

Possibilities of Flight Pay For AFA
Of the many rumors circulating through the Wing of late, one of the most tantalizing is that of the possibility of flying pay for upperclass cadets. As is generally the case, the thing reached amazing extremes, until at one point it was whispered that Air Medals were going to be awarded for every five flights over Ponca City. In an effort to calm to some extent this raging issue, the following information from the office of Major Murfield of Academy Finance is presented:

First of all, there is some truth to the rumor. Since the initiation of the Academy, several people have suggested such a plan, feeling that, if we face hazards similar to Aviation Cadets (and we do, though they are spread over a three-year period, we should receive the benefits of a comparable flight pay. Consequently, the idea was suggested to General White's committee in December and met with their approval, and, in time, with the approval of Headquarters. USAF. Currently, the plan is await ing an opportunity to pass before the Congress for legislation. Major Murfield indicated that the prime motivating factor behind the proposal is for the cadets to have the opportunity to buy an insurance plan of some sort which they otherwise could not afford, However, if the plan goes through, such a purchase would not be mandatory. In the event that legislation is successful, First Classmen will receive \$50.00 monthly, the same as Aviation Cadets. However, due to the aforementioned priority of legislation, the proposal will not applicable to the Class of 1959. The earliest date of execution would probably be July 1, 1959, just about the time that members of the Class of 1959 start making themselves eligible commissioned off for flying pay as icers. At the present time it appears doubtful, in fact, almost impossible that the Class of 159 may receive the "back flying pay" that they might have earned during their First Class year.

T. I. ANDERSON

NEW PAE RECORDS SET BY FOUR CADETS

The Department of Physical Education, has finished the major portion of the PAE, and only the make-ups remain. Although no averages had been figured to this date, the Department did keep a running count of all of the new records that were set during the course taken. The five events, medicine ball put, standing jump, dips, hurdle run, and shuttle run, each had a new record set during the last few weeks. Although there still exists a chance that these records may be broken during the make-up periods, here are the records as they stand to date:

Gene Vosika, 5th Squadron Commander, set a new record in the medicine-ball put, with a mighty heave of 63° 6°.

Larry Jolly, ringman extraordinary, pumped out 31 dips before stopping.

Don Livingston set two new records. In the standing jump, he beat the old record by 1½ inch, with a leap of 29-3/4 inches into the blue. In the shuttle run, Don came past the last marker after only 41.1 seconds.

The final record was set by Buckles, who traversed the hurdle run in a total time of 32.2 seconds. REED

SUMMER TEMPORARY SQUADRONS RENUMBERED

Currently planned is a new method of numbering summer squadrons. Cadets will be assigned to one permanent squadron, and on occasion to temporary units. 4th Class temporary units will be numbered in the 30°s, 3rd in the 40°s, 2nd in the 50°s and 1st in the 60°s. Permanent units stop at 24.

REED

TRUE COURSE CAREER

Goodrich

It would appear that your education is only beginning when you depart upon your AF career. First, that is of course if you are fortunate enough to be still qualified, there is pilot training. Then, after a few years of operational outfits, it's back to school again, and here is where the AF has recently introduced a new innovation. The plan is to make previously high-rank staff schools available to more junior officers. The idea behind the change is obviously to obtain more duty time from the officers it pays the expense of educating. Here is the way the new change stack up. Squadron Officer's School is open only to permanent first lieutenants and captains of 3-7 years' service, a mandatory requirement for all officers with the exception of Judge Advocate and Surgeon General types during the eligibility period, or by correspondence before 12 years of service have passed. Command and Staff School will be open to permanent captains and temporary or permanent majors of less than 17 years service. To be eligible for the Air War College one will be temporary or permanent lieutenant colonel, or permanent Colonel. The net change, in general, makes these important schools a more integral part of an up-and-coming officer's career, and further fills out a future commander's potentiality. There can be little doubt that this is a very decisive step in the direction of a more effective officer corps.

A recently added feature of the much modified pay bill will provide higher benefits for retirees and survivors of military personnel. It total it seems that the bill is being modified much for the good of all concerned.

