Cyber Team takes 4th at RWTH contest
Cadets take top place among US teams in international contest
By Dr. Martin Carlisle
Academy Computer Science Department

The Academy’s Cyber Competition Team took fourth place overall and top place among U.S. teams in the RWTH Capture the Flag competition Nov. 30.

Each team administered a virtual machine running numerous services, which they had to defend while exploiting vulnerabilities in those services to capture stored flags on opposing teams’ servers during the 12-hour contest.

Scores were broken down into offensive and defensive components. The Academy team, “Delusions of Grandeur,” took first place in the defense category.

Competing for the Academy team were Cadets 1st Class Nathan Hart, Frank Adkins, Josh Christianson, Luke Jones and Mike Winstead; Cadets 2nd Class Sam Kiechlafer, Chase King, Keane Lucas, Chad Speer and Ryan Zacher; and Cadets 3rd Class Kevin Cooper, Ryan Good, Zach Madison, Will Parks and Evan Richter.

RWTH is the German Rheinisch-Westfaelische Technische Hochschule, a technical college in Aachen, Germany.

Editor’s Note: Dr. Martin Carlisle is the Cyber Competition Team coach.

Academy named top-spending undergrad-only research institution

The Air Force Academy spent more on research than any other undergraduate-only institution in the United States, according to the National Science Foundation’s Fiscal Year 2011 Higher Education Research and Development survey, released Nov. 28.

The survey reviewed more than 900 schools, ranking the Academy as No. 168 among schools with graduate and undergraduate research programs.

The Academy’s research program has grown considerably throughout the past dozen years, from about $10 million in federal and non-federal funding in FY 2001 to $58.2 million in FY 2012.

The Academy’s research program model is unique to the Air Force and Defense Department, said Col. Robert Kraus, the Academy’s chief scientist and research director.

“The Academy has benefited from both external and internal support, cooperative research and development agreements with private industry and technology transfer successes such as royalties and patents, Kraus said.

“We provide efficient, less expensive, yet cutting-edge and scientifically reliable research results to our customers,” Kraus said. “We have created a fiscally intelligent avenue for private industries and other Air Force organizations to obtain top-notch research results and solutions for real-world problems.”
By Maj. Evelyn Schumer
Commander’s Action Group, deputy director

At the end of each day, I ask myself: Is the universe a happier and better place because of my existence? I’m sure we’ve all had an experience like the one I had last week. I was waiting in line at the grocery store, behind someone who was extremely rude to the cashier. When it was finally my turn to checkout, the cashier was in a grumpy mood and started taking it out on me.

I had a choice: I could allow my initial response to rule me, let the rude cashier upset me, and be rude back, or I could choose to suppress my rising blood pressure, put on my best smile, and show the cashier some compassion for having to put up with rude customers. So, I said to the cashier with the sweetest smile I could muster, “I’m sorry you have to put up with customers like that. I hope your day gets better.”

With that simple statement, which took less effort than it would have to be rude back, the cashier was back to her cordial, friendly self.

In moments like these we all can make a difference and can make our environment a more positive place. As an instructor at the Academy, I saw how easily and quickly the negativity of one cynical person could spread throughout an entire classroom. It seems, from my experience, it takes less effort to merely go along with the attitude of those around you than to take responsibility for your own attitude.

If your goal is to make your environment pleasant, you will inevitably find yourself treating those around you with respect and compassion — which will set into motion a chain reaction of kindness and compliments. When you treat people well, they want to be around you because you reinforce their happiness. When you treat someone with respect and kindness, it boosts your own happiness as well. Try it: Give someone a genuine compliment and watch how they light up. Also, note the positive feelings you experience by being kind to someone else. The recipient of the praise feels more confident, is a bit happier, and is now more open to give someone else a compliment. The chain reaction has begun.

The compliment chain-reaction is a tool that can only make you more effective. I see proof of this everyday working in Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould’s office. Simply by popping his head into the office and saying, “Hey, guys, that went well,” he puts huge grins on all our faces and leads to high-fives being exchanged around the office. The boost spurs us to work harder for that next compliment.

People often gravitate toward a positive attitude and shan negativity. Leaders have the opportunity and duty to be role models and strengthen the resiliency of their troops.

In my experience, I find that happiness breeds happiness, and negativity breeds negativity, if you let it. Being happy and positive may take more effort on some days, but you can make being happy a habit. Something as small as how you interact with a complete stranger can set into motion a chain reaction of negativity or positivity.

