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## What You Always Wanted To Know About Cadet Reading Habits

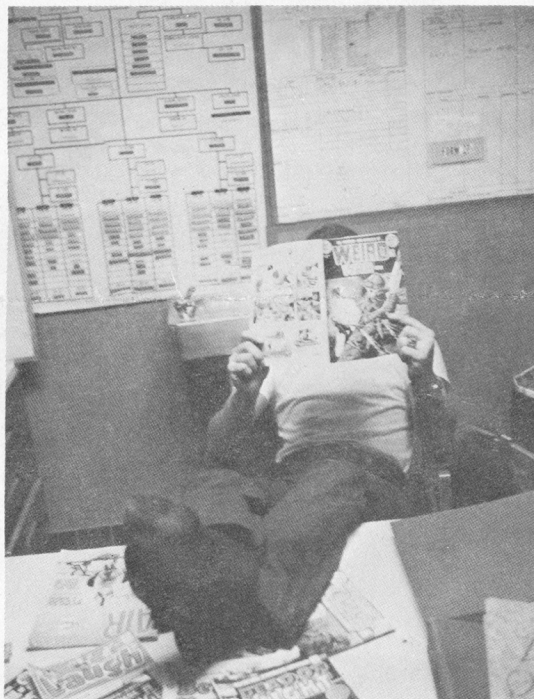
BUT WE'RE AFRAID TO ASK!!!!

The cream of America's youth gather here at the Academy. Each year the assembled staff stands in awe as a new crop of geniuses arrives to scale new heights of Academic acclaim. The class of 1977 for example, ranked in the top percentiles of the College Boards nationally. 101 of them were valedictorians of the high schools from which they graduated. 58.9% were in the top ten per cent of their classes. Prospective cadets who can not make the standards here are gleefully snapped up by West Point and Annapolis. So there is little question that here are the finest; here are the brightest; here are the sharpest!!!

So that this would not just be my own biased opinion, I checked with a number of guys in the nearby squadrons. They agreed with me 100%. They are, in fact, the best! We have a higher ratio of Rhodes scholars than any other college. Nothing dims the impression that this is one sharp group of savants. Nothing, that is, except the magazine rack in the Cadet Store.

As one stands there viewing the literature for sale to our Einsteins, academic standards crash sorrowfully around one's ears. Rhodes **scholarships evaporate** as so much mist. For here assembled is one of the world's most concentrated arrays of light-weight literature. One can almost see the newsstand weep in sheer embarrassment at its cargo.

An eager intellectual can choose from a vast store of wisdom contained in the "comic" books. For the military types there is a tome entitled "Weird War Tales." In a gripper entitled "One Hour to Kill" Capt Phillip Starr must kill a man who has already been dead for 500 years. One would think that this would simplify his task, but no!! Horror after horror unfolds for our hero amid weapons that go "Boom, Whomp, Phhhh, Kwee, and Krump."



Ever anxious to fill each moment with new learning, one of our leading military strategists bones up on one of the classics of the field, "Weird War Tales."

The jocks can gain inspiration from "Strange Sports," which is well named, if nothing else. Here the vital question challenges our cerebral athletes: "Even if you saw it with your own eyes, would you really believe a football game was being played with one team in full armor?" And if that doesn't grab you the same issue asks "Who was the amazing athlete who pole-vaulted over the earth?" Golly, what excitement, what stimulation. Time and stomach do not permit us to recount the exploits of "Superboy", "The House of Secrets," and "Kamandi, the Last Boy on Earth."

But we must in fairness note that these books contain many extras. There are not just stories, sufficient unto the day as that would be. There are offers galore.

You can get a Daisy BB Gun, or learn Karate, or get a high-paying job as a draftsman just clipping out a coupon. The same simple method can make you the hero of the beach or a skilled electronic technician! Or if you're the adventuring type, you can get your very own Ready Ranger Mobile Field Pack. "When you're a Ready Ranger, you're always ready for any danger!"

