

Daddy, what did you do in the war against pollution?

Of course you can always try to change the subject.

But one answer you can't give is that you weren't in it. Because in this war, there are no 4F's and no conscientious objectors. No deferments for married men or teen-agers. And no exemptions for women.

So like it or not, we're all in this one. But as the war heats up, millions of us stay coolly uninvolved. We have lots of alibis:

What can one person do?

It's up to "them" to do something about pollution—not me.

Besides, average people don't pollute. It's the corporations, institutions and municipalities.

The fact is that companies and governments are made up of people. It's people who make decisions and do things that foul up our water, land and air. And that goes for businessmen,governmentofficials,housewives or homeowners.

What can one person do for the cause? Lots of things—maybe more than you think. Like cleaning your spark plugs every 1000 miles, using detergents in the recommended amounts, by upgrading incinerators to reduce smoke emissions, by proposing and supporting better waste treatment plants in your town. Yes, and throwing litter in a basket instead of in the street.

Above all, let's stop shifting the blame. People start pollution. People can stop it. When enough Americans realize this we'll have a fighting chance in the war against pollution.



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Recondo

Up at 0400 for an hour of physical training.

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Rapelling down the same rock face the next day.

A hundred and fifty two hours of simulated combat patrols.

No, mothers of the Class of 1975, this is not a brief outline of the "USAFA Summer Camp for Little Boys" your sons just completed. This is a thumbnail sketch of the Recondo School, an option that thirty-two members of the Class of 1973 and three members of the class of 1972 chose as part of their summer program.

The Recondo (standing for Reconnaissance, Commando, Doughboy) School is located at Camp Red Devil, Ft. Carson, near Colorado Springs. The three week course is designed as a leadership course for junior officers and NCOs in the Army. To accomplish this mission, the students are taught actual combat and combat-related skills. Each student is afforded the opportunity to lead a patrol comprised of fellow students. In this manner the students have a chance to not only practice the combat skills they have learned, but also to lead a group of men in a combat situation.

The program starts with eight to ten hours a day of classroom instruction in land navigation and basic patroling techniques. The navigations skills learned in these first few days are put to a test almost immediately with one of the toughest land-nav courses in the military. The nav-training involves treks over the top of Timber Mountain — a sixty degree slope ending in a fifteen foot rock face. The three mile night exercises are hindered with

occasional run-ins with barbed wire and rattlesnakes hidden by the darkness. The patroling skills were taught both in the classroom and in the field. These exercises consisted of cadre-led patrols which encountered ground and aerial flares, near and far ambushes, sniper fire, booby traps, and prisoners of war.

During this time, the dawn to dark training program was pursued with two outcomes in mind. First, this type of training was designed to get the students in the physical shape required for the rest of the course. Second, this fatiguing schedule placed the students in a mental and physical condition much like a soldier would experience in an actual combat zone.

Near the end of the first week the morning physical training was dropped from the schedule and the students were able to sleep in until the late, late hour of 0500. However, the physical stress was certainly not decreased when the training moved to north Cheyenne Canyon for three days of mountaineering instruction. During this period the students progressed from a "flat-lander" to the point where they were fighting for the chance to "throw" their bodies over a thirty foot cliff. These skills were later put to the test when one patrol called for movement down the same rock face with field gear including a loaded pack, a rifle, and a combat radio.

With mountain training completed, instruction moved back into the class-room for the final lessons in combat related skills. This part of the course included lectures on survival, guerrilla warfare, communications, Viet Cong weapons, and artillery spotting procedures. There was also an hour and a half of forward air control procedures — the Air Force's role in combat patroling presented from the Army's

viewpoint.

At the completion of this classroom instruction and the last of the practice patrols, the students moved into the leadership position. The first opportunity for demonstrating leadership skills was on a 36 hour reconnaissance patrol. The students planned the patrol, then moved by helicopter to the areas they were to recon — areas measuring just over a mile and a half on each side. Infantry units from Ft. Carson provided aggressors not only to be observed but to be avoided, since they would attack if they spotted student patrols.

This patrol ended with a debriefing of what had been seen in each area. This information was exchanged among the patrols. The next day the students moved into one of the other patrols' areas to conduct a raid on the aggressors which had been spotted. This 36 hour patrol ended with a link-up of all the students into a company size attack. The final march back to the school was done in groups of two in an escape and evasion situation.

As one of the students who completed the Recondo course this summer, the first thing that crosses my mind about the course is that I hope I never use what I have learned. However, since I may someday fly over patrols similiar to those I conducted, the training was invaluable.

This program also taught me much more than just combat skills. To start with, the Recondo course is designed as a leadership course. During fourth and third class years at the Academy, leadership positions are not very numerous. The first three weeks of my summer gave me a chance to actually lead a group of men and thus gave me an idea of what to expect both in the next two years at USAFA and as an officer in the Air Force.

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Passing thoughts.....

This issue of the **Talon** is hardly typical of future issues of the magazine. September is primarily addressed to the parents of the Class of 1975. For the rest of the year, the Cadet Magazine will be oriented towards the problems, issues, and activities of the people who comprise the Cadet Wing.

A new staff has taken over, the members of which have a great deal of creative energy and enthusiasm. In the mill are articles about cadets who visited the Soviet Union; cadets who are involved in research on lasers and pollution-free cars; and a series of articles by a cadet who spent his summer research in the Executive Office of the White House. In addition, the **Talon** is planning issues that will take a serious look at the Academy's educational and training programs. For those cadets who write poetry, fiction, or have artistic talents, we have in mind a complete issue containing their creative efforts.

