Colo. Springs mayor speaks at Hispanic Heritage lunch

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

Lionel Rivera celebrated his final Hispanic Heritage Month as Colorado Springs mayor in VIP style— at the Air Force Academy. As the keynote speaker at the Academy’s Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon, the mayor recalled his military service. Being an ex-Army man surrounded by Air Force blue didn’t bother Mr. Rivera a bit.

“There is no more fitting place to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month than here,” he said. “This month, our nation realizes that the values of Hispanic Americans are the same values that sustain this country and its great military. Humble beginnings are not something that holds you back in this country. I think the story of America is a story of constant reaffirmation and renewal.”

Mr. Rivera’s introduction followed a short history of Hispanic Heritage Month, which actually covers parts of two months. It runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, a timeframe chosen to coincide with the dates of independence of seven Latin American countries.

The observance of Hispanic Heritage Week was proclaimed by President Lyndon Johnson. During the administration of Ronald Reagan, the observance was expanded from a week to a month.

With portraits and bios of Hispanic icons such as Desi Arnaz, Roberto Clemente and Cesar Chavez on either side of him, Mayor Rivera offered a first-person narrative of being a Hispanic American. Both of his parents immigrated to the United States, and he grew up in Texas. His father served in the military, and his mother was nurse at a hospital in San Antonio.

He also paid homage to Sonia Sotomayor, who earlier this year became the first Hispanic justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Predicting a future just as exciting as Hispanic Americans’ past, the mayor said, “Someday there will be a Hispanic man or woman leading this nation.”

He was also introspective in his gratitude. Shortly after his selection as mayor of Colorado Springs, Mr. Rivera was showing his mother around his office at City Hall. She didn’t seem to know what a mayor’s job required, but she worried that being in a position of authority would make him a target for assassination.

“We always remember that we’re Americans first,” he said. “We cherish the opportunities we have as citi-

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ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFNS) — After parking the Air Force staff car beside the yard, the chaplain, the nurse and I got out of the car and took a moment to look over each other’s service dress. We had been steeling ourselves for this moment most of the afternoon. As a death notification team, it was our job to inform a newly bereaved father about the tragic death of his Air Force son.

In a very rare Air Force Personnel Center decision, the signed letter I would read to the father stated the suspected cause of death was suicide.

Many of you can’t read the word “suicide” without feeling the pang of a tragic loss you have already experienced in your life due to someone else’s decision to prematurely end his or her own life. Although the pain of suicide is staggering, the risk of life may be more pervasive than previously thought.

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A 2008 study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration found that nearly 8.3 million adults actually attempted suicide in 2006 to 2009—an increase of 40 percent.

As sobering as the statistics can be, there are some things we can do to help reduce the risk of losing an Airman, co-worker, friend or family member to suicide.

The first thing I recommend is to maintain connections with each other and remain involved in one another’s lives.

Depression, substance abuse and emotional pain are indicators that can be observed when people know and observe one another. These can be signs of potential trouble, and getting an individual to talk about his or her situation often provides the release needed to turn around feelings about life.

Don’t be afraid to refer people in trouble to trained professionals. There may be no other profession that provides its members with so much help for dealing with life’s problems than the U.S. military. Don’t be afraid to refer anyone to the chaplain, Airman and Family Readiness Center or mental health office when you suspect there may be a need.

I also suggest continued efforts to educate and coach Airmen in life disciplines that can prevent some key, unnecessary stressors. Responsible financial management, educated parenting techniques and maintaining healthy relationships can actually prevent a person from making it to the breaking point in life when things seem to spin out of control.

Finally, never be afraid to ask people showing signs of trouble whether or not they want to harm themselves. I know that making the decision to ask this question can be difficult and asking it can feel awkward, but research has shown asking doesn’t plant the idea in an individual’s mind. It actually communicates concern and a connection that might stop the suicide from happening. Perhaps asking that tough question could have prevented my very difficult talk with this bereaved father.

As we approached the father, he was moving his grass. I almost had to stand in front of the riding mower before he noticed us. I’m sure the parent of an Airman, Soldier, Sailor or Marine dreads the day he or she makes an unscheduled meeting at his or her home.

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Flu vaccine now available

Active-duty servicemembers may now get the 2010 flu vaccine at the 10th Medical Group Immunization Clinic, 10th MDG officials said Wednesday.

The clinic will announce when the vaccine is available to other populations on base.