Well, so much for the comics. Another large focus of cadets' minds is the Playboy Syndrome. Here pre-med students with an inordinate interest in anatomy can brush up. Most cadets told me that they only buy these for the edifying articles therein. Well, what else, I ask. It certainly makes sense that America's finest would buy it for no other reason. Would they???

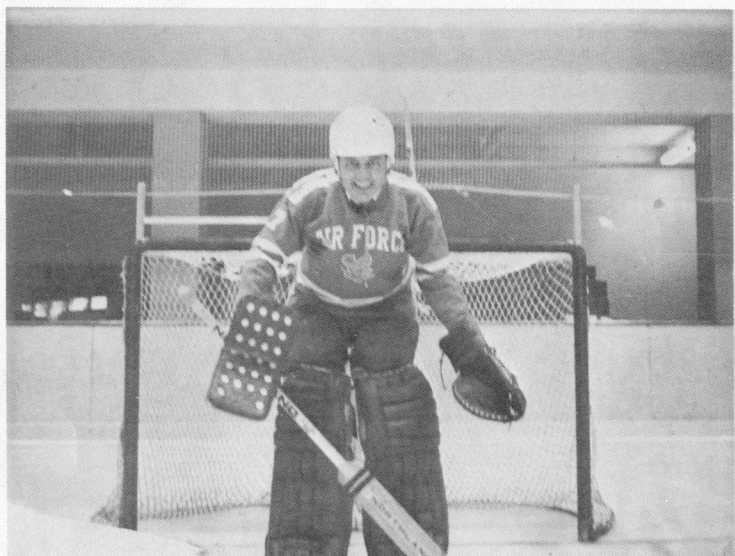
I was pleased to see that there was one intellectual journal on the shelves. It was apparently for French students and was entitled "Oui." Although I didn't get to check it out, it apparently gives the French student a chance to read interesting material in his adopted tongue. I was very reassured to see how many French students we have, however.

This was certainly as exciting a look into the minds of our boys as one could want. No wonder they stand on the top of the Academic heap. Perhaps these books serve as a welcome relief from textbooks and laboratories. Perhaps it is good to put the mind into neutral every once in a while.

But it is worth noting in passing that the book most frequently bought and most often read today is still The Bible. So the next time physics or **math** leave you mentally exhausted, give the 20 cents you were going to spend on Superboy to some needy doolie. Instead, freshen up with a taste of scripture. You may even like it and save yourself a bundle.



# CHAPLAIN'S CHATTER



"Champ" Chapman in the Nets

## A YEAR LATER...

It was just a year ago that mandatory Chapel ended. It was for cadets and Chaplains alike an unlamented demise. The situation had been artificial at best and the sound of weeping and wailing was not heard in the land.

There were, of course, dire prophesies of empty chapels and unemployed chaplains. For a while it seemed that these might in part come true. Attendance dropped sharply thru March. Then, however, it began to climb again and is now at a very encouraging level. In addition to this, attendance in our non-worship events, i.e., discussion groups, retreats, etc, has been better than before.

Most important, however, is the change in the climate of worship. Everyone is there because he wants to be. No one is doing his homework or sitting stonily in the back pew. There has been a warmth and a joy that was not always present before. This is, perhaps, our greatest single gain.

It may also be appropriate to comment on what has not changed. The ruling forbid compulsory participation in worship. Implied within this, we feel, is a restriction on undue pressure to make someone "volunteer" to come. However, there is no restriction (nor should there be) in training about religion. It is a large fact of life and as Air Force officers we all are, or will be, confronted by it. Therefore, we will continue to use opportunities during normal training and academic sessions to present programs about religion. Each cadet needs to know the significance of the religious beliefs of others, even if he doesn't share them.

