Winter wonderland

The Academy received an early taste of winter this week in the form of snow and frigid temperatures Wednesday and Thursday. While winter doesn’t officially arrive until Dec. 22, the possibility of cold and snow in Colorado remains throughout the fall months. Academy drivers are cautioned to plan extra time in their commute and take extra care when driving on icy or snow-covered roads. In the event of inclement weather, local TV and radio stations will be provided the most current information on road conditions, as well as delays or closures.

Academy names 2011 TD White Award winner

Former chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Marine Gen. Peter Pace receives honors

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

A former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was named as the 2011 Thomas D. White National Defense Award winner by the Air Force Academy Oct. 21.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the first Marine to chair the Joint Chiefs, was lauded for a 40-year military career that included tours of duty in Vietnam, South Korea and Somalia.

Pace “was crucial to formulation of the counterinsurgency strategy in Iraq” as chairman, according to the award package. He was sworn in as the 16th chairman on Sept. 30, 2005.

The Cadet Wing held a parade ceremony in Pace’s honor. Also attending the ceremony was retired 1st Lt. John Tidball, a B-25 Mitchell pilot during World War II.

“It was a great honor to be selected to receive the award, but it was a greater honor to have you all march in review and to share that with him (the lieutenant), who represents a generation that has made it possible for all of us to live in this incredible country,” Pace said. “I thank you for making his day and for making mine.” He also thanked Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould’s family for their hospitality.

Pace retired in 2007 after then-Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced that the president would not nominate the Marine general for another term as Joint Chiefs chairman. He now serves on the Secretary of Defense’s Policy Board and as chairman of the board of the Wall Street Warfighters Foundation, which provides training and job placement for disabled veterans interested in entering the finance industry.

He is also involved with Our Military Kids, the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation and the United Service Organizations’ board of governors.

Pace’s previous awards include a Presidential Medal of Freedom, four Defense Distinguished Service Medals, one Distinguished Service Medal each from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard, a Defense Superior Service Medal and a Bronze Star Medal with a Combat V device.

Pace is the 49th recipient of the T.D. White Award, which is presented annually to a U.S. citizen who has contributed significantly to the national defense and security of the United States. Previous years’ winners include former Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Airways pilot Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger and former presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.
Duty: the double-edged sword

By Dr. Arthur J. Schwartz
Senior Scholar at the Center for Character and Leadership Development

Recently, a former graduate of the Air Force Academy (class of 1970) asked my opinion on what I thought the Academy is doing well today. The graduate knew that I’ve been serving this past year as The Academy’s Senior Scholar (assigned to the Center for Character and Leadership Development). He also knew that I’ve never been in the military.

Although his question caught me by surprise, my response was immediate. “Without a doubt,” I replied, “I’m the military.”

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As a member of the faculty, I’ve had the opportunity to listen to cadets sincerely express their commitment to duty and I’ve seen them display this virtue on a consistent basis. Moreover, I can’t imagine practicing duty without the courage, as part of his or her duty, to respectfully ask, “Why do we do it this way?”

I’d also argue that a cadet or an Airman can develop these habits and do so for reasons that have nothing to do with duty, such as a desire to graduate or to receive a promotion.

Yet the Air Force Academy is doing something right.

For me, “ready to do the right thing” captures the essence of duty. I also suspect that most of the time “the right thing” has little to do with actions of candor or asking great questions. But sometimes the “right thing” is about the courage to stand up for one’s subordinates or to ask a question in the search of a better way to do things. In any organization, there are times when speaking with candor or asking a question is a matter of your responsibility.

And in the military, it’s your duty.
MIA grad laid to rest

Capt. Thomas Clark was a ‘63 Academy grad, missing in action since Feb. 8, 1969 in South Vietnam

A 1963 Academy graduate who was missing in action from the Vietnam War was laid to rest Oct. 22 in his hometown of Emporium, Penn., with full military honors.

Capt. Thomas E. Clark was 29 when he went missing in action after being shot down Feb. 8, 1969.

He was assigned to the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing, flying F-100D Super Sabres out of Phu Cat Air Base, South Vietnam, with the wing’s 416th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

On his final combat sortie, his four-ship of F-100s was engaging an anti-aircraft artillery position in Savannakhet Province, Laos, when his aircraft was struck by enemy fire and crashed. The three other American pilots on the mission did not see a parachute or any other signs of Clark. Immediate search and rescue missions could not locate the crash site.

Clark was declared MIA. He was posthumously promoted to the rank of Major, and declared killed in action in 1973.

