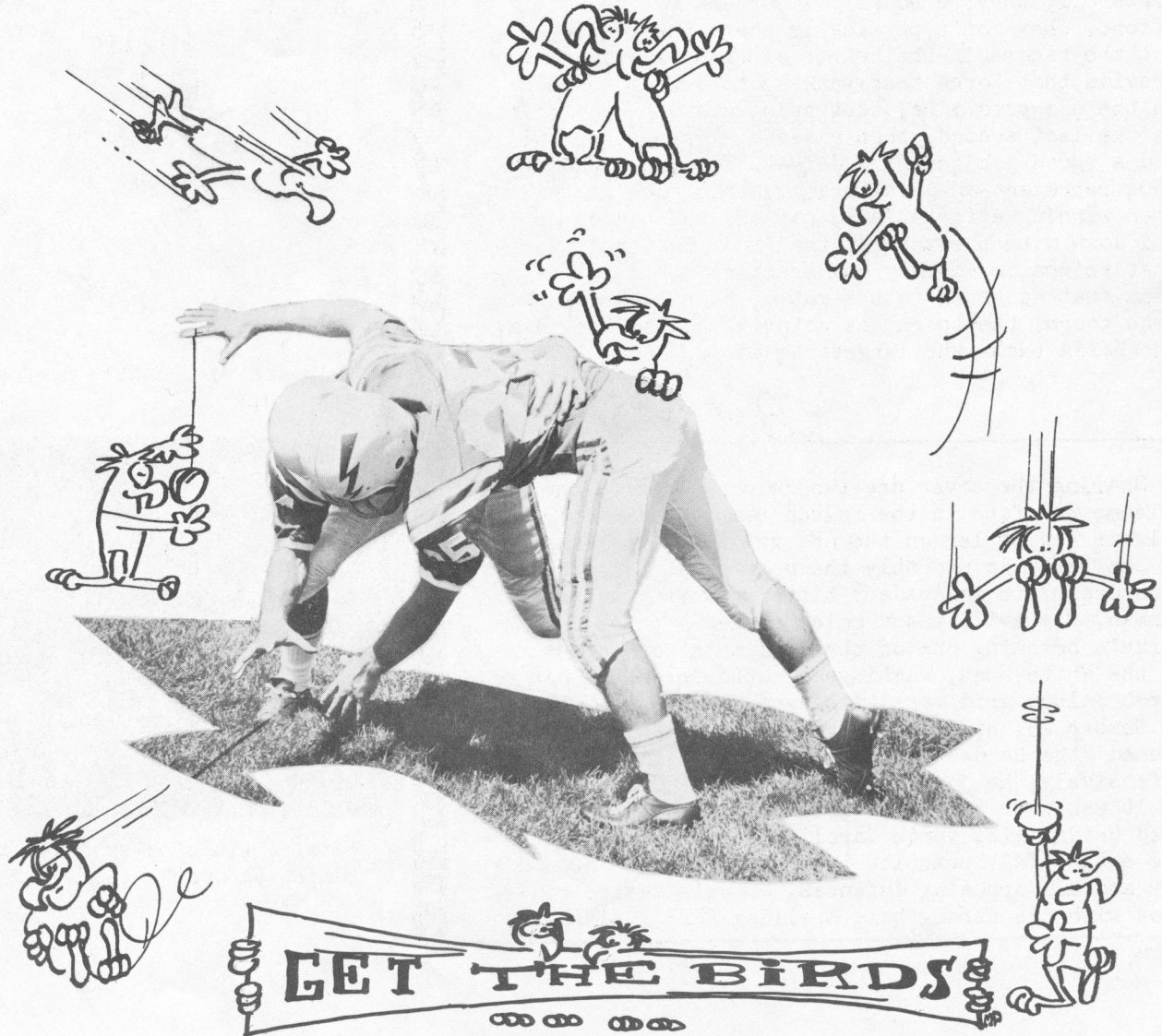


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Special credit for the excellent football shots in this issue goes to Will Stackhouse and JJ Davis, while the Spacemate poses are Dick Shuey's work.