For example, what do you do with a Christian Scientist who refuses to go to a doctor when you, as his commander, feel that he should? What do you do with a Seventh Day Adventist who refuses to participate in a Saturday formation? What do you do when an Orthodox Jew says he will need special food in the Dining Hall? What do you do when a group wants to start Bible Study and Prayer groups in the barracks? All these are questions commanders face. We will continue to confront you with programs about religion that you may be better prepared as an officer.

However, we will also continue to respect your freedom to participate in whatever way you choose -- even if that means no participation at all. In this spirit we invite you to taste and see that the Lord is Good. Try it, you'll like it!! JWC

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our thanks go to all who made Forgive Andy Gambucci Night a success. The one minute standing ovation was a thing of beauty! Just to show you the power of forgiveness, Brother Andy called seven (7) penalties on Michigan State, and only two (2) on the AFA!! I hope the rest of your forgiveness projects were as successful.

# JANUARY INFORMATION



## JEWISH

8 January (Tuesday)  
1930-2100 Jewish Council Meeting (New Dorm Office)

11 January (Friday)  
1830-2030 Jewish Dinner Discussion Group (Chapel Basement)

## PROTESTANT

8 January (Tuesday)  
1800-2145 Chapel Gleemen Concert (Ent AFB)

11 January (Friday)  
1730-1830 Usher Flight Practice (The Chapel)

13 January (Sunday)  
1500-1700 Protestant Marriage Seminar (First Class Lounge, Arnold Hall)

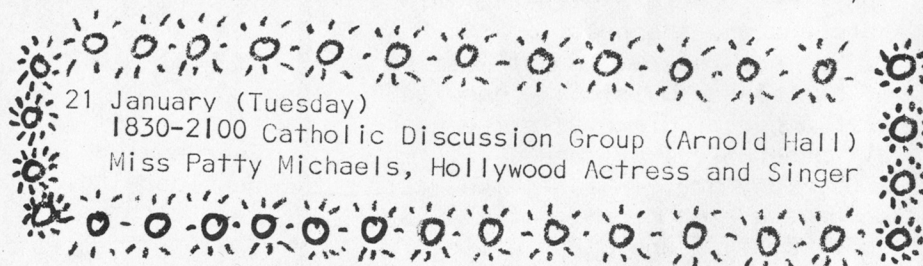


20 January (Sunday)  
0700-1800 Protestant Choir Trip (Denver)



## CATHOLIC

8 January (Tuesday)  
1900-2100 Catholic Religious Council (The Rectory)



21 January (Tuesday)  
1830-2100 Catholic Discussion Group (Arnold Hall)  
Miss Patty Michaels, Hollywood Actress and Singer

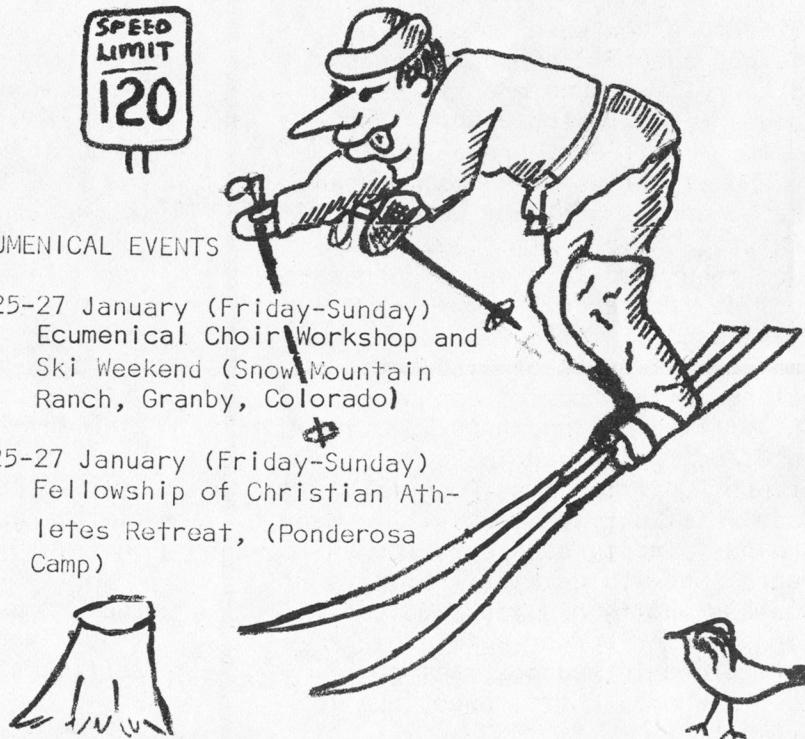
28 January (Monday)  
1900-1945 Catholic Squadron Reps Meeting (Lower Dining Room, Mitchell Hall)



