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MEN IN THE NEWS:

Buck Shaw, Colonel Simler, Colonel Westbrook, Captain Gabriel, and six cadets were interviewed for Jimmy Jemail's Sports Illustrated column, Hotbox.

These people were asked if they thought that a football game between the Air Force Academy and one of the other service academies would ever rival the Army Navy game in build-up tradition, color, and spectator appeal.

Everyone interviewed answered yes with different qualifications. Some of the people interviewed thought it might take four to twenty years to rival the tradional spirit between, the other service academies. Other qualifications were that we would need a strong team. The Academy, itself, would have to build more tradition; and the game would have to be played in a good sports area.

The Cadets interviewed were Cadets Barnwell, Blackwell, Heinz, Hinkel, Pupich, and Rieselman, ULLERY

JACK ENGEMEN DOES IT AGAINE

An excellent pictorial story of life at the Academy was written by Jack Engemen. The book is filled with some good shots of Cadets in nearly every phase of Cadet activity.

Mr. Engemen has written similiar books about West Point, Annapolis, and the Coast Guard Academy. He is a 1924 graduate of Annapolis and retired from the Navy.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND SUCH

It seems the Christmas spirit hit Security Flight the other day. At any given time one entered, he was greeted with strains of "Silent Night" rendered no less on a harmonica. As the day wore on, it became obvious that the Christmas-spirited serenader knew no other song. By mid-afternoon all nerves had been tightened to high "C". Thanks to Lenoloc Neb, the merciful one, "Silent Night" was silenced and jangled nerves twanged back into place.

Col. Townsend's plea over the squawk box in Security Flight the other day:
"I am in the Conference Room, cannot move, and am slowly dying of a nicotine fit. Will one of you people go over to the Dining Hall and beg them to give me back my Chesterfields?" Hat He is human!

The Yardbird.

WHO SAYS THEIR AIN T NO SANTA?

The DODO wishes to extend its sincere thanks to the good Colonel Ferrari for the part he played in getting us the extension of leave. Colonel Ferrari spent a lot of his time doing the groundwork which eventually led to our five day emancipation. Merry Christmas Sir! REEVES



CHRISTMAS LEAVE ... Hooray!!! Well it looks as if the "Mice will.. " for a few more days thanks to a lot of hard work and determination by Col McDermott. The R and R period has been extended to 1700 hrs on 5 January leaving about 5 academic hours to be rescheduled into later classes (please fellas, I promised the Dean that there would be no complaint) along with some validation examinations which have been set back a week. West Point has this leave extension, (this is no news for many, we realize) and it is rumored that the Middies, plebes and all, as is their fashion, will abandon ship for the long period also. Our most sincere to the Head Shed. SMOTHERMON

and 7.5 percent were swayed by friends in the service. Family reactions to the AF: 53% liked a service career, 27 percent liked it very much, 12% disliked, 3.9 very much, and 3.1 were neutral. What about that overseas tour? Sixty six percent voted yay, 24.1 were neutral, and 9.6 voted nay. This then is at least an indication of officer opinion out there in the operational Air Force, opinion formed with the benefit of experience. Hope some of the collective opinions ex-

of officer opinion out there in the operational Air Force, opinion formed with the benefit of experience. Hope some of the collective opinions expressed may help you to solidify some of your thinking, and perhaps ease a little apprehension. Maybe there might be something to this service live after all???

8.6 percent were influenced by wives.

TRUE-COURSE CAREER

How many times have you asked yourself these questions: do I want to stay in the service for twenty or thirty years, or do I want to get out after my initial commitment? What a= bout going overseas? What will my future wife and family think about my service career? The Air Force last month asked over twelve thousand officers these and other questions to obtain a first-hand, personalized viewpoint of the issues. Perhaps we might take a look at their reactions and benefit by the experience of men working in this field we are about to join.