The Immunization Clinic is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

The vaccine is available in both shot and nasal spray forms. Most healthy individuals receive the nasal spray unless contradictory health conditions such as asthma exist.

Flu season can begin as early as September and end as late as May. The 2010-2011 seasonal vaccine protects against H1N1 and two other influenza viruses.

People who have the flu may experience symptoms such as fever, coughing, sore throat, runny or stuffy noses, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue or vomiting and diarrhea. Most healthy adults can infect others up to a day before exhibiting symptoms and up to a week after becoming sick.

Influenza can cause mild to severe illness and even death. Older people, young children and people with certain health conditions are considered high-risk groups, although even healthy adults can suffer serious complications.

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Community enjoys Oktoberfest

Thousands of people came to Falcon Stadium Saturday to celebrate Oktoberfest, Air Force Academy style.

The event included food, drink, trackless train rides, a 5k run and a demonstration by the Wings of Blue Air Force Parachute Demonstration Team. The event also included an NFL Punt, Pass and Kick contest that drew more than 100 competitors. Personnel from the 10th Air Base Wing planned and ran the event, with the 10th Force Support Squadron taking the lead. Cadets from both the Academy and the Preparatory School also donated their time to support the event.

For information on other 10th FSS events, visit www.usafaservices.com.

FAR RIGHT: Michael Driscoll takes part in the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition at Falcon Stadium Saturday. He is the son of Col. Daniel Driscoll.

RIGHT: Guests ride a trackless train outside Falcon Stadium during Oktoberfest.
Airman’s daughter enjoys cadet experience

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

With apologies to Neil Diamond, the Air Force Academy was one sweet place for Caroline. That would be 11-year-old Caroline Stratton, the Make-a-Wish Foundation’s latest Cadet for a Day. She and her family made the short trek from their home on base, and an Academy entourage escorted her on a whirlwind tour.

The Strattons enjoyed a full day of cadethood Oct. 15. The experience covered portions of Oct. 14 and 16. Clad in a jumpsuit that fit her small frame perfectly, Caroline hung out with parachutists from the 98th Flying Training Squadron, climbed into a training plane, watched things go bang in the chemistry lab and savored cadet-quality cuisine.

“This is the only place in the world where you get to jump by yourself your first jump,” Cadet 1st Class Annette Ehrman told the group during the rendezvous with the squadron’s Twin Otter aircraft, which are stationed at Peterson Air Force Base. Ehrman demonstrated on a balloon, an egg and a carnation. Caroline picked up another batch of souvenirs, and everyone in the family received a periodic table of elements.

From Fairchild, it was back outside for something unique to the Air Force Academy.

The cadet falconers were waiting at the mews along with old codger Cody, a prairie falcon. After being introduced to Cody, the group dropped in on two gyrfalcons, a kestrel and a peregrine falcon.

The cadets accompanying the Stratton family were as impressed by the closeup with their mascot as the visitors were. But feeding time made the honored guest a tad aqueamish. Frozen Japanese quail may be a delicacy for falcons, but Caroline wanted no part of it.

Her brush with falconry ended with a live demonstration. A few of the cadet falconers recalled past misadventures involving the falcons. This show went off without a hitch, though.

For Caroline’s dad, Lt. Col. Chris Stratton, who is assigned to the Space Innovation and Development Center at Schriever Air Force Base, it was neat to see another side of Air Force life. And from the get-go, it was a family affair, one that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression.

Nevertheless, the Academy might have a tough time competing with the big prize. Next stop for the Caroline Stratton Make-a-Wish brigade: Disney World.

Photograph by David Edwards.
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zens of this country. Never forget where we come from, and never be afraid to celebrate your heritage.”

Col. Rick LoCastro, commander of the 10th Air Base Wing, echoed those sentiments in concluding remarks.

He said that while he is not Hispanic, he can relate to the mayor’s advice.

“Whatever we share is pride and passion for what we do,” Colonel LoCastro said. “The military is such a great melting pot. We’re glad to be able to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with you.”

In expressing his appreciation to the Academy for its invitation, Mayor Rivera commented on the beauty of the fall foliage. Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould reminded him of that as he presented the mayor with a gift.

“Colonel LoCastro appreciates your comments about his trees,” General Gould said, eliciting laughter across the room. “We’re proud of being neighbors with you and your team in Colorado Springs.”