In order to produce a first-rate magazine, we need people — cadets who have journalistic experience or the ability and desire to help by writing, typing, or handling aspects of business and circulation. We also need information from cadets about cadets — hence, we urge any contributions and letters. To aid those cadets who are working with the staff, we are planning seminars conducted by the editors and writers of the **Denver Post** and the **Colorado Springs Sun**.

The publication of a magazine of this size is certainly a difficult task. This is especially true when the staff is not salaried as is the case at most civilian universities. Although we start with a disadvantage, the **Talon** has consistently placed high (Best Cover, Best Fiction) in past collegiate press competitions (1971). We certainly plan to continue this type of quality production while attempting to achieve greater relevancy with the Cadet Wing — a relevancy which too often has failed to materialize in the past. With this goal in mind, the **Talon** staff certainly has some rather high mountains yet to climb.

As a final remark, I would like to present to the Class of 1975 a bit of philosophy which Randy's Element Leader might well have quoted. Forgive the lack of exact phrasing, but the thought goes something like this — "The greatest book hasn't been written, the fastest train hasn't been built, the greatest painting hasn't been dreamed of — Go to, Young Man, Go To."

Have a nice day, jdm



Jack D. McCalmont Editor-in-Chief

.... that lingered

General Clark Begins Second Year as SUPT

It is a pleasure to welcome the parents of our newest class to the Air Force Academy.

This weekend has been designed with one thought in mind: to acquaint you with the purposes and programs we have at the Academy and to provide you with an understanding of what we do at the Academy, and more importantly, why we do it.

I'm certain you are aware that the Academy is not just a college or university of higher education. It is an institution with a special purpose, that of providing our country with a select group of young officers who will someday assume positions of leadership in the Air Force.

We accomplish this through a carefully balanced program of academics, military training and athletics.

I have been most impressed with the manner in which the Class of 1975 has progressed through its basic cadet training program and feel it will be a credit to the Academy.

A warm welcome to the Academy, I trust your visit will be enjoyable as well as educational.



Lt. General A. P. Clark Superintendent

Lt. General A. P. Clark, sixth superintendent of the Academy is a 1936 graduate of the United States Military Academy. After completing flying training at Randolph Field, Tex., in 1937, he served at Selfridge Field, Mich., and in June, 1942, went to England as second in command of the 31st Fight Group, the first American fighter unit in the European Theater of Operations. He was shot down over France in 1942 and was a prisoner of war until 1945. After World War II, he progressed through key staff assignments with Tactical Air Command and Air Defense Command prior to a tour of duty at Hq USAF.

General Clark commanded the 48th Fighter-Bomber Wing in France in 1955-56 and then served as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe. His next assignment was as Chief of the U.S. Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia. He was director of Military Personnel at Hq USAF for four years beginning in 1959 and was then assigned to Okinawa as Commander of the 313th Air Division.

In August 1965 he was named Vice Commander of the Tactical Air Command and in 1968 he assumed duties as Commander of Air University. In 1970 he was named to become Superintendent of the Air Force Academy.

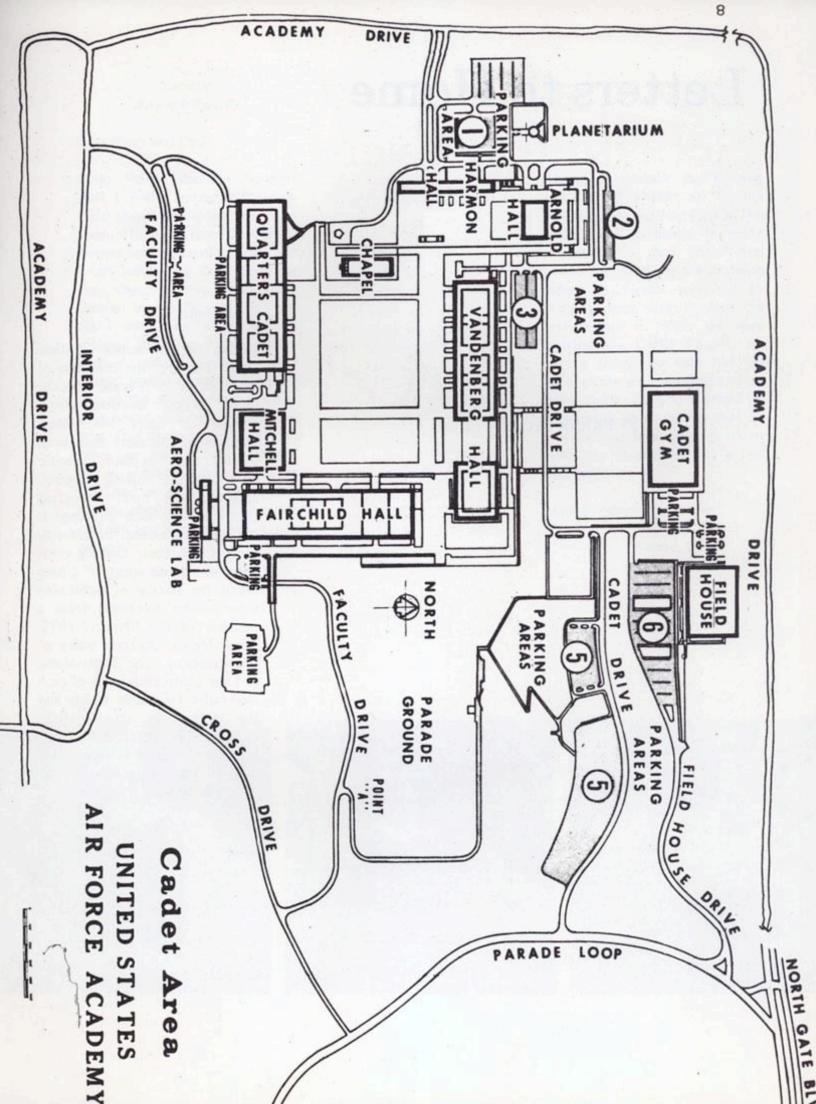
The general is a command pilot and a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the National War College.

