Class of 2015 looks forward

Cadet 1st Class Zachary Crippen instructs a basic cadet to keep his eyes forward during the bus ride from Doolittle Hall to the Terrazzo June 25. Cadet Crippen is a cadre member assigned to Cadet Squadron 12. For complete coverage of inprocessing of the Class of 2015 see Pages 9 - 11.

‘88 grad takes command of air base wing

By Gino Mattorano
Academy Spirit editor

A 1988 graduate of the Air Force Academy took command of the Academy's 10th Air Base Wing in a ceremony Monday at the wing headquarters.

Col. Thomas Gibson succeeds Col. John LoCastro, who will serve as the director of personnel and manpower for U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, the Air Force Academy superintendent, welcomed Colonel Gibson to the Academy.

"My charge to you is simple," General Gould said. "Keep the momentum going forward, take care of these marvelous people in the 10th Air Base Wing, and they will get the job done for you. And always remember: there's only one U.S. Air Force Academy, and it's up to all of us to accomplish the mission of developing leaders of character for the world's most powerful and feared Air Force. I'm confident you're up to the task, and we welcome you and your family to Team USAFA."

Colonel Gibson comes to the Academy from Vance Air Force Base, Okla., where he was the 71st Mission Support Group commander.

Colonel Gibson is a command pilot with more than 2,600 flight hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon, C-5 Galaxy and KC-135 Stratotanker. He has flown in support of humanitarian and combat operations including Operations Restore Hope, Restore Democracy, Allied Force, Northern and Southern Watch.

"Having the opportunity to command a wing in the world's most successful Air Force, and having that wing be associated with America's premier service academy, and having both of those in a location as fabulous as Colorado Springs -- it's difficult to imagine anything better," Colonel Gibson said.

"General Gould, thank you for hiring me and giving Nancy and I the opportunity to serve the men and women of the 10th Air Base Wing in this role," he continued. "We're excited and humbled about what lies ahead, and we'll give you our very best as we move forward.

Colonel Gibson is no stranger to the Air Force Academy or the Colorado Springs community. He graduated from the Academy in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in English and returned to the Academy from 1995-1998 to serve as a TG-7A glider instructor pilot and aide-de-camp to the superintendent, then Lt. Gen. Tad Oldstrom.

During Colonel Gibson's time as aide-de-camp, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Sheila Widnall visited the Academy, along with her military assistant -- then-Col. Mike Gould -- and her aide-de-camp, then-Maj. Dana Born, who is now a brigadier general and the Academy's dean of the faculty.

Colonel Gibson expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to again serve with Generals Gould and Born and his enthusiasm for his new job to the men and women of the 10th Air Base Wing.

"You've heard how excited I am to be here, to join this team and to move this mission forward," he said. "We have an amazing responsibility to the Academy mission elements, to our combatant commanders around the world, and very importantly, to each other as wingmen. What I can tell you, without fear of contradiction, is that meeting those responsibilities is a team sport. I'm counting on each of you to play your position well, to execute when called upon, and to bring others with you as we develop as Airmen."
Air Force officials urge safe July 4th weekend

by Masao Doi
Air Force Safety Center

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFNS)—With summer in full swing and the July 4th weekend approaching, officials at the Air Force Safety Center want to remind Airmen of steps they can take to minimize the potential for mishaps.

Maj. Gen. Greg Feest, Air Force chief of safety, said although there are many activities to enjoy during the three-day weekend, each activity has its risks.

“I can’t think of a better time to enjoy the great outdoors with family and friends than the Fourth of July weekend,” General Feest said. “As you celebrate our nation’s birthday, I ask each of you to have a plan to reduce the risks and be a great wingman,” he said.

“Applying common sense and simple risk management is a great way to help prevent injury and mishaps,” said Bill Parsons, the chief of the Ground Safety Division.

Independence Day honors our nation’s dream

By Senior Airman Andrea Owens
10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

As we near the commemoration of our nation’s beginning, it is natural to reflect on our patriotism. My two short years in the service have brought with them the regular reflections on my own devotions and values. Raised from generations of military valor, my beliefs are founded strongly from the words of our leaders. As we near the commemoration of our nation’s beginning, it is natural to reflect on our patriotism. My two short years in the service have brought with them the regular reflections on my own devotions and values. Raised from generations of military valor, my beliefs are founded strongly from the words of our leaders.

Mr. Parsons listed other things to keep in mind this Fourth of July:

• When barbecuing, never leave a grill unattended, keep lighter fluids and flames out of the reach of children and don’t start your fire indoors.

