

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE COMMANDANT - TO - BE

The replacement of General Stillman four weeks before the "great migration" to the promised land will usher in a new era in Academy rule. This successor, Brigadier General Henry R. Sullivan, 42, is presently carrying the banner of Strategic Air Command as Commander of the 72nd Bombardment Wing at Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico. Thus, on the 1st of August, the two highest echelons of command at the Academy will be of the lightning-bolt, clenched-fist school of thought.

General Sullivan was born on July 15th, 1915, in Vivingsville, Kentucky. Before entering that archaic citadel on the Hudson, he attended Centre College in Kentucky for two years. While at the High he played varsity basketball and end on the football team.

Upon graduating in 1939, General Sullivan went to pilot training and completed the course a year later. With the outbreak of World War II he was assigned to the 20th Air Force in the China-Burma-India theater.

Following the war he spent two years as the assistant to the Chief of Staff of Research and Development and another year as head of the operations and training division of the Special Weapons program in Washington D. C. In 1948 he transferred to SAC.

General Sullivan is married to the former Margaret Jane Vaughn of Philadelphia, and has two sons and one daughter (age unknown). He holds the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Medals.

See you all in SAC!!

FINNERAN

TRIP TO FDWARDS PLANNED

Currently in the planning stage is a weekend trip to the Air Research and Development Command at Edwards AFB, California. Little has been definitely decided upon yet, although taking the trip would probably entail losing a weekend leave. Interested cadets should see C/3C David J. Reed, in 917.

J. M. REED

SOBERING STATISTICS

Once again the three horsemen of Resignation, Turnouts, and Turnbacks have taken their fateful toll, and the Wing has been decreased in numbers. Any Second Classman who is anybody has had at least two roommates leave, and some ultra-compatible individuals have had three roomies go. Naturally, the Second Class is leading the pre-graduation parade, due to the fact (mainly) that they have had the most opportunity to succumb to one of the aforementioned disciples of departure. The latest statistics reveal that there are now 212 Second Classmen still affecting each other's class standing, out of the original 306, giving a percentage loss of approximately 30.5%. The Third Class, following closely the tradition of their elders, have had an equally large number depart their ranks. At last count the size of the class of '60 stood at 244, with some 18.5% having left. Of the basic class of 306 intrepid individuals to enter 272 hardy with the Class of 1961. souls have survived the summer training and initial session with the academicians, for an average loss of 11%. From the above figures, it would seem that each class loses around 30 members a year. At the present attrition rate the Class of '59 will graduate at 182, '60 at 184, and '61 at 212. T. I. ANDERSON

CORRECTION

The feature story in last week's DODO concerning the dining-in party, erroneously credited to T. I. Anderson, should have borne Finneran's name.

DISC

DIGGER

By Reed

Those Second Classmen who were pushing for Joni James' appearance at the Ring Dance are, I'm afraid, going to be disappointed. Joni just never makes personal appaarances. And for cos good reason. Her voice isn't up to it. Now, I don't want to antago nize Joni James' fans, and I do real ize that she's come out with a good number of hit recordings, including "Is It Any Wonder," "Hold Me, Kiss Me, Thrill Me," and several others. However, Joni James is notorious for difficult recording sessions, and, (I'm told) all of her records that are released are the result of the splicing together of the best parts of several tapes. She has difficulty in completing an entire number without hitting several sour notes or having her voice crack, making the splicing job necessary. So, I'm afraid that a personal appearance by Joni James would sadly disillusion her many fans.

Several people have come to me with suggestions for artists to appear at the Ring Dance. Among them have been Tom Lehrer (singer of such songs as "The Old Dope Peddler," "The Hunting Song,"--Two Game Wardens, Seven Hunters, and a Cow--and "I Want To Go Back To Dixie,")

"(Take me back down to Alabamy, Back down to see my dear old Mammy Her Cookin's lousy, and her hams are clammy,

But What the Hell, it's home.)"
Other suggestions have been "The
Marlboro Man," (suggested by the girls
at CWC), the model for the Maidenform
ads ("I dreamt I went to the Ring
Dance in my..."), and Diana Dors (she
doesn't have to sing-she just has to
sit there.)

