

# Aim: Body Development, Leadership and Attitude

Many things determine the competitive standing of Air Force Academy candidates. Physical aptitude is among them. This and a rigid medical exam pushes the new cadet classes well above the average freshman class entering a civilian school. AFA cadets are kept at this peak. The physical education program is rigorous, body development is an objective, of course, but the program also points at other objectives—leadership and attitudes.

Self-confidence, emotional control, persistence and courage—these are the attributes of a leader. These are the program objectives. Physical education is an integral part of the curriculum with 19½ semester hours of credit being awarded.

**THE CADETS' introduction to physical education begins with his arrival at the Academy and doesn't terminate until his graduation as a second lieutenant.**

The program includes conditioning exercises, competitive sports, field day, recreational activities, lectures, in boxing, gymnastics, swimming and canoeing, supervised outdoor and instructor training.

**PARTICIPATION IN the AFA physical program is compulsory.** All cadets also are not actively engaged in a variety of sports must take part. This is the only area in the curriculum where the physical education is compulsory. Special treatment, the mass athletic and physical education courses and the physical education program are the mainstays of the AFA physical education program.

The Academy's physical education program requires a vast and complete equipment program. A complete equipment program is a complete program.

**A \$7.9 million structure, 335 feet long and 225 feet wide, and 125 acres of athletic fields and outdoor facilities is devoted to the program.**

**THIS INCLUDES** gymnastics, law swimming pool, one of Olympic size, 95x24, wrestling and gymnastics rooms, conference and projection room, the art and pistol ranges, squash, a handball courts, tennis, tennis room, and Westside athletic complex.

**Outside facilities include 23 tennis courts, 21 volleyball courts, and 5 basketball courts—all in one 100-acre tract. 29 football fields, 12 soccer fields, 2 football tracks with a 225-yard straight-away.**

All equipment for the massive program is stored in the main building. The program is the physical education program. 627 pieces of football equipment, 647 football helmets, 800 soccer balls, 312 tennis rackets, 500 pairs of handball gloves, 200 pairs of tennis shoes, and 200 pairs of tennis shoes are monthly. Satisfying of 30,000.

## War and Athletic Battlegrounds Fill Col. Martin's Military Record

Col. Marvin "Harry" Martin began his assignment as the Air Force Academy's third Director of Athletics in the summer of 1960, following graduation from the National War College. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, where he was a letterman in gymnastics.

Prior to his appointment to West Point, he had attended Bluefield (W. Va.) College. Colonel Martin now calls Falls Church, Virginia, his permanent address.

Following his graduation and the completion of flying training, he served in Europe during World War II for 18 months with the 36th Fighter Group. Following that war, he commanded combat training groups at Nellis and Luke Air Force Bases. Then came command of the 18th Fighter Bomber Group at Korea and the 35th Fighter Group in Japan before he returned to the U.S. in 1955 for four years of duty with Headquarters, USAF.

Colonel Martin's impressive list of decorations the served in six campaigns in Europe and one in Korea) includes the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 24 oak leaf clusters, Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Belgian Fortificator and

## Col. Rafalko To Head DA

An honorable mention All-American football player—Col. Edmund A. Rafalko will succeed Col. Martin as the new Director of Athletics next month.

The 36-year-old athlete, a 1945 West Point graduate, played in football, baseball and basketball during his Academy days. He was a member of the national championship football team in 1944, the same year he received All-America honorable mention.

While at the Point, he earned pilot training in 1941 and earned his wings prior to his graduation. Assigned to the Pacific area after graduation, he served with the 21st Troop Carrier Squadron until 1948. Upon return to the United States, the same year, he joined the Strategic Air Command, flying B-29 and B-50 aircraft.

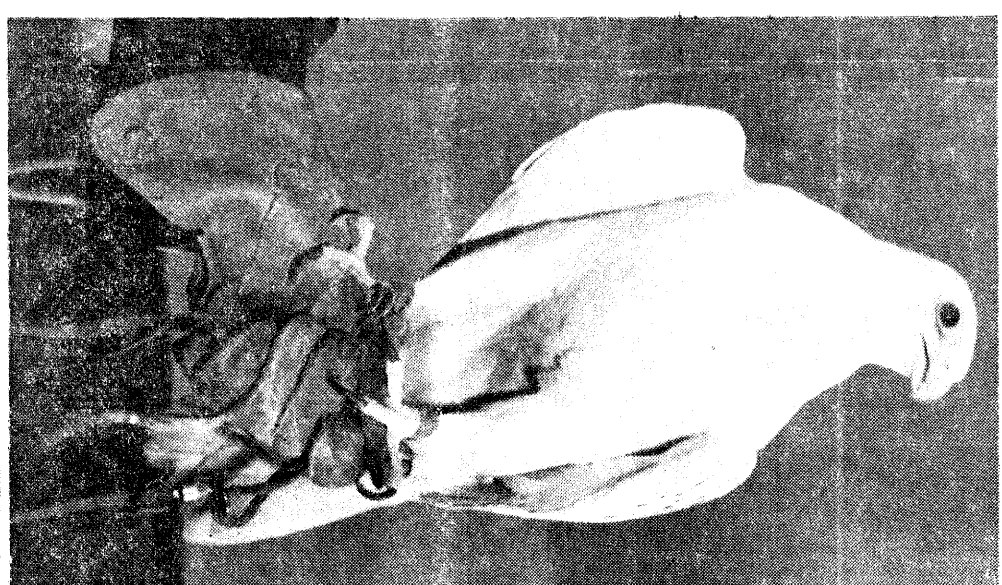
In 1949, while on temporary duty as an assistant football coach at



