.

THE LACROSSE CLUB QUESTION

The Cadet lacrosse club, since it was started two years ago, has run into continuous problems. The difficulties recently encountered have caused some questions to be raised concerning all clubs here at AFA.

The Cadet lacrosse club was organized to promote interest in the Rocky Mountain area for the sport and to provide a team for exhibition games, all with the idea of getting a varsity team here at the Academy. We have stimulated interest in the area, as evidenced by the fact that a Denver Lacrosse club and a Colorado University Lacrosse club have been formed. The former has played three times, twice in competition and once in exhibition--during the half-time of a football game. After two years no varsity lacrosse team has been formed, although repeated efforts have been made. The varsity fencing team, an excellent squad and one which has made a name for itself and the Academy in outstanding competition throughout the country, is faced with similar problems concerning the need to travel far and wide to play varsity meets. Three trips back East playing two games a weekend would suffice for varsity lacrosse. Are the benefits to be gained from such a sport as lacrosse any less than that from fencing? Would it not fill a definite gap we have in our spring varsity athletics, by providing a contact sport widely known and played in the East?

The interest has never been lagging in the Wing for lacrosse, and cadets have continuously risen to the occasion to provide a team to play anyone, anytime, anywhere. Lacrosse was almost placed on a varsity status this spring, only to have it cancelled at the last minute. Two reasons were presented for this action; the first being that it would be detrimental to the intramural program and the second that we did not have sufficient equipment to sustain varsity lacrosse. In answer to the first reason water polo was cancelled subsequently--thus no problem with insufficient cadets in intramurals. A varsity team would also make for better intramural lacrosse, as cadet of varsity caliber would not be playing with and against cadets who had never played the sport before. In retort to the second reason, we played eight-man lacrosse for the first two years and what will we do next year in providing equipment for sixteen squadrons?

Does it take the backing of an officer of sufficiently high rank to provide the impetus to get lacrosse on varsity status? This seems to be the case in other related activities. Are parades so important in our military training that one or two cannot be missed in order to play a lacrosse game? Are academics any more important for baseball, tennis and track than they would be for lacrosse? I am speaking with respect to the game with Colorado University in lacrosse scheduled for 23 May, which was cancelled because of the former reasons.

The Academy being the logical school in the area to back such a sport, are we, after developing the interest and promoting the sport, going to fail and let interest wane and die because of lack of support somewhere along the chain of command?

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ACADEMY COMMEMORATIVE

The Post Office Department will mark the graduation of the First Class with a commemorative stamp, to be issued and stamped as a "First Day Cover" at the Academy Post Office on 3 June. Special envelopes are now on sale at various locations here.

WHO AND WHERE TO

During the coming summer, a number of the Academy officers will be reassigned to bases in the ZI and overseas as well as various military and civilian schools around the country. For the present, the list below represents the DODO's knowledge of these reassignments.

Col CC Barthel; COC; 501st Tac Con Wg, USAFE
Col BB Cassidy Jr; COC; 78th Ftr Day Wg, Hamilton AFB
Col HL Hogan, III; COC; National War College
LtCol JP Gauthier; COC; 7167 ATS, Rhein Maine, Germany
LtCol RC Lee; COC; Air War College
LtCol GG Morehouse; DOF; Hq ARDC, Andrews AFB
LtCol RT Ramsaur; DOF; 6146 Adm Gp, Korea, PACAF
LtCol RW Rowden; DOF; 1009 SWS W/DUSTA McClellan AFB
LtCol HR Vague; DOF; 4rd ADIV, Guam, SAC
Maj JW Enos; COC; Argentina
Maj FC Etheridge; COC; 2645 Air Res Center, CONAC
Maj F Fedele; DOF; AFE, 17th AF
Maj AM Jones; COC; Air Command and Staff College
LtCol FE Merritt; D/ATH; 40th TCS, AFE
Maj BO Reynolds; DOF; Hq USAF w/SJA
Maj RE Sadler, COC; AFIT, University of Colorado
Maj JG Schlogl; DOF; Hq USAF, w/DY Dir Mil Per
Maj KL Tallman; COC: AFE, Hq USAFE, ADVON
Maj FW Taylor; DOF; 67th TacRecon Wg, PACAF
Capt KH Barber; COC; Hq CAIFE, CZ
Capt JO Berga; COC; AFIT, W-P AFB
Capt AR Cillo; COC; Detl, 1141 SAS, SHAPE
Capt RW Clement; DOF; Hq USAF, DY W/AFCIN, 1132 SAS
Capt EI Doane; COC; Minot AFB, ND, SAC
Capt CA Gabriel; COC; 3535 Fly Tng Wg, Moody AFB, Ga
Capt RA Gay; DOF; ADC
Capt GO King; DOF; ARDC, DY w/AFMDC, Holoman AFB
Capt RB Moore; COC; 4605 Supt Gp, LG Hanscom Fld, Mass
Capt RC Karns; COC; 3550 Fly Tng Wg, Moody AFB, Ga
Capt FA Brockway; DOF; AFIT, U of Colo
Capt JE Bubb; DOF; AFIT, Ohio State
Capt M Fatiuk; COC, AFIT, U of Indiana
Maj JC Gatlin, DOF: AFIT, U of Denver
Capt WA Kirkman; COC; AFIT U of Colorado
Capt FJ Knass; DOF; AFIT, U of Illinois
Capt EB Landers; DOF; AFIT, Geo Peabody College for Teachers, Tenn
Capt RS Rippey; DOF, AFIT, Syracuse, U, NY
Capt EE Stevenson; DOF; AFIT, U of Colorado
Capt DD Zink; DOF; AFIT, U of Colorado
Capt JL Sciez; COC; 1009 SWS, DY w/DIR PERS
Capt WA Studabaker; DOF; 551 AEW&C, Otis AFB Mass
Capt WE Wolddt, COC; 801 ADIV, Ohio; SAC
Capt EH Wolff; COC; 10th TacRecon Wg, Spangdahlen AB, Germany
1st Lt RL Peck; D/ATH; 78th Ftr Day Wg, Hamilton AFB