The picture this week holds promise of a generally improved service for future officers and airmen. It is to be hoped that future weeks will see further progress, for it is only by improvement that our military can hope to retain the necessary advantage in the struggle for existence. To slightly modify a borrowed phrase, "That nation which chooses to ignore the lesson of military unpreparedness in History is doomed to repeat it DMG

rah . rah . rah rah rah . . . we hate college . . ha ha ha . . spring . . that time of year when firsties thoughts turn to the fact that we can't have cars until graduation sure glad there's a year for some people to maybe reconsider . . on days like today there ought to be a drivin privilege so that cadets could take their girls for a ride . . with the top down . . spring fever doesn't hack it around here . . sven and me both got it last year but there's always some fool who doesn't and it knocks blazes out of the curves.ask flying training . . . we tried to beat it yesterday ... went on sick cal . . weren't sick but i had a temperature so i sucked both of the thermometers . . note to doc mac. try those new rum flavored heat sticks . they're good . . goldbricking didn't help either . . instead of letting us go back and sleep they took us over to the hospital . . they took blood counts . urine samples . ideas and telephone numbers . . then they gave us a pennicillin shot . took a throat culture and sent us home. . . got back just in time for a quiz in ee . guess who hadn't studied ... it was some thing about super hetrodinian sets of some kind or another . don't read that if you haven't had it yet . . . if we keep at that course long enough sven and i are going to figure out how to rig up a telephone and tap in on the outside line . . we tried once but got the operator and it wasn't a class a phone . . class three phone ... have to meet the board ten minutes ago . they wouldn't write me up . . .

yours eversomuch . . aksil



CYNIC'S CORNER

I am so over-joyed that we are break ing the privilege barrier that I hesitate to haze the "quad" overseers. It is good to see that someone acknowl edges the fact that the average 20 year old young man should be able to stay out past twelve.

Wing Staff will no longer be bothered by the Class of 59 clinking on their glasses to be let out of meals. Just 60.

The swimming course is drawing to a close now. The 30-minute feat is over with a limited number of deaths and some feesh bites.

The moral obligation to play football because an organization helped a cadet get in here hardly seems reasonable in light of the organization's failure to fulfill a moral obligation that they incurred upon themselves: Namely that of upholding the promises of fantastic privileges in return for playing some sport. It seems silly to make such promises in the first place but to then chastise these people and call them cowards when they say to heck with it and decide not to play is worse. We all have a moral obligation to better ourselves toward a career, but to play football or basketball to fulfill an investment does not really fit into the mission of the Academy.

The Economics Department decided to get cadets to read their lessons by testing at the beginning of the period. They still haven't figured out whether we are reading the lessons because of the lack of correlation in grades.

For those of you who do not know it there exists the mighty space of 11 inches between walls at the site, and an 8-inch hiding space back of the locker below some pipes.

What ever happened to the term third lieutenant that was once used in reference to First Classmen?

The stern military life might make good men when they graduate but it has also made many good men resign. It is sometimes interesting to try to figure this one out. (Ed: Oh?)

Why do the AOCs try to outdo each other on exchange inspections? (Ed: Why not?)

There's a story drifting around about one outfit that outdid the plaid ties in their own subtle way. They put fish in their drinking glasses for SAMI.

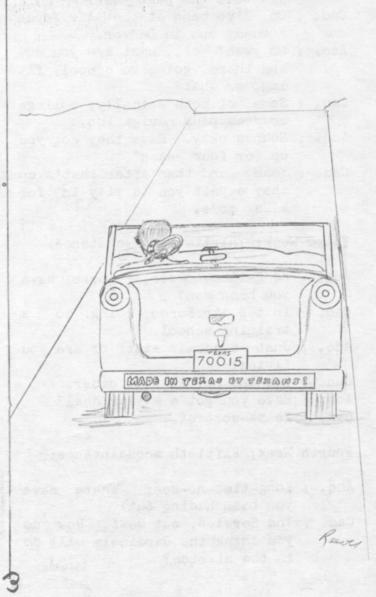
Wait til you see the reg about throwing rocks and snowballs that will go into effect down at the old mud hole.