Col. Edmund Rafalko West Point, he met and married the inventor Kathryn R. Tirrell of Newark, N. J.

**As a major in 1952, he was an operations officer and then commander of the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron. In 1956 he commanded a bomb squadron at Hunter AFB, Ga. Later, he helped develop and test the strategic ground alert system for B-47 bombardment aircraft.**

After a tour at Terebinth AB, Spangher, he served as Vice Commander of the 3rd Air Refueling Squadron at the staff of the Strategic Air Command where he served as wing chief and then director of plans, chief and evaluation. While serving at the school he earned a Masters Degree in international affairs from George Washington University.



## For Future Air Force Leaders

# Athletic Department Has Vital Role

With "leadership through athletics" as its motto, the Department of Athletics plays a vital role in the development of the future Air Force leaders. Cadets spend nearly one-third of their time in some form of physical education or athletics.

It is here as well as in military training that he develops leadership traits, courage and—perhaps most important—the will to win.

Falcon teams participate in 15 intercollegiate sports—just slightly more than the national average. In the fall, the sports played are cross country, football and soccer. The winter season sees the Cadets participating in basketball, fencing, gymnastics, pistol, rifle, skiing, swimming and wrestling. The spring sports are baseball, golf tennis and track.

**ANOTHER SPORT**—modern pentathlon—has been added to the athletic program, to make the sixteenth sport although it is still in the development stages.

Football is doubly important at the Academy. It is naturally the most popular spectator sport, and because of this, it draws the most attention and publicity. Besides this aspect, football is also the money maker that provides funds to conduct the rest of the athletic program, and in this respect is the most important sport to the success of the Department of Athletics.

Because of the geographic location of the Academy, it is often difficult to build a schedule without enormous travel expenses. In a 30-mile radius, there are only five or six schools—depending on the sport involved—that are listed in the NCAA "minor college" category. And one of them—Denver University—does not play football.

Air Force authorized the establishment of the Air Force Academy Athletic Association in 1955, as an agency to handle all funds related to the income and expenses of the operation of an intercollegiate program.

Initially, members of the Air Force were asked to join the AFCAA for a nominal initiation fee and an annual dues. Nearly 18,000 persons joined the Athletic Association



## Like Modern Aircraft Academy Mascot Has Courage, Speed, Grace

Courage, speed and grace in flight, characteristics of modern aircraft and their pilots typify, as well, the mascot of the Academy. Thousands of Academy sports fans thrill each year as the Falcons perform in free flight at athletic events.

The falcon, here, keen eyed, and swift, was picked Sept. 25, 1959 by the members of the Class of 1959, first Academy graduates, as their mascot.

On Oct. 5, 1955, an American peregrine falcon was presented to the Academy to become the first of a long line of March 1's. Although March 1 has been retained as the official name for the Academy mascot, cadet falconers pick names for their charges. For instance, a beautiful white Arctic or gyrfalcon, is called Arctol.

All Academy falcons are trained and cared for by cadets who volunteer their spare time to learn the ancient art of falconry. There are usually about 15 cadet falconers with three or four chosen each year from the Fourth Class.

Young birds are taken each spring, often from nests within sight of the academic area. During August and September the birds are trained for appearances at fall football games.

Millions of television viewers saw the aerial acrobatics of the Academy mascots in 1962 as they flew during halftime ceremonies of the Falcon Stadium Dedication Day football game telecast nationwide by CBS.

## 37 Graduates Receive Top Honor Awards

Forty individual awards were presented to 37 cadets in Arnold Hall ceremonies Monday. The awards are named for deceased persons who have made notable technical contributions to airpower or who in some other association with aviation, merit recognition. Three awards each were won by Cadets Kent E. Harbaugh and Sam W. Westbrook III. Patrick E. Wynne was the winner of two.

