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A GIFT OF THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE, the marble statue of the winged - mythical horse Pegasus is an outstanding landmark of the Air Force Academy. Shown here is Cadet Dave Carlstrom, escorting one of the Academy's many visitors through the Arnold Hall area.



THE ME-110 was one of Germany's first line World War II fighters. Built by Messerschmitt, the 110 was armed with rockets in the latter days of the war

CYNIC'S CORNER

ol' Bill Taylor

The rash of inspections of various items which has prevailed of late could well lead to the following:

All first classmen will acquire fiances during the period of 5 Feb to 2 May 60. On or about 2 May 60 these cadets will have said fiances available for inspection by squadron Air Officers Commanding. Air Officers Commanding will inspect for adequacy, servicability, condition, and general appearance. Failures to comply will de duly noted.

This is the gloom period, so perhaps cadets will be forgiven their bitterness, but who's going to forgive the bitterness manifested by the academic departments thus far in the semester? The Spanish Dept. found a new toy last week— the pop quiz. They proceeded to give five in a row before they tired of the plaything.

I understand, however, that cadets will have an opportunity to release a few pent-up emotions shortly.

ROS-AL Productions apparently has something up its sleeve.

The parting thought for this hectic week-- Don't smoke in bed. The ashes on the floor may be your own.

And so, I bid you a cheery goodbye.

EDITORAL COMMENTS

I find that The Dodois analogous to the poetry of T.S. Eliot--people read into it what they want to see. Witness as proof "The Fable of Two Beavers."

There really isn't too much to make comment about this week, except perhaps the basketbrawl game. And actually, that has been discussed enough already in the press.

It seems odd to me that, of the 1600 men in the Wing, there isn't a

single sports writer.

Now that deficiency affects privileges once again, the dark rooms on Saturday night contain sleeping bodies of many slumbering souls, rather than being dark because of emptiness.

What with the homestretch almost in sight for the Class of 1960, the atmosphere of bridge again prevails at USAFA. Even Doug Rekenthaler has taken up the game---a true sign of something.

Phase III of the Fourth Class System, long a controversial item in the Cadet Wing, has finally given all the opportunity to find out exactly how this system, stressing self-discipline and volitional learning, will operate. The proof of the pudding....

Shane appears this week under a new name; the new writer didn't feel that it was ethical to capitalize on the "reputation" of his predecessor.

The original editor of this Cadet Publication for Cadets is now happily at Mather AFB, California.---ghhines-

DOROTHY MALONE, M-G-M star of long standings, is characterized by her blonde hair, blue-green eyes and sultry look. She can be seen in "The Last Voyage," the story of a trapped passenger on a sinking ocean liner in the Sea of Japan.



The Red Tag Daily Worker

One last thought directed at my fellow cynics before I slam the door for this week.

"What is a cynic?" A man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing."

OSCAR WILDE

I was quite surprised this week when TFRTDW came out under the byline of Shane II. I would like to state here and now for posterity and anteriority that I am not related to The Shane in any manner except to have suffered the same "sling and arrows of outrageous fate" as he.

To prevent any confusion, I shall reveal my real name. I am Ed Shaft.

That matter being disposed I shall now attempt to say something constructive.....

Well, I've been puffing on my Kaywoodie for an hour now, and I have not
come up with any gems of wisdom. I do
have a letter that I wrote to my mother
that I could share with you. You'll
have to excuse the grammar; you see,
Mother has never been out of the hills
her whole life, and she doesn't understand normal everyday English. When
I write her, I have to talk in her language.

Dear Maw.

Weuns had a liddle chit-chat with the Big Feller tother evenin, and shore did larn a passle of goodies.

Fer one thing, they gonna teach usuns to fly them thar areoplane thing amabubs afore weuns gradeuatesis all tolorable proud of that.

This summer thays gonna take usuns to Europy sos we can broaden ourselfs. Weuns'll get to see all them storybook places like London and Paras and Madrid and Maguire AFB. I'll rally be cultured by the time we gets back to the United States. I'll a been somewheres, just like Uncle Alvin.