Parents Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, 3 September

3:20 PM Adjutant's Call/Cadet Wing Review - Parade Grounds. (Parade will be cancelled in event of inclement weather. See inclement weather schedule, page 5.) 5:30 - 6:30 PM Squadrons 1-20: Dinner for 4th Class cadets and guests at Mitchell Hall. Squadrons 21-40: Superintendent's remarks and informal reception - Arnold Hall Ballroom. 7:00 - 8:00 PMSquadrons 21-40: Dinner for 4th Class cadets and guests at Mitchell Hall. 7:30 - 8:30 PM Squadrons 1-20: Superintendent's remarks and informal reception - Arnold Hall Ballroom. 8:00 PM Movie - Amold Hall Saturday, 4 September 8:30 - 9:00 AM Catholic Mass 10:00 - 11:30 AM Movie - F-1, Fairchild Hall - for young guests not attending briefings. 10:00 - 10:10 AM Superintendent's welcoming remarks - for adult guests - Arnold Hall Theater. 10:10 - 11:45 AM Briefings - Arnold Hall Theater 10:10 - 10:55 Commandant of Cadets 10:55 - 11:15 Dean of the Faculty 11:15 - 11:35 Director of Athletics 11:35 - 11:45 Command Chaplain 12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch - Mitchell Hall (all squadrons). Guests may attend with prior reservations. 1:00 - 4:30 PM Open House 1:00 - 3:00 Cadet Quarters 1:00 - 4:30 Fairchild Hall, Gymnasium, Aeronautics Lab, Chapel, Field House 6:00 - 7:00 PM Catholic Mass, Cadet Chapel. Open to the public. 8:00 PM Movie - Arnold Hall Sunday, 5 September 8:00 - 11:30 AM Brunch - Mitchell Hall. Guests may attend with prior reservation. 8:30 - 9:15 AM Squadrons 1-20: Cadet/Parent Chapel Services, Catholic and Protestant, 10:00 - 10:45 AM Squadrons 21-40: Cadet/Parent Chapel Services, Catholic and Protestant. 11:30 - 12:15 AM Cadet/Parent Chapel Services, Catholic and Protestant. Open to the Public. All Squadrons: Jewish Services.

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Letters to Home

BY FRANK KLOTZ

Dear Reader,

During the six weeks of Basic Cadet Training, the members of the Class of 1975 underwent the rather trying transition from civilian to cadet life. Many volumes of literature have been written to explain specific aspects of the training program. However, the most important factor in any such endeavor is the human element. In order to present the Basic Cadet's viewpoint of "doolie summer" I have taken the liberty of publishing some letters to home from a member of the Class of 1975. These letters illustrate many of the emotions, the frustrations, and the accomplishments of each new cadet. Of course, Randy and the letters are actually fictitious. . . or are they? Randy may be from your hometown. He may be the boy next door. He may even be your own son.

Frank Klotz

Sunday July the Fourth

Dear Mom and Dad,

Hello from Colorado Springs! Well, I finally arrived at Peterson Field about 1 o'clock this afternoon. The flight from Chicago to Denver was nice and smooth, but I can hardly say that much for the slow, bumpy ride from Denver to the Springs. The airplane we rode resembled an antique from a 1930 Jimmy Cagney movie. As soon as I arrived at the airport I caught a taxi to the motel with two other guys nominated by our Congressman. Our reservations were all in order, so we had no problems. We all stayed in the same room and had a fantastic time just talking about old football games and the fun times we had in high school.

About six o'clock this evening we hitched a ride up to the Academy for our first look at the place. The Academy is really impressive. I had anticipated seeing ivy climbing the building walls, so I was surprised to discover how very modern the architecture is. While we were touring the Cadet Chapel, we met a cadet. We told him we were in the entering class and we were really looking forward to tomorrow. He told us that he was looking forward to working with us. He seemed like a real nice guy.

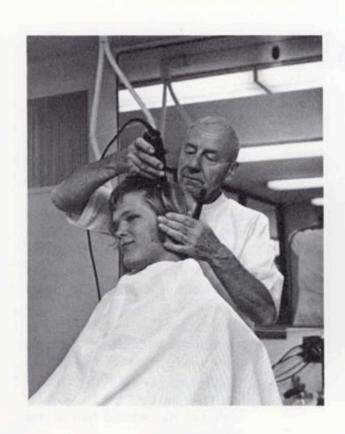
Happy Independence Day!

Randy

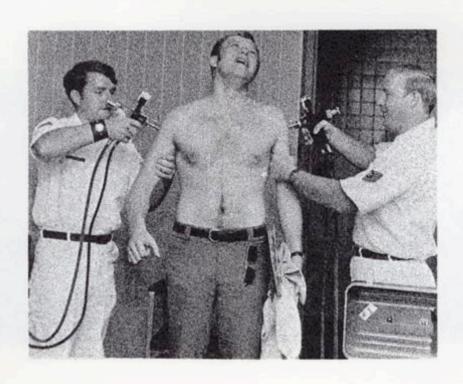














Tuesday July the Sixth

Dear Mom and Dad,

My hair! The barbers cut off all my hair. They literally shaved my head. I looked in the mirror and hardly recognized myself. Whoever said that clothes or hair do not make a man has never attended a military academy.