Westbrook was singled out to receive the Lt. General's Field and the Merit award for the outstanding cadet in the General Order of Merit, the Maj. Gen. George O. Sanger award for physical and the Gen. George C. Mar- tinez award for military excellence.

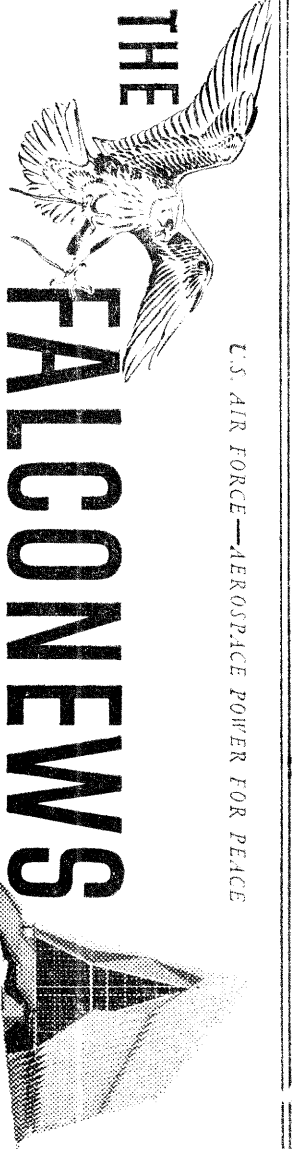
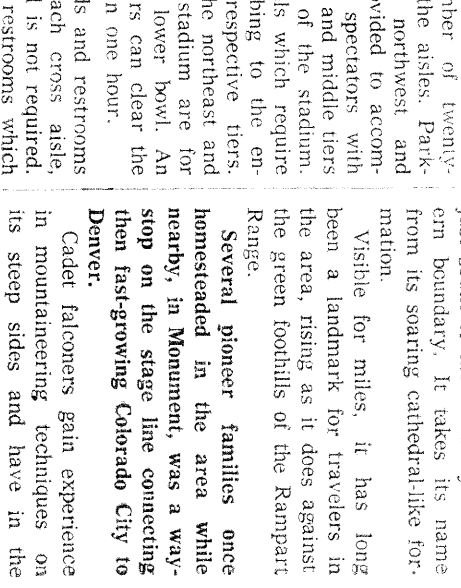
Harbaugh was presented the Gen. Muir S. Fairchild award for the outstanding cadet in academic achievement, the Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews award for history, and the Amelia Earhart Social Science award.

The Maj. Gen. James E. Focher award for intercollegiate speech and the Capt. Earl N. Findley award as the TALON editor, were awarded to Wynne.

David N. Byrne won the Gen. Muir S. Fairchild award which is presented to the cadet showing most improvement in the General Order of Merit.

**OTHER WINNERS** of individual awards: James C. Gaston—Capt. James Hall; and Lt. Charles Nordhoff (English); Park G. Bunker—Maj. Gen. Herbert A. Dagne (Electrical Engineering); Roger B. Sims—Maj. Richard L. Pong (Military History); William H. Helker Jr.—Lt. Gen. Barton K. Young (Humanities); Michael J. Bohm—General of the Air Force Henry H. (Hap) Arnold (Cadet Wing Commander).

Raymond A. Hamilton II—Maj. Gen. Robert Westmore (Group Commander); James D. Goodman (Commander); William H. Simpson—Col. Paul W. Brownson (Capt.); Earl T. Davis—Brlg. Gen. Frederick W. Caselle (National Defense Policy); William E. Wilson—Capt. Richard T. Garwood III



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# Chief Executive Speaks Here Today

The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces—the Honorable John F. Kennedy—today comes to deliver a commencement address to a graduating Air Force Academy cadet class.

The 39th Chief Executive will take part in the second of the two-phase ceremonies beginning with the 500 members of the graduating class and the remainder of the cadet wing marching into the stadium at 8:35 a.m. All will be seated within 20 minutes. Honor and color guards will then take their positions.

**AIR FORCE** Chief of Staff Gen. Curtis LeMay and Dean of Faculty Brig. Gen. Robert McDermott will enter the stadium and debut their vehicle at the honor guard. At this point, the Academy Band will render "Ruffles and Flourishes" immediately afterwards, the band will play "The Generals March" at which time the Chief of Staff and Dean of Faculty will move through the honor guard to the speakers platform.

Chapterlain (Col.) Stephen J. O'Connor, Catholic Command Staff Chaplain, will deliver the invocation.

**GENERAL McDERMOTT** will then give greetings to the audience and present the graduating class. The Dean will then introduce the Chief of Staff. At this point, the Cadet Registrar, Col. Virgil O'Connor, will beget to call the names of the graduates. General LeMay will present the speakers platform to all but the distinguished graduates.