The bottom classmen air eten like people now. They even get to see what theys eten, then when they sees its poasted pig again, they looks aways.

Mah ars air near frozed offen my haid. All this weeks the are patch has been a bloomin somethin fierce, and wes been waring our round hats out thar in that blowin. I thinks theys forgotwes got them obsolet clock hats that cover our whole durn haids.

Wall, Maw, Iguesses that bout all fer this here week. I best do sone workin on my arithematicie fores I gets flooded out.

Yore son, Eddie Boy

Smiles from the

I understand there's some sort of petition being circulated. they want to change West Point's initials from USMA to USF. Why? you wonder. Because F equals MA.

* "Oh, darling, I've missed you", she cried, and fired the gun again.

Then there was the doolie who took the biggest hariest gaze the world has ever seen. Seeing him, an upperclassman said, "Mister, what was that gaze for? Did you want to buy this place?"

The spontaneous reply was, "Yes, sir. Would you have change for a quarter?"

Comment on form 0-96: "Our waiter ought to go to the local zoo some day and watch the turtles whiz by."

Sunday school teacher: "And, Anne, why did Noah take two of each animal onto the arc?"

Little Girl: "Because he didn't believe in that stork jazz either."

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Then there were the four cadets who were apparantly sitting around a table playing cards. Espied by the SOD, they were immediately questioned,

"You're playing cards in defiance of Regs." he told the first cadet." "Not me, "he replied, "I just sat down to talk."

"You're playing cards in defiance of Regs." he shouted at the second.

"Oh, no, I'm just a stranger here

"Well, then you're playing for sure" he told the third.

"Not me, " he answered, "I'm just watching the other fellows."

The exasperated SOD looked at the fourth, who was sitting there with a deck of cards in his hands, and said, "Well, at least I know you are playing cards."

"Me playing cards?" he replied, "With whom?"

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BOOKS FOR DISCRIMINATING DODOS

A cadet at the United States Air Force Academy should be familiar with a great many different areas. He should be well-read and well on the way, by graduation, to becoming a professional military man of the highest order. With this in mind, The Dodo prints this synopsis of several recently published books with which it would be well for the cadet to become conversant.

THE GREAT ARMS RACE by Hanson W. Baldwin; Frederick A. Praeger, Inc. (New York) Fourth Printing, 1960, 116 pages-----

A fine evaluation of Soviet and United States power today, written by a man who, as military editor of the New York Times, can speak with authority on this subject. It is a detailed and up-to-the-minute account of missiles, nuclear weapons, strategies, plus a shrewd analysis of the current situation.

THE JOINT AND COMBINED OFFICER'S MANUAL by Col. Jack D. Nicholas, USAF; Col. George B. Pickett, USA; and Capt. William O. Sears Jr., USN; The Stackpole Company; Harrisburg, Pa., 1959, 272 pages

Admittedly a reference manual, this book is of tremendous, enlightening and significant value to the cadet who plans to make a career of the Air Force. Since of reorganization of the Armed Forces it has become more and more important for the professional officer to understand the role that he plays in the defense structure. The First Classman, currently studying Defense Policy, will find this book a handy source material for his term paper.

LOGISTICS IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE by Rear Admiral Henry Eccles, USN (Ret.); The Stackpole Company; Harrisburg, Pa., 1959, 347

Logistics in the national defense structure is of prime importance to the survival of the United States. Thought by many to be the driest of professional military fields, Admiral Eccles presents his book in such a manner so as to make logistics interesting to even the most disinterested party. Admiral Eccles quickly shows the role that supply has played in the entire history of warfare and evolves the present logistics setup in easy-to-comprehend terms. For those with even the smallest interest in this area, a mere glance at the book will convince the interested party that there is a great deal more to logistics than the mere inventory of supplies.