Of the officers questioned, 69 percent expressed a desire to stay in until retirement. Fifteen percent were undecided about their career and another twelve desired to get out at the end of their present committment. When confronted with the question of whether to retire at twenty or thirty years, 35.5 percent wished to go to thirty, while 18 percent would quit at twenty. Twenty-one point one percent would stay for 23 to 25 years and 18 percent stated that they did not plan to remain on active duty long enough to become eligible for retirement. Another 18 percent expressed the desire to be released from duty immediately. On the outside influence question, 55.5 percent stated that they had made the decision about their careers on their own, (CONT. TOP)

Fifth Column Burch

Finkism seems to be dying out! It is but seldom that I hear that once familiar cry drift across the quad, "Hey you Fink, drive back and square that corner!" Yet, in some quarters there is a definite revival of the tenets of finkism. There are three main types; people are no damn good; get all you can while you can; live to love to love to live. Alfred E. Fink is one of the staunchest supporters of finkism, and he is writing a few pamphlets to explain finkism like: Finkism and You; Look Homeward Fink; As I lay Finking; (with apologies to Faulkner), and lastly, To Fink, or not to Fink. Get on the wagon and buy.

Several new clubs have been suggested to me. One of these is designed for those cadets wishing to take trips, but not really interested in anything. It would be designated the Trip Club.

Next week the DODO-applaud-will come out with a Christmas issue deploring the extension of Christmas leave because it gives the doolies a few more days to fall out.

Famous Last Words...

Don't be silly. All that brass

INSpect us!

Disc Digger REED

This past weekend has provided quite a variety of music...and offers quite an unusual comparison. Saturday evening I visited Denver's beautiful City Auditorium for the last of this year's concerts by the Denver Symphony Orchestra, directed by Saul Caston. Sunday found me at Woody Herman's concert in the Cadet Theater.

The Denver Symphony, while not an organization of nationwide repute such as the New York Philharmonic, is an orchestra that is more than just musically adequate. Their performance last Saturday evening was technically correct and offered many interesting moments, although, of course, it did lack the fire, passion, and lighter shadings of meaning that might have been present with a more experienced group. Their opening selection, "Roman Carnival Overture, " by Berlioz, was musically interesting. Borodin's "Polovetsian Dances" offered more of the inspired moments of the orchestra than any other of the evening's selections. Grieg's "Concerto For Piano and Orchestra In A Minor, " played By Wilhelm Schwartzott of the D. U. Music Department, was marred by many technical inaccuracies upon the part of the pianist.

Throughout the program, Saul Caston, aware of the fact that he was not playing for an experienced audience, interjected explanations of each of the numbers, illustrating a point now and then with musical examples from the orchestra. All in all, it was a rather pleasantly spent evening.

Woody Herman also introduced many of his own numbers, on Sunday afternoon. But there, the comparison ends. Here was one of the three or four top bands of the nation, playing a solid two hours of America's finest jazz. The opener was "The Preacher." It established a swinging beat that captivated the audience. And for two hours, there wasn't an unswinging moment. Among his older tunes, Woody included "Four Brothers," "Bijou,"

"Wild Apple Honey," and "Caldonia." A vocal or two by Woody was included, and probably the outstanding moments, of the afternoon were Bill Harris sliding, swooping, staccato, biting solos. Tenorist Sam Firmature was featured on "Darn That Dream," and sounded as though he had been listening to an awful lot of Stan Getz records. Bill Harris was featured on "Gloomy Sunday," and sounded as though he had been listening to an awful lot of Bill Harris records. But words can't do justice to the excitement that this band creates, whether adding chorus on chorus of "Opus de Funk, " reminiscent of Goodman's "Sing Sing Sing," or blasting out, loud and clear to the riffs of "Woodchopper's Ball."

This is truly a memorable and auspicious beginning for the Entertainment Committee. They chose wisely in this band. There are only three other groups in the nation that could have equaled Woody's performance...Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie, and Duke Ellington. And I'm not willing to say that any of them could have topped it.

SCONA III

Lt. Colonel Wesley W. Posver, Professor of Political Science, and Cadets O'Neil and Oaks will attend the annual SCONA convention at Texas A&M. Colonel Posver will be one of the leaders of the conference, which will discuss as its theme, the United States and World Affairs. Other topics discussed will be concerned with nuclear energy in foreign policy, Army missiles in the space age, and the effect of the Middle East situation on the rest of the world.

Mr. Oaks, Mr. O'Neil, and the rest of the conferees from 66 colleges and universities will attend receptions, round-table meetings, luncheons, panel discussions, and hear speeches.

Some of the keynote speakers are General Daley, Senator Humphrey, General Romulo, and Eugene Zuckert, a former member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

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Cynic's Corner by sadler

Hooray! We got three more days to play! I can spend three more days in delirium brooding over the women that have stood me up during the holidays. Have to make many dates, and be selective. Cannot think of many things about the present life—only the coming transition period. It will take all of twenty minutes for me to become completely civilian and forget all the little military habits I have gradually acquired.