## ECUMENICAL EVENTS

25-27 January (Friday-Sunday)  
Ecumenical Choir Workshop and  
Ski Weekend (Snow Mountain  
Ranch, Granby, Colorado)

25-27 January (Friday-Sunday)  
Fellowship of Christian Ath-  
letes Retreat, (Ponderosa  
Camp)





# FAREWELL - ANDY AND KEITH



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MAY GOD GO WITH YOU!

Two of our stalwart NCO's have departed the Academy fold. TSgt Andy Brent has left for Webb AFB in Texas where he will be NCOIC. Since he started to grow a mustache before leaving here, we decided you'd rather see his wife. So with Brenda's smiling face to remember, we publicly thank the Brent's for their great contribution to our Cadet Chapel program. Our other loss is SSgt Keith Oditt. He leaves for Butler University in Indiana where he will study for the ministry. He hopes eventually to come back in as a Chaplain. His loss will be keenly felt in the music office. He is shown here receiving a gift from the two choir presidents, C1C Frank Ballinger and C1C John Sweeney.

## THE ADVENTURES OF CDT. FARLEY K FIGMO



## THE NEW WEEKLY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

CATHOLIC - Sunday  
0900 CCD Mass (F-1) and Regular Mass  
1000 Cadet Religious Education Class  
1100 Mass  
1800 Mass\*  
Monday - Friday  
0700 Daily Mass\*  
Saturday  
1800 Mass (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)\*

PROTESTANT - Sunday  
0900 Worship Service  
0930 Bible Study Class (Lyceum)  
1100 Worship Service  
1800 Worship Service\*  
Monday - Friday  
0700 Daily Devotions (Chapel)\*  
Monday  
2000 FCA and Denominational Groups; Bible Studies\*

JEWISH - Friday  
1900 Choir Rehearsal\*  
2000 Sabbath Services\*  
2100 Oneg Shabbat\*  
ECUMENICAL  
2000 FCA (Monday)\*  
1945 Upper Class Choirs (Thursday)\*  
1745 Fourth Class Choirs (Friday)\*

\*New times of Chapel Events





C2C John W. Jenson, CS32

#### WHAT MY FAITH MEANS TO ME

I am a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. To me, it offers more than just an attempt to explain those things that science has not yet explained. It offers an explanation of mankind's purpose in this life, his potential and his destiny. We believe that God is the literal father of us all, that we are members of the same eternal family, placed on this earth to grow, to gain knowledge, and to experience all of the joys, frustrations, sorrows and challenges this earthly life holds for us. Furthermore, we believe that although we are bound to confront many challenges and problems in this life, that Christ came to teach us the principles and laws that will allow us to overcome them. By obedience to these teachings we can one day become heirs of God's Kingdom. To me, this is the most thrilling promise that the Lord has made to us. If we will follow the laws that He has given us, we can someday attain a state of Godhood ourselves.

But God does not arbitrarily subject us to strict and unfair laws. Those that He gives us are for our own benefit. Those who are familiar with members of our church know that "Mormons" (as we are more commonly known) don't drink or smoke. This is one of the words of wisdom that our Heavenly Father has given us for our physical as well as our spiritual benefit. It is not merely an ascetic custom or ritual.