Although this is not meant to be a complete list of current professional books of value, it should indicate that there are a great many works with which an officer should be conversational if he means to dedicate his life to the service of his country. For more complete reviews, see coming issues of The Talon.

THE FALCONS! MOUTHS

by Fred Walker '60

This weekend four members of the Academy Debate Team, accompanied by their coach, Lt. Col. Warren C. Thompson of the English Department, will be competing in the annual Marshall-Wythe Debate Tournament at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

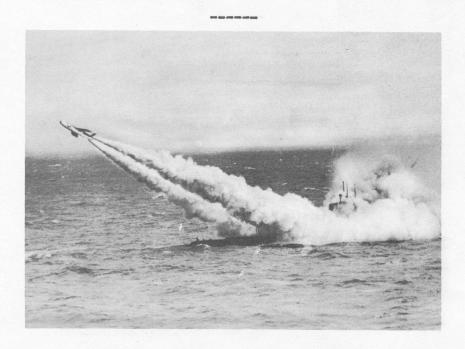
The cadets who will be representing the Academy at Tom Owens and Ed Zompa on the negative and Fred Walker and Paul Hinton on the affirmative.

These teams held a practice debate last Saturday in preparation for the tournament and the results were termed "very promising" by Lt. Col. Thompson.

Next week a group of Academy talkers will be competing in the annual Rocky Mountain Speech Festival at Denver University. The cadets won first place in debate and discussion, second place in extemporaneous speaking, and first place in the sweepstakes at this tournament last year. The Academy's entry for this tourney is not definite at this time, so check next week for the lineup. The Virginia results will also be in by that time.

BRUBECK CANCELS: REPLACEMENT UNNAMED

Due to the recent hubbub caused by Dave Brubeck's proposed Southern tour and the subsequent signing of contracts with New York agencies, the Allied Arts presentation of the popular progressive jazz artist has been cancelled. The Allied Arts Society Committee is attempting to sign another top-flight entertainer to take Brubeck's slot on the spring schedule, but no commitments have been made.



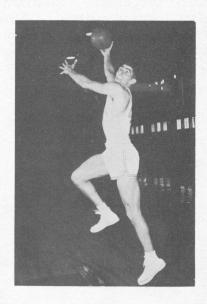
A REGULUS I soars off in flight from the deck of the submarine Tunny off the Philippine Islands. Officials of SEATO viewed the firing of the Chance Vought missile.



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After losing their first five games, all prior to the Christmas holidays, the Air Force Academy basketball team has come back after the semester break to win six of eight games and up their season record to 6-7. The home game with the University of Wyoming last Wednesday could have evened the mark. The Falcons took a close contest at Laramie in January by a 57-53 count.



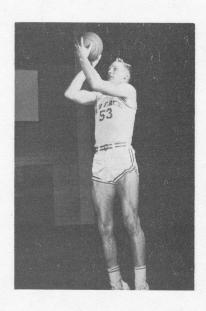
Center RON DEEP



Forward JIM ULM

COMEBACK

TRAIL



Forward Bob Schaumberg

The mid-season comeback of the Falcons can be traced to many reasons—the coaching of Major Bob Spear being not the least. The coming of age of Bob Schaumberg, John "Smokey" Stover, "Butch" Viccellio and Terry Norris, plus the steady play of Jim Ulm and Captain Don Wolfswinkel, have all been major factors.

The Falcons must play seven more games, including tonight's headliner with Marquette in the Cadet Gymnasium. After last weekend's thriller with UCLA, a standing-room-only crowd can be expected for tonight's clash. The season remaining will be highlighted by four away games, the cadets returnhome for the finale with traditional rival Regis of Denver at the Academy.

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JUDO

Third and Eleventh Squadrons fought their judo bout last week to a 3 - 3 score for another of the several ties which have marked the judo competition thus far this season. There have been only five teams so far which have not ended at least one bout in a tie. The two teams in the llth vs. 3rd bout managed to alternate wins in the various weight classes, keeping the score even all along the way.