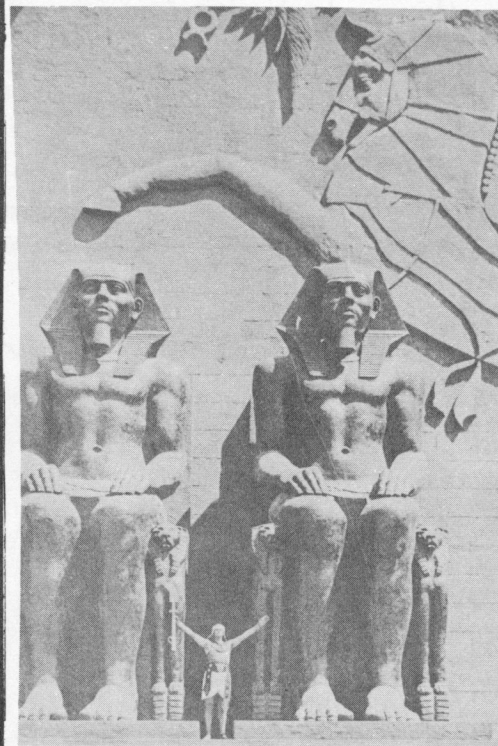
In this issue, the Dodo introduces a handful of the 1963 Falcon gridgers. These 17 men represent a team, on the field 3 times their number, and in spirit 147 times their number. Although 2453 don't dress out, they're equally important to the total effort. They don't physically score the points, but they score in the hearts of those who do. They provide that force that yanks guts out of nowhere on the one yard line, that gains victory by a point in the last second, that gives a slap on the back and a "good job" even in defeat. Together, these 2504 represent an unfaltering esprit that prevails when winning efforts fail, not one which goes up and down with the record, the "fair weather" type that reigns in so many universities. This is the team that hangs on to the motto, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." This is our team, the USAFA team—the largest squad in the nation.

Jim Ingram

Sharing the cover are two Falcon seniors, one a welcome new face in the Falcon camp and the other a welcome new styler on the AFA gridiron. The first, on the left, is probably the most outstanding all-around athlete in Academy history, safetyman Parke Hinman. His agility and quick reflexes point to Parke's becoming one of the Academy's top defensemen, as the White Swan, Washington, athlete enters his first Falcon grid varsity season.

Number 25, halfback Steve Ritchie, has often been deemed "the hardest working man on the field. But offensively, he just doesn't have it." Change that, if it was ever true, to "didn't," because the spirited Reidsville, North Carolina gridder has devoted the entire fall practice to running circles around any and all opposing defenses. Steve's desire couples with his strength in spelling "FIRST STRING."

FLICKS a la FLAGRANTE

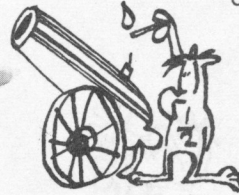


"Will the real Ramses please stand up?"

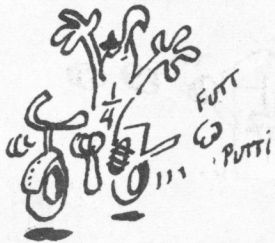
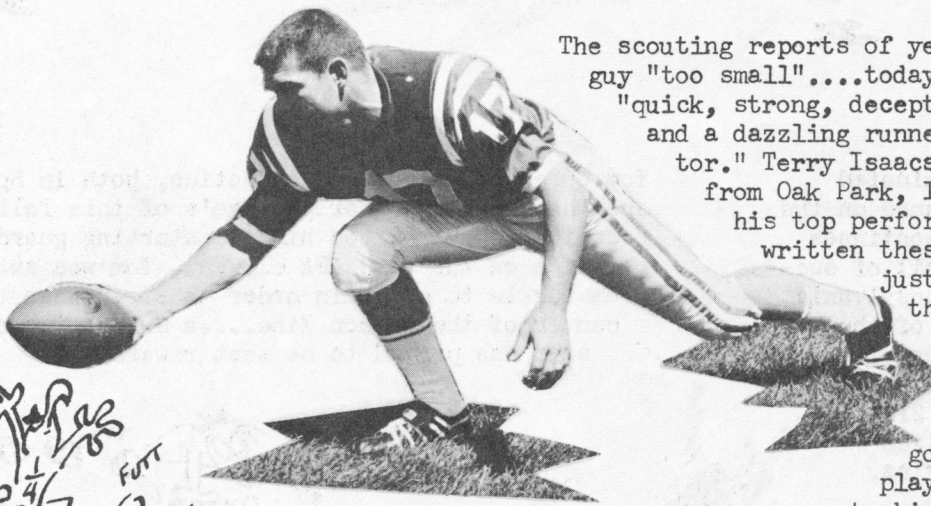


"Gee, I ain't never dated a Cadet before!"

