

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

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CLASS STATISTICS

Class	Men	Women	Cum
2007	821	178	999
2008	853	188	1041
2009	966	202	1168
2010	976	236	1212
Wing	3616	804	4420

ACADEMY INVESTIGATES POTENTIAL TEST COMPROMISE

Academy officials announced on Feb. 7, 2007, they were investigating approximately 28 possible compromises of a Fourth Class Knowledge Test given to all members of the Class of 2010, the current freshman class. As of Feb. 15, the number of cadets suspected had increased to 36.

The test was given on Jan. 31, 2007, and the possible compromise was discovered on Feb. 2 when cadets reported the incident. Twenty-four of the cadets interviewed so far by Cadet Honor Representatives admitted to cheating on the test.

The investigation to date indicates the compromise appears to be limited to freshmen. No upperclassmen have been implicated. A review is underway to determine all the facts and circumstances of the possible cheating incident. Updates will be released as they become available.

The alleged cadets will either be placed on a very intensive, 6-month-long Honor probation program during which they become "cadets not in good standing" and are prohibited from representing the Academy in any public venue (like playing sports, participating in club competitions (e.g., debate, forensics, Bluebards, etc)); or they will be disenrolled from the Academy.

Each cadet will meet a separate Cadet Sanctions Recommendation Panel or Wing Honor Board that will make a recommendation to the Commandant on the cadet's future (i.e., probation or disenrollment). The Commandant makes the final decision on probation; the Superintendent makes the final call on disenrollment. Due to the relatively large number of cadets involved in the current cheating situation, these processes will likely take 3-5 weeks or longer. At any time after the investigation into the incident is complete (it's still ongoing), the cadets can voluntarily resign from the Academy.

Although the Superintendent restricted the entire Cadet Wing to the Academy grounds from Feb. 7-13, many cadets involved in sports traveled to weekend away games despite the restriction. That was because the Air Force Academy has external commitments to the NCAA, Mountain West Conference, College Hockey America, and television and radio networks. Those obligations were honored by playing those games. The annual football banquet was also allowed to proceed as scheduled because of the large capital investment and number of out-of-town guests attending at their own expense. The cadets who did travel to away games returned Sunday, to rejoin their squadrons and participate in the key cadet weekend and Monday activities.

Further, the teams that traveled to away games used the opportunity of their return travel to discuss the very same issues their counterparts back on campus were discussing. Also, that following Monday afternoon, all of the Intercollegiate athletes had additional sessions with their respective coaches and teammates that the non-athletes did not participate in.

The restriction to the base was not a punishment. It was an opportunity for the majority of cadets to sit down together for introspective discussions on the state of our Academy and the direction we want to take it in the future. With few exceptions, virtually every cadet participated in some or all of the Character Commitment Weekend.

CADET AWARDS PROGRAM

The Cadet Awards Program offers incentives to cadets for higher achievements in academic, athletic, leadership, military training and related activities by public recognition at the Individual Awards Ceremony which takes place on Memorial Day prior to graduation. The awards foster unit and individual competition and enhance morale. There are a few cadet awards available for sponsorship. Please contact Ms. Cathy Wedo, Chief of Cadet Awards at (719) 333-4410, if your club is interested in sponsoring one.

APPOINTEE ORIENTATION – CLASS OF 2011

The sessions for 2007 are 9-10, 16-17 and 23-34 April. These orientations are a Monday-Tuesday program designed to provide the appointee with the opportunity to become acquainted with the mission, operation, facilities, and faculty of the Academy. They will have the occasion to talk to members of the staff as well as the cadets. Monday is a full day of briefings by the senior staff. Late Monday afternoon, each appointee will be assigned an upper class cadet and will sleep in the dorm. On Tuesday, each appointee will shadow his/her cadet, attending classes and eating at Mitchell Hall. This orientation is not mandatory, but does provide the appointees the benefit of learning “what’s ahead” and should help them make their decision whether or not to proceed. On Tuesday afternoon, a walking tour of the cadet area is available to the parents. They can sign up for the tour on Monday morning in Arnold Hall (where the briefings are held). This is a “walking” tour and not recommended for those who are physically challenged. A flyer will be sent to the parents’ clubs in March and posted on the Famnet.

SPONSOR PROGRAM

If your cadet is unhappy with his/her sponsor family, he or she must call or email the Sponsor Program office to formally request reassignment. The parents cannot do it. The cadet should call 333-2727 or email Ms. Arcy Jacildo: arcy.jacildo@usafa.af.mil.

BOOT PURCHASE FOR APPOINTEES

The cadets will be required to have two pairs of combat boots when starting BCT. The parents' clubs have the information on the boot requirements. Appointees can:

- a. Purchase one pair of boots ahead of time and be issued a second pair at in-processing.
- b. Purchase both pair during Appointee Orientation.
- c. Purchase one pair in their local area and have the second pair issued at USAFA.
- d. Wait until they in-process and get both pairs.

It is recommended that the boots be purchased early in order to break them in before basic training; however, we're told the new design requires less time.

BLUEBARDS PERFORMANCE DURING GRADUATION WEEK

The U.S. Air Force Academy Bluebards, the Cadet Theater Troupe, are proud to present their graduation musical, "The Fantasticks" (the most popular American musical in history; a family comedy about two young people and their journey through romance, adventure, and experience), to the parents, sponsors and loved ones of the Class of 2007.

In order to thank the parents' clubs and Famnet for their support, they would like to present an exclusive offer: Any member of a parents' club or Famnet who pre-orders their tickets before April 1st may purchase all their tickets at the reduced rate of \$5.00 (regular general admission is \$10.00). Simply call (719) 333-4497 and tell them you would like the Famnet rate for this special offer.

THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

- An Air Force Junior women's basketball player, Pam Findlay, was one of five players selected to the ESPN, The Magazine Academic All-District 7 University Division women's basketball first team, as chosen by members of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). She will now be listed on the ballot for All-America recognition.
- 32 Falcons selected to the fall 2006 MWC Academic All-Conference (M/W cross country, football, women's soccer and volleyball players only)

- This semester, five Falcons have earned “Conference Player of the week;” boxing and men’s swimming had two each, while women’s gymnastics had one.
- The calendar year 2006 produced 7 school records, 8 All-Americans, 7 MWC champions and 1 NCAA champion.
- For the first time in 12 years, the Air Force men's track and field team won its annual home invitational. The men accumulated 129.50 points to win the 16th-annual Air Force Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 3. The Falcons topped the runner-up by 20.50 points to take first in the 12-member field. The women's team scored 64 points to finish fifth in the 14-team field.
- In January, the Air Force rifle team competed last weekend at the NCAA air rifle and smallbore matches at the Citadel Marksmanship Center in Charleston, S.C. In air rifle, Air Force finished first ahead of VMI and The Citadel. The Falcons finished second in the smallbore match behind VMI. AFA, VMI and The Citadel were scheduled to shoot on Saturday, but due to a sudden illness to one of the Air Force shooters, the Falcons fired their entire competition on Sunday.