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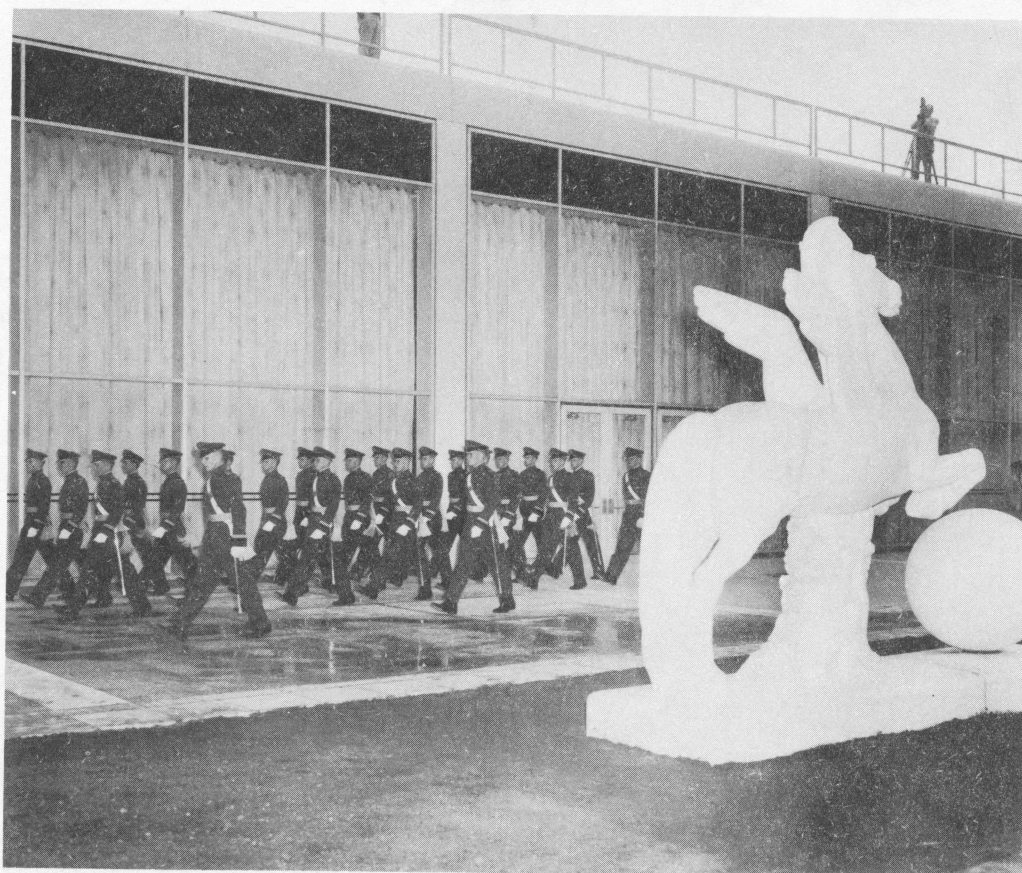
THE RF-101 IS A SUPERSONIC TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE FIGHTER built by McDonnell. It is in wide usage throughout the Tactical Air Command.

USAFA GNOMES

Walt Disney's brown-hooded gnomes made quite a tale
Toiling and playing mount and vail.
Now hail to the blue-hooded "gnomes" of U S A F A
Hard working lads are also they.
Tall and stalwart, true; not small
But gnome-like against the mountain wall
Marching to duty, school, and the dining hall
While the Rampart Range watches o'er them all.

To run through a blizzard is inapropos
Good heavens, by gum ---- definitely NO!
Walk! is the order of the day.
Heads high, my lads, with no dismay;
No Sleepys or Grumpys tolerated here
The springboard to an Air Force career!

Edith M. Allen
3d Gp, TAFCW Secretary



JUST A REMINDER THAT JUNE WEEK is only three months off. Here a group of the Class of 1959 march along the Arnold Hall ballroom wall following acceptance of Pegasus (foreground). Note the cameraman atop the Arnold Hall extension.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Things have been rather hectic in Dodo-land since I returned from Miami and my overwater mission on Monday eve so if this issue looks rather hurried, it's because it is.

The Academy Assembly is now fully operational and, from all observations appears to be another success. Naturally, when General Norstad speaks, any event is off to a good start.