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Academy hosts mock trial competition

ABOVE: David Tomlinson emphasizes a choking hazard warning on a HappyLand Toys Co. box during a mock trial at the Air Force Academy Sunday. The HappyLand mock trial case involved a child who had died after choking on a small object contained in the box. Mr. Tomlinson is a student at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs.

RIGHT: Kaitlin Barker argues a case before a judge during the mock trial. Ms. Barker is a student at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

BELOW: Cadet 2nd Class Clayton Schmitt, standing, listens to a judge’s remarks during the mock trial at the Academy. Cadet Schmitt was part of the Academy’s “New Kids on the Block” mock trial team, which also included, clockwise from bottom right: Cadets 3rd Class Jessica Norrington, Max Stanley and Brett Teague, Cadet 2nd Class Diana Bennett (seated behind Cadet Schmitt), Cadet 3rd Class Josh Williams and Cadet 4th Class Melanie Daugherty.

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SAN DIEGO — The U.S. Air Force Academy showed some life in the fourth quarter, but came up short in a losing effort to San Diego State University Saturday at Qualcomm Stadium here.

The 23rd-ranked Falcons lost to the Aztecs 27-25.

The game started off slow for both teams. Both quarterbacks threw interceptions in the first quarter and went into the second quarter tied at zero.

It was San Diego State’s big play ability that opened it up for the Aztecs. Leading the way was Aztec running back Ronnie Hillman who had two long runs, including his 65-yard touchdown run for the first points of the game.

The Falcons started to find their running legs as they began to move the ball against the Aztecs. Both second-quarter drives came up a little short though leading to Eric Soderberg field goals. The Aztecs answered just before the half with a field goal of their own from Abel Perez taking the 10-6 lead into halftime.

After trading punts to start the second half, the Aztecs struck again with an 8-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Lindley to Gavin Escobar pushing their lead to 17-6.

The Falcons answered with a 10-play, 66-yard drive of their own that included a couple of big runs from Asher Clark, including his 20-yard touchdown run to cap the drive. Air Force missed the two-point conversion though, giving San Diego a 17-12 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Things heated up in the fourth quarter after the Aztecs put another field goal on the board. They led 20-12 until the Falcons were finally able to put another touchdown on the board with a Nathan Walker 4-yard touchdown run with two minutes left.

Asher Clark initially got the two-point conversion, but it was overturned by the replay booth, keeping the Aztec lead to two at 20-18 with 2:08 left on the clock.

Following a failed onside kick, the Falcons gave up a back-breaking 44-yard touchdown run to Ronnie Hillman on the first play of the drive, putting them up by nine with 2:00 left on the clock.

Air Force answered with a Tim Jefferson 7-yard touchdown pass to Chaz Demerath cutting the Aztec lead to 27-25 with only 18 ticks left on the clock.

That was the final score following another failed Falcon onside kick.

The loss takes the Falcons to 5-2 with a 3-1 record in the Mountain West. They head to Texas to take on the Horned Frogs of TCU next Saturday. Game time is set for 7 p.m. Central Time.
Freethinkers, Pagans discuss intersection of mind, spirit

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

The Air Force Academy’s Earth-Centered Spirituality SPIRE group invited atheists, agnostics and others from the Freethinkers organization to discuss their beliefs, views and experiences during a SPIRE meeting in Fairchild Hall Monday.

SPIRE is the Academy’s Special Program in Religious Education that sets aside time Monday evenings for the religiously diverse cadet population, which includes Protestants and Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Pagans, atheists, agnostics and others, to meet and discuss religion, spirituality and philosophy.

Tech. Sgt. Brandon Longcrier is the lay leader for the Academy’s Earth-Centered Spirituality community, which includes Wiccans and Pagans from various traditions, as well as the facilitator for the Earth-Centered SPIRE group.

He kicked off the discussion by familiarizing the Freethinker guests with some common beliefs but cautioned that many Pagans’ beliefs vary — sometimes widely.

“If you ask eight or 10 Pagans to define Paganism, you’re going to get 10 or 12 different answers,” he said. “We have a very individualized spirituality.”

That spiritual diversity can make it challenging to lead a group when no two members have exactly the same traditions, beliefs or practices.

One cadet with the Freethinkers group asked whether Wiccans or Pagans practiced “black magic,” or spiritual work intended to bring harm to another person. In response, Sergeant Longcrier referenced the Wiccan Rede: “An it harm none, do what ye will,” a statement that sets the standard for moral behavior within most Pagan faiths.

“If you follow the Rede, you wouldn’t do (black magic),” the NCO added.