Dave Brubeck has a new album out on Columbia Records. Inspired by Dave's walk through Disneyland with his kids it's entitled "Dave Digs Disney." (The original title, ala "Jazz goes to College," Jazz Goes to High School, " "Jazz Goes to Post-Graduate School, " "Jazz Goes To Oberlin, "et al, was "Jazz Goes to Disneyland." This type of album may have opened up an entire new field of musical thinking. It could prompt such items as, "The Mickey Mouse Theme, Played by "Woody Stan Kenton's Orchestra," Plays Woody -- Woody Herman's arrangements of Songs from Woody Woodpecker cartoons," or "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf with the MJQ." Come to think of it, Ray Ellis already has an album on Columbia entitled, "Filis in Wonderland."

The Glenn Miller concert has been vescheduled. Due to scheduling difficulties on the Miller end of the line the concert in May had to be canceled and a new date in the latter portion of April has been planned.

Shorty Rogers, returning to RCA Victor after his stint with Atlantic, has released a barrage of albums. The two most recent are, "Rogers Plays Rodgers," an album of tunes by Richard Rodgers including "Gigi," "Mountain Greenery," and six others. The newest one is "Portrait of Shorty," just released last week, containing all Rogers originals. Both are better than average listening for the jazz fan.

Ken Nordine, deep-voiced California disc jockey who released a Dot album last fall with the Fred Katz group entitled "Word Jazz," has come up with a new one for the same label. The title? What else. "Son of Word Jazz."

Nat "King Cole, Pearl Bailey, Eartha Kitt, Cab Calloway, and Ella Fitzgerald star in a Paramount picture about the life of W. C. Handy entitled, "The St. Louis Blues." Nat plays the role of Handy in what Downbeat has reported as an excellent movie. It played the Cadet Theater on a Wednesday, unfortunately, but the Base Theater will have it this Saturday, and it'll be downtown in about three weeks.

Missed last week, seems that the boys lost my word on happiness and the likes.

The dining-in party was fun though. There is a squadron around here with the clever little motto of "Have tie, will walk". Don't know why they should be made taboo; uniform is a matter of definition. If all Sqdns would adopt distinctive formal accesories, morales (its in the dictionary if you have never heard of it)will go up. Such is life. Hope a certain Lt. Gen makes Chief of Staff soon.

The Navy's recent accomplishment with the Vanguard is at par with the odds of that Cadet-sponsored outfit, the WCTU giving us a dining-in party and not a banquet.

The Wing Ding was the closest thing yet to this happy topic of dining-in parties. Congrats to Groark and Miller and maybe even Alnwick for a good show.

Nearly drowned today. This nonsense of tieing up hands and feet is bad enough but gagging people gets out of hand.

Something cute came to my desk many weeks ago. Finally I'll type it out.

I know, do you?
Of something blue,
Or that sort of hue?
It peeves us here,
We get it there.
Where?
They know, do you?
The End

Signed:

The Phantom

There was a time when I thought that Cadets were the vainest in the world when it came to evaluating themselves with respect to their charms, but I changed my mind. School of Mines had a party the same night as the weekend. The advertisements they had up over

at CWC offered those young morsels a chance, (without doubt the greatest bargain yet) to date MINES MEN. Actually that should be in italies.

Regis, bless their little souls, has gained in prestige since two of their boys succeeded in crashing a cadet party and absconding with some beer.

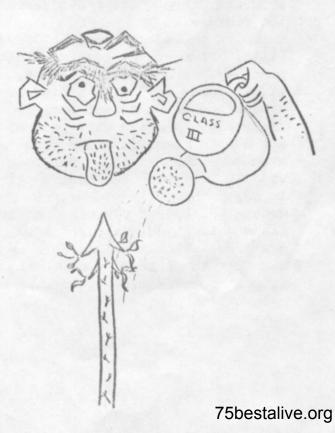
Unless someone gets out the matches we are going to be blessing the great mud gods at the site in a few months. What a wonderful world for a new Com to come to. From the salty breezes - and Caribbean nights to thousands of acres of mud and one class of griping cadets. A couple of years and he will want out as badly as we. The Academy crest will soon include an armored hand with a lot of lightning bolts about it and the aircraft will have that patriotic slash.

It is interesting to note that those sacred cows that have been excused from swimming all fall are back on duty or soon will be.

DOFT has a whole new crop of sun worshippers that sit out there every day and stare at the sun through varicolored filters, muttering strange chants to themselves which in the light of blasphemy I shall not repeat.

Pleasant closing note; The EE Dept. is not here to make electrical engineers out of us, they just want to haze us for a while.