• Fireworks, in particular, can be dangerous. Observe local laws, watch for fire hazards and don’t allow your children to light fireworks unsupervised. Even better, have them observe from afar.

• When camping, cool all lanterns, stoves and heaters before refueling and never light them inside your tent.

• When riding your motorcycle, check it over carefully, wear personal protective equipment and ride within your skill level.

• When driving, wear your seat belt, allow for plenty of time for your trip and don’t drink and drive.

“Celebrate, have fun and show your appreciation for the independence of our great country,” Mr. Parsons said. “Don’t let reckless behavior turn it into a time of regret. Peace, our unchanging loyalty to justice for all and the common good will never falter. We cherish the rights of those less fortunate that strive to start a legacy in our great country. Their families are our families. We open our homes to the traditions and influences of their history to strengthen ourselves through diversity.

We also celebrate the historic dreams and monumental principles of our leaders. We are the dreams of our founders, and with thanks to their courage and resilience, we continue to make great strides in liberty and equality. Our strides are steady, and our small steps are those of giants inspired by the aspirations of all, who continue to pioneer in unknown territories. We are young yet wise to the workings of leadership and guide the world with new concepts and courage.

On our day of independence we unite in shared memories of our patriotic and gather to show that our time is now and our future is always. It is in the power of every American to live a life of purpose and happiness. It is also in every American’s power to find faith in family, God and country. With this remembered, we are limitless. This is our creed. This is the American Dream.
For about an hour at the Academy airfield last week, there was as much Russian banter inside the glider hangar as there was English.

A cadre of Russian air force officers led by Russian air force General Major Sergey Zhmurin, along with military journalist Alexander Tikhonov of the newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda, made the rounds at the Academy during a brief touchdown in Colorado Springs.

The Russians’ visit came about as the result of a request by General Major Zhmurin a couple of months ago. He had served as the commandant of Russia’s equivalent of the Air Force Academy. So while an American delegation visited Moscow for an initial planning conference, he expressed an interest in checking out the Academy, and its flight program in particular.

Tom Parker and some top officials at U.S. Northern Command helped ensure that the Russian officer’s request was granted. Mr. Parker said both sides benefited from the tour.

“What did we gain? A sense of cooperation, transparency and camaraderie, fully in keeping with the administration’s ‘reset’ initiative with the Russian Federation,” he said. “It was also reciprocation for the hospitality shown by the Russian side during our trip to Moscow.”

After the airfield tour, the Russian group met with Col. Tamra Rank, the Air Force Academy’s vice superintendent. She said the Russians were “interested and engaged” and “really wanted to see more of the Academy.” Because their time in the Springs was extremely limited, they maximized it everywhere they went. Staff Sgt. Yevgeniy Maksimov, the translator, was pulled in myriad directions and constantly relaying or answering questions. Dutifully taking down his answers was the journalist, Colonel Tikhonov.

Although the afternoon was a whirlwind of activity, General Major Zhmurin got his wish. As for the Academy, no matter what language you say it in, it passed with flying colors.

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Academy grad hits 3,000-flight-hour milestone

Lt. Col. Robert Whitehouse joins elite group flying F-16

by Maj. Pamela Carroll
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — In 1985, Robert D. Whitehouse joined the Air Force as a cadet at the Air Force Academy because of patriotism and a call to public service, with the dream of becoming a pilot.

Not only did he become a pilot, but 25 years later, now Lt. Col. Robert D. Whitehouse reached 3,000 flying hours in the F-16 Fighting Falcon here June 23.

Colonel Whitehouse joins the elite group of approximately 200 F-16 pilots who have reached 3,000 flying hours.

Upon landing, Colonel Whitehouse received congratulations from his friends and fellow Airmen as well as a traditional hosing down for his accomplishment.

Colonel Whitehouse is currently the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group deputy commander at Joint Base Balad. He assists execution of senior airfield authority at JBB and oversees airlift support activities and enables the flow of passengers and cargo in and around the Iraq.

More than 250 of Colonel Whitehouse’s total hours are combat hours. He has deployed several times but this is his first deployment in Iraq. Other deployments include Operations Provide Comfort and Northern Watch from 1992 to 1993 and Operations Deny Flight and Deliberate Force from 1994 to 1997.

Colonel Whitehouse is a deployed Air Reserve technician assigned as the 56th Operations Group deputy commander at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

“My most memorable flight is my first combat sortie where I actually employed ordinance,” he said. “But each flight in the F-16 is unique in its own way.”

