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BACKBONE OF THE SWEDISH AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM is the SAAB-35, a single-seat supersonic all-weather jet fighter. Called the Dragon, this fighter is a strong deterrent to potential aggressors and is flown by a non-NATO nation.

PURPLE FALCON

For the benefit of those not in 2nd Group, the slight re-organization which took place in the AOC Shack not too long ago involved Maj. Dunn being reassigned from Executive Officer to 2nd Group AOC, and Lt. Col. Hening—ton being reassigned from Group AOC to Deputy Wing AOC.

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Have you noticed how the Red Tag Daily Worker has disappeared from the Dodo? It's because nobody wants the job. So far, it has resulted in the writer leaving the Academy. Shapek (the original "Shane") was first, and his roommate Coffey (the so-called "K") was second. Who'll be third??

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Speaking of rackets, there's a big one in the Mail Room. Somebody's getting rich at the expense of the CCQ's. It amounts to "CCQ's report to the Mail Room to pick up Denver Posts (because we don't feel like delivering them today, even though we're getting paid to)."

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And the Comm decided he wanted Fourth Classmen to receive lectures next fall on what to do on dates.

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Then there was the SOD who got written up for saying the uniform was Class "A" instead of Surplus Alfalfa.

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Nothing like a parade belt or a sash to ruin a clean blouse.

Did you hear about the Senator's son who filibustered in front of the Honor Committee for a whole week? The Honor Reps didn't mind too much since they missed an average of 2 GR's, 7 quizzes, and 5 Reveille formations.

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The Library has been getting a little shook at the way some of the facilities are being mistreated. The biggest and most recent complaint was the condition the Music Room was left in after the Economics lectures. But, this is but one example of the way some people have been taking the Library for granted. Luckily, no one has decided to carve his initials into the furniture, but feet on furniture and mud and tar on carpets has been a sore point. Let's take care of what we've got!

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From the new Computer Math course comes word that they are learning the computers by number and what they do. Something like: "514? What's a 514?"

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Last week it was sliding to meals; this week it was wading to meals. Wonder what they'll have for next week?

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And the flag pole is sinking! Only this past Tuesday it was under an inch of water. Man the Bilge Pumps!!

THE PURPLE FALCON



BROUGHT BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND is this enlarged picture of Fay Spain "on the beach." She is featured in M-G-M's "Beat Generation," a recent release.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS by ghhines

I'm going to keep the comments short and the pinup long this week to attempt to get back into the swing of things after the Assembly. You might note that the Back Page this week is a nebulous affair—moreso than usual.

A few statistics on the number of cadets (potential) that have applied for each class at USAFA came into my hands the other day and I thought that I'd pass on the information:

Class of 1959 — 6489 applications Class of 1960 — 5217 applications Class of 1961 — 5228 applications Class of 1962 — 6736 applications Class of 1963 — 7046 applications Candidate Advisory Service informs me that the figures are about what was expected. There were quite a few surprises at the selection meeting that the '60-ites had last Monday. And then again, the world is full of surprises.

The political science department was rather embarrassed at some of the comments made during last Sunday evening's lecture. The speaker's remark that the author of a book which the First Class is currently reviewing for a Poli Sci course has changed his mind since writing the book caused a little consternation.

It is evident from recent concentrated purges that the Spring buckup is here—even if the weather didn't get the word til a little late. Here's hoping tomorrow is as nice as last weekend.

A stewardess that I know is happy about two USNA troops—they pulled her car out of a snowbank two weeks ago.



THE SAAB-32 LANCE is a two-seat all-weather jet attack aircraft. It is one of the first-line aircraft of the up-to-date Swedish Air Force.

THE SWEDISH AIR FORCE

Sweden's neutrality, that is, its decision not to take part in a war unless attacked or subjected to coercion which amounts to violence, has nothing to do with "neutralism." It is a closely calculated policy, based above all on the nation's geographical position and its interpretation of related factors. A defense effort of unremitting vigor is implied in its defense policy.

While Sweden has remained out of all wars for nearly 150 years, it has a long unbroken military tradition. The Swedish Air Force was built out of this tradition of light, fast, hard-hitting units. The military budget takes about one-fifth of the national budget and is scheduled to increase by at least 2.5

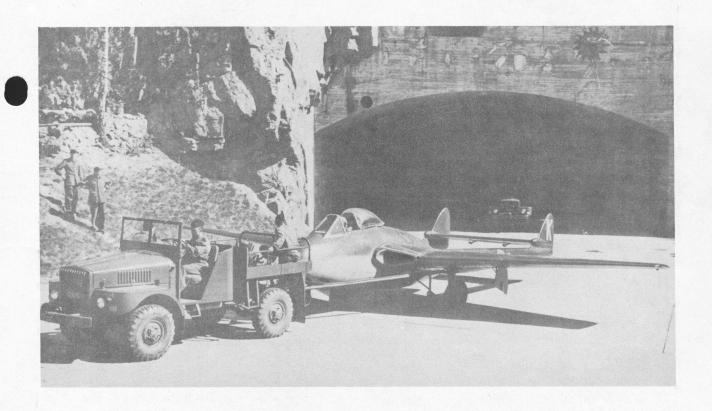
per cent annually as a result of technological developments.