The censors had a field day on me last week and I didn't say too many things that were too bad. They cut one about hiding fish at the bottom of the sea because they were such miserable creatures, and the powers that be are ashamed of them. Another about the girls that some cadets date. If a girl is a good dancer then she should be allowed to show it off. I think so at least.

With winter upon us they are going to let the swimming pool freeze over completely for the swimming classes. (with cadets in it too) Wonder what Dr. McKenzie would say if you used fins and a speargun—on your class—mates?

I am giving a party for all cadets in the New York area on New Year's Eve so that we may better celebrate our forthcoming return to this bright, fresh institution of learning and training the dayliner service.

Fewer children could make Santa's job a lot easier.

Just who can be an owner's authorized representative?

If the wing sits at ease for football why not a little more of the same for soccer and basketball. There are other sports.

There is one cadet in the Wing who got two 100s in judo, and a Wing Championship, yet got less than 80 on intramural grades. This does not sit too well with many people. Why should the book specify that the average intramural grade be less than 80 when the varsity grades run 90 plus? Such a disparity in points is not clearly understandable from my

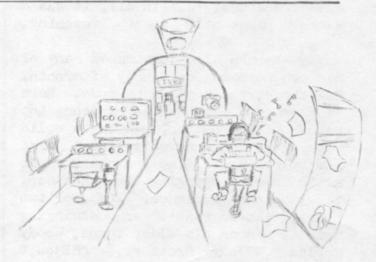
point of view. The varsity athlete gives a lot of time, but so do a lot of people on intramurals. Why not a PE major as offered by the other academic departments?

Complacency is a funny thing. If everyone would have the guts to speak out about things they did not like, then others might realize that all is not so much peaches and cream as they thought. There is a new year coming up and there is a Class Committee around.

I'll be around next week if the Bird gets out again.

CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Christmas will be endowed with a little more of the true Christmas spirit here at the Academy this year. As in the past, the present Fourth Class will act as substitute brothers and uncles at the annual Orphan's Party to be held on Christmas Day in Arnold Hall. The orphans, all under the age of 12, will enjoy some of Colonel Echelberger's fine food, receive gifts from Santa, and enjoy a showing of cartoons at the Cadet Theater. Also, if they're the same as the kids who have been here for the past two years, they'll probably enjoy a look at the big red fire engine if it's outside the fire-house. This event has been rated as one of the most enjoyable occurrences of the holiday season by past participants, and you and your dates will find the afternoon well spent.



There's plways the ten percent ...

Editor's COMMENTS

First of all, I must offer a belated apology to Jim Reed. The title of the song he discussed in his column two weeks ago is indeed spelled r-a-u-n-c-h-y. I weep in shame. I always felt it should have been spelled that way.

I heard from a cadet who heard from a cadet who went on a trip to West Point than an officer was asking about "Buck." "Buck" who? "Buck" Cassiday. I wonder if he's any relation to Neb Yadissac?

We had so much sports news this week that I didn't think we were going to have room for anything else. We didn't.

I got another letter from Texas A&M asking me to print some more SCONA III poop. I had to have it condensed a little, but we did get something in anyway.

I'm only typing with one hand tonight. I visited some friends of mine who own a very friendly carnivorous cat. Anyone interested in buying a leather glove, left hand, see me outside the northeast corner of the south end of the west wing of the dining hall immediately after dismissal. Twot

It's taps time, and I must hie me away to my little pad. As a matter of fact, Security Flight has just informed me that it's after late lights time, and I'm not authorized late-late-lights so I'll see you around. We'll have a special Christmas issue next week. Only one more shopping dollar until Christmas. Ed.

Bed Check or, There's Nothing Like Privacy

'Twas the night before last When all through the dorm, Not a creature was stirring.

Except for one guy who happened to remember at taps that a theme was due the next day.

The kay-dets were nestled All snug in their beds While visions of things which I will not mention here, went through their heads.

And roomo in his P-J's And I in mine too,

Were sacked out like the most, in our regulation sheets on our regulation beds.

When at the front door

There arose such a clatter, Man, I knew what was the matter.

And then in a twinkling I heard down the hall,

The banging of doors and stomping of feet, and occasionally a voice saying something about sheets and absence cards and regulations.