T-29s will most likely get special floats to adapt them to flying off mud for the coming year or so.

Wonder why so many first looies quit every year. Goodrich points out such nice things. Could it be that the military will someday have to redefine what is considered discipline and accept the idea that men want to know why they are being told to do this or that especially when they feel or know they are right. A C.O. can't give a wrong decision or a wild one to normal free-minded people without having it questioned. This is human nature and the days of the prussians seem somewhat limited.

A C-133A could carry enough 75-foot shafts with turning mechanisms to supply the wing for one full year.

Sadler



-PUBLIC RELATIONS -

The upper classmen have already lived it, and the doolies will soon find out how much the public knows about our "school" and how interesting it is to inform them -- continuously.

It's the first week of leave and the cadet runs into an old acquaintence:

- Acq. : Long-time-no-see; where have you been keeping yourself?
- Cad. : Man, I've been at the AFA!
- Acq. : The AFA, eh? Uh---what's that? Cad. : The Air Force Academy man, out at Denver!
- Acq. : Oh, I see. What do you do there, go to school, fly, or what?
- Cad. : Well, for the most part we have regular college courses -- science, humanities...the works. We also have flying training, but it's sort of slanted toward the navigation side of it.
- Acq. : Sounds great! Are you in for four years?
- Cad. : Well, more like twenty, but you see etc. etc. -- blah -- etc. ...

Second Week; Tenth acquaintence:

- Acq. : Long-time-no-see; where have you been the past year?
- Cad. : Oh, I've been at the Air Force Academy out in Denver.
- Acq. : Oh yeah? Well, what are you doing there, going to school, flying, or what?
- Cad. : Some of both actually; college courses plus navigation.
- Acq. : Sounds okay. Have they got you up for four years?
- Cad. : Yeah, and then after that's up they expect you to stay in for a few more.

Third Week; Thirtieth acquaintance:

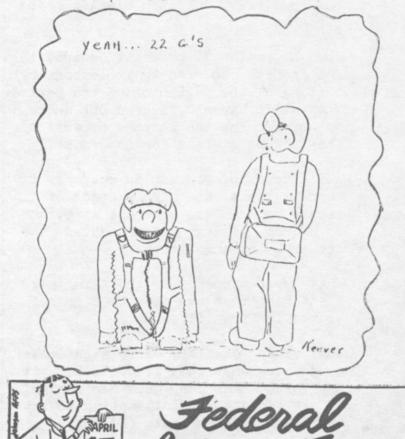
- Acq. : Long-time-no-see; where have you been man?
- Cad. : In the Air Force, going to training school.
- Acq. : Just academic stuff or are you flying?
- Cad. : Yes and no, in that order.
- Acq. : Have you got a 4-year deal?
- Cad. : Yeah -- sort of.

Fourth Week; Fiftieth acquaintance:

- Acq. : Long-time-no-see: Where have you been hiding out?
- Cad. : The Service, out west. How do you think the Cardinals will do in the stretch? Biehle



CONSTANT—Her name used to be Kathryn Grant; today it's Mrs. Bing Crosby. She used to be a good looking gal. She still is.



Disk Digger by Reed The library has received the latest addition to Leonard Feather's Encyclopedia of Jazz, the Encyclopedia of Jazz Yearbook, 1957, From a quick glance, it would appear that the book is merely a compilation of the more important articles that Feather published in "Downbeat Magazine" during the last year. The book does contain a large number of pictures, plus several biographies of artists that were left out of the Encylopedia proper. Another important feature would be the listing of the 52 most important jazz releases of 1957. It would seem that this book is an important reference to jazz aficionados, and the 52 record listings should be of much use to a jazz fan bewildered by the flood of material that was put on the market last year.

Available currently at the BX is another reference work for the jazz fan in Downbeat's complete compilation of LP records ratings for last year. Every record reviewed by Downbeat in 1957 is included in the book, which sells for \$1.00. It should be an important reference to those cadets who are unable to listen to records before they can buy them...neither the BX nor GEM allow auditions of recordings, and the two are probably the lowest priced record outlets in town.