Sweden's industry is fully able to provide most of the military aircraft-plus support equipment. The current main types of aircraft are those known as the Dragon (SAAB-35), an all-weather interceptor with a speed of about 1200 mph and classified altitude capabilities; and the Lance, a jet fighter-bomber. The Swedish antiaircraft guns have been well-known around the world since World War II, when they served many of the Western Allies.

Civil defense, including bomb shelters, evacuation plans and special training, is a vital part of Sweden's preparedness. Its granite foundations have also been utilized for all kinds of military installations, such as naval bases and airplane hangers (see picture below). Factories, too, have been blasted out of solid rock.

Svenska Aeroplan Aktiebolaget—Saab Aircraft Company—was founded in 1937, and has been from the start in the service of Sweden's defense effort. After acquiring much WW II experience in building planes for the Western Allies, SAAB in the autumn of 1953 astounded the world by having the Lance break the sound barrier in a dive. Close on the heels of the Lance came the SAAB-35, a fighter that exceeds the speed of the sound in level flight. The most striking feature of the Dragon is its double-delta wing—an all—SAAB development that combines log drag with ample space for equipment. The SAAB-35 is intended to replace the SAAB-29 in SAF service, and is provided with electronic aids for all-weather operation.

The Swedish Air Force is an important factor in the defense of the freedomloving nations in the world. It is a flying reminder to would-be aggressors all over the world that the independent nations of the world are prepared to defend themselves against attack.



AN UNDERGROUND HANGER SOMEWHERE IN SWEDEN shelters the SAAB aircraft shown being hauled out into the open-air runway. There are many of these hangers located all over Sweden, forming a passive defense against air attack.



THE VICKERS VC.10 will be ready for delivery in 1963. Powered by four Rolls-Royce Conway bypass jet engines, the VC.10 will be capable of carrying 150 passengers over distances exceeding 5000 miles at speeds of up to 600 mph. It has a clean, high lift wing and good take-off and landing performance on restricted runways or at high altitude or tropical airports. BOAC has ordered 35 of this British aircraft.

Dodo Gives You: A TV Show to Watch While Reading Your Book

Abandon Ship	Secret Storm
The Mind of Man	Tombstone Territory
I knock At The Door	Friendly Giant
The Story of Civilization	Bachelor Father
The Divine Comedy	People Are Funny
Paradise Lost	The Search
An American Tragedy	Navy Log
Self-Made Man	Capt. Kangaroo
It all Started With Eve	Adventures in Paradise
The Healing Trance	Young Dr. Malone
Some Angry Angel	Johnny Satellite
Top Man With A Gun	Quick Draw McGraw
Family Gathering	Roundup
The Mask	Masquerade Party

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THE FALCONS! MOUTHS

Lt. Col. Warren C. Thompson, OTC of the Cadet Forensic Association, received word last week that cadets Fred Walker and Paul Hinton have been invited to compete in the district eliminations for the National Debate Championships, which are held at West Point. Colorado is in the fourth National Debate District, which consists of nine states (Kansas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa). Each school in the district that wants to compete for the Nationals submits the record of its best achievement in each tournament that it has entered, as well as the complete record of the two-man team that it wants to send. A board then selects the top ten teams to compete in the district. Of these, the top five go to the Nationals.

The best team in the tourney record of the Academy included the records of Cadets Jensen & Mangold, Stringer & Whalen, and Owens and Zompa, plus Hinton & Walker. It showed that the Academy has competed in twelve major tournaments this season, with our best team in each of these tournaments winning 77% of their 65 debates. Walker and Hinton were in six major tournaments, winning 77 percent of their 37 debates. For the record the Academy has won 81.5% of its negative debates, and 71.4% of its affirmative debates. Walker & Hinton have won 81.7% and 68%, respectively.

The following is the District Board's listing of the top twenty teams in District IV, with the pointsthat each team received. Seven is the highest possible score and 150 is the lowest.