We are masters of our own actions and emotions. We can make the universe a happier and better place.

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‘Bust through the blues’ with a positive attitude

By Maj. Evelyn Schumer
Commander’s Action Group, deputy director

I use to help myself bust through the blues of a rough day. Throughout my career I have seen the power of a compliment from the boss. One positive comment can do so much for a worker’s confidence and attitude. The reverse is true for a negative comment, so leaders must closely guard their attitude.

Having a positive demeanor as a leader can only make you more effective. I see this in my own experiences, I found that when I chose to suppress my rising blood pressure, put on my best smile, and show the cashier some compassion for having to put up with rude customers.

So, I said to the cashier with the sweetest smile I could muster, “I’m sorry you have to put up with customers like that. I hope your day gets better.”
WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Commanders across the Air Force will conduct health and welfare inspections starting Dec. 5 to emphasize an environment of respect, trust and professionalism in the workplace.

The health and welfare inspection is a tool routinely used by unit commanders, command chiefs, and first sergeants.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III tasked commanders during the Nov. 28 Wing Commanders Call to examine their work settings and ensure Airmen at all levels consistently apply standards of professionalism and respect across the service.

“Over the past months, I’ve discussed with our commanders, leaders and supervisors about the importance of pride and performance,” said Welsh.

“When Airmen work in a setting that is consistent with our core values of integrity, service and excellence, they perform with honor and distinction - they deserve nothing less. Anything short detracts from that pride and cripples mission effectiveness.”

The purpose of this inspection is to reinforce expectations for the workplace environment, correct deficiencies, and deter conditions that may be detrimental to good order and discipline. Commanders will look for and remove unprofessional or inappropriate items that hinder a professional working environment.

“This is about commanders being commanders,” Welsh said. “The underlying principle for the inspection is our core values, and the bottom line is that it’s the right thing to do.”
Airmen can take charge of their mental fitness

By Airman 1st Class Veronica Cruz
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

Some Airmen might think that seeking help to improve their mental health will automatically lead to a discharge, but this often not the case, mental health experts said.

“If someone has a physical injury, they go to the doctor to get better,” said Capt. Frances Robbins, a psychiatric nurse practitioner and Suicide Prevention program manager at the Academy’s Family Advocacy office. “It starts to affect their job performance and then they come to mental health with a lot of baggage. If you come in, get help, and get better, it probably won’t affect your career.”

Although military members do not have full confidentiality, Air Force mental health professionals will never trick or embarrass anyone.

“If what I am told is something impactful to the mission, then I have a duty to report,” said Robbins. “Cases of child abuse, risk to self and risk to others also need to be reported.”

However, before a client even begins speaking, he or she is told what can and cannot be disclosed.

“We want people to feel comfortable here and have a safe place to vent,” Robbins said. “We don’t want anyone to be surprised.”

Most often, mental health professionals will not inform an airman’s change of command unless there is a potential impact to the mission or the member provides written permission.

“Some people have no problem with their first sergeant knowing everything we talk about, while others don’t want anyone even knowing they were here,” Robbins said. “Someone needing to come to the office during work hours doesn’t have to give any other details besides it being for a scheduled doctor’s appointment.”

In the case of a traumatic event, the Traumatic Response Team will conduct interventions, such as onsite counseling. In addition, Tricare beneficiaries are eligible for four private counseling sessions (without any documentation) in relation to a traumatic event.

“Those families displaced this summer due to the Waldo Canyon fires were offered such services,” Robbins said. “The Mental Health department here offers individual therapy, medication management and also houses Family Advocacy and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program. It services active-duty service members, their family members and retirees enrolled at the Academy.

Mental Health, a resource often only mentioned when someone is struggling, is a great tool for anyone looking for additional proactive support. Someone specially trained in their field and with a lot of experience will be willing to help. There is always a mental health provider on call, Dudley said.

Mental fitness is demonstrated in part by good character, wise choices or actions, and helping fellow airmen.

“If something is really bothering someone they should come in and speak with us,” Robbins said. “I may, if nothing else, give that person some peace of mind.”

Additionally, the Family Advocacy side of mental health also offers marital therapy, parenting programs, and the New Parent Support Program, which includes a nurse who will make home visits to educate parents during pregnancy, as well as provide support after the baby is born.

Stress Management and other courses are also available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

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A cadet scheduled for an Article 32 hearing Dec. 18 was ordered into pre-trial confinement at the Teller County Detention Center Monday night on a new allegation of violating the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Air Force Academy officials said Tuesday.