Try Class Three for that -- purple shaft of yours and watch it grow.



TRUE-COURSE CAREER
A new "semi-formal" uniform is in the

A new "semi-formal" uniform is in the mill for the AF. At present, its use is optional for all officers, but it was announced that a mandatory date for purchase will later be set. The uniform consists of a black winter jacket of wool or wool dacron with matching trousers, and a white dinner jacket to be worn with the trousers in summer. The cost of the uniform is expected to be around one hundred dollars, which is quite reasonable for a bi-season formal outfit. Pictures of the new uniform show it to be quite sharp, well representative of our AF officer corps. One wonders from this end if a similar change might not be appropriate for the workaday uniform. Rumors continue to fly to the effect that a change will be upcoming, but so far, no concrete news from the big hangar. Someone once said that a major part of a military man's morale rested upon pride in his uniform. Could be?

Statistics recently released that approximately two-thirds of the over fifteen thousand officers resigning from the AF in fiscal year 57 were first lieutenants! To further highlight the deficit, the average age of a first lieutenant is 26.3 years, while that of a captain is 34.8 years. This quite graphically points out where the gap in our officer ranks lies, and at the same time, it seems from here, points out the crying need for legislation such as "White Charger" and the "Cordiner" bill. The young men entering the service are taking a long, hard look at this new life they are taking on, and evidently are not too pleased with the picture.

While on the subject of the "Cordiner Bill", it might be remarked that the plan is presently in Congress, where it appears to be the center of much discussion. It has been modified considerably, and in its present form stands to benefit many rank areas even more than the original form provided. One proposed modification was to drop the six 10apercent cross the board" pay hike and to instate a twenty-eight percent raise in quarters allowance, as this measure was felt to strike closer to the serviceman's economic problem. We shall see what happens.

That about covers it for this week.
Two more months until the end of another year, which, among other
things, means the coming of those long-a-waited rings. Wonder what they,
will come to mean, both to their wearers and the AF world in later years?

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hullo . . my name's aksil . . me and my roomie . sven . went home week on spring leave . . went in one of them big new fore enjined t. two. nines . . . sven gave em a little trouble . . . stood under the wing until the stew came out and told him all about emergency procedures . . he came into the bird after he got her talked into putting on a chute . she really won her way to his heart when, she gave him an ashtray and played radar with him . . i wanted to go home to see my uncle . hes one of them guys what works with nuta . muta . you know what i mean . . like luter furbank useta was . . hes got this here new invention. its a cross atween a owl and a goat . . called a hootenanny . . sven went home with me cause i promised to get him a date . hadnt seen her for ate years . . she was a nice girl though . . rolled her own cigarettes . . sven don't smoke but he liked her anyway . . she drove a jag . . thirty four . . i guess i'll never unnerstand wimmin . . . my girl asked me how i talk to doolies . . her dad said to show her . he's one of them old navy guies . i showed her and she slapped me when i told her to pull her chin in and pop her chest up . . . only thing that i can figure is that she knows it ain't right to pull a chin in . . don't think she's ever been out with a doolie . dunno though . . they've got a lot of free time . like col mac said . the wing is going all right if ya've read this far don't quit now . i'm almost done . . if you like this type of colyum how about saying somthin to that great tennis player . . also if you dislike it then i can sleep again . . . gotta go now sven . . can't remember that girl's name and he's trying to flush himself down the toilet . . . #

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SPORTS

FALCON FILINGS by Hines

Helmets and shoulder pads will be the uniform of the day next Monday when the Air Force Academy football team, under the direction of new head coach Ben Martin, opens spring football practice. Fresh from Spring Leave, the Falcons will trot out onto the turf with enthusiasm and confidence in their new mentor, having heard the glowing reports of Martin's whirlwind speaking tour in the Colorado area. Talking before banquets, dinners and school audiences, Martin has drawn on his natural speech-making ability and has presented an enthusiastic attitude to the local audiences. At risk of under-estimation, it is enough to say that Martin has made a great impression on the people of Colorado.

The spring practice session will be at the mercy of the capricious Colorado weather, which may bring 90-degree heat on Christmas Day and snow on the 15th of May. The Naval Academy started spring practice early in the hope that the good weather would hold-then came last week's 40-inch snowfall all along the East Coast. In Colorado, the winter months are usually February and March with a little warm period in April and possibly snow in May. However, it is impossible to tell from year to year when the snows will come. We can only hope that we can have a month of snow-free weather.