BOXING

Third Squadron kept up its perfect boxing record thus far by defeating Second in their match last Monday. Third got off to a slow start with a loss and a draw in the first two fights, but they came back with a group of powerful sluggers, with Habedand, Scott, Bronson, and Roth taking the upper weights in that order. With this powerful finish, Third ended up the victor with a 4 - 1 - 1 score.

BASKETBALL

Fourteenth Squadron took a close fought game from Sixteenth Squadron last Friday by the slim margin of three points. That the game was essentially even the whole distance is witnessed by the fact that the point spread never got beyond 5 and that four men for lith and three for loth finished with seven points apiece, with only one higher, Grunkemeyer for lith with twelve.

A tight, hard fought game between 6th and 13th Squadrons with both teams using a man to man defense ended in the rather one-sided score of 144 - 27 in favor of 6th Squadron.

After trailing most of the game, First Squadron warmed up in the last quarter to come back and defeat Tenth Squadron 71 - 65 last Tuesday. Fourthclassmen Fenske and Graham led in the scoring department with 16 points each. Bright kept 1st well supplied with the ball from the boards.

WATERPOLO

Seventh Squadron scored 11 points to Sixth's 2 to carry away last Tuesday's game. Seventh Squadron's defense put in a good afternoon by holding Sixth to their two tallys and by maintaining the ball in Sixth's scoring territory for most of the afternoon.

NOTE

The game reports are still not coming in in sufficient quantity to allow the reporting of general information on current action and trends in the various sports.

CYNICISM vs CRITICISM by Bruce E. Decker

When we first started writing for the DODO, our objective was to offset the complete cynicism of the publication with a word or two about the rewarding side of our lives. One of our fellow cadets once drew an analogy between the Academy and a new born baby. (paraphrase) "We are new and have to learn how to be an adult. Right now we are like a child prodigy who has made fantastic steps forward as far as the casual observer can see but we still lack maturity under the surface. "As General Sullivan so aptly expressed it, *We are still trying to straighten out problems which could have been avoided had we taken more time to reorganize last Fall." Much like the baby, our institution can't be hurried to maturity. As much as we dislike using cliches; you have to learn to crawl before you can run a race. A child will learn faster if he receives reward for his good steps and constructive criticism of his poorer ones. If we incessently shout at a child, he rebels and refuses to hear even well intended criticism. Also when we desire to point out errors, we might consider what Confucius said. "When we see men of a contrary character, we should turn inward and examine ourselves."

In the past issue, several statements were directed against various administrative offices. One of these blamed the Head Shed for inadequacies of the room arrangement reg---this reg was written by cadets. Perhaps misunderstanding occured because we didn't explain the reg to the AOC's instead of vice versa. Almost any question concerning regs can be answered by the Cadet Chain of Command, because they write them. For the past two years, our committees have been trying to get a program of military training that wouldn't destroy the cadets' participation in spirit. Now it is possible to have a Standby and still get out by 1030 hrs; one writer complains about "living in the past". Remember the parades that lasted until 1430 hrs? What if we do have professionalistic lectures once each month? If there is a man among us who understands the training program so well that he needn't attend, he should be allowed to validate Leadership.

The leadership Studies Department has been lecturing the Second Class on the withholding of information in order to allow one group to have an advantage over another. This doesn't mean that we should repeat every rumor we hear, but rather that we try to see that everyone gets the "word" when it is found. This applies to us as well as the AOC's, the Dean, and every other agency here. Last week the CYNIC's CORNER gave a glaring example of a lack of communications with statement about the officer who did not know we had a Russian Language Department here. This same thing sometimes occurs in a committee when a man will treat something as a deep dark secret and proceed on his own when every man should know his information. Often a program can be disrupted by telling too much to soon, but just as often a man can render a plan FUBAR by playing guessing games with important poop. Dr. William Edwards provided a good basic rule when he wrote, "Be observant, be understanding, be informed, then be economically critical."