In 1991, and again in 1992, joint U.S./Lao People's Democratic Republic teams investigated the area of the crash and recovered aircraft wreckage and military equipment. The teams also conducted interviews with locals who reported witnessing the crash. Local Laotians gave the investigators two military identification tags that identified Clark, and human remains, which had been recovered from the site shortly after the crash. In 2009, an additional excavation of the site recovered dental remains which also helped to identify Clark.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command were able to use dental analysis to help identify Clark.

The 911th Airlift Wing received Clark’s remains Oct. 20. A funeral parade was conducted Oct. 21 in St. Marys, Penn., as Clark’s remains were escorted to his hometown of Emporium for an Oct. 22 burial service.

Academy climate survey kicks off

E-mail invitation to staff and cadets arrives Monday

Air Force Academy staff and cadets will have the opportunity to express their views about their work environment and unit through an independent climate survey that begins Monday.

An e-mail invitation containing a link to participate in the survey will be distributed via email beginning Monday and continuing through Dec. 31. Participation is voluntary and topics will include; satisfaction, trust, inclusion, fairness, religious expression/tolerance, and safety.

The Air Force Survey Office will conduct the independent survey for the Academy.

As the central oversight authority for Air Force surveys, the Survey Office at the Air Force Manpower Agency performs Air Force-level assessments on many sensitive topics and takes great care in protecting data,” according to AFMA officials. Responses to the survey will be combined and reported without identifying information.

The Survey Office takes special precautions to protect members of small groups, and participants’ identities and potentially identifying information will not be disclosed.

AFMA’s online survey collection system is certified and accredited, which means it meets stringent Defense Department security requirements.

AFMA officials encourage people to provide candid feedback since those who live and work at the Academy are the best source of information about what is working and what needs improvement.

The survey should take approximately 30 minutes to complete, according to AFMA, a small amount of time in exchange for participants having the opportunity to address areas that directly affect them and the Academy mission.

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A panel of experts at the Air Force Academy held a luncheon question-and-answer session Oct. 5 to discuss how the repeal of "Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell" will affect the Academy and the greater Air Force.

On the panel were Chief Diver-
sity Officer Dr. Adis Vila, Academy Chief Chaplain Col. Robert Bruno, judge advocate Lt. Col. Karen Rhone and Col. Gary Packard, the Air Force officer for the Defense Department at USAFA.

The discussion lasted for more than an hour and covered a wide swath of topics, ranging from who could be married at the Cadet Chapel and who could conduct the ceremony to the courses of action available to those who would be deep-souled must be according to serving alongside gays or lesbians.

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THE STUDY

Packard, a permanent professor in the Academy’s Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Department, likened DADT repeal to the year-2000 event that many had predicted would cause widespread computer glitches.

“We all went to bed on Dec. 31, 1999, and we all woke up on Jan. 1, and the world didn’t fall apart.” Packard added that when the repeal happens there would be some minor blips . . . but for the most part, life went on as normal.

Approximately 70 people worked on studying both the effects of the repeal and how to implement the repeal once it became law, Packard said. The study solicited input from service members and their spouses and received more than 200,000 responses, but it didn’t stop there.

“We took data from the history of (race and gender) integration,” said Packard. “We looked at other militaries. We looked at the CIA, fire departments, police departments. We took our own data set and analyzed it in-house, and we all triangulated to the same conclusion: that this is not going to be an issue,” he said.

Observation at the Academy has so far met the commission’s predictions. Two cadets who spoke with local TV stations after the repeal took effect said they didn’t expect repeal to be an issue.

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Chaplains pointed to six points from the report to help frame the discussion:

• Leadership matters most.
• Policies must be neutral in regard to sexual orientation.
• Federal law still prohibits the DOD from granting marriage benefits to same-sex partners.
• Service members do not force people to change their beliefs.
• Everyone must treat one another with respect.
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“There’s a difference between . . . recognizing a marriage for benefit reasons versus somebody’s right to use a chapel for their own personal reasons,” he said. “I could in go and have a commitment ceremony with somebody or have any kind of ceremony in that space according to my religious freedom rights. However, for the government to take the next step and recognize the marriage for purposes of benefits . . . that would fall under DOMA.”

Because of DOMA and Colorado state law, the Cadet Chapel’s doors probably will not open to same-sex marriages anytime soon. However, couples may hold a commitment ceremony if either of the individuals meets the eligibility criteria and the ceremony is religious in nature, Bruno added.

Use of the USAFA Cadet Chapel outlines who may hold private religious services.