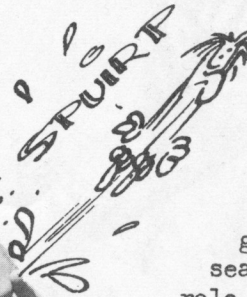
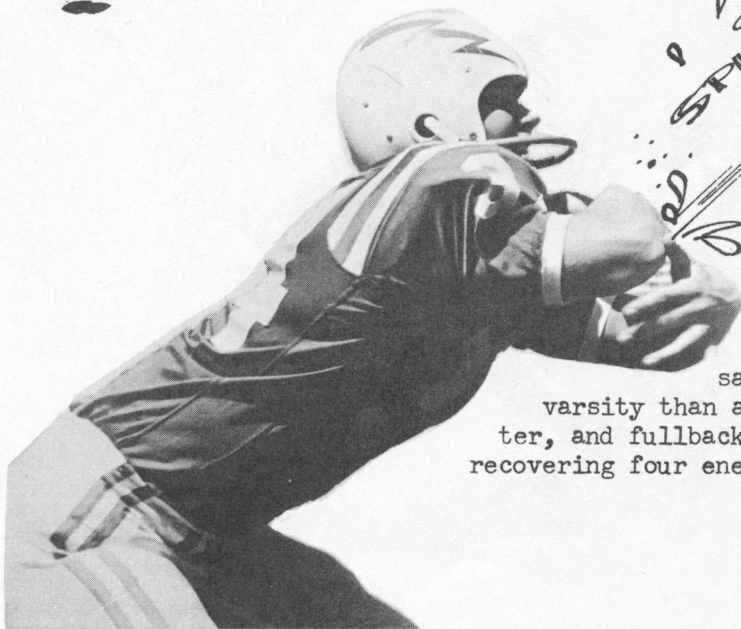
At 218 pounds, lumbering Gil Achter is the biggest of the 1963 Falcons. This size, coupled with the grid knowledge this powerful giant has garnered from two years of successful varsity, will make "Bear, Y." one of the most formidable challenges enemy lines encounter. Gil will anchor the left side of the Falcon line at tackle.



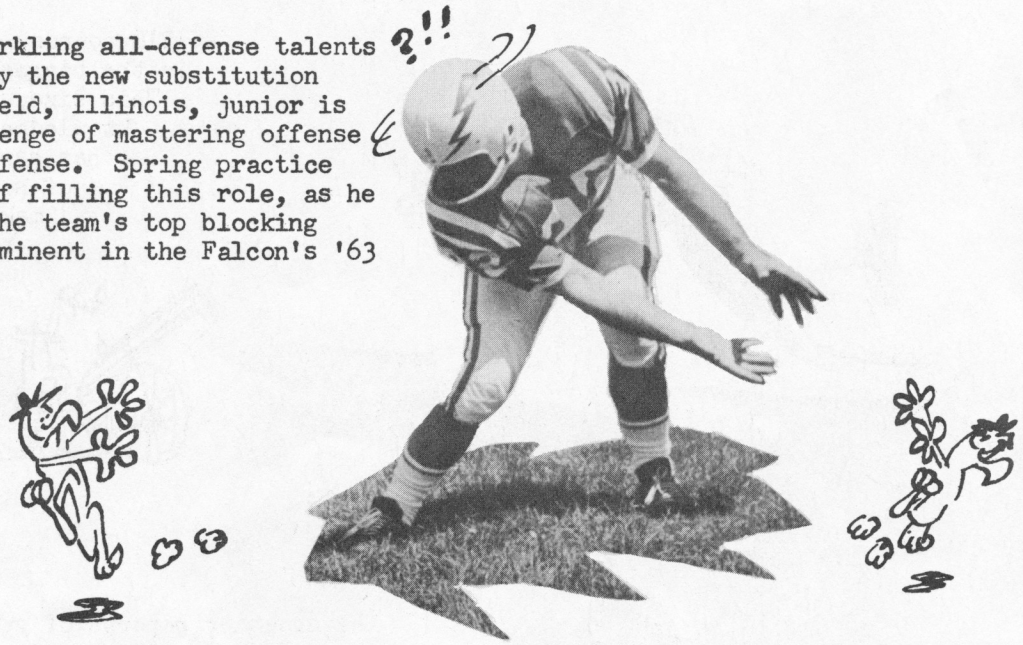
The scouting reports of yesterday labeled this guy "too small"....today these reports read "quick, strong, deceptive, a good passer and a dazzling runner -- a great competitor." Terry Isaacson, Senior quarterback from Oak Park, Illinois, has through his top performances many times rewritten these scouting reports, just as he has rewritten the Air Force Academy record books. But don't discard your erasers yet, statisticians....Terry's got one more year to play. And he's pointing to his greatest!