“A majority of people in any faith are trying to do the right thing,” one of the Freethinkers said. “But not everyone — you’ll always have splinter groups of extremists or militants.”

Situational ethics plays a role, too, however. Sergeant Longcrier said that while the Wiccan Rede would apply to most everyday settings, it would not apply to a battlefield.

Many who follow Earth-Centered religions believe in an afterlife, and many believe in more than one god or goddess. In contrast, many atheists either deny the existence of a deity or afterlife or simply acknowledge that some things are unknowable.

“We respect each other; we get in good debates,” Sergeant Longcrier said. “We have a very individualized spirituality.”

The Freethinkers recognize that some things are unknowable.

“Most of us non-believers aren’t afraid to say, ‘I don’t know,’” said Jeff Lucas, a Freethinkers volunteer liaison and former Air Force officer. “We may never know the answers to some of these things, but that’s okay with it.”

“We respect each other, we get in good debates,” he said, even though the discussions usually end with an agreement to disagree based on the cadets’ differences in faith. But while the Earth-Centered and Freethinkers groups disagreed on spiritual matters, they found common ground in their disdain for politics and rigid adherence to doctrine.

“I grew up in a Lutheran church setting,” said one Pagan cadet whose faith leaned toward pre-Christian Celtic beliefs. “What really pushed me out the door was just my entire family out of that particular church — was the politics. Why do politics dictate that a pastor should leave because the church leadership doesn’t like him and blames him for everything? Obviously something’s wrong ... and it got on my nerves.

“I kind of like the fact that I can just show up to a public ritual, just a bunch of people getting together. It’s much more generalized: ‘So what do you believe?’ That’s cool, and what do you believe? And everybody’s okay with it,” he continued. “I like it because it’s just a different setting where her beliefs are different from his, which are different from mine. Everyone is a little bit different, and it’s so interesting because everyone accepts everyone else.”

Sergeant Longcrier said that while the two groups may not see eye-to-eye on matters of the spirit, the discussion was still a good one.

“I feel that we have a lot in common and that we all learned a little something from one another,” he said.

Editor’s Note: This article is the first in what will be an ongoing series of stories about religious expression and diversity at the Air Force Academy.

The new doctrine document, dated July 15, defines the cyberspace domain and outlines how the Air Force and combatant commanders will conduct cyberspace operations.

“The Air Force is ... dedicated to developing and preserving highly skilled forces to joint force commanders, who can deliver decisive effects in, from and through cyberspace,” said LeMay Center Commander Maj. Gen. C. Robert Kehler. “Our society relies on technology and cyberspace more than ever, and this medium must be secure.”

The center’s previous commander, now-retired Maj. Gen. Maurice Forsyth, wrote about cyberspace’s importance to present-day military operations in the document’s foreword.

“Our modern defenses, industrial base and global commerce, as well as that of our nation’s enemies, depend on free use of land, sea, air, space and cyberspace,” General Forsyth wrote. “Leverage in cyberspace affords influence and control across all other domains.”

Cyberspace is one of the Air Force’s three core domains, along with air and space. The doctrine document defines cyberspace as “a global domain within the information environment consisting of the interdependent network of information technology infrastructures, including the Internet, telecommunications networks, computer systems and embedded processors and controllers.”

The Air Force is currently more likely to face opposition in cyberspace than in its other two domains because enemies can inflict serious harm with relatively little investment.

“We must treat our computers and networks similarly to our aircraft, satellites and missiles,” Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz wrote in a May 2009 Letter to Airmen. “In the past, we’ve regarded network protection and security as the ‘comm guy’s job’ and as a user inconvenience. This must no longer be the case. Each time you use a networked device, you are on patrol for our nation.”

Cybersecurity operators face challenges in attributing actions to a particular enemy because the Internet is designed toward anonymity, according to the doctrine document. Threats range from white-hat hackers, who typically reveal systems’ vulnerabilities to their owners, to criminal or terrorist organizations and enemy nations.

U.S. Strategic Command is the combatant command responsible for planning and executing cyberspace operations through U.S. Cyber Command, a sub-unified command. Air Force Space Command organizes, trains and equips Airmen for the Cyber Command mission, and 24th Air Force serves as the component numbered nations.

The doctrine document also contains information on the design, planning, execution and assessment process for cyberspace operations. It concludes by emphasizing that every Airmen must be “an educated and responsible user of cyberspace capabilities.”