Prior to the President's arrival, the explanatory remarks to the general public explaining the Presidential ceremony will be made. The band will play appropriate music until the President arrives.

The Chief Executive and his party will arrive at Peterson Field where the traditional "ruffles and flourishes" are given. The band will be rendered a reception party consisting of Academy Superintendent Maj. Gen. Robert H. Warren, Colorado's Governor John Love and Colorado Congressional Delegates. The Presidential group will then board helicopters for the short trip to the stadium.

**THE PRESIDENTIAL** motorcade will enter the stadium as the processions to the speakers stand, the band will play "Ruffles and Flourishes" and "Hail to the Chief." President Kennedy will

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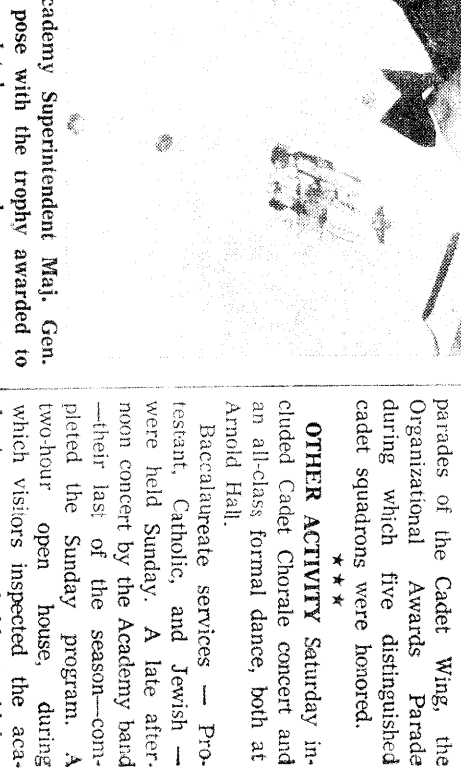
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June Week 1963, and the portraits of the Air Force Academy's most published and probably most distinctive structure—the trifaith chapel—swung open for the first time.

The chapel's 17 spires, rising to 130 feet, make it the commanding edifice at the Academy. "Chapel of the future: This is what its designers—Skidmore, Owings and Merrill of Chicago—have labeled their unique effort.

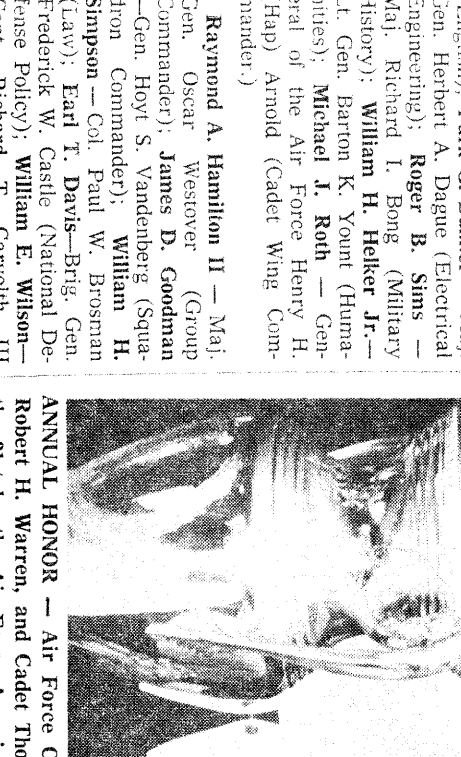
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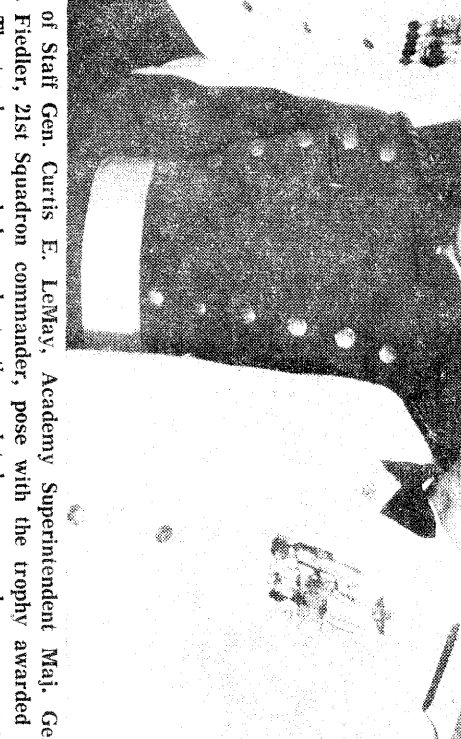
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