In linebacker Dave Sicks, the Air Force Academy has found one of its history's most colorful and hard-hitting gridiron battlers. Dave will this season switch to an all-defensive role, and in making this switch he will again trace the same pattern that he has followed throughout his Falcon grid career....for this Independence, Kansas, senior has filled more positions on the varsity than any other player, including guard, end, center, and fullback. Last season, Dave set an AFA record by recovering four enemy fumbles.

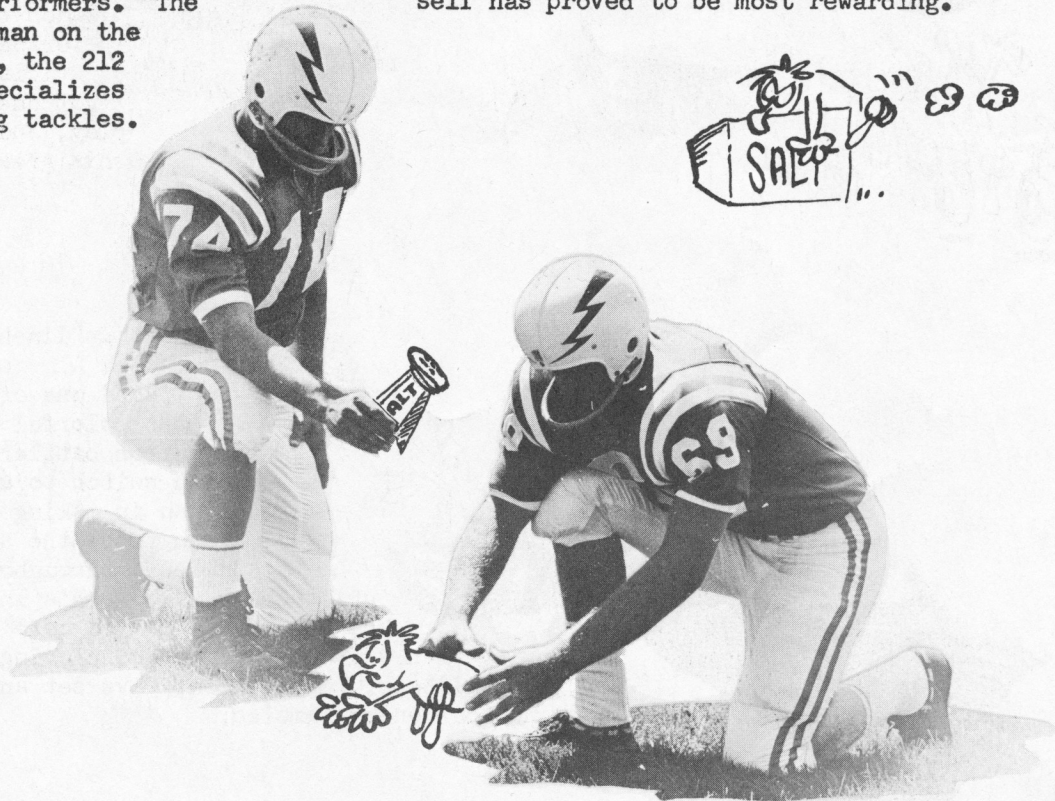


Steve Amdor's sparkling all-defense talents have been censored by the new substitution rules, so the Mansfield, Illinois, junior is faced with the challenge of mastering offense as well as he did defense. Spring practice proved him capable of filling this role, as he sparkled as one of the team's top blocking backs. Steve is prominent in the Falcon's '63 future.