Next month's release on the ARS label is "Count Basie Swings, Joe Williams Sings." Already released on the Clef label, it contains Basie's hit, Everday," as well as "Teach Me Tonight" "The Comeback," "Roll Em Pete, "and several others. I bought the album when it came out on Clef. If anyone would like my ARS copy, (reduced rate at \$3.98) see me within the next few days before I send them my rejection slip.

The music world mourned the loss of one of the pioneers of American music as W. C. Handy died last week after a stroke. Handy's music, including his "Memphis Blues" and "St. Louis Blues" will remain symbols of original American music long after Handy himself has been laid to rest.

Coincidently, this week marked the world premiere of the movie, "St. Louis Blues," the story of W. C. Handy's life. Featured in the movie in the role of Handy is Nat 'King Cole.

The movie, which played the base theaters last week although its civilian premiere wasn't until this week, will open in ten major U. S. cities. Nat Cole is going to fly to each of the premieres—in an aircraft named the "Spirit of St. Louis Blues."

Currently the best buy in dance bands is the big band of Woody Herman. Recently, Woody incorporated the Al Belletto Sextet and Jerri Winters into the organization. As a result, the band now has the full-sized Herman band, an instrumental sextet, a vocal sextet, and a semi-name singer.

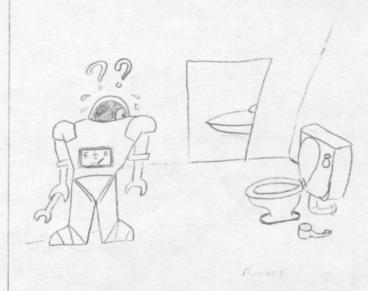
Looks as though 5th's AOC made another record album cover. Capt. Billy Ellis, formerly of the Thunderbirds, flew right wing in the photo
featured on the cover of the RCA Victor album "Billy Mure's Supersonic
Guitars in Hi-Fi."

Current tops are "Tequila" and "Lollypop." What sort of cocktail is that?

WANTED: HAIRY PICTURES

Big plea for the week: The Talon needs hairy pictures. We're planning on running big expose on nocturnal and otherwise illicit activities of the Cadet Wing. Specifically, we want stuff from the wild pep rallies such as whitewashed letters on the roof of the Commandant's Shop. Or of the T-6 parked over in the Second Group area. If anyone has authentic coverage of the D.U. stadium event, so much the better for the Talon; names and identities will remain confidential. All we want is a source for big laughs and a few memories. Any member of the Talon staff will accept your kind contributions.

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FORMAT FOR A TYPICAL RESIGNATION

Instructions: Fill in appropriate squadron and group numbers, check appropriate blanks, and sign. Submit to your Squadron AOC through normal squadron distribution.

n Alexandra well to well to	SQUADRON, GROUP THE AIR FORCE CADET WING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY Denver 8, Colorado
SUBJECT:	Resignation from the Air Force Cadet Wing
TO:	Commandant of Cadets United States Air Force Academy
THRU:	Air Officer Commanding Squadron, Group Air Force Cadet Wing
	The undersigned requests separation from the Cadet Wing for the indicated.
	a. I do not like it here.
	b. My wife does not like it here.
	c. I cannot support my mother.
100	d. The leaves are too short.
	e. The classes are too long.
	f. IHTFP (foolish)
	g. Neither the refrigerator nor the television work.
	h. I don't get enough money to keep up gas, insurance, and interest payments on my car.
	i. My dependents exemptions exceed my income.
2. Cadet Wi	This resignation most certainly reflects discredit upon the
	,K
	Cadet, USAF

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Here we are again laying out another grand and glorious copy of the DoocoDooo. Per usual we're caught in a bind between studies, Arnold Hall, our wives (Reeves has one if you didn't already know...He won't admit it, but if you push him he'll tell you about his little girl of three years. He's proud of her. I don't know why. She looks like him).ah what were we between..... Anyway, Reeves is now in the process of putting out a one-hour wonder lesson plan, and I'm typing out his darned Editor's Comments.