“The joint warfighting team, including the Air Force, must lead the way in cyberspace to ensure we maintain a distinct advantage over our adversaries in this contested domain,” General Fadok said.

(Information compiled from Air Force News Service and staff reports.)

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**10 things Airmen should know about cyberspace**

By Gen. Norman Schwartz
Air Force Chief of Staff

1. The United States is vulnerable to cyber-space attacks by relentless adversaries attempting to infiltrate our networks at work and at home — millions of times a day, 24/7.

2. Our enemies plant malicious code, worms, botnets and hooks in common websites, software and hardware such as thumb drives, printers, etc.

3. Once implanted, this code begins to distort, destroy and manipulate information or “phone” it home. Certain code allows our adversaries to obtain higher levels of credentials to access highly sensitive information.

4. The enemy attacks your computers at work and at home, knowing you communicate with the Air Force network by e-mail or transfer information from one system to another.

5. As cyber wingmen, you have a critical role in defending your networks, your information, your security, your teammates and your country.

6. You significantly decrease our enemies’ access to our networks, critical U.S. Air Force information and even your personal identity by taking simple action.

7. Do not open attachments or click on links unless the e-mail is digitally signed or you can clearly verify the source — even if it appears to be from someone you know.

8. Do not connect any hardware or download any software applications, music or information onto our networks without approval.

9. Encrypt sensitive but unclassified and/or critical information. Ask your computer systems administrator for more information.

10. Install the free Department of Defense antivirus software on your home computer. Your CSA can provide you with your free copy.
Visiting instructors and their families attended an appreciation reception held by Air Force Academy officials in their honor Oct. 13.

The reception gives visiting faculty a chance to meet one another, share ideas and build bridges among departments for collaboration on teaching techniques and research.

Brig. Gen. Dana Born, the Academy’s dean of the faculty, hosted the evening’s event. Also attending were Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, Vice Superintendent Col. Tamra Rank, Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Richard Clark, Athletic Director Dr. Hans Mueh, and 10th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Rick LoCastro.

General Born opened the evening with a brief history of the visiting faculty program, which began in 1975 with two visiting faculty members and has grown into an institutionalized segment of the faculty. The Higher Learning Commission consistently cites the visiting faculty program as a critical part of the Academy’s overall academic program.

Dr. Craig Wishart from Fayetteville State University, N.C., said he is impressed with the care, respect and support he has received.

“The culture of this department is a refreshing and revitalizing example of what faculty can achieve as an inspired team,” Dr. Wishart said.

Dr. Edel Cortez from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in New Hampshire said he found a special opportunity to contribute to the defense of the United States.

“By educating cadets to become technically proficient officers of character for our future Air Force, the Academy plays a special role in the defense of our country,” he said. “This is a well-organized institution that seeks excellence as a habit at all levels.”

Dr. Roy Pargas, the Coleman-Richardson Chair and an instructor in the Department of Computer Science, said he expected excellence, but not to the level that he saw when he arrived.

“It is truly a pleasure to come to work knowing that I will be working with individuals who respect one another and who work very hard to earn that respect,” he said. The Academy’s faculty comprises 757 faculty and staff members. Among those, 20 are professors from other institutions of higher education, senior government personnel from other government agencies, nationally and internationally known scholars and renowned scientists.

On top of spaghetti ...

Master Sgts. Sean Cope, right, and Alan Martin prepare a spaghetti dinner for enlisted dormitory residents at the Air Force Academy Oct. 14. The Academy’s First Sergeants Council sponsored the meal for junior Airmen who live in the dormitories near the Community Center.

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Falcons win one, lose another in close battles

Goalie Matt Underwood gets first shutout Oct. 15; Falcons outshot in Sunday’s game

Air Force and New Mexico split a pair of games at the Cadet Soccer Stadium Oct. 15 and Sunday, with the Falcons winning, 2-0, and losing, 0-1, in respective games.

Kevin Durr and Brian Klarura each notched a second half goal and Matt Underwood posted his first career shutout in the Oct. 15 game.

After a scoreless first half in which the Falcons outshot UNLV 11-5, Air Force caught a break with less than three minutes gone in the second half when UNLV’s Jaime Calvo was given a red card after a hard tackle from behind. The Falcons dominated the play the rest of the way, but couldn’t score until Caleb Downey was fouled in the box and the Falcons were awarded a penalty kick in the 68th minute. Durr gave Air Force a 1-0 lead with his team-high third goal of the season, and his third game-winner, beating Rebel goalie Simon Cook low and to the left.