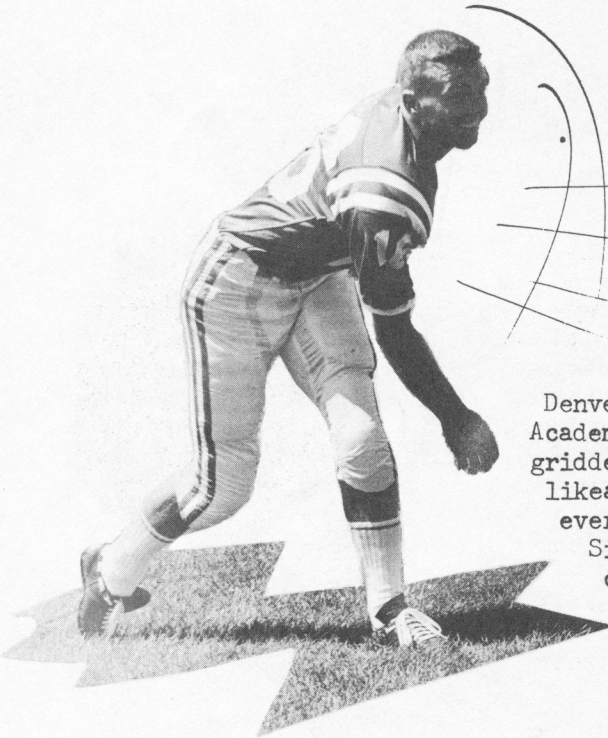
Spring practice illuminated Gary Fausti's brilliance on the gridiron, and if he continues to blaze the same trail of success, the Conway, Pennsylvania, tackle evolve as one of the Falcon's top performers. The second biggest man on the starting eleven, the 212 pound junior specializes in bone-crushing tackles.

Tom Gorges' hard-charging tactics, both in Spring and throughout the early stage's of this fall's practices, have netted him the starting guard position on the 1963 AFA eleven. Tom was switched from tackle to guard in order to strengthen the center of the Falcon line....a switch Tom himself has proved to be most rewarding.



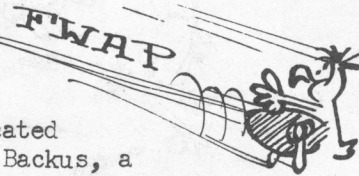
Another of the sizewise "little" Falcons, Darryl Bloodworth's versatility and dependability are notoriously "UNlittle." For the 162 pound senior halfback has left many opposing defensemen tackling air as he twists a route downfield. And in a parallel fashion he has tormented enemy secondaries

with his sure-handed catches. The Apalachicola, Florida, fireball has mounted a brilliant record of success in his two years on the varsity....and there's still a third.



Denver gives the Academy one of its most dedicated gridders in quarterback Dave Backus, a likeable junior who last season surprised everyone with his talents at the controls.

Sideline for the final two games by a crippling knee injury, and still a question mark until late in the fall practice session, Dave's return will be warmly welcomed by all Falcon followers. Dave completed nearly 50% of his passes in 1962, and as a ball carrier he totaled over 200 yards.



The medical reports claimed that after suffering a finger laceration in the 1962 Oregon game, Center Joe Rodwell would miss several games. Joe donned a heavy bandage and a lot of fighting grit, and the heralded Minneapolis gridder joined his teammates in the very next game, and the next, and all to follow....and after each, his was among the names of the top players of the game. Such is the way of the 205 pound star, one of the top linebackers in college football.