Cadet 2nd Class Jamil Cooks faces charges of aggravated sexual contact and aggravated sexual assault in violation of Article 120 of the UCMJ, as well as a charge of sodomy, in violation of Article 80 of the UCMJ.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is investigating the new allegation. The original allegations were preferred to an Article 32 hearing on Sept. 18.

An Article 32 hearing is the military equivalent of a grand jury proceeding. An investigating officer will preside over the hearing and submit a report with recommendations to Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Greg Lengyel as the special court-martial convening authority.

Lengyel will decide whether to dismiss the case, recommend it to a general court-martial or dispose of the case through other disciplinary or administrative actions.

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Military OneSource connects troops, families to resources

By Amaani Lyle
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Defense Department has revitalized and consolidated the Military OneSource website to better serve military members and their families, the military community outreach online and resource operations manager at the Pentagon said in a recent interview. Zona Lewis told the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service that the Military OneSource overhaul incorporates new functionalities, enhanced social media platforms and multiple access methods.

“We took this opportunity to look at industry best practices, to look at social media capabilities and to investigate making a mobile platform,” Lewis said. “People are accessing information on their phones and (tablet computers) today. They’re not waiting until they get home or back on a computer.”

The revamping, Lewis said, comes at the behest of President Barack Obama, who sought an overall reformation of government websites, prompting Defense Department officials to have Military OneSource absorb MilitaryHomefront.

“We looked for commonalities to merge the sites,” Lewis explained. “Though MilitaryHomefront had a service and family member component, it was geared toward leadership and service providers (seeking) family programs, policy and reports.”

Officials therefore transferred the leadership and service provider information from soon-to-be retired MilitaryHomefront to the Military OneSource umbrella, Lewis said.

“We ... met the expectations we had for the site. We wanted the content to be easy to find, (with) the website easy to use.” Lewis said, adding that user-driven content enables more customizable information. “You can see what other people are looking for and see if they’re (seeking) the same thing,” Lewis said, adding the social media aspect of the site enables users to retweet and share information through personal networks.

Lewis noted the particular usefulness of the locator and directory widgets, which enable users to type in their installation and instantly connect to local resources and relocation assistance.

Military OneSource also provides around-the-clock consultants available worldwide to assist with family life topics ranging from moving to nonmedical counseling referral, including anger management and communication skills.

Clinic to introduce streamlined patient check-in process

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

A new, centralized kiosk at the 10th Medical Group clinic will speed up the patient check-in process when it opens for business Monday.

The kiosk will serve patients of the Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics clinics, said Tech. Sgt. Luis Caracosa, NCO in charge of the Family Practice Flight’s White Element.

The centralized check-in idea originated with 10th MDG Commander Col. Tim Ballard, who saw the concept in practice at another Air Force Base, Caracosa said. The 10th MDG staff conducted an efficiency study to determine whether the same idea would work here and came up with encouraging results.

The 10th MDG consolidated its administrative personnel from Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics into the White Element. Caracosa said. Some of those personnel will staff a four-person call center, while others will serve patients at the kiosk.

“When it was decentralized, medical techs were pulled away from their duties to cover administrative support,” he said. “Now that we have this element, I can plug in staff where I need them, and the med techs are free to perform their regular tasks.”

As a result, patients will have quicker access to check-in services, he said, as anyone at the kiosk can check them into any of the participating clinics.

“We’re not going to have the lines we had previously,” he said. And because more med techs will be freed from their desks, patients will have access to care more quickly as well, he added.

The kiosk will supplement the information desk currently near the clinic entrance. The volunteers who staff the front desk will remain there to help answer questions.

Cadet earns Holaday Scholarship

Cadet 1st Class Zachary Esau shakes Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould’s hand while receiving the 2012 Holaday Scholarship Award Monday. Esau and Gould were joined by Bart Holaday and Dean of the Faculty Brig. Gen. Dana Born during the presentation at Harmon Hall at the U.S. Air Force Academy.
The holiday of giving

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

Every holiday season the 10th Air Base Wing Chaplain Corps staff goes the extra mile to reach out to the Academy and Colorado Springs communities.

Whether to provide Christmas gifts for underprivileged children, supply food to families in need or bake cookies for cadet candidates at the Preparatory School, the Academy’s Community Center Chapel organizes these events not simply as tradition but also to impart a sense of community here, according to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Randy Erwin, the 10th Air Base Wing chaplain.