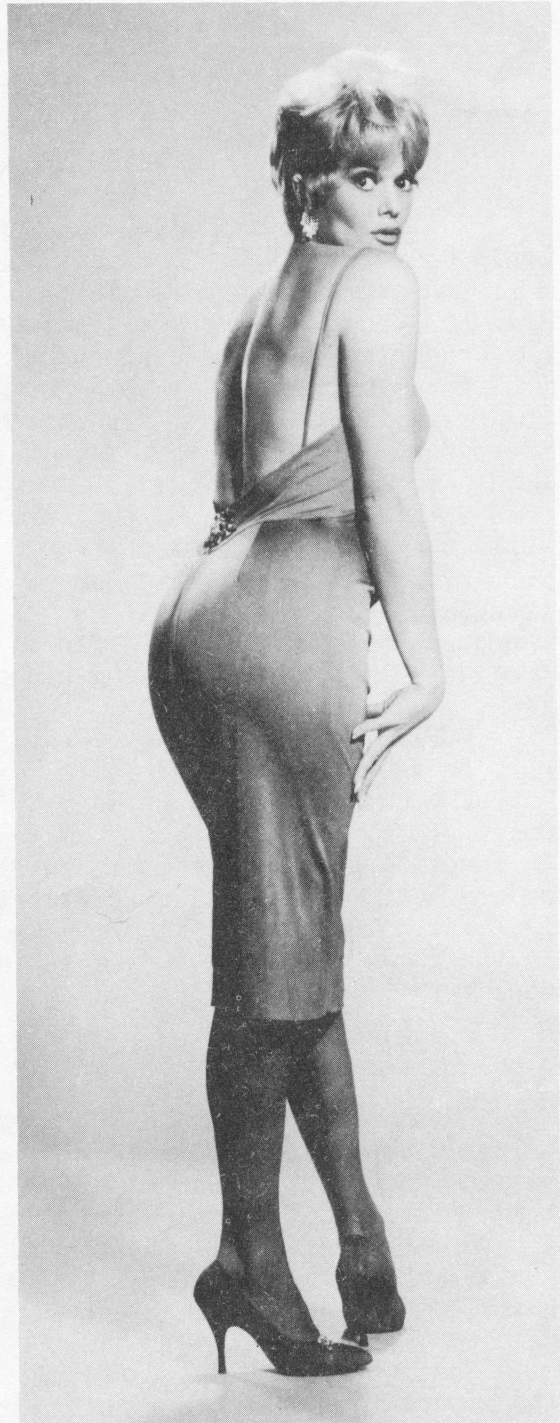
In case you seem to remember the picture of Janis Paige at the right, I think that perhaps you're wrong. The last pic that we ran of Janis, if you will recall, had her facing the camera and not turned away. We figured that the angle didn't make that much difference.

I finally managed to find that Western Stewardess that I've been pursuing for the past two weeks. She has more trip-time than I do, which stands as quite a feat (so my instructors remind me).

Managed to see and hear the NORAD Commanders over the weekend. They were one-night-standing at Homestead AFB, Florida, and hastened to add that they figured themselves professionals, in the sense that their function is to keep morale and they play together all of the time. Their versions of Leroy Anderson arrangements, like "Bugler's Holiday," are simply terrific. Perchance we'll be able to talk them into coming to the Academy for a dance engagement. No complaint is intended to the highly creditable Academy orchestra, but the special arrangements of this NORAD group would be well-taken by the Wing, I'm sure.

The end of the Dark Ages seems, from all indications, to be near. The rainstorm early this week is a certain sign of Spring, so I'm told. Those who remember the June 2nd snow of last year won't be convinced.

See you next week with a less-rushed issue (j'espere).....ghhines



JANIS PAIGE can be seen appearing in the Dodo almost weekly. Watch this spot for a further change of attitude. M-G-M take note.

FROM THE SIDELINES

Kelly Loyacono

BASKETBALLERS DEFEAT REGIS

BOONE'S JERSEY RETIRED EARLY with him still in it as the Falcons defeated Regis College, 65-58, in a thrilling game a week ago at the Cadet Gym before a packed and tense crowd. Terry Norris, with 17 points, and Jim Ulm, with 12, lead the Cadets to the win which gained them an invitation to the first-round NCAA championship game against DePaul on last Monday.

Boone had scored eight points in the first half, but was taken out for the better part of that half because of having committed four fouls. Due to tremendous defensive play, especially by Norris and Ulm, two of these fouls on Boone were offensive fouls.

With the score 14-6, the Falcons went into a full-court press and stayed until the second half when after a few minutes of play in the zone the cadets went back into the press-defense. Regis had no time to relax because they had trouble in getting the ball into play, losing the ball several times in this manner. Besides the fine defense, the Academy game was highlighted by the defensive play and hard-driving by both Tony Long and Butch Vicellio.

DEPAUL BURSTS BUBBLE, 69-63. Due to a lecture, I only heard part of the game as the Falcons tried for a come-back win, but fell short by six points.

The cause was hurt by Norris fouling out and his low productivity (five points). Ulm and Don Wolfswinkel had 20 and 18 for the Cadets. The phenomenal shooting of the Falcons in the first half (69.7 percent) tapered off in the second half, as the taller DePaul team gathered in 32 rebounds to the Falcons' 22. The home team hit 21 of 25 foul shots, which made the eventual difference in the game. In all, it was a tough one to lose, but it was a very fine season.