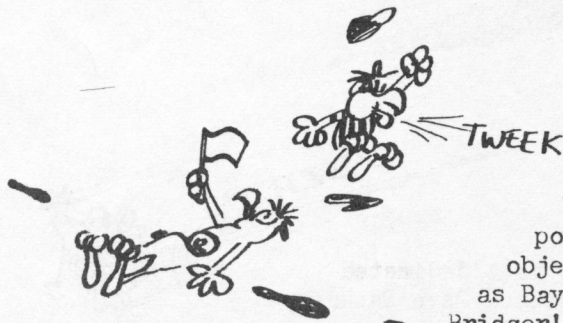




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Corner-turning is going to prove a chore for Falcon opponents in 1963, for in 6'3", 197 pound end John Fuster, the AFA has one of the Rocky Mountain's top defensive cornermen. The El Paso, Texas, speedster is the fleetest letterman on the team, an asset which points at John's outdistancing enemy secondaries in grabbing long TD bombs. Defensively and offensively, end John Fuster should set off some gridiron fireworks the next two seasons.



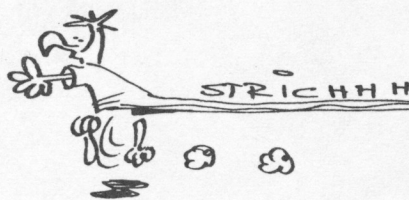
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Larry Tollstam's coupling of deceptive speed with bruising running power made him the object of such praise as Baylor Coach John Bridger's labeling him, "finest fullback we met in '62, including All-American Ray Poage of Texas." And thusly Larry Tollstam, the Fal-

con's 5'11", 206 pound junior fullback is introduced. The only soph to crack the 1962 varsity starting lineup, this Lansing, Michigan, product points to 1963 as an even greater season than the last when he paced the AFA in rushing yardage.



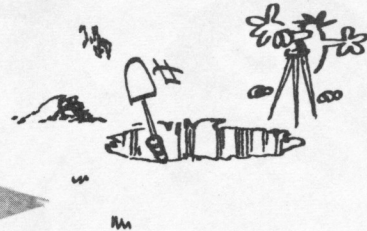
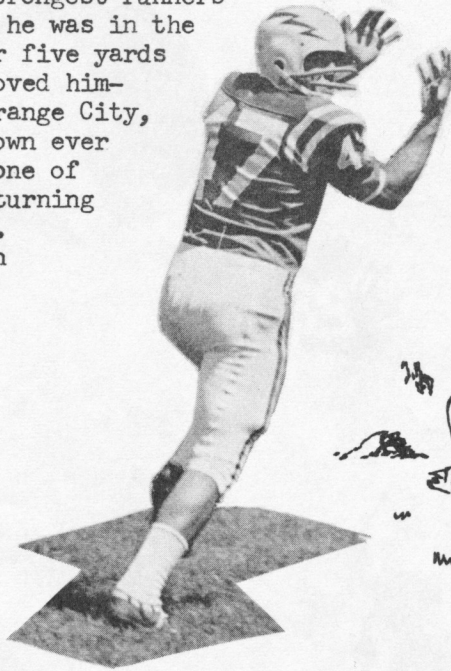
"In size, he's the smallest AFA lineman, but in fighting spirit, he's one of the biggest." And this thought was amplified when the 1963 Falcons elected 170 pound Todd Jagerson one of their co-captains. The Long Beach, California, product, a "holler guy" since his Freshman days, serves as a hard charging guard.



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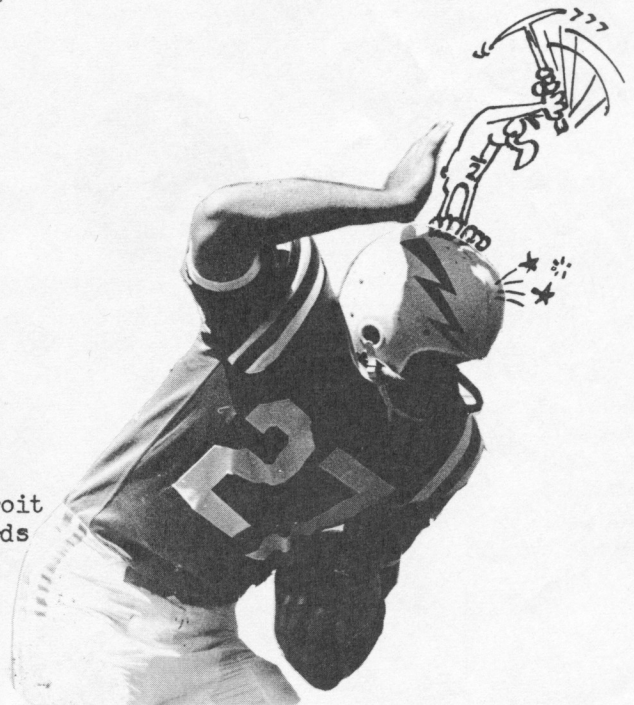