Then before I had time To cover my head, My door was banged open and right away I figured this must be an inspection.

He went straight to his work

And spoke not a word

Until he tripped over the lamp and lost his flashlight through the window, at which time he let go with several choice words.

He was dressed all in blue From his head to his foot

But it wasn't until he turned the lights on that I could see the band on his arm.

And I heard him exclaim

As he went out the door That ought to show them they can't enjoy a good night's sleep. BHIELE

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FALCON FILINGS

by Hines

With the Fall sports season coming to a close and winter just around the corner, commendations are in order for the Academy soccer team, unbeaten in eleven games and scheduled to play the Colorado School of Mines in a playoff in two weeks for the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Soccer League championship. The Falcon booters defeated Royal Roads Academy of Canada earlier in the year for the inter-American championship.

Jim "hands" Carpenter, Academy goalie, had held the opponents scoreless in 528 minutes of play prior to the Colorado College game last Sunday. Mines had been the only team to score on the Falcons this year up to that time. It is beginning to look like the first undefeated season for a major varsity team

and another championship to add to the growing trophy case.

Basketball, swimming and fencing have all opened their seasons. The hoopsters looked good in their first two outings, especially the shooting of Bob Williams. Swimming finished fifth in a field of seven teams in the Wyoming relays, the best event being a second place in the 400-yard sprint relay. Harlow Halbower won the open foil in the Denver Amateur Fencing Open Tournament and Dave Shearin picked up a second place in sword-indications of a good season.

Gymnastics, under the keen guidance of Lt. Sullivan, has been working daily in order to whip into shape for their first meet. Karl Kitt's wrestling team is improving and should be in top condition for their opener. No word from the skiing, rifle and pistol teams, but from the practice notices that constantly flow through the area, it is apparent that they, too, are in the stage of arduous practice.

The eight winter varsity sports---basketball, wrestling, swimming, fencing gymnastics, skiing, rifle and pistol---view the incoming season with great optimism. From the results of the 1956-57 and the optimism of the coaches, it looks like there may be more championships residing at the Academy by the time March rolls around next spring. As for predictions, this scribe will wait until the season develops before venturing any opinion.

"The bigger the challenge, the bigger the victory." In the Academy basketball press handbook, it is noted that this preceding passage might well be the motto of Major Bob Spear, head hoop coach. Major Spear, since coming to the Academy in 1955, has had to face the yearly problem of fabricating methods for the good little men to defeat the good big men. Despite the 6-4 limit on cadets, the basketball team compiled an 11-9 record in the first year and an 11-10 slate in 1956-57. There will be a big challenge this year for the head mentor, especially in view of the giants playing for Notre Dame, Drake and Colorado.

Major Spear serves in a dual role, coaching basketball in the winter and tennis in the spring. He coached the Academy tennis team to a 9-3 dual meet record last spring. Major Spear in a graduate of DePauw University, where he

was an outstanding basketball and tennis player. He has a senior pilot rating and has been in the military for more than 16 years. He was assistant basket-ball coach at the Naval Academy before coming to AFA.

SOCCER TEAM ADVANCES TOWARD TITLE

Although scored on for the first time in six games, the Air Force Academy soccer team outlasted Colorado College, 4-2, in a hard-fought contest last Saturday at Colorado Springs. Both the Academy and Colorado School of Mines are undefeated and have one game remaining. A playoff for the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Soccer championship at a neutral field is likely if the Falcons down Colorado University and Mines defeats Wyoming in games this weekend.

Mel Merz booted two goals to lead the Academy attack. Colorado College gave the Falcons a scare and put up a surprisingly good offense. Al Gagliardi and Sid Newcomb scored the goals that gave the cadets their winning margin. Perhaps over-confident, the visitors' defense was slightly shabby, leading to CC's two goals.

FALCONS SHOW WELL IN FENCING OPENER

Harlow Halbower won first place in open foil and Dave Shearin placed second in sword as the Air Force Academy varsity fencing team competed in the Denver Amateur League Open Tournament last Sunday. The tournament included some of the better amateur fencers in the Colorado area.

In two pools of foil, Halbower was the only Academy fencer to advance past the qualifying round. He defeated six other foilsmen to win the title. In a field of six swordsmen, Shearin had a three and two record. J.P. Browning was third, followed by Fred Marino in fourth place.