In addition, not all chaplains may be able to offer their services for same-sex ceremonies, Bruno said. The arbiter of that decision lies with chaplains’ endorsing agencies, which can pull the endorsement of any chaplain who acts against their theology or policy, resulting in removal of that chaplain from the chapel corps.

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Excluding same-sex partners would not meet the neutrality requirement, he added.

While individuals may use their discretion on command or the Inspector General’s office to seek redress of grievances, equal opportunity offices cannot intervene because marital status is not a protected class under EO regulations, Packard said.

“Let’s say you’re a single service member, and because you’re a single service member, every time there’s a holiday or a three-day weekend, you find yourself on duty. You believe that there’s no one because you’re single and everyone else has a family,” he said. “If you went to the EO office, they would say, ‘That’s not in our purview’ . . . and they would send you back to the chain of command or IG.”

The burden of proof, though . . . is on the individual making the complaint, and (incidents) can be very subtle,” one person in the audience pointed out.

Packard seemed to acknowledge that some discrimination could take place.

“We are not a perfect society,” he said. However, he added that the imperfections made it that much more important for leaders at every level to address the institutional climate from a basis of respect toward others.

That gets down to the idea of why respect is so important, why we have a chief diversity officer to talk about the power of inclusiveness and how we can become more inclusive and more accepting of this diverse force that we work with,” he said.

Diversity includes both homosexual and bisexual service members and those who believe homosexuality invalid, Vila added.

“If anyone feels that they’re being divided up, then all of us are. So it’s very important that . . . everybody is valued. That’s why we call it inclusion,” she said.

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BELIEF VS. BEHAVIOR

Believing homosexuality is invalid is one thing; disrespecting others based on those beliefs is another, Vila said. “It is absolutely essential for anyone who works here to not allow his beliefs to affect his behavior if his behavior would show disrespect for others. We want to stop that. So it’s a personal responsibility, isn’t it?” she said. “It’s a personal responsibility, it’s a team responsibility, and … at the end of the day, it’s an institutional responsibility. The military cannot survive if anyone among us … is not valued for what we bring.”

One of the audience members said it appeared the diversity training to date focused on changing beliefs, rather than changing actions. “You say, ‘It’s just your actions. We’re not trying to get you to give up what you think and what you believe,’” the audience member said. “I think the goal is, ‘We want you to change how you think so your thinking can line up with your behavior, (but) we can’t address what you’re thinking because we can’t dictate that.’

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Packard related the answer to a situation he had encountered earlier in his career as a squadron commander. “I had a flight commander walk into my office one day,” Packard said. “He said, ‘I’ve got a problem. I have a male student pilot in the squadron who says he will not fly with the instructor pilot he’s been assigned to fly with because she’s a woman, and women should not be flying planes in the military.’”

Packard continued, “I had a somewhat similar response to it, then I sat back and said, ‘What do I do with this information?’ Because … women have equal status in our military organization. For the most part, 90-plus percent of the occupational specialties in the military are open to women. The student pilot had a firm belief that that was not right, so I had a heart-to-heart talk with that student, and I told him, ‘Your belief system is one thing, but the way you behave and what you do when you walk through the doors of this squadron is different.’

If a student pilot had a similar belief about homosexuals in the military today, Packard said he would treat the situation the same way. “Your belief system, I’m not going to change,” he said. “You can … worship however you want and believe whatever you want. But your behavior, when you walk inside the doors of this institution, has to be subservient based on the laws of our nation. I have to treat the person with respect as a member of my team because the government has said they’re a member of the team.”

The principle of modifying behavior also applies to less extreme examples, such as off-color jokes, Packard said. “In 1948, you could make a joke about a person’s color and probably get away with it,” he said. “Try doing that in today’s Air Force, and you ought to be punished severely. There are certain boundaries on humor that we have to put in place because of the impact it has on the morale and discipline of that unit.”

Bruno offered the Academy’s chaplain corps as an example of working together as part of a “larger whole” despite significant philosophical differences. “I lead a team here of roughly 50 people. I have theological affinity with six of them, but that doesn’t prevent me from forming the team,” he said. “We could not do the mission here if we were all white, male and Catholic. We couldn’t meet the requirements of providing religious support to all the men and women of this institution.”

Packard also agreed to disagree agreeably, he continued. “If we’re ever going to achieve the mission for which we’ve signed up … we have to be able to do that. If you can’t, then you need to find a different place to offer your service to God and country.”
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In recent years, the sale of airsoft and other “toy” guns has risen dramatically, and so have the number of related eye injuries. Children and adults who use these “toys” should wear appropriate impact resistant non-dress eyewear at all times and use extreme care when aiming to avoid accidental injury.