After 11 years of active duty, he joined the Reserves. In addition to flying the F-16, he flew an A-320 Airbus for a commercial airline.
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SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — Like many aviators, Capt. Sarah Eccles caught the flying bug at a young age.

On her 15th birthday, her father surprised her by taking her to a Wright Flyers Aviation flight school. As she sat in the cockpit with the instructor, operating the controls and soaring through the air, she realized she’d found her passion.

Captain Eccles began taking flying lessons soon after that test run. At the age of 17, on March 20, 1999, she experienced her first solo flight.

“Being an ALO has been the most personally satisfying job I’ve had in my career,” she said. “Working with the enlisted corps is amazing. As a pilot, you generally don’t get to interact with them at this level.”

The job also has given her the opportunity to rest, recharge and redirect her energy, she added.

Her job as an ALO is to serve as a link between the Air Force and the Army in combat. Whatever the mission, she is trained to provide close air support, or CAS, for ground forces. She said she was pleasantly surprised as she stepped away from flying an F-16 and into the role of ALO.

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Through her time as an ALO, she had the unique opportunity to see how the Air Force and the Army relate and work with each other. She recently returned from a deployment in Southwest Asia, where she led a crew responsible for directing fixed-wing CAS assets. At times, missions and priorities would change as ground troops were attacked or ambushed.

The ALO would take “911 calls” and have a map out to organize and plan the close air support, she said. Captain Eccles directed the fighters to support the troops on the ground who needed help. She said her CAS experience as an F-16 pilot came in very handy during her deployment.

On an average day, her air support operation center would receive more than 20 calls from troops in contact needing CAS, and during one day, her team received and handled more than 100 calls from troops in contact. Because of their actions that day and several other successful coordinated missions, her ASOC crew received the 2010 Air Combat Command Team of the Year award.

“Our proudest moment there was being able to help out those who were in the thick of it,” she said.

The experience gave her a better understanding of the process that goes into providing CAS, she said. It’s knowledge that she will be able to take back to her fighter squadron.

Captain Eccles said her time as an ALO has taught her many lessons in leadership, including some she learned the hard way.

The captain said she will miss being an ALO when her tour is over, but she is excited to be back in the air; she wishes it were possible to do both.

“If of course, I’ve missed flying,” she said. “I’d be lying if I said it wasn’t hard to watch the same planes I used to command fly overhead and hear the jets rattle the windows. I know I’ve done it before, and I’ll do it again. My experience allows me to share my love of flying with the 682nd.”

But for the time being, she continues to learn in this field, prepare for her next deployment and love every minute of her job.
STEM boot camp

Giving teachers the boost they need to bring excitement into the classroom

By David Edwards
Academy Spirit Staff Writer

It’s probably fair to say that many of us working stiffs would be working somewhere else if our reaction in school to math, science and engineering had been “wow” instead of “huh?”

The Air Force Academy is doing its darnedest to outfit local teachers in those disciplines with a bag of tricks that, ideally, will get middle-schoolers fired up. Education nowadays is full of acronyms, and the Academy’s boot camp to teach the teacher is all about STEM, or science, technology, engineering and math.

For the teachers at the STEM boot camp, the benefits were twofold, said Lisa Bacon, the event director. First, the instructors were coached through activities that combined high-tech with hands-on so that they can bring the fun back with them to their classrooms. Second, the Academy provided contact information for all of the activity leaders, so the teachers improved in both what they know and who they know.

Ms. Bacon said that because Colorado lacks a large body of water, the Navy has never established a presence in the state. But the Sea Perch event enticed the Navy enough to send a representative, and now the teachers at the boot camp have a Navy contact, Ms. Bacon said.

Another highlight of the event was a lunch visit Tuesday from an astronaut. Clayton Anderson, who was aboard Space Shuttle Discovery during its April 2010 mission to the International Space Station, was vacationing in Colorado with his family and agreed to share some of his time with the Academy.

This year’s STEM boot camp was heavy on the robots. On Tuesday, the teachers built robots powered by scientific calculators, and the following day it was Lego robots, which they tested on ramps and in a hallway in See Boot Camp Page 8

Trainers from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics trained teachers in the art of parachute construction during the Parachute Drop event. After learning how to make the parachutes, the teachers experimented with different payloads. The AIAA partners with the Academy on several STEM outreach projects.
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the Fairchild Hall Annex.

Capt. Joseph Wahlquist, an instructor in the Academy’s Department of Engineering and Mathematics, oversaw construction of the Lego robots and helped the teachers test their creations.