I am sorry that I did not send a letter to you yesterday. I know I promised to write you every day, but so far the days have been impossibly busy. Yesterday we started "in-processing." We had our haircut. We were given immunizations from an air gun. We received some of our uniforms. Finally we were escorted to our rooms by some upperclassmen - that's what we call those cadets who have been here for awhile. We also call them "Sir." So far they haven't said much to us, but I have this awful feeling that this is just the calm before some unknown storm.

Tomorrow we have a "change of command ceremony," which I understand signals the start of actual training. I can't wait! I have been standing in line after boring line for the past 52 hours. I am anxious to begin some meaningful work.

Randy

Wednesday July the Seventh

Dear Mom and Dad,

Change of command was a nightmare!

Randy

Thursday July the Fifteenth

Dear Mom and Dad,

I want to quit!

Never before in my life have I felt the desire to quit. But I do want to quit the Academy.

The Academy is just not what I expected. The training program has reduced every one of us to a uniform, non-thinking machine — we all look the same, we all wear the same clothes, we all respond in the same manner to the same commands. I feel as though I am losing my individuality.

We are constantly on the go — marching, running, drilling, going to lectures. Little time is left for myself and for my own thoughts.

I am in the process of re-evaluating my goals. Perhaps I was seriously mistaken in believing that the Academy and an Air





Force career were my true ambitions.

I will give the Academy a few more days and then make my final decision. I don't wish to disappoint you, but don't be surprised to find me on my way home next week.

Randy









Tuesday 20 July 71

Dear Mom and Dad,

Perhaps the most important upperclassmen involved in my training are my element leader and my element sergeant. Both of them watch over the element constantly. They are responsible for teaching us drill and rifle manual. They taught us how to make our beds and to prepare our rooms for daily inspections. They personally handle all remedial training and corrections.

Yesterday, my element leader interviewed me in his room, as he does every week since we've been here. He asked my reasons for coming to the Academy and my impressions of the Academy so far. I told him quite frankly that I did not understand many aspects of Basic Cadet Training. He answered: "The purpose of Basic Cadet Training is to transition each new cadet from his civilian way of life to a cadet, or military way of life. The first step in this long process is to temporarily eliminate all external indications of character and civilian background, so that each cadet may be treated equally, without social prejudice. That is why we cut your hair and replaced your civilian clothes with green fatigues. On the outside, at least, there is no longer any difference between you and any other Basic Cadet, Instead of relying on the external manifestations of your character, you are forced to rely solely on your inner character and strength to see you through the difficult training program. Next, we begin to teach you many of the skills which are fundamental to any man's professional military expertise. We are training you to march. We are instructing you on such topics as military justice, the Cadet Honor Code, the Air Force heritage, decorum and etiquette, and even land navigation. We are preparing you for your academic studies by giving you a series of validation and placement examinations. We are improving your physical abilities and co-ordination with physical conditioning and competitive







sports. Certainly, the training schedule is full and demanding. Certainly, these are trying and tiring times for you. But, the Academy is looking for men not only with intelligence, but also with stamina and courage. Are you willing to accept the challenge the Academy offers?"

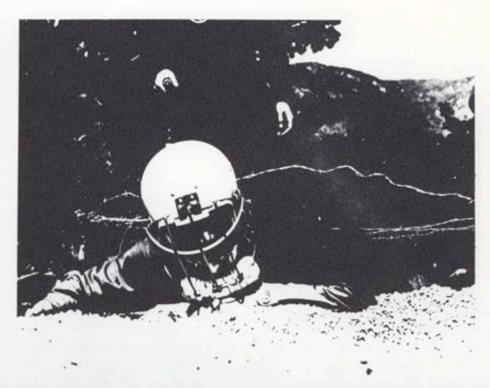
I told him that I was!

Randy

Tuesday 3 Aug 71

Dear Mom and Dad,

No doubt you are wondering about the fine layer of dust which has covered this letter.



Well, the fact is that dust has coated just about every thing I presently own. Right now I am in Jack's Valley - a rather unimpressive, three mile stretch of dust, heat and rattlesnakes. It is located three miles due north of the Cadet Area, or 4.2 miles as the Basic Cadet marches, Jack's Valley constitutes the field encampment phase of Cadet Training. Out here we live just like army troops - we sleep in ten-man tents, we clean latrines, we wear helmet liners and canteens, and we even lead commando patrols.

The abounds with Valley "courses." The day before yesterday we ran the Assault Course - four-and-a-half minutes of crawling under barb wire and attacking obstacles with a bayonet. Today we experienced the Group Reactions Course, This course demands more imagination and leadership, than muscles and sweat. Tomorrow we are scheduled to run the confidence course. My element sergeant explained that this particular course is designed to test agility and to develop self-confidence by requiring cadets to negotiate some rather tough and frightening obstacles. So, as you can well imagine, our schedule has been rather full. We are on the go sixteen hours a day, seven days a week.

Our squadron will only be in the Valley for a total of nine days and then we will march back to the dormitory. As soon as we return we will resume the same training program we had before we began "camping out" — marching drill, attending lectures, and physical conditioning. However, I understand that we are required to take one additional course — the obstacle course!