Little can be said about the status of the team right now. Martin has indicated that all cadets trying out during spring practice will be "varsity" personnel and that there will initially be no "B-team." The spring session will be climaxed by an inter-squad Silver and Blue game on the last day. This spring practice will be an important period for both team and Martin; both need this time to get to know each other and to develop the smooth flow that must exist between the commanded and the commander, the team and the coach. The Cadet Wing should make use of this opportunity to see Ben Martin and the team in action and to support the Falcons in this important off-season activity.

PENSIVE MEANDERINGS.....the Falcon fencers, headed for Stanford and the Western Intercollegiates this weekend, will find that Stanford and San Francisco State are the toughest competition. Pilar, Hungary's great Olympic team coach and two-time Olympic golf-medal winner, has settled in San Francisco as an instructor and George Domolky, former Hungarian intercollegiate saber champion, is fencing for Stanford..... The NCAA wrestling championships at Wyoming promise to be a real battle -- no AFA entries, though sailing seems to be an unlikely sport at AFA, but the Ivy League schools, MIT, Navy and other prominent Eastern schools have strong teams -- look for an edit in the near future on this subject the McMillan Cup races, won last year by the Coast Guard Academy, will be held at the Naval Academy on April 5-6 Navy has scheduled an eight meet track schedule, including a May 31 meet against Army....Denver U. defending Skyline champions in baseball, will meet the Academy on April 16 and May 7, both games at home for AFA -- the Pioneers have two all-conference performers (pitcher Rod Schneck and second baseman Gerald Blanks) returning..... ..DU also won the Eastern Division Skyline Conference track title and play the Falcons next weekend if the huge AFA permanent site field house is ready by this time next year, it would be a perfect site for the 1959 NCAA gymnastics championships -- rumors have been circulating about this, but no official word as yet the change of field trip dates has brought about a change in scheduling of winter and spring sports -- for example, what will a two-week layoff in the middle of March do to the proficiency of the baseball team?.....

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

This week:

FENCING--USAFA competes in the Western Intercollegiates at Palo Alto, Calif. Friday-Saturday, March 28-29

RIFLE--USAFA vs. Colorado Mines at AFA

Wednesday, March 26 at 1500

GOLF--USAFA vs. Colorado Mines and Colorado States University at AFA Saturday, March 29 at 1400

Next week:

BASEBALL-USAFA vs. Colorado State University at Fort Collins Saturday, April 5 at 1400

TENNIS--USAFA vs. Colorado State University at Fort Collins

Saturday, April 5 at 1400 TRACK-USAFA vs. Denver University at AFA

Saturday, April 5 at 1330

GOLF--USAFA vs. Denver University at AFA Saturday, April 5 at 1400

ACADEMY TEAMS FARE BADLY AT ARIZONA

Air Force Academy baseball, tennis and golf team fared badly last weekend at Tucson, losing a total of seven competitions to the University of Arizona. The outlook was not as bad as it seems, however, as AU has had the opportunity to work out for the past month in the best of weather.

In baseball, the Falcons lost two 10-6 games and dropped an 11-3 verdict. The Cadets performed creditably afield and at bat for so early in the season, as the Wildcats have already put 13 games behind them this year. The winners are yearly one of the nation's strongest college teams. Capt. Jack Schwall was able to get a look at his talent and remarked that the prospects are far from disheartening.

The Falcons dropped two decisions to Arizona in tennis, being blanked by 9-0 and 8-0 scores. AFA had a 9-3 record in 1957 and has lost only one man, an indication of the strength of the Wildcat netmen.

The golf team lost two meets, but the outlook was promising. Bill Toney shot a 76 and Bob Dwyer fired a 79 over the weekend, while Fourth Classman Jim Hourin carded an 80 for the most outstanding performances. The Colorado weather will play a large part in the future of the AFA link team, but with some good competition under their belts, the Falcons look forward to a good season.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AAU GYM TOURNEY AT AFA

East Denver High School and Colorado State College will be favored to retain their titles in the high school and senior men's divisions when the Rocky Mountain AAU gymnastics championships are held at the Academy this Friday and Saturday. Seven high school entries and about the same number of senior men's division entries will compete. The Academy will enter a 15-man team, plus several other cadets as unattached performers.