One of the most energetic teachers was Theron Heron, who was sporting a red North Middle School T-shirt during activities on Wednesday, the last day of the boot camp. Afternoon rocket launches on the Parade Ground capped off the experience.

The real test, of course, will start in a couple of months when area teenagers start learning what their teachers learned while at the Academy. But if it’s true that adults are just big kids, STEM-subject classes in and around Colorado Springs won’t need to worry about absenteeism and won’t be lacking in enthusiasm.

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RIGHT: The STEM boot camp concluded with a rocket launch on the Parade Ground. Most of the boot camp was held indoors, at the Fairchild Hall Annex.

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Inprocessing: Today’s blur is tomorrow’s memory

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff

The Class of 2015 started their journey into the Air Force June 23. The young men and women probably won’t remember many details of their first day, but they’ll almost certainly remember stepping off the bus and finding a pair of footprints.

‘Get off my bus!’

I spent a few minutes talking with Cadet 1st Class Zachary Crippen and Cadet 2nd Class Heather Nelson before the first group of appointees got on the bus that morning, around 7:30 a.m. They could have been any college student anywhere in the country, except for their uniforms: crisp short-sleeve blue shirts with ribbon racks and nametags precisely aligned, white gloves adorning their hands.

As the first group of 10 appointees boarded the bus, the cadets’ faces transformed. They weren’t just college students in uniform anymore -- they were all business. “Fill the row and place your belongings under your seat.”

Basic Cadet Training began the moment the bus turned onto Interior Drive. Cadet Crippen explained the rules of engagement: “From now on, you will not speak unless spoken to. You will use a reporting statement: ‘Sir or ma’am, Basic Cadet Your-last-name reports as ordered.’ You will use one of seven basic responses: ‘Yes, sir. No. Sir. Excuse, sir. Sir, I do not know. Sir, I do not understand. Sir, may I ask a question? Sir, may I make a statement?’”

The cadence of the cadets’ voices took me back to a similar bus ride from San Antonio International Airport to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. I only had to memorize a reporting statement, and I had a 20-mile bus trip to do it. These basics had to remember a lot more in a much shorter amount of time.

Unsurprisingly, a few of them didn’t get it right on the first try. “Cadet Figgins? You are not a cadet, Basic Figgins!” Cadet Crippen said, correcting one of his charges as the bus turned from Parade Loop onto Cadet Drive.

Like the first hours of Basic Military Training, the bus ride for BCT is just a warmup.

“If you want to choose mediocrity, do not insult my cadre or the Long Blue Line by exiting this bus,” Cadet Crippen said. “If you are not a person of absolute integrity, stay on my bus. If you are not willing to sacrifice for your country, stay on my bus. If you accept the minimum as your personal standard, stay. On. My. Bus. But basics, if you are ready to dedicate yourselves to...”
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something greater than us all, to selflessly develop yourself as a warrior and to fight for this great nation, then basics, pick up your bags and GET OFF MY BUS!

The speech is scripted, and the cadre must memorize it well in advance of In-processing Day, said Cadet Nelson, an Albany, N.Y., native who the day before had demonstrated the bus ride to “Basic Cadet” Mike Gould—a three-star general and the Academy superintendent.

“I actually memorized Cadet Crip- pen’s part for the tryout, but then I had to memorize the other part,” Cadet Nelson said.

Footprints on the pavement
A different group of cadre cadets shep-herds basics from the line across a blue line symbolizing 57 years of Air Force Academy history and onto sets of foot-prints painted yellow, the basics’ class color. Cadet 1st Class Daniel Scully was one of the higher-ranking cadre mem- bers in place to welcome the Class of 2015 to their new homes.

“Stick together! You will not success- fully complete Basic Cadet Training on your own,” Cadet Scully told the ba-sics. He and his cadre illustrated how to stand at attention. A moment later, he said, “Cadets, fall out and make correc-tions.”

He might as well have thrown chum into shark-infested waters. Cadre swarmed over the basics, tearing into anyone who wasn’t “locked up” or who didn’t know the reporting statement by heart.

“I don’t care about your first name, I care about your last name!” one cadre member said when a basic cadet gave a reporting statement incorrectly.

Two minutes later — give or take an eternity for the basics — the cadre rushed their charges up the Core Val- ues ramp to begin inprocessing. “Fol-low me, jacket man!” a cadre member instructed one of the basics.

The name “Jacket Man” will probably stick through the end of BCT. Some basics, though, are even less lucky: one, who rolled his eyes at a cadre member and either wouldn’t or couldn’t wipe a smile off his face, is told to stay be-hind.