Sadler has, as he always does, come up with some of his rather biting humor and may have hit upon a touchy spot with some people when he spoke of athlet-, ics, but how does that saying go. if the truth hurts wear it.

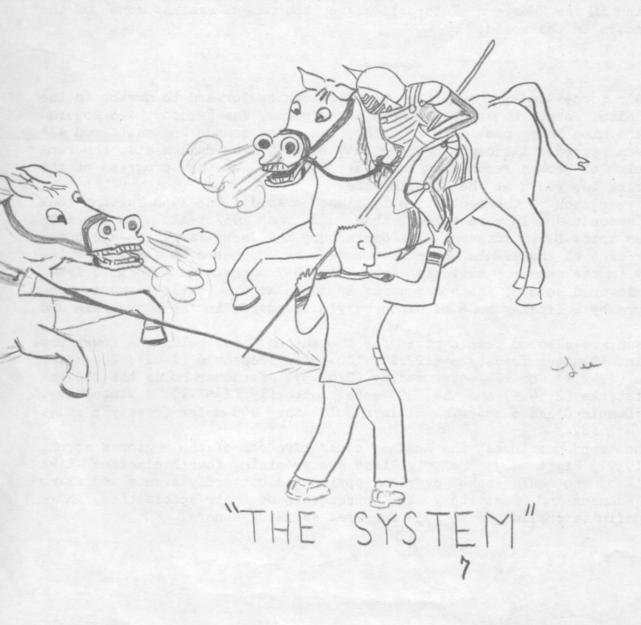
By the way, if you thought that we had difficulties laying out Kim Novak, wait'll you see what happens to someone like Anita Ekberg. She's taller.

We received another couple of letters this week. The first spoke of our beloved Mechanics Department, and was wondering why the old policy of unlimited quizes had been reinstituted. I don't know about the validity of this gripe as I don't remember having more than three quizzes a week. The second letter was from one of our many undercover agents concerning "Peaches!" There have been 37 letters lifted off the press for that little piece of goodness.

While I have the opportunity, I'd like to ask a few questions. Why is Len Mahoney so fat? Why is Reeves so ugly? And, what is Muphy doing with Reeve's golf balls? If anyone can answer these questions, please send the answer to room 6, dorm 874.

If you think getting out of meals early and late taps is good, you should see what the Class Committee asked for but didn't get. First Class privileges will be coming out pretty soon, so don't be surprised if you see the Class of '59 driving around in brand new Cadillacs.

Lee





FALCON FILINGS

by Hines

The Air Force Academy fencing team run into a beehive of Olympic fencers at the Western Intercollegiate tournament last weekend at Stanford. The Falcons finished third with 65 points, falling behind Stanford's 75 and winning University of California's 76. Basis for the surprising West Coast victories was a quartet of championship fencers, including three members of the world championship Hungarian Olympic sabre team. A special editorial note is suitable to recognize the fine showing of the Cadets who competed against what was some of the finest competition in the world of fencing.

Daniel Maguy and Dan DeLao both fenced for California in foil, sword and sabre. Maguy is the Olympic gold medalist in sabre, while DeLao holds the current West Coast foil title and has countless titles to his name. Representing Stanford were Tom Orlay, Hungarian national champion in sabre, and George Domolky, Hungarian junior champion in sabre and foil. Both were members of the Hungarian Olympic team. Many cadets will recall their performance here at the Academy last spring when the Hungarian Olympic teams made a tour of the U.S. and the fencing and part of the gymnastics team put on an exhibition in the cadet gymnasium.

While the third place showing in the Westerns was not heartening to place on record, it was good to note that without the Hungarians, both UCal and Stanford would have placed far down in the seven team field. Another note of interest was added over the weekend when Illinois won the NCAA championship at Lubbock, Texas. The Falcons trounced the Illini, 18-9, early in the season.

All things taken into consideration, the fencing team should be commended on a fine season against some of the nation's best competition, climaxed by a good showing in the Western Intercollegiate tournament against some of the better fencers in the world.