Randy



Wednesday 18 Aug 71

Dear Mom and Dad,

I never really thought I would see the day, but today was the last day of Basic Cadet Training. This afternoon we moved from our summer squadron rooms to our permanent, academic squadrons. So today summer training officially ends, and my first academic semester at the Academy begins.

For the past several days I have

tried to put the summer in some sort of perspective. However, I have concluded that I am still too close to all that has happened. Perhaps the parting words of my summer element leader best sum-up the thoughts and feelings that I now have:

"You have just completed probably the most difficult six weeks of your life to date. You have been taught. You have been trained. You have been toughened. You have had many unforgettable experiences. You have every reason to be proud of yourselves. However, your training at the Air Force Academy has only just begun. Before you leave, allow me to present a challenge to you. . .! challenge each and every one of you to perform to the utmost of your respective abilities and to become the best that the Academy has to offer."

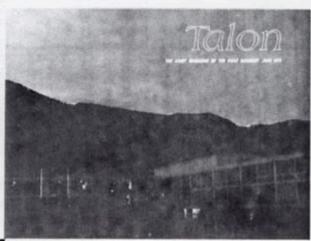
Randy

P.S. Did you know that there are only 121 days until Christmas leave?

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Girl of the Month



Miss Jacquie Whyte



Jacquie came to USAFA as a dependent, her father was a Naval officer assigned to the Academy. As it sometimes happens, she met a "prepie" now a member of the fifteenth. After graduation from Air Academy High, she went to San Diego to attend Mesa College. She returned to work at Air Academy National Bank and spends her free time writing poetry, horseback riding and hiking with her cadet.





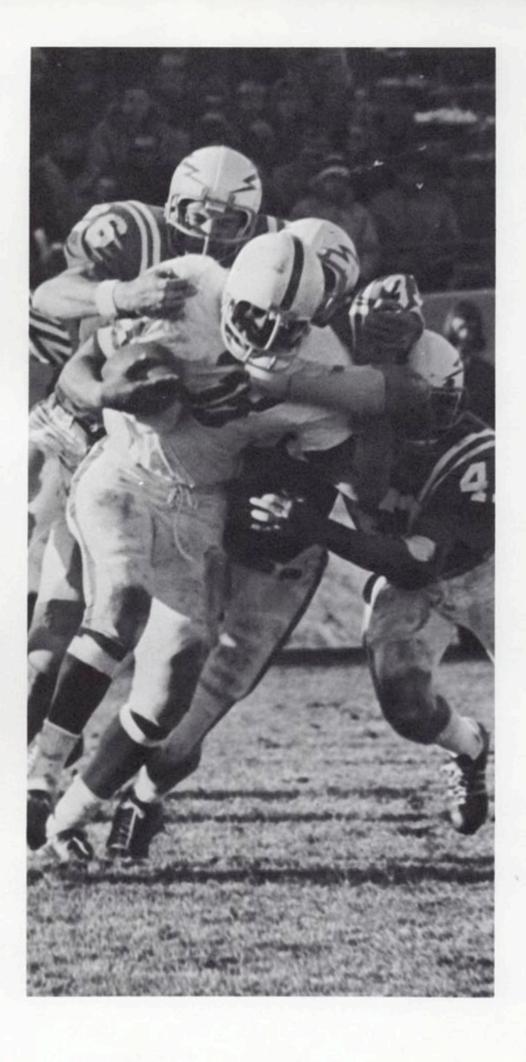
"A jug of wine. . . .

....a loaf of bread....

...and thou"









USAFA-Missouri Season Opener

Once again the success of young players will be the key to the future of the Air Force football team.

Falcon head coach Ben Martin had the similar problem last season but the young players came through in grand style, helping the team to a 9-2 record and a spot in the Sugar Bowl.

Martin, starting his 14th season as the Falcons' pilot, has 25 returning lettermen, same as last season, but lost some good talent, including the top passer, the top pass receiver, a good portion of the defensive backfield and both starting offensive tackles.

As was the case last season, the front-line strength appears to be there but the reserves will have to mature fast since that group will be composed of inexperienced juniors and sophomores

The Falcons had one of the top offenses in the nation last fall, particularly in the passing department, but the aerial game will have to be rebuilt next fall. Gone are All-America flanker Ernie Jennings, quarterback Bob Parker and split end Mike Bolen, all of whom ranked among the best in the nation. Other key losses were both starting offensive tackles John Bierie and Al Fischer, starting guard Tom McKiernan, linebacker Phil Bauman, defensive ends Evans Whaley and Rich Shannon and defensive backs Scott Hamm, Jimmy Smith, Tony Pease and Cyd Maattala. Hamm also ranked as one of the nation's top punters.

"We have a good prospect of being winners but have a lot of holes to fill, both in quantity and quality," said Martin, who was pleased with the development of young players in spring drills. "We lost a lot of starters, both on offense and defense, and once again the big challenge is to develop a new quarterback."