Anyone who remembers their first few days of basic training probably remem-bers a similar experience. I remember standing in the basics’ position, if not in their footsteps, crying — and failing — to keep calm despite a military train-ing instructor who, five inches from my face, assailed my senses with both the volume of his voice and the color of his breath.

Entering the system
The basics who have the least likely to remem-ber the inprocessing line. If they remember anything, it will probably be the few chances they had to let their hair down a little.

Basics drop off their valuables in their newly assigned dormitories, then head for Fairchild Hall, still in their civilian clothes. The inprocessing line starts at 5:30 a.m. each day and continues until 10:30 p.m. that night. Basics drink from a fire hose of military, academic and physical train-ing daily for six weeks. Not all of them will make it; attrition is a fact of life here, as much as at Lackland.

I remember bits and pieces from “Zero Week,” but I also remember that I survived it, as did most of the 100 or so young men who arrived in my flight that April evening years ago. And I re-member the pride that swelled in my heart when my flight marched onto the parade field, raised our right hands and became Airmen.

A similar moment is only weeks away for the basics, who, after completing BCT, will have earned the right to call themselves cadets. Reinforced Chief Mas- ter Sgt. Bob Vasquez told one parent that he would notice the difference when he returned to see his son on Par-ens Weekend.

“He’ll be completely different,” Mr. Vasquez said. “He’ll be a better man.”

Anyone who’s completed basic train-ing — here or at Lackland — would probably agree. And despite the hard- ship, anyone who’s finished the training probably remembers it fondly.

Class of 2015 Inprocessing
Outreach in action

Cadet 2nd Class Paul McArthur shows off Destiny, a 12-year-old Gyr Falcon, to a crowd at Donkey Derby Days in Cripple Creek, Colo., Saturday. Cadet McArthur and Destiny used the opportunity to help raise public awareness about the Air Force Academy. Now in its 80th year, Donkey Derby Days celebrates the mining history of Cripple Creek and the role that donkeys played in building that industry.

Leslie Finstein

Tricare alerts promote home pharmacy delivery

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) -- FALLO CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) -- Tricare beneficiaries who still get two or more maintenance prescriptions from a retail pharmacy should start checking their mailboxes.

Tricare Management Activity and Express Scripts Inc. are mailing out home delivery education "alert" letters to promote pharmacy home delivery. The alerts focus on the convenience and lower cost of home delivery versus retail pharmacies, and include information on how to switch prescriptions over. The alerts also seek to alleviate possible concerns about home delivery by highlighting safety measures and 24/7 access to a pharmacist.

The alerts are targeted to Tricare beneficiaries who purchase two or more maintenance medications for chronic conditions at a retail pharmacy. These beneficiaries stand to benefit most from switching over to home delivery. The education alerts will be mailed starting in July.

"Providing servicemembers and their families with an affordable, quality prescription drug benefit is a vital part of Tricare's mission," said Navy Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, Tricare's deputy director. "When beneficiaries choose home delivery, they are using their benefit wisely."

Switching from retail pharmacy to home delivery spares beneficiaries the inconvenience of picking up their prescriptions from the pharmacy and saves them 66 percent per prescription. Home delivery is also cheaper for Tricare: beneficiaries switching from retail to home delivery saved the Defense Department $30 million in 2010.

Tricare and ESI are engaged in an aggressive campaign to promote home delivery with great success. Growth in retail pharmacy prescriptions covered by Tricare is only 3.4 percent in 2011, down from the historical average of 5.2 percent. Home delivery prescriptions have grown 9.8 percent in 2011, almost double the historical 5.8 percent rate.

"The more Tricare beneficiaries learn about pharmacy home delivery, the more they take advantage of its benefits," Admiral Hunter said. "The alerts are the next step in spreading the word."

For more information about home delivery, visit www.tricare.mil/homedelivery. To sign up for home delivery, beneficiaries should go to ESI's website, www.express-scripts.com/tricare or call the Tricare Member Choice Center at 877-262-3390.
Kids learn fire safety

The 10th Civil Engineer Squadron’s Fire Protection flight hosted its 5th annual Youth Fire Safety Camp for kids ages 8-12 Tuesday at Pine Valley’s Fire Station One.

The camp gives children the chance to participate in fire ground simulations demonstrating real world jobs performed at fire scenes, according to Jonathan Milam, Assistant Chief for Fire Prevention.

“So not only is it a fun day of different fire scene tasks, the kids learn about fire safety,” he said.

Children participated in a bucket brigade, hose roll and smoke detector training, and other events geared toward increasing their fire safety awareness.

Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey the Bear visited with participants, and children had lunch with the firefighters.

At the end of the day, participants received a Youth Fire Safety Camp certificate signed by the Fire Chief.

During the Fire Safety Camp Tuesday, firefighters taught children how to extinguish a fire using a fire extinguisher.

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Academy Exchange dividends help youth, family programs
By Pamela Boyed Army and Air Force Exchange Service
The Air Force Academy Exchange is paying dividends in more ways than one, as cadets exercising their benefit by dining at and shopping here last year generated a dividend of more than $570,000.

These funds are critical to the 10th Force Support Squadron’s ability to enhance local programs and facilities including the Outdoor Adventure Programs, Youth Sports Programs and the Airmen and Family Services Program, said the Exchange general manager Patrick Riordan.

“The Exchange’s dual mission is to provide goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support 10th FSS programs,” Mr. Riordan said. “As a result, the dollars that troops and their families use to shop the Exchange or eat at (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) concessionaires generates a healthy return by directly improving Air Force quality of life efforts.”

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The DRU/FSS and Athletics teams pulled off upsets against the top-seeded Medical Group No. 1 and Retiree teams Monday night, with DRU/FSS defeating the Med Group 25-13 and the Athletic Department eking out a 24-22 win over the Retirees.

The twin upsets mark the first time in recent memory that both top-seeded teams have lost on the same night.

Scott Koenig from DRU/FSS hit a towering two-run shot to right field that put the team up 3-1 in the first inning, and his team kept the lead through the rest of the game. Pete Waltz, the lead-off batter, hit three-run homers in the second and third innings. Koenig followed later in the third with another three-run shot, and Mike McMahon drilled a single to drive in the final two runs.

Med Group No. 1 rallied in the bottom of the third, scoring eight runs on hits by Tom Ziegler, Hugo Reinor, Johnny Davis, Pat Waltman and Gary Thompson. Allen Malone contributed with a sacrifice fly to narrow DRU/FSS’ lead to 16-11.

However, DRU/FSS’ Tim Richardson put the game away with another three-run blast in the fourth. The team scored eight runs in that inning to pull away from the Med Group.

The Athletic Department and Retirees kept the second game close throughout, as no team ever led by more than two runs. Tim Neuman started for the Retirees with a three-run shot, contributing to a five-run first inning. The Athletic Department answered, tying the score at the end of the first.

Kevin Ciesla drove in two runs on a single, giving the Retirees a 10-5 lead, but Athletics’ Jamael Hunnicutt’s two-run double and Kirk Smith’s solo home run put AD in the lead, 12-10.

The Retirees held onto their lead going into the fifth inning, leading AD 22-20, but went scoreless in the top of the fifth inning. Athletics scored four runs in the bottom of the inning to reclaim the lead, 24-22, and held the Retirees scoreless in the top of the sixth to end the game.
By Troy Garnhart
Athletic Communications

A total of 51 Air Force athletes representing 18 intercollegiate sports were named Mountain West Conference scholar-athletes by the conference office Tuesday.

To be eligible for selection, student-athletes must have completed at least two academic terms at member institutions, while maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better, and have participated in varsity competition in an NCAA-sponsored sport. The MWC Scholar-Athlete Award is one of the highest academic honors bestowed by the Conference. A total of 381 student-athletes were honored, including 43 individuals who have achieved a 4.0 or higher cumulative GPA over two or more terms and 65 student-athletes who were recognized in multiple sports.

Air Force honorees are listed below by sport. Scholar-athletes who competed in multiple intercollegiate sports are listed twice.

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| Edward Artz | Sophomore | 3.88 | Aeronautical eng. |
| Matthew Bell | Sophomore | 3.60 | Environmental eng. |
| Jeremy Drenckhahn | Sophomore | 3.78 | Biology |
| Jacob Hawkins | Freshman | 3.84 | Physics |
| Tyler Small | Senior | 3.53 | |

| WOMEN’S X-COUNTRY: | | | |
| Amanda Blain | Freshman | 3.74 | Undeclared |
| Kate Kanetzky | Junior | 3.78 | Geospatial science |

| WOMEN’S FENCING: | | | |
| Simone Barrette | Junior | 3.53 | Management |
| Katiyin Bogan | Junior | 3.54 | English |
| Heather Nelson | Sophomore | 3.76 | Aeronautical eng. |
| Olivia Prowesa | Freshman | 3.51 | Undeclared |