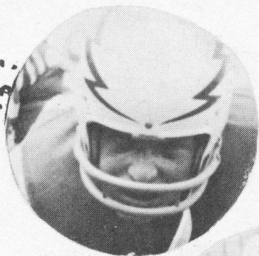
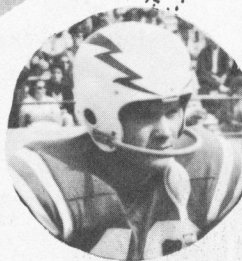
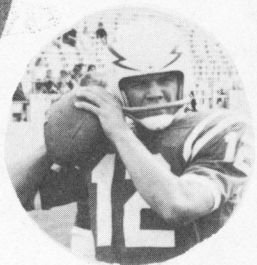
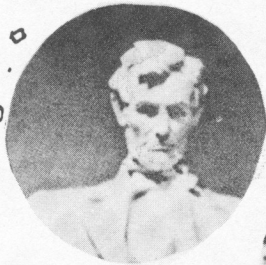
Senior John Lorber is one of the strongest runners in the 1963 Falcon backfield, just as he was in the 1962 backfield. He averaged just under five yards per carry as a junior, and he also proved himself a valuable pass receiver. The Orange City, Iowa, charger scored the first touchdown ever scored in Falcon Stadium. He is also one of the most colorful kickoff and punt returning specialists the Academy has ever seen. "The Loper" concentrated on defense in Spring, and with his improvements in this area may be one of 1963's real men to watch.



Hampered by a painful knee injury during much of his sophomore season, 205 pound Joe O'Gorman finished the Spring session on the starting eleven. His sure hands have enrolled him as one of the quarterbacks' favorite targets. And his defensive tactics at his end position have proven the Dearborn, Michigan, junior's potential as a valuable two-way starter.

Dick Czarnota carries a lot of weight from his halfback position...208 pounds, according to the scales, and a brilliant soph season of running, blocking, and pass catching, according to the record books. "Zot" scored four TD's last season in averaging more than four yards per carry. The Detroit star also grabbed seven passes for another 109 yards

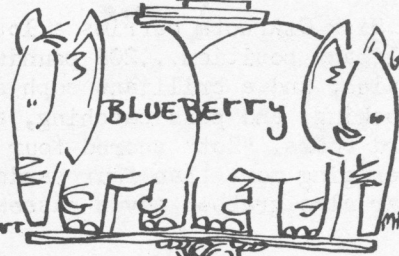
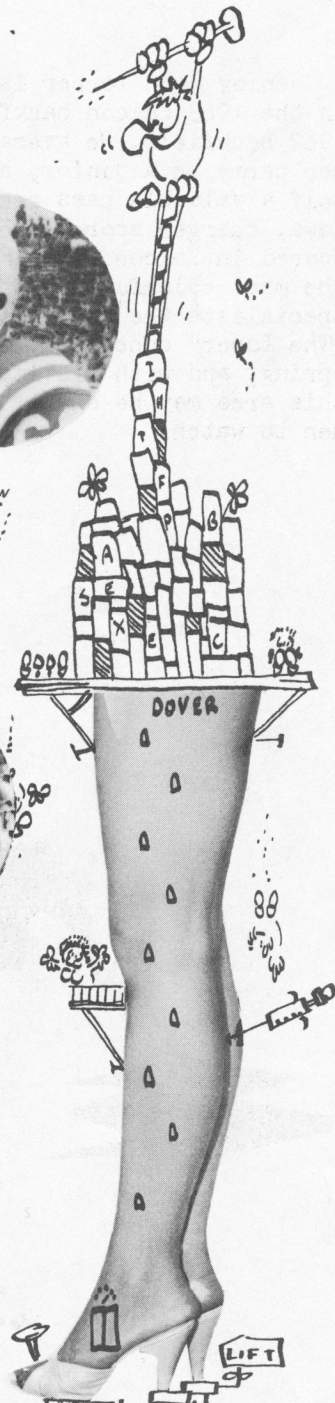




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Neighbor: "They tell me your son is on the college football team. Do you know what position he plays?"