Here is a rundown by the various

OFFENSIVE LINE - The biggest problem will be at offensive tackle where no one returns with varsity experience. Junior Steve Waller and sophomore Steve Hansen lack experience but should be good ones. Gordon Herrick is the only returning starter at guard but in the spring, juniors Glyn Ottofy and Jim Stanton, two reserve lettermen, were running at number one. The center is a strong slot with junior Orderia Mitchell returning. He was named to the Sophomore All-America team last year. The ends also should be strong headed by senior starter Paul Bassa, who caught 48 passes last season, and junior Mike Healy, a reserve last year. Senior Larry Huff and sophomore Tom Toburen also are good prospects.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD — Returning starters are tailback Brian Bream, fifth in the nation in rushing last fall, and fullback Kevin Brennan, an excellent blocker. At quarterback

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junior Joel Carlson, a reserve last fall, will start the fall as a number one, while sophomores Rick Haynie and Jim Schoeck will be battling for the number two slot. Carlson is an excellent option runner while Haynie and Schoeck are better known as passers. There will be new faces at flanker headed by sophomores Greg Smith and Frank Murphy, two speedsters who can catch the ball.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Rebuilding the end positions will be the biggest problem. Junior George Machovina started in some games last year while junior Bob Homburg lettered as a reserve. Tackle is the strongest position on the team with four lettermen, headed by returning starters John Greenlaw, a senior, and Gene Ogilvie, a junior. Seniors Gary Black and John Griffith also have considerable playing experience at tackle. Also back is senior middle guard Willie Mayfield, top tackler on the team last fall. Senior Darryl Haas is the only returning linebacker but sophomores Jim Morris and John Townsend looked good at that position in the spring.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD — Rebuilding will be needed in this area where only seniors Kent Bays and Charles Richardson, both two-year regulars, return. There will be a number of new faces in the backfield, headed by senior reserve letterman Jim

Janulis, junior reserve letterman Duke Mitchell, and sophomores Steve Heil, Steve Randolph and Charles Fitzpatrick.

KICKING GAME — Craig Barry, last year's regular placekicker, returns and will once again handle the extra points, field goals and kickoffs. Punting, however, will be a different story with Hamm graduated. The likely replacement is junior Steve Koch, who showed that he has a strong leg in spring drills.

DEPTH ANALYSIS – There are 25 returning lettermen and the squad will be on the same level experience-wise as was the 1970 team. There will be new starters at 11 positions, both on offense and defense, and sophomores will dominate the second units.

OPPONENT ANALYSIS — As usual, the Falcons face another tough intersectional schedule, perhaps tougher than 1970. Two of the new additions to the slate, Penn State and Arizona State, should rank among the best in the nation while Missouri, Southern Methodist, Oregon and Colorado also should be tough.

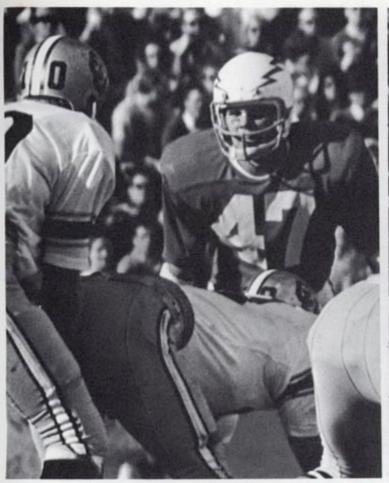
OVERALL ANALYSIS — With the accent on youth this fall, much will depend on how rapidly the young players mature, particularly in the defensive backfield. The Falcons proved they can move the ball offensively with the running game expected

to be stronger. However, it will be difficult to match 1970, best offensive team in school history. The defense should be improved, especially in the line. The 1971 Falcons won't be as explosive as the teams in the Jennings era but they should once again have an interesting team.

ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATES — Flanker Greg Smith and offensive tackle Steve Hansen probably will be the only sophomores to break into the starting unit. Other sophomores who should figure prominently this fall are offensive end Tom Toburen, offensive guard Lance Webb, quarterbacks Rich Haynie and Jim Schoeck, tailback Bill Berry, flanker Frank Murphy, defensive ends Paul DeHart and Tom Holkeboer, linebackers Jim Morris and John Townsend and defensive backs Steve Heil, Steve Randolph and Charles Fitzpatrick.









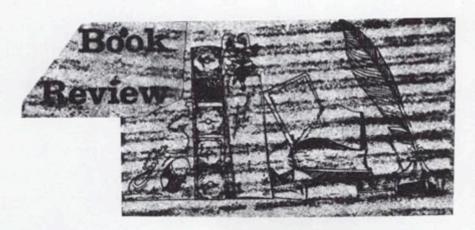
Above: Last year's USAFA-CU game.

Above right: Reception by All-American Ernie Jennings.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY 1971 PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL INFORMATION 1971 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 18	Missouri 6	USAFA 7	1:30 p.m. (MDT)
Sept. 25	Wyoming / 9	USAFA 23	1:30 p.m. (MDT)
Oct. 2	Penn. St. 16	University Park, Pa. 14	1:30 p.m. (EST)
Oct. 9	Southern Methodist O	USAFA 30	1:30 p.m. (MDT)
Oct. 16	Army 7	USAFA 20	1:30 p.m. (MDT)
Oct. 23	Colorado State /2	Ft. Collins, Colo. 17	1:30 p.m. (MDT)
Oct. 30	Arizona State 44	Tempe, Ariz. 28	7:30 p.m. (MST)
Nov. 6	Oregon	USAFA	1:00 p.m. (MST)
Nov. 13	Tulsa	Tulsa, Okla.	1:30 p.m. (CST)
Nov. 20	Colorado	Boulder, Colo.	1:30 p.m. (MST)





SHE'LL NEVER GET

OFF THE GROUND

Robert J. Sterling

Mr. Sterling, normally a master of suspense when it comes to writing both fiction and non-fiction, may have laid an egg with his offering She'll Never Get off the Ground.

We don't think this book, which deals with the first distaff airlines pilot, will get off the ground either. Such pulp is ground out daily for stay-at-homes who watch the daily trials and tribulations of "Another World," ad nauseum.