| FOOTBALL: | | | |
| Kevin Fogler | Senior | 3.64 | Management |

| MEN’S GOLF | | | |
| Mark Boyer | Junior | 3.83 | Aeronautical eng. |

| MEN’S GYMNASICS | | | |
| Jacob Hood | Junior | 3.68 | Biochemistry |
| Travis Myers | Junior | 3.92 | Materials chemistry |

| ICE HOCKEY | | | |
| John McKenize | Freshman | 3.80 | Aeronautical eng. |
| Paul Weisgarber | Junior | 3.60 | Management |

| LACROSSE: | | | |
| Michael Curtin | Freshman | 3.58 | Management |
| Daniel Schofield | Sophomore | 3.78 | Mechanical eng. |

| MEN’S RIFLE: | | | |
| Matthew Kluckman | Sophomore | 3.99 | Computer eng. |

| MEN’S SOCCER | | | |
| Conor Henry | Sophomore | 3.56 | Systems eng. |
| Kevin Rossillio | Sophomore | 3.88 | Operations-research |

| MEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING | | | |
| Cody Beacon | Junior | 3.83 | Aeronautical eng. |
| Eric Robinson | Senior | 3.98 | Mathematics |

| WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING | | | |
| Rachel Kennedy | Freshman | 3.88 | Biology |
| Kaeli Kluesner | Senior | 3.57 | Legal studies |
| Alexandra Trobe | Sophomore | 3.57 | Political science |

| MEN’S TENNIS: | | | |
| Michael Tope | Junior | 3.65 | Management |

| MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD: | | | |
| Edward Artz | Sophomore | 3.88 | Aeronautical eng. |
| Matthew Bell | Sophomore | 3.60 | Environmental eng. |
| Daniel Bieber | Freshman | 3.70 | Humanities |
| Jeremy Drenckhahn | Sophomore | 3.78 | Biology |
| Brian Ford | Sophomore | 3.64 | Computer science |
| Bradford Hackert | Freshman | 3.70 | Undeclared |
| Jacob Hawkins | Freshman | 3.84 | Physics |
| David Placek | Freshman | 3.69 | Undeclared |
| Christopher Severino | Senior | 3.65 | Civil engineering |
| Tyler Small | Senior | 3.53 | Physics |

| WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD: | | | |
| Amanda Blain | Freshman | 3.74 | Undeclared |
| Kate Kanetzky | Sophomore | 3.78 | Geospatial sci. |
| Began Rogers | Freshman | 3.84 | Biology |
| Kimberly Stealy | Junior | 3.74 | History |

| WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL: | | | |
| Jessica Hellmann | Senior | 3.74 | English |
| Caroline Kurtz | Senior | 3.79 | Systems Eng. |
| Nicole Stiwell | Senior | 3.70 | Mathematics |

| WRESTLING: | | | |
| Jared Erickson | Sophomore | 3.60 | Civil engineering |
| Brandon Mueller | Sophomore | 3.73 | Physics |
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| Jesse Stafford | Freshman | 3.52 | Undeclared |

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The Air Force Academy’s Information, Tickets and Tours office offers discounted prices for attractions across the state of Colorado. Discounts are available for Elitch Gardens, Water World, the Denver Aquarium, Colorado Rockies baseball, the Royal Gorge Bridge and Train in Cañon City, the Durango and Silverton Train and the Pikes Peak Hill Climb.

For more information, call the ITT office at 333-3348.

Take an outdoor adventure
The Outdoor Adventure Program has several upcoming opportunities for those who enjoy trekking through the Colorado wilderness.

For information on these and other offerings, contact Outdoor Adventure at 333-2940 or visit their website at http://bit.ly/m8vdh.

Hiking on the Academy: Women’s casual-paced hiking is held Tuesdays at 9 a.m., with co-ed quick-paced hiking held Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. The hikes are free, but registration is required. Contact Outdoor Adventure for more information.

Santa Fe Trail closure
A portion of the Santa Fe Trail will be closed weekdays but remain open weekends until Oct. 30 while repairs are made to the Tri-Intersection Bridge on Southgate Boulevard.

Family Advocacy offerings
For information on these or other Family Advocacy programs, contact the Family Advocacy Office at 333-5270.

Anger Management: Held Thursdays, 12 p.m. through Aug. 2, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Learn how to manage your anger and how to better relate to others using simple, innovative techniques.

Common Sense Parenting: Held Thursdays, 12 p.m. through Sept. 6, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. This skill-based parenting program teaches parents of children ages 5-13 practical and effective ways to increase their children’s positive behaviors and appropriate alternatives to negative behaviors.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting: Held Aug. 10 and 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. This class offers parents of children ages 2-12 easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children without arguing, yelling or spanking. This is a two-session course.