GYMNASTS WIN REGIONALS, PREP FOR NCAA

In the Rocky Mountain AAU's, the Falcons finished over CSC, CSU and the Falcon Club, a group of mostly Fourth Classmen. Two Fourth Classmen were able to pick up first places in the meet--Kraye in the rope climb and Weaver in the trampoline. Paul O'Connor and Mike Love took second and third in the all-around while once again Shaumberger, O'Connor and Art Lewis swept the free exercise. Love and Hendricks finished 1-2 in the parallel bar competition while Lewis, O'Connor and Dave Wiest each took a second in tumbling, side horse, and high bar.

Now, it's on to the national tournament at Penn State on 18-19 March and its a certainty that the gymnasts will make their presence felt in the NCAA.

NEW FALCON GRID COACH APPOINTED

Don Steinbrunner, coach of Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, football team, has been appointed to the coaching staff of the Air Force Academy, it was learned early this week. Steinbrunner earned all-America honorable mention while at Washington State and played one year of professional football with the Cleveland Browns.

PUCKSTERS BLAST HOME WIN OVER CC FRAT

AFA's fledgling hockey team, being able to work out on ice only two or three hours a week, blasted their way to a 5-4 victory over a Colorado College fraternity and company last weekend. The "and company" term stems in part from the strange fact that CC's two-time all-American hockey coach Tony Frasca; 6'1", 185 lb varsity defenseman Stan Jirroskal and six or eight CC freshmen hockey players also filled the ranks of the CC frat team.

However, the scrappers from Alumnium U blasted home two goals early in the game and were never behind. Wave after wave of B.C. Jones' rinkrats in the AF blue drove hard into CC ice and made life just miserable for the CC puck stoppers. Most of the Big Blue's goals came from a loose puck in or on the ice in front of the CC goal which was picked up by a cruising AFA-type and blasted over, under, or through the unfortunate puck-stopper from CC.

Tenth Squadron's gift to Capt. Briand's chargers, P.J. Buckley, of "D" and Class III fame, tallied one goal as did Fourth Classman Walst, and the slick-slap-shot Desanto rammed home three for the pugnacious pucksters.

Additional highlight featured player-coach Vic Heyliger, business man from Colorado Springs who donates his time and effort to assist in the AFA hockey team building. Time and time again, carooming coach Vic took the puck away from Tony Frasca and the CC frat-rats.

The only mix-up occurred late in the game when Buckley accidentally, I believe, hit the CC goalie in the kisser with the blade of his stick. For a minute it looked like a real "Hey Ruber," was about to break out, with high sticks and shoving, but calmer heads prevailed.

The only disappointment for the AFA icers was that there was no one to really appreciate their handiwork. Of course, CC had quite a few screaming gals as well as frat brothers, but the only sounds to be heard in the ice palace of the Broadmoor were the cheers when CC had the puck, the groans and moans when AFA had the puck, and Capt. Briand's fog-horn voice telling canvas-back Komarnitsky to play his wing instead of waltzing all over the ice.

However, puck fans, there is another roaring, returning engagement on tap for this coming Sunday. Game time is at noon, no charge to get in, and just come prepared to make noise, leap out on the ice if the Blue Bombers get into a scrap and who knows, you might go home with a souvenir puck and eight stiches to go with it.

--Oleg Komarnitsky--

INTRAMURAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

With most of the contests for the winter season complete and the schedule set for the Wing championships set the following information will be useful for all of you interested in getting out and supporting your team or the teams from your Group in their final push toward the Wing championships.

BASKETBALL

The championship game in basketball is scheduled for 1550 on Monday, 14 March, in the East Gymnasium. The game will be between Sixth Squadron (7 wins, 0 losses) and the winner of a playoff game between Fifth and Seventh Squadrons (6 wins, 1 loss). The playoff game is scheduled for Thursday, 11 March at 1600 in the Center Gymnasium.

WATER POLO

Squadron 3 (7 wins, 0 losses) will meet the winner of a playoff game between 5th and 7th Squadrons (6 wins, 1 loss) for the title in either the intramural pool or the Natatorium. The playoff game between 5 and 7 is scheduled for Thursday, 10 March at 1600 in the intramural pool.

BOXING

Boxing is the only sport with unfinished games yet to determine the Group champion. The results of the regular contest on Friday, 11 March will determine whether First or Tenth will meet Seventh Squadron (6 wins, 1 loss) in the Wing Championship game on Tuesday, 15 March at 1550 in the Boxing Room.

JUDO

The Wing championship judo match will be between Fifteenth Squadron (8 wins, 1 loss, 5 ties) and Ninth Squadron in the Center Gymnasium at 1615 on Monday, 14 March.