Proud Mother: "I'm not sure, but I think he is one of the drawbacks."



A famous quarterback took back his fraternity pin from the campus beauty. He found she was faithful to the end.

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Dots & Doodles.

A young psychoanalyst was telling an older colleague about his troubles in getting intelligent responses from his patients. "Suppose you ask me some of your questions," the older analyst suggested.

"Well, what is it that wears a skirt and from whose lips comes pleasure?"

"A Scot blowing a bagpipe."

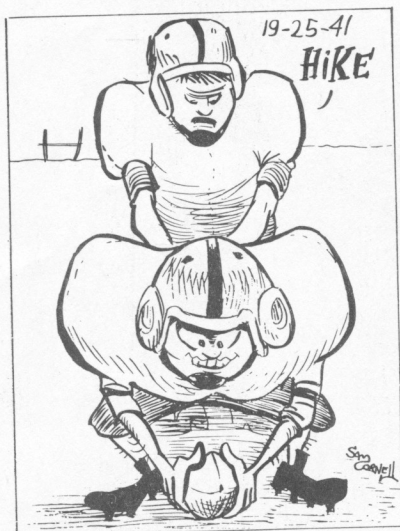
"Right! Now, what is it that has smooth curves and at unexpected moments becomes uncontrollable?"

"Bob Feller's pitching."

"Right! What do you think of when two arms slip around your shoulder?"

"Why, a football tackle," was the reply.

"Right," said the young doctor. "All your answers were amazingly correct. But you'd be surprised at the silly answers I keep getting!"



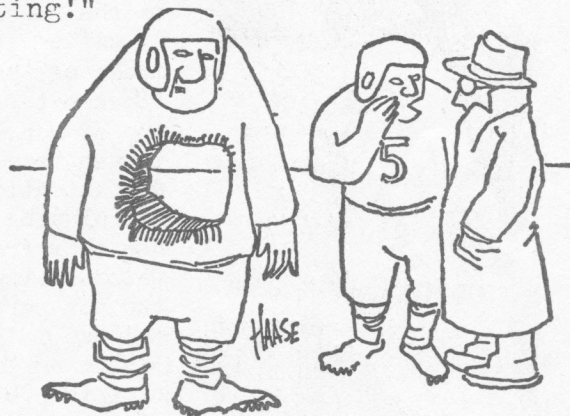
—Pelican



One afternoon, the coach turned to a fourth-string sub who had played the role of human tackling dummy in practice all season, and demanded:

"You, Cartnell, what would you do if we had possession of the ball, one minute to play, the score nothing to nothing, and we had only four yards to go for a touchdown?"

"Gee, coach," shouted the sub, "I'd slide down to the end of the bench, so I could see better."



"Coach, I think they found a hole through our center."

THE DODO SPACEMATE

*Go
Steve,*



*With Love,
Darla*

The complexion of a bleak Saturday afternoon punctuated by the sound of bone-bruising blocks, jarring tackles, crisply called football signals, and vigorous cheers was immediately brightened as the DODO caught its first glimpse of Spacemate, Darla Jean Banks, as she tried to "stare down" one of our mascots. Throughout last Saturday's scrimmage though, seventeen year-old Darla seemed to devote her greatest attention to a certain half-back wearing number 25 who was playing on the victorious Blue squad. It is evident how this Fresno, California lass who loves surfing and water-skiing won the "Miss Teenage America" title last fall and not surprising, too, that her future plans could include college in Europe as well, although number 25 has other ideas. Realizing that definite prognostication is beyond the scope of this publication, we still feel confident that the gods will be smiling upon our gridders next Saturday afternoon when they meet the powerful Huskies, with lovely Darla in our cheering section as a guest of the Cadet Wing.