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1.	Kansas City University	15
2.	Kansas State Teachers College-Emporia	17
3.	Southwest Missouri State College	30
4.	University of Kansas	30
5.	UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY	32
6.	William Jewell College	38
7.	College of St. Thomas-Minnesota	53
8.	Augustana College-South Dakota	58
9.	Washburn University of Topeka	60
10.	Nebraska State College-Kearney	61
11.	University of Minnesota	69
12.	Southwestern College-Winfield, Kansas	73
13.	Marquette University	
14.	Fort Hays (Kansas) State College	90
15.	Kansas State College-Pittsburgh	
16.	Huron College-South Dakota	
17.	Carroll College	
18.	Wisconsin State College-Oshkosh]	116
19.	Nebraska Wesleyan University	
20.	Central College-Missouri	

The district eliminations will be held 28-29 March. Shortly thereafter, on 1-2 April, Walker & Hinton and Owens & Zompa will be competing against Army, Navy and the Merchant Marine Academy at the annual inter-service Academy Debate Tournment at King's Point, Long Island, New York. It looks as though the cadet talkers really have their work cut out for them.

Fred T. Walker '60

Smiles from the System

I decided I'd best shine my under shoes (underovershoes) this morning when I matched and lost...to my roommate's slippers.

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Little Johnnie, being reprimanded by his teacher for being tardy for school, remonstrated with the following b-ache:

"Ma woke Pa up in the middle the night saying she had heard something in the hen house. Pa, who sleeps in the raw, grabbed his loaded shotgun and ran out into the yard. stood there, with his gun pointed at the chicken house waiting for something to come out when our old hound dog come up behind Pa with his nose and we've been cleaning chickens since three o'clock this morning."

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ODE Sat lunch Is done Quick run Have fun

Go show That night Pad out That's right

Sunday church Chow, flick Maybe you'll Take chick

There goes
Dinner bell
'Nother weekend
Shot to hell

A persuasive Texas real estate man had just finished a glowing description of the oportunities to be found in West Texas to a prospect in Chicago. "All West Texas needs", said the realtor, "to become the garden spot of the world is good people and water."

"Seems to me", replied the prospect, "That's all Hell needs."

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Three hermits lived in a cave and spent all day staring at the wall, never speaking. One day a stallion ran past the entrance of their cave. Six months later one hermit said, "That was pretty brown horse."

Two years later another hermit said, "That wasn't a brown horse, it was white."

About a year later, the third hermit got up and stalked toward the entrance of the cave. "If it's going to be this constant bickering," he said, "I'm leaving!"

A tourist walked into a rustic barroom in the heart of the Belgian Congo. As he was sipping some potent native concoction, in walked a minute individual, about one foot high, sparklingly dressed in a British uniform.

The tourist couldn't help gaping at this apparition when the bartender said:

"Evidently you haven't met the major before. Speak up, Major, tell the Yank about the time you called the witch doctor a bloody fake."

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FROM THE SIDELINES

Kelly Loyacono

HOCKEY ANYONE? The skaters have been very impressive all season with consistent wins over tough competion and very little practice. They end their season at the Broadmoor this Sunday. The game should get underway around noon and we should certainly have a large crowd to support them if we possibly can. It would certainly be nice to be able to get permission to take interested cadets down on Academy buses and I've spoken to many interested cadets.

The sounds of Spring prove that it has finally arrived at USAFA (the pitter-patter of little feet at drill, the thrill of the band at those wonderful Saturday parades, and the cries of deficient cadets). Along with this comes varsity baseball and track practice and a new round of intra murals. It seems a shame that rugby is the only outdoor sport but this should be real interesting because there will not be so much bodily contact this year "....or we'll switch to speedball." It seems as though the Medics are still behind on their work trying to patch up the judo men. Finesse is the word for this season, I wonder...

Last Saturday night a good crowd witnessed some very exciting boxing in the finals of the Wing Open Boxing Championships. Gordon defeated Eastman in a real slug-fest light weight match. The boxing was superior but Gordon seemed to outlast his opponent. At 145, Earl Saunders defeated by Martin and once again the winner had more endurance and won in the later part of the fight. At 155, Gary West defeated Clark in a tremendous fight highlighted by the skill of both men gained from pre-academy experience. West won with superb defense and a lightening like left jab. Svitenko defeated Grahan in the 165 pound class in what was one of the closer matches of the night. Both fighters showed skill and amazing power; Svitenko's victory was probably earned by his powerful right with which he scored consistently. In 175, outsized Jamba used fine defensive tactics against McClough by moving in, hitting and keeping out of his reach. McCullough's good form, agressiveness, power won a close decision. In the heavyweight division, Tom Schutt defeated a much heavier opponent in George Toffel by an amazing display of speed and power with very good in-fighting. Toffel showed that he had plenty of power but was unable to cope with Schutt's speed.