UV-blocking contact lenses are also available. Remember that even young children, including infants, should wear sunglasses outdoors. In fact, studies have shown that children’s eyes are more permeable to ultraviolet radiation than those of adults, and UV exposure appears to be cumulative over the course of a lifetime.

Children’s sunglasses should be made of polycarbonate (impact-resistant) material and fully block UVA and UVB light. For younger children who refuse to wear a standard sun frame, designs are available with adjustable headbands, or a wide-brimmed hat is often an acceptable alternative.

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**Keeping an eye on eye safety**

By Shannon Brown and David Globe

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**Academy holds Halloween events**

By Don Braun

Academy Staff writer

The Academy will hold a number of events this weekend to celebrate Halloween on Monday, and safety officials with the Academy and the city of Colorado Springs want to make sure pint-sized goblins, ghosts and ghouls stay safe.

Scheduled events include haunted houses in Douglass Valley and Arnold Hall, trick-or-treating for the base housing population and a “Trunk or Treat” event at the Academy’s clinic.

Forest City Housing will hold a haunted house in Douglass Valley Friday from 5-8 p.m., and base officials have designated Monday night, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., as trick-or-treating time in both housing areas.

Other Halloween weekend events will include a “Trunk or Treat” held by the 10th Medical Group in the base clinic parking lot today at 6:30 p.m. and a Halloween carnival and haunted house in Arnold Hall Sun-day from 1:30-5:30 p.m. The Arnold Hall event is open to the public with $5 admission. Officials with the Academy’s Safety Directorate and the Colorado Springs Fire Department offer these tips on how parents can keep their little zombies and vampires safe this Halloween.

• Have an adult accompany trick-or-treating children.

• Have trick-or-treaters carry flashlights and wear reflective material on their costumes to make them as visible to drivers as possible.

• Cross streets at corners and crosswalks, and stay on sidewalks whenever possible.

• If you’re making a costume for yourself or your little ones, choose material that won’t easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or open flame. If you’re buying a costume, make sure it’s flame-resistant or flame-retardant.

• Consider flashlights instead of candles to light your walkways and jack-o-lanterns. If you do use candles or open flames, make sure they’re well out of the way of children’s costumes. Also keep flames away from dried flowers, cornstalks, crepe paper and other decorations.

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"You have the responsibility to ensure the nation will always be able to act in concert with all the other powers in the world," Scowcroft told the cadets. "We recognize the lasting importance of alliances and friends. Indeed, as our budget declines, our partnerships are going to become more important. For that reason, we will continue to need leaders who possess robust language and cultural skill sets to help us foster these relationships, and who care what is happening around the globe. That is why events like this one are so important."

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Cadets, delegate peers share in premier event

By David Edwards

Academy Spirit staff writer

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Peter Brooks

Title: Senior research fellow in national security affairs at The Heritage Foundation

Summary: "Global Dynamics in the 21st Century: The role of the United States in a world of uncertainty."

Brooks addressed the audience on Turkey, noting its "crucial role in the change in prevailing American attitudes toward the UN, the fact that it is now a major contributor to the UN peacekeeping budget, and the fact that it is both very important and very critical that we think about the U.S. role in this context." He also noted that many people are counting out the U.S., saying that somehow its status as a superpower has eroded. But before you can say that the U.S. has lost its authority in the world, you have to ask yourself who you are talking to.

“Burden-sharing is so important." When the 911 call comes in for the crisis du jour, the first thing people want to know is what Washington thinks and what it’s willing to do diplomatically, economically, and especially militarily, about it.”

The challenges for you, as the generation that will begin to move into these positions of leadership, are to think about the full range of possibilities for the international system and what that might mean for this country and for the world.

Christopher Hill

Title: Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

Summary: "We have the responsibility to ensure the nation will always have a robust, powerful and ever-expanding force with the ability to influence."...
Boise, Idaho — The fifth-ranked Boise State University Broncos beat the U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons 26-37 at Bronco Stadium here Oct. 22 in the first game between the teams since BSU joined the Mountain West Conference this season.

“There were parts where we played reasonably well, but it’s not enough,” said Falcons head coach Troy Calhoun. “What we have to do, maturity wise as a football team, we have to get in there Monday and work. We have a tough challenge to get back on our feet and go to work.”