“It’s not just about doing these events because we’ve done them before, or volunteering to be acknowledged,” said Erwin, the 10th Air Base Wing chaplain. “It’s a matter of allowing others to use their gifts and talents to make the community stronger and that personal connection of helping another person and saying, ‘You’re important and I’m willing to give, in order to hopefully help.’”

This year the chapel organized various community events including a food drive that collected 3,000 servings of baby food for the local Life Support Center. The chapel also sponsored an Angel Tree gift drive for Airmen’s families and local children and collected 90 shoeboxes of Christmas gifts, in partnership with Samaritan’s Purse “Operation Christmas Child.”

“Last year we had 280-340 volunteers and saved the government around $240,000,” Erwin said. “We have the largest number of volunteers on the installation, and there is no way we could do all the various activities without them getting involved.”

Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas Gills, the Chapel’s Catholic pastor, said this time of year is when the chapel offers the most opportunities to serve Airmen, the disadvantaged in the local community and those with special needs.

“The one thing everyone has is time and energy,” Gills said. “Even if people are unable to make monetary contributions, the amount of time and effort they have provided is very high and has increased over the years.”

Erwin said he thinks the caring attitude is the result of a combined effort between leaders and helping agencies here that reach out to the community.

“It starts with our senior leaders,” Erwin said. “I know for a fact whether it’s Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, 10th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Tim Gibson or other mission partner leaders, there is a generous attitude of love and care for others that trickle down.”

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International journalist Ethan Casey visits Academy for cadets thoughts on America

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

A group of cadets were more than happy to oblige an American author who asked for their perspective. Literary nonfiction writer Ethan Casey spoke to cadets Nov. 29 at Arnold Hall and shared his cultural and political experiences during his three and a half month road trip across America.

Casey encouraged cadets to ask questions and share their thoughts on the United States for his forthcoming book “Home Free: An American Road Trip” scheduled for publication next fall.

“I’m hoping that some portion of this or some suggestion of this conversation, might find its way into my book so that other civilians will understand those in the Air Force,” Casey said.

Casey, a previous foreign correspondent for the Boston Globe, The Guardian, Financial Times, Geographical Magazine and other publications, kick-started his tour Sept. 5 in Seattle. He has traveled to nearly 50 states to get a picture of contemporary America through his interactions with diverse Americans.

“I plan to write a book on America as if I am a journalist from Mars,” Casey said. “As if saying, ‘Hi, I’m Ethan from Mars and I’m interested in you, who you are and where you’re coming from.’”

Casey grew up in a small, rural town near Milwaukee and said he wasn’t exposed to another culture until age 16, when he traveled to Haiti with his father.

“It was just a shock to my system and I realized the rest of the world is not like this nice, little town I’m growing up in,” Casey said. “It created in me a great urge to see the rest of the world and experience the world as directly and as intentionally as possible.”

Casey has written two books on Pakistan and one on Haiti. He lived in Bangkok throughout the 90s and spent a year teaching in Pakistan, an experience which led him to write his first book, “Alive and Well in Pakistan.”

“I don’t claim to be an expert on those countries,” Casey said. “I claim to be a guy who shows up and listens with respect, then takes notes and tries to synthesize it into a narrative that will be both entertaining and edifying.”

Casey told cadets the first step to understanding another country is to leave their “American-ness” at the door.

“If we really want to understand or act effectively in different parts of the world, we need to first drop the premise that other countries are only important in relation to America,” Casey said. “We need to adopt humility to try to understand them and respect them in their own right.”

Casey said the goal of his new book is to help him and his readers understand other societies better so if they choose to act on or judge something that happens, they can do it with an improved understanding of that society.

“Understanding the world should be a lifelong, self-directed and educational project,” Casey said. “Hopefully that lifelong project is being kick-started, enhanced and supported and will be in years to come, beginning with your experience at the Academy, which I know to be an excellent institution.”

Casey shared a PowerPoint presentation with cadets consisting of personal photos, stories and perspectives to give them a glimpse into his trip. “America is just like Pakistan and Haiti in the sense that America is much more interesting than the version we see of it on TV,” Casey said. “That’s why I’m making this trip.”

On the tour, Casey met up with former Enron vice president Sherron Watkins, who he met at this year’s National Character and Leadership Symposium in February.

“She blew the whistle on the Enron scandal in 2001,” Casey said. “Thanks to the people at the Academy who organized the event, they put me in touch with her and I met with her for coffee in Houston. She is a wonderful, gracious person who gets where America is at right now.”