Our heroine is Dudney Devlin (how's that for typecasting sports fans) who applies to Trans-Coastal Airlines for pilot training. Dudney, it seems, is the daughter of a deceased devil-may-care transport pilot in Canada and we are told it would bring a tear to the old man's eye to see his daughter wearing commercial airlines wings. To make it interesting, Dudney, flying for her father, has probably amassed more stick time than any fifty American aces.

Dudney is careful to point out (several times) that she is NOT a women's libber. She just wants to fly and by George she has the same rights and abilities as the next guy. Even the airlines' chief pilot (Sterling points him out as a crusty, but lovable, old fellow) is eventually won over to the Dudney-team.

Does she make it through the rigorous training program? Did you have to ask? Of course she does! With flying (no pun intended) colors. To insure the book appeals to all sections of the reading public, Sterling starts the love interest three-quarters of the way through the book. Dudney falls in love with a fellow pilot (male).

Sterling skillfully brings the novel to its logical climax when Dudney (who is flying right-seat with her intended) has to take the stick when he is wounded by a fellow who happens to be hijacking the airplane.

Here the plot really moves with tenseness and excitement. Dudney has to make the crucial decision whether to land at their destination (the FAA has declared it a no-no due to minimums) or divert to the alternate (taking the chance her intended might bleed to death).

Dudney proves there's real female blood in her veins, ignores all she has been taught in a very expensive training course and lands at her below-IFR field.

Naturally there's a board of investigation, Dudney is grounded. But, she doesn't care...she's getting married.

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Basketball

Henry Egan starts his first season as Air Force head basketball coach with an optimistic outlook.

Egan was named to replace Bob Spear in May and the former Navy player feels he can surprise some people if his players can adjust quickly to a new system.

"I think we can have a winning season but it will depend on how quickly the players adapt to a new system," said Egan. "We could be stronger because of depth. We should have good balance through eight or nine players and more bench strength than last year."

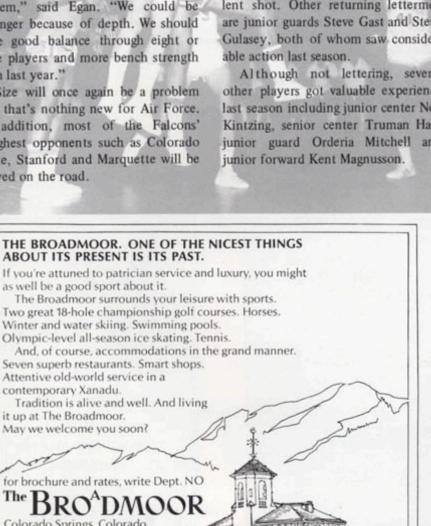
Size will once again be a problem but that's nothing new for Air Force. In addition, most of the Falcons' toughest opponents such as Colorado State, Stanford and Marquette will be played on the road.

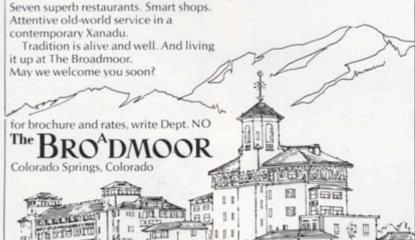
as well be a good sport about it.

Four starters are lost from last year's team but the four returning lettermen saw plenty of action and will form the nucleus for Egan this fall. Only returning starter is junior guard Tom Blase, an excellent outside shooter who will be expected to carry the quarterbacking load this winter.

Senior forward Dave Kapaska was the fourth leading scorer last season with an 8.7 average and has an excellent shot. Other returning lettermen are junior guards Steve Gast and Steve Gulasey, both of whom saw considerable action last season.

Although not lettering, several other players got valuable experience last season including junior center Ned Kintzing, senior center Truman Hall, junior guard Orderia Mitchell and junior forward Kent Magnusson.







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NOTE:

The following activities are entirely optional. They are scheduled for your convenience. Please feel free to alter your program to best suit your visit here with your son.

2:00 PM

Movie - Arnold Hall

4:00 PM

Organ Recital, Protestant Cadet Chapel. Mr. Robert Cavarra, Recitalist.

8:00 PM

Monday, 6 September

Movie – Arnold Hall

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Catholic Mass

9:00 - 5:00 PM

"Holiday from Danger" Carnival — Picnic Area no. 2 (Opposite Falcon Stadium).

No bus service will be provided to "Holiday from Danger" Carnival. Use of private vehicles is permitted and adequate parking is available.

9:00 - 12:00 AM

Jack's Valley Tours: Buses will depart from the Field House.

9:00 AM — Squadrons 1-13 10:00 AM — Squadrons 14-26 11:00 AM — Squadrons 27-40

Last bus departs Jack's Valley at 12:15 PM.

3:00 PM

Movie - Arnold Hall Theater

7:15 PM

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Places to go and things

Hoping to help you through Parents' Weekend, The Talon once again is going to attempt to bring you a list of datable places and activities to entertain your parents and dates.

EATING PLACES

Let's start where the non-believers would expect us to begin — eating places and then progress to night clubs for dining, dancing, and drinking.

Ruth's Oven: For those of you too young for Colorado's 21 places or those who just want a fine place to dine, go to Ruth's Oven at 220 North Tejon St. The setting is tremendous from the back-lighted, mural size photograph of Mt. Sophia in the main room to the little garden behind the back room. The food is very good — at really low prices no less. And as for service, few places beat that at Ruth's Oven.