The Air Force Academy swimming team is looking forward to moving to the permanent site, eager to set records in a new pool. The Falcons have lowered seven of the nine Lowry pool marks during the past season and shattered all but one team record. Although they won only four of nine dual meets, the rapid succession of broken records is the best evidence of the progress of the Cadets during two years at the interim site.

This year much of the depth problem was erased. The 1958 Falcons took five more seconds and 13 more thirds than did the 1957 team. The terrific third class trio-Derry Adamson, Kirk Canterbury and Jerry Farquhar--accounted for 63 per cent of the team's points. Canterbury, bothered by a shoulder injury early in the season, switched from his 1957 backstroke effort to free style and lowered some of Adamson's marks in those events, while Adamson evened the score by eclipsing some of Canterbury's standards in the backstroke and sprints.

Adamson, re-elected team captain for the second time, holds the Lowry pool records in 50-meter freestyle (:27.1), 100-meter freestyle (1:01), 200-meter backstroke (2:42.4) and 200-meter medley (2:44.3). Farquhar holds the 200-meter breaststroke (2:54.5) and the 200-meter butterfly (2:52.1). Canterbury, Farquhar, Dennis O'Keefe and Dick Hillman hold the 400-meter freestyle relay record of 4:16.8.

If the trend continues, the Academy could have one of the region's strong teams in 1959. Right now the big "ifs" are promising fourth classmen like Dick Fairlamb, who could take over the sprint and butterfly events and allow Farquhar, Adamson and Canterbury to concentrate on their specialties. Mark AFA as a definite challenger in 1959 for area swimming honors.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

This 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

Next week:

BASEBALL-USAFA vs. Wyoming at AFA

Thursday, April 10 at 1500

USAFA vs. Colorado College at Colorado Springs Saturday, April 12 at 1400

TENNIS -- USAFA vs. Wyoming at AFA

Thursday, April 10 at 1500

USAFA vs. Colorado College at Colorado Springs

Saturday, April 12 at 1400

TRACK--USAFA vs. Hardin-Simmons and Eastern New Mexico at Abilene, Texas Saturday, April 12 at 1000

GOLF--USAFA vs. Wyoming at AFA

Saturday, April 12 at 1400

PENSIVE MEANDERINGS -- In awarding 31 letters last week for winter sports, the University of Colorado listed only eight seniors....the Buffs will lose only one player -- Leo Hayward -- from their hoop squad, three from gymnastics, and four from swimming.....Colorado has only two golfers returning from the 1957 squad, however, and will meet the Academy late this month and again on May 24. Wyoming, Denver and CSU were among the regional teams that made the junket to Arizona and the Southwest during the spring to take on Arizona in tennis, golf and baseball -- they did almost as badly as did AFA.... the NCAA wrestling tourney at Wyoming last week attracted 50 conference champions from all over the nation, at least 21 league runnersup and six defending national champions from the 1957 tournament -- the list of unbeaten personnel ran almost three pages....the 1958 football schedule looks a little dismal open-postwise, with only four home games (CSU, Utah, DU and Wyoming) and six away (Detroit, Iowa, Stanford, Okla. St., New Mexico, and CU) ... all home games at Denver, except Wyoming at Colo. Springs.....CU complains about baseball weather -- only three outdoor practices since the first of February....Boulder's tennis second in the Big Eight last year -- they have five men returning we meet them on May 10 and 24 the showing of Academy wrestlers in the Rocky Mountain AAU's wasn't particularly edifying--perhaps spring leave left a lack of intense motivation.....from the activity observed around the Denver area of late, it might not be too long before a lacrosse league of sorts is formed next year's fencing schedule will again be a rough one, including Wisconsin Notre Dame, Illinois and Airzona -- to quote the AF Times in an article on the team: "How would you like to play Illinois and Notre Dame on the same day?" ...



STINGER—Navy Sidewinder missiles installed on the wingtips of the new Air Force F-104A Starfighter use an infra-red tracking device to home-in on targets. First operational F-104As recently joined the 83rd Fighter-Interceptor Sq. at Hamilton AFB, Calif.