Get a little ‘wild’ with AFA Band
The Air Force Academy Band’s Wild Blue Country ensemble will perform at Limbach Park in Monument July 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

Other upcoming Air Force Academy Band events include a performance of the national anthem by Blue Steel at Coors Field in Denver July 2 at 6:10 p.m. and a Stellar Brass concert featuring Dr. Joseph Galena at the Cadet Chapel on July 14 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Academy Band’s events page at www.unitedacademyband.af.mil/events.

Pikes Peak or Bust scholarships
Families of servicemembers killed in action while in a designated combat zone may apply for Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade scholarships by going to 1-2-3 Magic Parenting.

For more information or to apply, contact Brian Binn at 575-4325 or by email at brian@csce.org.

Education Fair
The base education office will hold an educational fair July 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Center breezeway.

Representatives from several colleges and universities will present information about their educational programs, and to meet the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students.

Everyone is invited to attend and explore the next step in their education. For more information, call the education office at 333-4821.

Holiday hours
Contact the 10th Force Support Squadron at 333-3353 for a list of closures or reduced hours on July 4.

HAWC sponsoring biathlons
The Academy’s fourth annual biathlon will take place July 9 starting at 8 a.m. It includes a 12-mile bike ride and a 3.1-mile run. Refreshments will be provided. Registration deadline is today. To register, call the HAWC at 333-3733.

Water quality report
The 10th Aerospace Medicine Squadron’s Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight has published the 2011 Consumer Confidence Report. This water quality report for 2010 summarizes information regarding drinking water sources used (i.e., rivers, lakes, reservoirs, or aquifers), any detected contaminants, compliance and educational information.

According to the report, all sampling during 2010 was within federal and state limits and the Academy maintains high-quality water. To obtain a full copy of the report or for public participation opportunities that may affect the water quality, please call Maj. Chet Bryant or Senior Airman Skyler Arnold at 333-4825.

Smooth Move
July 14, 3-4 p.m.

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Changes in fishing access
Fishing access to the Kettle Lakes has recently changed as a result of the installation of new airfield security gates. Fishermen must now park at the southeast of Kettle Lake No. 1 and walk in to the lakes.

The new gate at the end of Road 840 (north of the Pafs and Registration Center) will temporarily remain open through July 15 to allow access to the handicap fishing pier at Kettle Lake No. 3. However, after that date the gate will be permanently closed, and mobility-impaired fishermen will be required to have an electronic gate card to access the handicap pier through Gate K-1, at the intersection of Airfield Drive and Southgate Boulevard.

Only people with a military ID, Academy fishing permit and a handicap-parking permit will be issued a gate card. To initiate a request for access, disabled fishermen must call Natural Resources at 333-3308 for further details.

Resume-writing workshop
July 13, 9 a.m.-noon.

Learn to write an effective resume that will open the door to your next career opportunity. Learn different resume formats, how to best highlight your qualifications/experience, targeting your resume to specific positions.

Civil service class
Thursday 8 a.m.-noon.

Learn what you need to know about federal employment applications, searching for positions, reading position descriptions, hiring preferences/authority, eligibility categories, and more.

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13. Atomic #42
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48. Opened
49. Alt. sp. of 13 across
50. They __
51. Container weight deductions
52. Muslim summons to prayer
53. Small amount
54. Geological times
55. Monacle

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1. Basics
2. Old Italian currencies
3. Youth loved by Aphrodite
4. A formal retraction
5. Briefly fry
6. 9th Hebrew letter
7. The time someone has existed
8. Perovskia
9. A formal retraction
10. AKA spearfish
11. Squash bug genus
12. Not here
13. A cigar with square ends
14. A cigar with square ends
15. Atomic #36
16. Created a miniature likeness
17. Atomic #36
18. Of a main artery
19. Gets you a gazundheit
20. Small gaming cubes
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22. Article
23. Capital of Yemen
24. Atomic #36
25. Retail sales establishment
26. Capital of Yemen
27. Atomic #42
28. Repaired a sock
29. Article
30. Rechristens
31. A smokey quality
32. Sodium
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34. Atomic #42
35. Maple or elm fruit
36. Shoe bottoms
37. Of a main artery
38. Egyptian peacemaker Anwar
39. Ascetic holy man
40. An unknown person
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42. Alt. sp. of 13 across
43. A pigmented nevus
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45. Dekun
46. Leaves immediately
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