

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

AUGUST 2007

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 Jul 07)

	Men	Women	Cum	Int'l	US
2008	847	187	1034	13	1021
2009	917	186	1103	7	1096
2010	914	216	1130	19	1111
2011	976	249	1225	14	1211
WING	3654	838	4492	54	4439

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Men	Women
976	249

PARENTS' WEEKEND PACKETS

Parents' Weekend information was mailed on 17 August. Only 4-degree families were mailed a packet (includes brochure and vehicle passes). Upper class cadets will be e-mailed the condensed agenda and instructed to forward it to their families. The upper class cadets will also be instructed to pick up vehicle passes from their squadron representatives and mail them to their families. (If you don't receive a vehicle pass you will still be allowed on base, but will probably have to show ID at the gate.)

CADET MAILING ADDRESSES

Ask your cadet to check the CAMIS database to make sure your mailing address is correct. If the address is not correct, you will not receive any mailings from USAFA. If your cadet does not know how to check it, s/he should ask the AOC or AMT. Your cadet is the only person who can get into that database and make changes

CONCERN ABOUT STOLEN CADET PROPERTY

We recently were contacted by parents concerned about missing and stolen cadet property, especially items that were supposedly secured in designated and locked storage areas in the dorms. Rest assured, the senior leadership here is equally concerned about this situation. The Commandant's staff has instituted a security and safety review to address these issues, and to review our processes and procedures to better protect our cadets' personal items.

The staff is obviously concerned that the thefts are occurring at all; at an institution where the Honor Code underpins everything we do, it is a shame that stealing happens anywhere on our campus. The leadership is also frustrated that the cadets and staff are often not always following the security measures that we do have in place. A couple of examples include never properly securing the property in the first place, and poor control of access to the keys to the storage areas. These are among the issues the Commandant's staff will address with AOCs, AMTs and cadets upon completion of the review.

Additionally, when one parent expressed concern that when she attempted to get some information on her cadet's stolen property, she felt she was just "brushed off" and not taken seriously by the people she contacted. We are deeply disappointed that she received this reaction and response from anyone at the Academy. We offer our sincere apologies if anyone here – staff members or cadets -- came across as "we don't care." We do indeed care, and this attitude, too, will be addressed as a part of the on-going security and safety review.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE

Most registration forms have been sent in (deadline was 17 Aug). Any club president who hasn't sent in the form should e-mail it to Barbara Gutierrez immediately. The agenda includes a Q&A session with the Superintendent's senior staff in the morning as well as a Q&A session in the afternoon amongst just the attendees. Club presidents should check with their members to see if there's anything they'd like to have discussed at this meeting.

PACKAGE PICK UP IN ARNOLD HALL

The package pick up store (for UPS and Fed Ex) in Arnold Hall is having problems e-mailing cadets to notify them that they have a package waiting due to the switch to "dot-edu" domain for e-mail. Steps are being taken to correct this but for the time being, the cadets will receive an e-mail from another source. However, just to make sure your cadet knows, ask UPS or Fed Ex how long it will take for delivery and then tell your cadet to check with the package pick up to see if it has arrived. The cadets can call 333-4622 to check on a package. The address for mailing via UPS or Fed Ex:

C4C John Jones
2302 Cadet Drive, PO Box xxxx (cadet's PO Box)
USAF Academy CO 80840-xxxx (cadet's PO Box)

MITCHELL HALL LUNCH – PARENTS' WEEKEND

Mitchell Hall is aware of the problems encountered last year for the 4 degrees and their parents attending lunch on Friday of PW. Below is their message:

Parent's Weekend 2006 - Lunch at Mitchell Hall
Mitchell Hall planned, prepared, and set up for the number of tickets that were sold to 4-degree parents and the 4th class. The arrangements for seating were made so that cadets would sit in

their assigned squadron tables with their parents and each table was supposed to seat 10 people per table. The total number of tables that were set up and food was prepared for was determined again for the total attending divided by the number per cadet squadron divided by 10 people per table - just like the cadets during a mandatory meal.

A couple of issues arose which caused the confusion. First, a number of people attended lunch without purchasing tickets which increased the count above what Mitchell Hall was prepared for. Second, families and cadets did not fill tables according to the plan, so the extra family members and cadets overflowed onto tables that Mitchell Hall had not planned on serving. Mitchell Hall proceeded to find everyone a seat, set up additional tables, found food, etc., in order to serve everyone.

Lunch at Mitchell Hall - 2007

Mitchell Hall will again plan, prepare, and set up for lunch according to ticket sales. Tickets must be purchased for all family members in advance through the cadet squadrons. Tickets are on sale from 13-23 August at \$3.65 per ticket.

Mitchell Hall is planning on seating according to our modified sit-down system, so as a group comes in we will guide them to a table, fill the table the best we can and move to the next. We will be seating on both the east and west side.

Due to the fact that the food is purchased out of the Cadet Subsistence Fund (Cadet Pay), we try to limit the amount of waste. We will have some extra set ups of food, but not an abundance. We feel that with these changes, and if information is passed on to the 4th class and their parents in advance, this year should run smoothly.

2007 FOOTBALL GAME SCHEDULE (all times are Mountain Time)

<u>Date</u>	<u>USAFA vs</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
1 Sep	South Carolina State	USAFA	12:00 pm
8 Sep	at Utah	Salt Lake City	4:00 pm
13 Sep	TCU	USAFA	6:00 pm
22 Sep	at BYU	Provo	1:00 pm
29 Sep	at Navy	Annapolis	11:00 am
6 Oct	UNLV	USAFA	7:00 pm
13 Oct	at Colorado State	Ft. Collins	3:30 pm
20 Oct	Wyoming	USAFA	12:00 pm
25 Oct	at New Mexico	Albuquerque	7:00 pm
3 Nov	Army	USAFA	1:31 pm
10 Nov	at Notre Dame	South Bend	12:30 pm
17 Nov	San Diego State	USAFA	12:00 pm