The Broncos took a quick lead in the first quarter with a 24-yard touchdown by wide receiver Tyler Shoemaker and continued to push the ball for 158 offensive yards throughout the quarter. The Falcons gained a total of 58 yards in two drives with carries from fullback Mike Dewitt, wide receiver Jonathan Warzeka and quarterback Tim Jefferson. On the same drive, Warzeka caught a 32-yard pass by Jefferson in the red zone. Wide receiver Zack Martin's rushing 15 yards for a Bronco touchdown. The score was 27-13 by 13:7.

The Falcons kicked a 37-yard field goal to end the half trailing, 20-10. The Broncos drove forward in the second half to make the point spread even greater, but Air Force defensive back Josh Hall intercepted Moore in the end zone to kill the drive. Dewitt rushed up the middle for 16 yards, but was taken down by BSU’s linebacker Byron Hout. Herrington ended the drive with a 39-yard field goal.

BSU advanced 59 yards with two major highlights: Shoemaker’s 20-yard pass and running back Doug Martin’s rushing 15 yards for a Bronco touchdown. The score was 27-13 BSU at the end of the third.

The fourth quarter began with the Falcons driving, capped by a touchdown by running back Asher Clark. BSU drove for another touchdown by Martin, but the Falcons answered on a keeper by Jefferson, made possible by a 51-yard bomb to Kauth. With BSU’s next possession, place-kicker Dan Goodale kicked a 25-yard field goal, locking in the Broncos’ victory.

Although the Air Force led in rushing yards with 264 and possession time, 36:18 to 23:42, the Broncos surpassed the Falcons in passing yards by 137 with a total of 281 yards.

“I think this is a game that can give some of these guys some confidence that we can compete with these teams,” said Falcon outside linebacker Alex Means. “We just have to start believing in ourselves for the rest of the season.”

The Air Force loss brings the Broncos’ undefeated streak to 7-0. The Falcons’ next game is against 0-7 New Mexico State Oct. 29.
Making the save

Sarena Ortiz, an Air Force Academy Preparatory School goalie, makes a save during the Huskies’ matchup against Colorado Mesa University. Despite their best efforts, the Huskies fell to CMU, 0-6.

Fall intramurals
It’s a warm-up for winter

Cadets square off in intramural action Oct. 20 on the Terrazzo.

Ultimate frisbee is one of several intramural sports cadets participate in during the fall semester, along with football, rugby and others.

PHOTOS BY RAYMOND MCCOY

Rugby teams fight for possession of the ball during the fall intramural championships Oct. 20.
Air Force swept by Colorado State

Maya Perich posted a match-leading 13 digs.

The Air Force volleyball team fell to the sixth-largest attendance in the program’s Division I history (1,022 fans) during a 3-0 loss to Colorado State Saturday, at Falcon Court at East Gym.

The Rams, who are receiving votes in the national coaches’ poll, defeated the Falcons in 25-16, 25-13, 25-19 sets.

Sophomore Cami Richan tied for the match lead with seven kills, while freshman Ayeshia Henry connected on four of 12 swings (and just one error) for a team-high .250 average. Sophomore Josalynn Wise, starting her first straight match, but Colorado State responded with a 5-0 run. Richan and classmate Claire Bieker helped Air Force even the score at five.

Sophomore Kristen Holt brought the Falcons with three assisted blocks. Kills from Hein (one) and Richan (two) gave the Falcons the first three points of the match, but Colorado State responded with a 5-0 run. Richan and classmate Lizzy Carpenter put down three combined kills at the 11-16 mark. Air Force added several points from CSU errors and a kill from freshman Victoria Foster, but Colorado State took the set by a 25-16 score.

Air Force found itself in a quick 5-1 hole to start the second game, before kills from Hein and Carpenter, as well as a pair of back-to-back errors from Keltner, pulled the Falcons within one at 6-5. Keltner, Foster and classmate Megan Clary recorded kills, while a serving error from CSU put the Falcons at the 10-point mark (18-10). Carpenter and Clary added kills, but the Rams won the second set by a 25-13 margin.

Colorado State scored the first five points of the third set, but Perich put down a service ace to stop the Rams’ early run. A kill from Richan, as well as a block from Hein and Carpenter, helped the Falcons pull within one at 6-5. Richan and Foster helped keep the Falcons within one at 9-8, but the Rams pulled ahead 13-9 with another 5-0 run. A kill from freshman Kristen Holt brought the Falcons within four again at the 18-14 mark, while her second kill of the match put the Falcons at the 15-point mark (20-15). Wise recorded a service ace, while Hein added a kill, but Colorado State defeated Air Force 25-19.