ATTN: All would be rugby players.

Sports Spectacular, a television series of the rules and championship play in various sports, will present a program on rugby including films of English games on Channel 4 either this Sunday or next Sunday. Some helpful hints on the game might be gained from watching this program.

INTRAMURAL STANDINGS

BASKETBALL

Sq.	W	L	MTP
1*	6	1	60
2*	2	5	20
3	4	2	40
4*	6	1	60
5*	4	3	40
6*	7	0	70
7*	3	4	30
8*	5	2	50
9	3	3	30
10	2	4	20
11*	3	4	30
12	2	4	20
13*	2	5	20
14*	5	2	50
15*	0	7	0
16*	2	5	20

WATER POLO

SQ.	W	L	MTP
1*	6	1	60
2*	4	3	40
3*	7	0	70
4	2	4	20
5*	6	1	60
6*	2	5	20
7*	6	1	60
8*	2	5	20
9	2	4	20
10	3	3	30
11	2	4	20
12*	0	7	0
13*	4	3	40
14*	4	3	40
15*	1	6	10
16*	3	4	30

BOXING

Sq.	W	L	T	MTP
1	4	0	2	50
2	2	3	1	25
3	3	1	2	40
4*	1	5	1	15
5*	1	5	1	15
6*	1	4	2	20
7*	6	1	0	60
8*	3	3	1	35
9*	3	4	0	30
10	4	1	1	45
11*	3	3	1	35
12*	4	1	2	50
13*	4	2	1	45
14*	1	4	2	20
15*	2	3	2	30
16*	5	2	0	50

JUDO

Sq.	W	L	T	MTP
1	3	8	2	20
2	2	8	3	17½
3	6	3	4	40
4	2	8	3	17½
5*	2	10	2	15
6*	6	4	4	40
7*	8	4	2	45
8*	7	1	6	50
9	12	0	1	62½
10	4	5	4	30
11	6	4	3	37½
12	5	4	4	35
13*	3	8	3	22½
14*	4	9	1	22½
15*	8	1	5	52½
16*	5	6	3	32½

TOTAL MALANPWAY TROPHY POINTS

Squadron 1 - 328
 2 - 174½
 3 - 356
 4 - 184½

Squadron 9 - 286½
 10 - 281
 11 - 242½
 12 - 225

Squadron 5 - 238
 6 - 318
 7 - 309
 8 - 287

Squadron 13 - 234½
 14 - 354½
 15 - 188½
 16 - 198½

* Denotes teams which have completed season.

THE DAY THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

Last week we lost the services of the better half of this page. To many this came as a shock, but if you really knew Bruce well you knew that by the ethical principles that govern his life he had no choice.

Maybe this is a good time for the rest of us to stop and ask ourselves what ethical principles govern our lives? Would we be willing to change the course of our lives today because of our belief in an ideal? Would we be in that number that could we the things they gave their lives to broken, and stoop and build them up with worn out tools?

Are we becoming real men; do we have the potential for greatness? Or, are we in truth petty boys that think only in terms of our own desires of the moment? If you are not willing to answer these questions in relation to your own abilities, then let us ask them of the Wing.

Is the Wing governed by a desire to reach a goal that can only be defined in light of ideals? If it is then can you prove to me what it is? There was a time when we were so directed, when we could tell anyone just why we as a group went through all we did, when there was not any doubt in any Cadet's mind why he was here.

There was a day when the life of a Cadet was something very difficult. Because of this difficulty and our desire to excell under the load of our life, we were respected by others and we had a real sense of accomplishment in our success that was justified. Today, none of these things are true for the Wing as a whole. Today, in response to our own desires we have a life of relative ease and luxury in comparison with what we were once proud of and in comparison with the life of any other military academy in the world.

I am not saying that we should return in total to the "good old days" of yesteryear when times were hard. What I am saying is that we should first be grateful for all that we have instead of this constant gripping. Secondly is it not time for us to reevaluate where we are going?

Too often we evaluate our position only in terms of ourselves. When we know that we will nor be tested, do we study? Is there not a larger reason for our education that the grades that will be posted beside our names? The class last year "graduated" at this time of year, so why shouldn't we? This place doesn't have anything to give me now, so what difference does it make? The first classmen are never out to ranks by first call, so why should I be? I know they wouldn't give me a Class III for being late in this snow, so why sweat it? Have we not all been guilty of this sort of rationalization at one time or another, or something close to it? And yet, even as we are thinking such thoughts we know that as individuals and as a group we are slipping from the principles that once made us strong and proud.

Without sacrifice and dedication life for real men is meaningless. We need a new dedication to the goals that will make our lives meaningful to all humanity. Only then will we be able to hold our heads high, face the world with open arms, and say with pride, "Here I am--a Man."

Good Will