The Gymnasts came back from the Nationals at Penn State with a good deal more knowledge. Coach Sullivan was pleased with the team's performance but they were disappointed that no one was able to qualify for the finals. Everyone hit the routines well but the competition was just too rough. We have the potential but more experience will be necessary before we really hit big time.

Good luck to the swimmers who leave Wednesday for the Nationals at SMU down in Dallas, Texas.

The Cadet Judo Club, formerly one of the smaller clubs in the Cadet Wing, has emerged from obscurity into the spotlight. It is now one of the strongest clubs and is an exceptionally promising source of pride to the Cadet Wing.

At the recent Rocky Mountain Judo Tournament held in Denver, the club gave an impressive demonstration of the high degree of skill and agressive ness needed to succeed in judo. Cadet Dave Sellers (9th Squadron) won the individual tournament championship in the senior division by defeating five opponents and forcing a draw with the sixth. The club completed the afternoon with mine victories, seven losses and seven ties among teams with considerable brown and black belt experience. This tournament, sponsored by the Denver Dojo, consisted of 15 teams from Golorado, Utah, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Through the direction and assistance of Captain R.L. Anderson, Lt. Gerald Lawrence and Cadet Charles Waterman, club president, the club has developed in to an organization with strength, depth and a bright future is in store. The club hopes to eventually attain varsity status with an intercollegiate sched-

ule, as well as brown and black-belted members.



FENCERS HAD SUCCESSFUL SEASON--Displaying some of the hardware won during 1960 season, the Air Force Academy fencing team poses for a team picture. nine regulars, plus coach Nicholas Toth, compiled a 6-3 record, winning Western Intercollegiate Title in post-season activity.

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PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

The following is a list of information of a professional nature that cadets who are interested in keeping current with the Air Force and with world events might be interested in reading:

ATLAS: The Story of a Missile by John L. Chapman

The first full-length story of America's first intercontinental ballistic missile, source of President Eisenhower's Christmas broadcast of 1958, and a technological achievement of great magnitude. A fair treatment of the Atlas, well-written and interesting as well as informative.

The Atlantic Alliance in the Thaw by Andre Fontaine.

A book as yet untranslated into English, yet an easily-read work for the French student who is interested in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (1'Organisation du Traite de l'Atlantique Nord). It is an excellent diagnosis of 1'OTAN and an analysis of strengths and weaknesses. Well worth the reading time and an excellent way to improve vocabulary.



MOSQUITO--A twin-engined high-performance World War II aircraft that helped to form the backbone of the Royal Air Force during the Battle of Britain. Built by deHavilland, the DH.98 engaged in a wide range of duties.

FOR SALE: ONE PAIR GERMAN-MADE SKI BOOTS SIZE 9 BRAND NEW! See Mike Quinlan 2F40 876 Syln

STOP AND THINK!

"The disintegration of the course of study under the elective system, popularly called the "enrichment of the curriculum," has impoverished the colleges and universities of the United States by depriving them of any common intellectual life. Football and other extracurricula activities have achieved their exaggerated importance partly because the students have only these activities in common. So an undergraduate of a great American university wrote to the student newspaper not long ago and complained that the curriculum had now reached such richness that one student could not talk to another unless they both happened to remember the score of last Saturday's game."

(Robert Maynard Hutchins, president of the U of Chicago)

---moderation in all things-----the Greek ideal-----

"Socrates collected opinions, asked questions, clarified terms and ideas, and indicated commitments. That is all he did. All that was required of those who took part with him was that they should try to think and to understand one another. They did not have to agree with Socrates, before or after. They did not have to agree with one another. If they came to conviction, they did so by their own free will. The only constraint upon them was the law of contradiction. They could not answer yes and no to the same question at the same time."

(Robert Maynard Hutchins, president of the U of Chicago)

by drinking a great deal of water ----Aristotle-----

"Put me in a system and you negate me. I am not just a mathematical symbol--I am!" (Soren Kierkagaard)

---"there are heaps of things in the world which I should like to see changed; but in a world without evil, life would not be worth living--TS Eliot-

TO THE FOLLOWERS OF THOMAS AQUINAS:

GB Shaw: "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach."

Aldous Huxley: "There is no substitute for talent."

Plato: "(teachers) utter great and wise things which they do

not themselves understand."

TO THE DODO STAFF:

Disraeli: "It is much easier to be critical than to be correct."

Zeuxis: "Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship."

Aldous Huxley: "There is no substitute for talent."