“We need to learn to play against the big block,” head coach Matt McShane said. “CSU is a very, very good team. I think we came out like we were a little bit intimi¬ated, but once we settled down, I thought we played well. It’s hard to be discouraged though. I think that when we’re playing well, it’s the best we’ve played. We just need to do that more.”

Air Force travels to Albuquerque Saturday to take on the University of New Mexico Lobos.
Prep School ‘three peats’ for intramural championship

By Dave Castilla
Intramural Sports Director

The Prep School took its third straight flag football championship by defeating the Med Group, 21-0, in a game that was played in the cold and rain.

The medics got the ball first but went four and out, turning over possession to the preps. Preps quarterback Justin Handley connected with Kyle Rowland on the first play for 17 yards, and Ralph Street caught a pass, putting the team inside the 10.

The Medics played tough defense to limit the Prep School to only three yards on three plays. On fourth down from the 7-yard line, Handley threw a pass to Andre Morris, who made a spectacular one-handed grab in the end zone to draw first blood. Rowland hauled one in for the extra point to give the Preps a 7-0 lead.

One of Medics best chances to score was on their next possession as quarterback Eric Gulick hit Dwight Preston on a 35-yard pass play getting the team inside the 20. Two incomplete passes later, one of which could have been a touchdown, and the Medics turned the ball over to the first of Chase Darden’s five interceptions.

The Medics best opportunity came next, as Gulick threw a 35-yard pass to Darrell Holden, followed by a 27-yard pass play to Tim Richardson to put the ball on the 1-yard line. On the next play, Gulick rolled left and attempted an underhand pass, but prep school’s Justin Handley intercepted the ball and raced 79 yards for a touchdown. Handley ran in the extra point and the score was 14-0 at the half.

Prep school got the ball first to start the second half, and Handley had the team inside the 20 when Gulick broke up a touchdown attempt with an interception. A few plays later, Prep’s Bill Rogers intercepted Gulick to regain possession.

Handley found Ken Korpak for 13 yards, followed by a 17-yard reception by Rowland in the end zone. Handley ran in his second extra point, making the score 21-0.

The prep school’s defense played lights out as Bill Rodgers got his second interception of the night and Joe Trechter closed out the game with the Preppies’ fifth interception on the night as the time ran out for the medics.

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The Air Force Academy Honor Guard wants volunteers who can help pay final honors to those interred at the Academy’s only active cemetery.

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**Mixed bowling league**

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For more information, call Mike at 694-4401 or Terri at 290-1894 or sign up at the bowling center.

**Get your recyclables ready**

To commemorate America Recycles Day, the 10th Civil Engineer Squadron will hold its annual electronics recycling event from November through January.

Each Wednesday and Thursday beginning in November, electronic items can be taken to Civil Engineers’ Complex (Building 8125) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for recycling.

Recycling is free. Recyclable items include personal computers and components, televisions, DVD or CD players, stereos, speakers and VHS players. Over the past five years, the Academy has recycled more than 40,000 pounds of electronics.

For more information, call Derek Damien at 333-3224.

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In accordance with recent guidance from the Department of the Army, Fort Carson has eliminated the use of the Department of Defense vehicle decals (DD Form 2220) for access to the installation.

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The Air Force eliminated vehicle decals requirement in 2006. However, the 10th Security Forces Squadron continued to issue them as a convenience for personnel who routinely visited Fort Carson.

Because Fort Carson no longer requires vehicle decals, the 10th SFS has eliminated this process as well.

Effective immediately, the Defense Department Form 2220 vehicle decal is no longer available at the Pass and Registration Center. The PRC will now issue Cadet Area stickers weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The PRC will also continue to issue colonel to general stickers upon request. Any questions can be referred to Brad Wilson at 333-8420.

**Civilian employee health fair**

The Civilian Personnel Office is sponsoring a health fair Nov. 9 at the Falcon Club, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Insurer representatives will be there to answer questions about federal employees’ health plan benefits, distribute coverage guides and tell visitors how to get access to services.

The health fair is open to all current appropriated-fund civilian employees and retirees. Open enrollment will run from Nov. 14 through Dec. 12. For more information, call 333-4363.

**Pre-Thanksgiving fun run**

The Turkey Trot 5K run will take place Nov. 10 at 3:45 p.m. The first 85 runners to register at the fitness center will get a free T-shirt. Top female and male prep student finishers win $25 gift cards. Top male and female non-student finishers win free turkeys.

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