Cadet 2nd Class Jessica Adams, a point of contact for the event, said the cadets who attended were chosen because they were interested in Casey’s discussion topic and were critical thinkers.

Cadets asked thought-provoking questions on topics such as U.S. healthcare, government military spending and the meaning of the phrase, “United We Stand.”

“I always learn a lot when I come to the Air Force Academy,” Casey said. “I think it’s a terrific institution and I love interacting with the cadets whether it’s in this setting, a classroom or at the NCLS. They asked wonderful, excellent questions and I’m hoping that at least some portion will benefit my book.”

Casey graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1987. His is the author of five books and his work has appeared in several U.S. news publications. His website is http://ethancasey.blogspot.com.
Representatives from the National Football Foundation, along with Scott Thomas, Dr. Hans Mueh, and Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould stand on the field at halftime Nov. 16th at Falcon Stadium to recognize Thomas’ selection as an NFF Hall of Fame inductee.

The historic Waldorf-Astoria Grand Ballroom in New York City witnessed an all-star cast of history’s greatest football players at the 55th Annual National Football Foundation Awards Dinner Tuesday night.

With more than 75 current collegiate head coaches and 40 returning members of the College Football Hall of Fame in attendance, the fabled spectacle lived up to the historic expectations. Many well-known football luminaries were in attendance, adding to the magnitude of the much-anticipated event.

The 2012 College Football Hall of Fame class, including 11 All-Americans, one unanimous First-Team All-Americans, three multi-year First-Team All-Americans, and two members of national championship teams, headlined the event.

The 2012 class included Charles Alexander (LSU), Otis Armstrong (Purdue), Steve Barkowski (California), Hal Bedsole (Southern California), Dave Casper (Notre Dame), Ty Detmer (BYU), Tommy Kramer (Iowa), Art Monk (Syracuse), Greg Myers (Kansas State), Mark Simoneau (NASA), Scott Thomas (Air Force), John Wooden (Colorado), and coaches Phillip Fulmer (Tennessee), Jimmy Johnson (Oklahoma State and Miami) and R.C. Slocum (Texas A&M).

The 14 players and three coaches bring the total number of players in the Hall of Fame to 914 and the number of coaches in the hall to 197. Johnson delivered the response on behalf of the class, saying it was an incredible feeling to be enshrined into the hall with a group of men that have done so much for college football.

“Everybody in this room has had contact with football at one time in their life,” said Johnson. “Everybody knows it is not easy. They know about the sacrifices that the families have had to make. They know about the gut-wrenching feeling of losing a ballgame and not being able to sleep at night and putting their heart and soul into something they truly love. To be recognized for that is truly special.”

In addition to the hall of famers, the dinner had no shortage of college football star power not just on the field but in the classroom as USC offensive lineman Barrett Jones and Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te’o led a group of 15 current players vying for the coveted William V. Campbell bell trophy, awarded to the nation’s top scholar-athlete.

The trophy was awarded to Jones, an First Team All-American who carries a 4.0 GPA. Jones said it meant a lot to him to win the scholar-athlete award and that he has been blessed throughout his entire football career.

“College football is at an all-time high. The people up here have chosen to use their role-model status in a positive way,” Jones said.

Other members of the 2012 class of NFF National Scholar-Athletes included Rex Burkhead (Nebraska), Cody Davis (Texas Tech), Nick Driskill (Mount Union, Ohio), Nick Florence (Baylor), Nabal Jefferson (Northern Illinois), Aaron Mullaney (West Texas A&M), Ryan Nassib (Syracuse), Nolan Nealhoff (Robert Morris), Ethan Peterson (MIT), Sean Renfree (Duke), Patrick Ward (Northwestern), and Shane Zackery (Saint Xavier, Ill.). Each scholar-athlete received an $18,000 scholarship at the event, and Jones claimed a total scholarship of $25,000. Each event hit an emotional peak when NFF Board Member and TV personality Jack Ford presented the Gold Medal Award to Dr. Roscoe Brown, a Tuskegee Airman, spoke to the audience about how far the United States has come in the last 65 years since he overcame racial obstacles as pilot during World War II and the value that sports plays in our society.