SWIMMING TEAM PLACES FIFTH IN WYOMING RELAYS

In a meet studded by record-breaking performances, the Air Force Academy swimming team finished fifth, scoring 18 points, in the Wyomings relays last Saturday at Laramie. The University of Denver won the meet with 63 points followed by Colorado University with 45, Utah with 38 and Wyoming with 34. In sixth place was New Mexico and seventh was Colorado College, neither of whom scored any points.

The best Academy event was the 400-yard sprint relay, in which the Falcons finished second to Denver's record-breaking time of 3:44.6. The old mark of 3:48.8 was set by Wyoming in 1956. The cadets' other points came in the 400-yard distance medley (third), the 150-yard butterfly relay (fifth), the 200-yard medlay relay (fifth), and the 400-yard medley relay (fifth).

Denver set a new record in the 200-yard freestyle with 1:38.1, eclipsing an old record of 1:39.8. Other records were set by Utah with a 1:53 effort in the 200-yard medley and Wyoming with 1:23.7 in the 150-yard butterfly.

FOOTBALL COMPLETES SECOND VARSITY SEASON

In a season alternating between bleak days of injuries and enemy victories and bright moments of brilliant teamplay and great promise, the Air Force Academy football team compiled a three win, one tie, and six loss record in their second season of varsity competition. The victories were all pre-season forecasts by the experts, who predicted wins over Occidental, Detroit and New Mexico. The tie with Wyoming was a complete upset, surprising even some of the more optomistic Academy supporters.

There were four welcome surpirses—all from the ranks of the classes of 160 and 161. Probably the most outstanding of the newcomers was quarterback John Kuenzel, a third-string performer in 1956, who this year accounted personally for 912 yards, 721 through the air. He completed 55 of 124 pass tries for a 44.4 percentage and generally was the sparkplug of the team on the field. He punted 22 times for a respectable 35.3 average and intercepted three errant passes. Kuenzel scored two touchdowns and passed for three more.

Phil Lane was undoubtedly the find of the year from the fourth class. He led the team in rushing yardage, picking up 350 yards in 90 carries for a 3.9 average. He caught nine passes for 172 yards and scored four touchdowns.

The other most-improved backfield performer was halfback George Pupich, who was a jack-of-all-trades. He led the team in scoring, driving across the goal line for two touchdowns, completing 12 of 14 extra point attempts, and booting a 21-yard field goal, the first in Falcon history. Pupich caught ten passes for 140 yards and intercepted five passes. His punting was often the deciding factor in crucial situations, as indicated by his 15-punt average of 39.2 yards.

In the line, Dan "D.K." Johnson was a pleasant surprise. He received an injury in the Tulsa game, but before that time had been the bulwark of the forward wall. He was selected on the ll-man UCLA all-opponent team for his stellar play in the season's opener. D.K. is expected to be a great help in the line in 1958.

In an overall evaluation of personnel, the names of Charley Thompson, Ed Rosane, Tom Jozwiak, Charley May, Steve Gallios, George Clark and Bob Brickey must be mentioned. Thompson scored four touchdowns, gained 269 yards in 61 carries for a 4.4 average and was the dependable man to watch every time the Falcons needed yardage. Ed Rosane, hampered by an early-season injury, never regained his 1956 form, but completed 18 of 64 passes for 331 yards and booted 12 punts for a 35.2 average. Eddie's play was affected by his injury in lateseason games, but a return to his old form in 1958 will be of great value to the Falcons.

Jozwiak, named on the Detorit all-opponent team, was a standout at end. He caught 20 passes for 272 yards and endlessly roared in from his end position to stop enemy action before it could get started. May gained 207 yards in 47 tries for a 4.4 average and was always a dangerous man on offense and defense. Gallios picked up 104 yards and Clark, who saw action only on the more crucial plays, gained 55. Brickey, a fourth classman, speared 15 passes for a total gain of 187 yards and played well defensively.

Probably the high point of the season was the 7-7 tie with Wyoming. Lack of ability to hold onto the ball (four fumbles) kept the Falcons from winning this game, but the Cowboys had been expected to win by two touchdowns and the game was national rated as an upset. The Utah fiasco was the worst game of the year. The Falcon pass defense fell apart under the accurate arm of Lee Grosscup and the cadets were unable to get anything resembling a counterattack organized.