Immediately following the PK, UNLV’s Drew Gleason was sent off after receiving a red card, and the Falcons played the rest of the way with a two-man advantage. Klarura sent home an insurance goal in the final minute after a nice crossing pass from senior Kyle Moses and sending a shot from five yards past Cook. Air Force outshot the Rebels 29-8 overall, including an 18-3 advantage in the second half, and held an 8-4 advantage in shots on goal.

In Sunday’s game, New Mexico’s Devon Sandoval headed a pass from Patrick Pacheco into the net with two seconds remaining to give the Lobos the 1-0 victory. With the clock running down, Pacheco raced down the right side and sent a crossing pass to the front of the net. Sandoval flicked the ball with his head from six yards out past Air Force goalie Matt Underwood just inside the left post.

The Lobos had a 21-13 advantage in total shots and a 5-2 edge in shots on goal. Air Force did not attempt a shot on goal in the first half, and its best chance came in the 76th minute when sophomore Kevin Durr attempted a bicycle kick in the box that was headed off the goal line by New Mexico’s Matt Armstrong. Underwood made four saves for Air Force, while Lobo keeper Justin Holmes made one save in recording his third shutout of the season.

Air Force returns to action at home today against San Jose State beginning at 7 p.m.
White team sweeps baseball
Blue-White Series

The White team defeated the Blue team in both games of the Air Force baseball Blue-White Series Sunday and Monday.

White edged Blue, 6-5, to win the first game on three hits by catcher and outfilder Vincent Capra and two hits by outfielder Vincent Iacobbo — racked up three hits apiece in White’s 17-4 rout of Blue. Junior left-hand pitcher Michael Ceci pitched four strong innings for the win.

Outfielder Patrick Lobo and shortstop Matthew Roberts had three each for Blue.

In Monday’s game, four White team players — catcher and outfilder Alex Bast, infielder Matt Thorne, outfilder Nathan Carter and outfilder Vincent Iacobbo — racked up three hits apiece in White’s 3-2 win. Junior left-hand pitcher Michael Ceci pitched four strong innings for the win.

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Catchers Parker Mayo hit a pair of home runs for the Blue team. He led the team in hits and RBIs in Sunday’s game with three each. In Monday’s game, four White team players — catcher and outfilder Alex Bast, infielder Matt Thorne, outfilder Nathan Carter and outfilder Vincent Iacobbo — racked up three hits apiece in White’s 3-2 win. Junior left-hand pitcher Michael Ceci pitched four strong innings for the win.

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The White team’s Sean Carley pitches to a member of the Blue team during the first game of the Blue-White series Sunday. White won, 6-5, primarily on pitching by right-handers Kyle Van Alstine and Alex Baker. Carley is a sophomore and native of Melbourne, Fla.
Fan Appreciation Day
Join the football team at Falcon Stadium for the final home game against Utah Oct. 30 and New Mexico Nov. 13 for as little as $15 per person as part of a fan appreciation ticket special.
Fan Appreciation Day will also include a free Air Force football t-shirt, free food vouchers good for a hot dog and soft drink and a drawing for a mystery prize.
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Vote for The Bird!
The competition continues for the 2010 Mascot of the Year challenge, and The Bird needs your help to stay in the running. To vote for The Bird, visit www.capitalonebowl.com/vote/main.

Construction at gates
Construction will continue on booths for security personnel working at the North and South gates.
The North Gate will close at 9 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. to accommodate construction, which will take place from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through early 2011.

FEHB Health Fair
The Civilian Personnel Office will host the Patient Federal Employees Health Benefits Health Fair Nov. 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Falcon Club.
Health Plan representatives will be on-hand to answer questions about their plans’ benefits and methods of obtaining services and to distribute new medical coverage guides.
The health fair is open to all current and retired appropriated-fund civilian employees. Open season enrollment is Nov. 8 through Dec. 13. For more information, contact Civilian Personnel at 333-4363.

Post-9/11 GI Bill briefings
The Education Services Center will hold Post-9/11 GI Bill informational briefings Wednesday and Nov. 24 at 10 a.m. and Nov. 24 at 1 p.m.
Space is limited, so call 333-3298 to reserve a slot.

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- Family Readiness Center - The Family Readiness Center will host the following classes in October. Contact the A&FRC at 333-3443 or 333-3445 with questions or to sign up for a class. Class dates and times are subject to change.
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