“One of the things that the sport teaches us is that excellence overcomes stereotypes and obstacles,” Brown said. “Through sport, and particularly football, we have been able to break the barriers of gender bias and ethnic bias and tonight, we can feel very proud that as we honor the excellence on the football field, we are also honoring the excellence in our hearts and minds because we have changed this country.”
Falcons suffer first home loss

Air Force loses 72-69 to Wichita State

Air Force center Taylor Broekhuis goes up for a shot in Sunday’s game against Wichita State in Clune Arena. Mike Fitzgerald led the Falcons with 18 points, while Broekhuis added 17. Air Force’s Michael Lyons missed a three-pointer at the buzzer that would have tied the game. The Falcons suffered their first loss at home and fell 6-2. The Falcons complete their three-game homestand on Saturday against Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Clune Arena. Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Falcon of the Week

No. 14 Michael Lyons
Guard

Stats

Class: 2013
High School: Massanutten Military Academy
Height / Weight: 6’5” / 193

2012 Season: Lyons has been the offensive leader in points and time on the court during his senior year at the Academy. He has averaged 19.6 points and 2.8 assists a game with an average of 31 minutes on the court. He also plays a defensive game averaging 5.3 rebounds a game.
Falcons beat RIT, end losing streak

Stephen Carew scored 61 seconds into overtime as Air Force beat RIT, 3-2, in an Atlantic Hockey Association game Sunday, at the Academy’s Cadet Ice Arena.

With the win, Air Force ended its four-game losing streak and improved to 4-7-3 overall and 3-4-1 in the AHA. RIT is winless in its last six games and fell to 2-8-3 overall and 1-5-2 in the league.

In overtime, Dan Weisenhofer controlled the puck in the Air Force end and sent a pass up to Mike Walsh in the neutral zone. Walsh touched it to Carew on the left side and the senior team captain skated around the net. After a collision near the far post with an RIT defenseman, Carew fired a wrister through the five-hole for his second career game-winner.

RIT opened the scoring at the 14:21 mark when Brad Shumway skated down the center of the ice and around several Falcons. Shumway dropped the puck to Andrew Miller who ripped a wrister over the pad of Jason Torf for a 1-0 lead.

Twelve seconds into the second period, Air Force went on the power play, but it was RIT that scored. Brad Reid scored short-handed from Matt Garbowsky for a 2-0 lead. Following the goal, RIT’s Alexander Kuqali was called for a five-minute major for checking from behind and the Falcons had 48 seconds of 5-on-3 followed by the major. Near the end of the major, a slashing call on Nolan Descomteaux gave the Falcons two minutes of 5-on-3, but the Falcons were unable to score. Air Force got on the board with an even-strength goal by Scott Holm at 14:47 of the second period. Holm forced a turnover on the forecheck and then got the puck back from linemates Jason Fabian and BenPersian. The sophomore winger then stuffed the puck under the pads of Josh Watson to make the score 2-1. A minute later, RIT’s Adam Hartley was called for a major for checking from behind and the Falcons were back on the power play. Ben Carey and Cole Gunner cycled the puck behind the net and it trickled over the goal line at 16:44. The goal was his fourth of the season and second on the power play.

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Air Force outshot RIT, 27-24, in the game. The Falcons had a 22-13 advantage in the final two periods and overtime. AFA was 1-for-9 on the power play while RIT was 0-for-2. Watson made 24 saves for the Tigers while Jason Torf made 22 for AFA. “We found a way to win an ugly game tonight,” head coach Frank Serratore said. “This one was painful to watch. We still have some things to repair in our game. I want to see the enthusiasm of our team return. We needed to end this losing and now we can exhale a little bit. But just a little bit.”

Air Force travels to Waltham, Mass., for a two-game Atlantic Hockey series against the Bentley Falcons, at the John A. Ryan Center.

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Los Angeles, Calif. — Converting on just two of 12 extra-man opportunities, the 10th-ranked Air Force water polo team fell to No. 11 St. Francis Brooklyn, 14-8, Sunday afternoon in the third-place game of the 2012 National Collegiate Water Polo Tournament, being held at McDonald’s Swim Stadium.

The Terriers continued to pull away in the third period, outscoring the Falcons 3-0. St. Francis added another score to open the final stanza, pushing its advantage to 12-3 before Air Force received back-to-back goals from Ben Rogers and Rajchel with under four minutes to play.

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After a missed penalty opportunity by the Falcons, St. Francis increased its lead to 7-2 with a penalty shot at the other end and tacked on another goal with less than two minutes remaining in the period. However, Air Force scored the final goal of the quarter with a tally from senior captain Brad Rajchel bringing the halftime score to 8-3.

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8. common deterrent measure
9. CNN’s Turner
10. Young herring in Norway
12. Disengagement
14. The lion’s sonic signature
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18. XXY Olympic site
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22. Above average in size
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25. Baked pastry-lid dish
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