Now that the 1958 nine-game schedule has been released, it can be seen that much work is needed before next September. The Falcons are getting the depth needed by a team to play this type of schedule, but it looks as if next year's record will see little improvement over that of 1957, due to the vastly more difficult slate that we are contracted to play.

1957 TEAM STATISTICS

AFA		Opponents
125 142 1345 1170 2515 221 83 16 36.3 47 19 347	Points First downs Rushing yardage Passing yardage Total offensive yardage Passes attempted Passes completed Passes had intercepted Punting average Fumbles Fumbles lost Yards penalized	184 139 1735 1145 2880 154 69 18 37.8 21

1957 RESULTS

1958 SCHEDULE

AFA		Dat	е	Opponent	Site
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The Air Force Academy fencing team opens its season this Sunday afternoon against the Denver Fencers' Club at the Cadet Gymnasium. Winners of the Western Intercollegiate crown in 1955-56, the fencers lost to Arizona last spring for the 1956-57 title and plan to regain the championship this year. They will take on one of the most ambitious schedules of any Academy team in playwill take on one of the most ambitious schedules of any Academy team in playing Wisconsin, Illinois, Notre Dame, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska and Arizona. Wisconsin was the NCAA champion last year, with Illinois finishing second. All other schools in this group are yearly fencing powers in collegiate circles.

Both the foil and saber teams won championships at the Westerns last year Harlew Halbower and Howard Davis return this year in foil, while the saber team will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have last year's captain Art Elser, Dave Goodrich and Wayne Jefferteam will have been been will have been will have been will have been been will have been will have been been will have been been will have been been will have been will have been been will have been been been will have been

Lt. Col. Jackson, who replaced Capt. Richard C. Bowman, as coach, expects a good season and is keeping an eye on the Western Intercollegiate championships, to be played in late winter at Stanford. There is quite a bit of depth on the team and the brand of competition will be high. Optimism is also high, as most fencers are pointing toward a national championship when the NCAA finally accredits the Academy.

BASKETBALL TEAM TAKES OPENER

The Air Force Academy opened their season last Wednesday with an impressive 68-42 win over Westminister College at the Lowry Gym. Relying mainly on a fast-break, the Falcons piled up a 32-20 lead over the Utah team. The Academy scoring was well-distributed with Bob Beckel, Bob Williams and Don Wolfswinkel all in double figures. Bob Blake and Beckel both looked good in floor play.

In the second half the Falcons coasted behind the rebounding of Ron Deep and Beckel, who accounted for the major portion of the 72 backboards captured by the cadets, a new Falcon record. The Academy controlled the ball game and easily recorded their initial victory of the 1957-58 season.

DM RAY

FALCON HOOPSTERS DRUB LOBOS

With Bob Williams and Bob Beckel scoring 24 and 18 points respectively, the Falcons trounced New Mexico, 68-50, last Saturday in Albequerque. The Falcons piled up an early lead and relied on "stall" tactics for the victory. Williams and Beckel contributed greatly to these tactics and gave the Academy its margin of victory. The stall technique set up repeated layups for the pair and Williams scored 15 points in the final quarter.

The Academy shot well, averaging 42 per cent from the floor and grabbing a total of 29 rebounds. The Lobos only major offensive threat was Johnny Teel, who scored 22 points with a fine jump shot and good set. Don Wolfswinkel, in addition to being a demon off the boards, turned in ten points.

The Falcons have a rough schedule this week, facing Kansas City on Wednesday and Colorado State University on Friday and Saturday. CSU toppled Regis, 72-60, on Saturday to rate as one of the better teams in the Skyline Conference.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

This week:

BASKETBALL-USAFA vs. Colorado State University at Fort Collins Friday, December 13 at 2000

USAFA vs. Colorado State University at Denver Arena

Saturday, December 14 at 1915

SOCCER--USAFA vs. Colorado University at AFA Sunday, December 15 at 1400

FENCING--USAFA vs. Denver Fencers' Club at Cadet Gymnasium Sunday, December 15 at 1330

Next Week:

BASKETBALL-USAFA vs. Drake University at Lowry Gym

Wednesday, December 18 at 1545

USAFA vs. Colorado Mines at Golden Friday, December 20 at 2000

SOCCER-USAFA vs. Colorado Mines at site to be announced

Date and time to be announced (For RMISL championship)