To teach us the laws that are necessary to gain eternal life, the Lord has ordained worthy men to be His prophets and teachers. These men are called today, just as they were in ancient times, to teach and guide the people that the Lord has called them to serve. God has not cut us off from the blessings and revelations experienced by the ancient prophets and disciples. We believe that Christ is the Lord of this world and that He lives today just as He always has.

I do not view my religion as imposing upon me many strict rules and outdated moral values. Rather, it has offered me many blessings in return for following these laws. I believe that its teachings and principles are true, that God's wisdom certainly transcends my own, and that by following these principles and having faith in the wisdom and power of God I will one day understand the reasons for laws He has given us. Most of all, by living these laws I can someday share in His Kingdom.

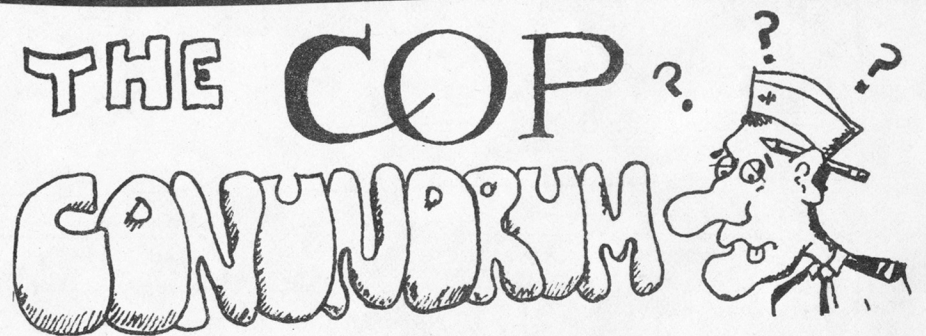
One can have faith in God and live his religion without being eccentric or overbearing on other people. Having a firm faith in God or believing in one's religion does not mean that one has to be pious or that one has to be overzealous about it. One should have the courage to stand up for something, if one has a testimony of its truth and validity. By seeking truth and exercising faith one can gain an understanding of religion and the truths it has to offer. My religion has given me an understanding of my place in this world and of my potential. The rest is up to me. All of us have the potential to continue to grow and progress throughout eternity. If we will accept the principles that Christ gives us we will one day share the blessings and joys of His kingdom.



MISS PATTI MICHAELS

This month the Cadet Wing will have the opportunity to see, listen to, and dialogue with Miss Patti Michaels. On Sunday, 20 January, she will be guest soloist with the Catholic Choir at the 0900 and 1100 Masses. On Monday night, 21 January she will entertain and talk with Cadets at the Catholic Discussion Group. The meeting will be in the Cockpit Lounge beginning at 1830. Patti is an accomplished actress and television performer. She has appeared in Love American Style. She was a contestant in the Miss America Pageant. She has had numerous TV commercials and has appeared in one of the Bob Hope Specials.

She attended the Cleveland Conservatory of Music and is an accomplished musician and vocalist. In the near future a movie will be produced based on one of her songs. Her beauty and poise are unique. Her theme here will be Youth and Commitment, along with illustrations from her own experiences in the world of entertainment. Msgr. Daniel O'Flaherty, her pastor in Santa Monica, California, will also be on the program. Come, see, and dialogue!! Sign up rosters are in your squadrons. This event will certainly brighten the dark ages!



The COP Conundrum for January foreshadows an area into which many of you may go: Cryptography. Cracking the enemy code engages the attention of an important part of the military. So this month we toss at you a cryptogram. The following sentence can be deciphered by substituting other letters for the ones shown. The substitution is consistent, of course, so if you crack one word, you can substitute those letters in other words. As usual, the first one with the correct answer to the Chaplains' office wins. Happy deciphering!

This is the cryptogram to be decoded:

"Ptom yrlom lcn yrnmq uaq wqc vat zpi

uaotrya uaq yoqlu kelhqq tz uaq kbi."

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SQ \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_