Prices: From \$.85 for breakfast (served all day) to \$3.50 for prime rib. Location: 220 North Tejon St.

Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays.



Mr. Steak: Mr. Steak is just the place for those among us who love a good steak but do not have the budget to indulge frequently. So, if you prefer several dates a month to saving for that big splurge, try this chain for your steak dinners.

Locations: 403 North Circle Drive and 1606 South 8th Street.

Three Thieves Steak House: For the finest in steak dining, give the Three Thieves Steak House a try. Because they specialize in steaks only and do no advertising, they are able to serve excellent steaks every time at minimum cost to you. Their properly aged steaks are served 1¼ inches thick. I doubt if you will find a better, more delicious steak anywhere in the area. The Three Thieves also offers a bar to cater to your drinking pleasure. You will probably have a short wait as they normally are crowded Saturday evenings.



Piccadilly Bar: Highly recommended by fellow cadets who enjoy the high class atmosphere and the entertainment available is the Piccadilly Bar in the Antler's Plaza. They generally have three different groups 6 nights a week for your drinking and dancing entertainment. Shows begin between 8:30 and 9 and run to 11:30 on the weekends. Those who have been there, though, recommend that you get there before 9 if you intend to find room to dance.

Marretta and Dalpiaz: For those wishing to graduate from a 3.2 Italian place, such as Giusseppe's or for those who merely want some variety, here is a possibility. Marretta and Dalpiaz, half a block west off Nevada and Fillmore, is reportedly the finest in gourmet Italian dinners. It has an extensive menu which includes American and fish dinners as part of its fare. Wines and liquors are available to accompany your meal. This family-run



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Location: 116 East Fillmore St., half a block west of Nevada Ave.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays through Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and Sundays, for dinners only, from 12 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Golden Dragon: Well commended for its Oriental atmosphere and excellent Cantonese-style Chinese dishes is the Golden Dragon. An ideal evening for those who want to enjoy the charm of the exotic, the tab will be very reasonable. Before or after you dine there is a cocktail lounge for your convenience.

Prices: From \$1.10 for ala carte to \$4.95 for the most expensive meal.

Location: 903 South 8th Street. Hours: 11 a.m. to 10:45 p.m., closed Mondays. The Village Inn: Continuing with the restaurants, the Village Inn is definitely the place for carless underclassmen. Situated across from the bus station, it offers fine atmosphere, good food, and low prices. The menu selection is large enough to satisfy nearly everyone's taste, and, while the wine list is short, some good quality vintages are included. The pub downstairs, while not the halberds-on-thewall type, is surprisingly good. And the bartender is an expert. The Inn is open any time the cadet is allowed a privilege.

Location: 217 East Pikes Peak.

The London Grill: This is a part of the Antlers Plaza, and it is quite as good as the hotel itself. Part of Little London, the Grill has a soft, subdued atmosphere that would work wonders on most girls. Service is good, cuisine is excellent, wine list, while good, is not outstanding. The prices are just a little steep for the typical cadet budget, but the London Grill is worth it once, at least.

Location: Antlers Plaza Hotel, Chase Stone Center.

Red Cloud Inn: A very comfortable and convivial place to dine. Complete dinner and cocktail service is available. The steaks are out of this world and the wine list ample. Before you rush off to spend what little you get a month, remember that we have facilities for golfing, skating, horseback riding, hiking, picnics, and miniature golf (Community Center) here on the Academy. We also have Farrish Memorial with facilities available for novice and intermediate ski slopes (in season), a riding stable, fishing, and a recreation lounge. It is really an ideal location in the mountains for one of those beautiful spring day picnics.

In the Colorado Springs-Manitou area too, there are numerous public and commercial locations for free or relatively inexpensive, casual fun.

First on this list will be the public parks in Colorado Springs as they tend to fit our budgets best.

Garden of the Gods: Probably the fullest facility in this area is the Garden of the Gods. The camera bug, the rock climber, the geologist, and the nature lover all will find this a constant delight. Horseback riders will find trails available, although they must rent their horses outside the Garden. Those who enjoy picnics will find few better sites to light up their charcoal than in one of the scenic picnic areas here. The city has also provided a picnic shelter at the Chuckwagon Dinner site for large groups who need lights and electrical outlets.



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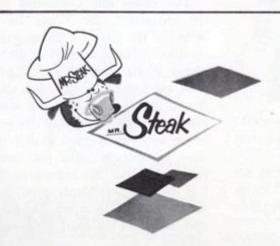
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The Broadmoor Complex: By this point I seriously doubt the need of advising anyone at USAFA that south of Colorado Springs is located one of the plushest wining and dining complexes in this country. If you go for a luncheon, you can even afford to say that you ate at the Broadmoor. Nevertheless, I mention it here for all of the other recreational aspects. This complex is complete with movie theatre, legitimate theatre, golf course and tennis courts (for those who are members of the Golf Club or who are guests of the hotel), skating arena, riding stables, ski slopes, and even a lake for boating in the summer. Probably one of the finest zoos in the Rocky Mountain region is part of this enterprise, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Although few of us know much about the famous cowboy philosopher-humorist, Will Rogers; the Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun, is a beautiful tribute to this great American and promoter of aviation. To reach it you can either walk up after paying your admission or drive up the toll road which runs past the zoo.

Santa's Workshop: The young at heart, those of us who have never fully left behind the fun and memories of childhood, will probably enjoy a trip to Santa's Workshop. On highway 24, 4 miles west of Manitou Springs, this storybook land is open all year round from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Once you've paid your admission, you can pick up your season pass.



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