

Follow the Flight of the Falcons



1969 FOOTBALL



1969 SCHEDULE

(Series Record in Parenthesis)

Sept. 13	Southern Methodist (1-2-0) TV	Dallas, Texas	8:35 p.m.(CDT)
Sept. 20	Missouri (0-3-0)	Columbia, Mo.	1:30 p.m. (CDT)
Sept. 27	Wyoming (4-4-2)	USAFA	1:30 p.m.(MDT)
Oct. 11	North Carolina (3-1-0)	Chapel Hill	1:30 p.m.(EDT)
Oct. 18	Oregon (0-3-1)	USAFA	1:30 p.m.(MDT)
Oct. 25	Colo. State U. (7-2-1)	USAFA	1:30 p.m.(MDT)
Nov. 1	Army (1-2-1) TV	West Point	1:50 p.m.(EST)
Nov. 8	Utah State (First Meeting)	USAFA	1:00 p.m.(MST)
Nov. 15	Stanford (2-3-0)	Palo Alto	1:30 p.m.(PST)
Nov. 22	Notre Dame (0-1-0)	Notre Dame	1:30 p.m.(CST)



ON THE COVER: One of the first and most impressive sights to greet visitors to the Colorado Springs area is Falcon Stadium, easily seen from U.S. Interstate Highway 25. Helping point out the Air Force Academy football stadium is the name "Air Force" lettered on the stadium's upper stands. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

1968 RESULTS

USAFA	(7-3)	OPP	Attendance
20	Florida	23	52,626(A)
10	Wyoming	3	29,920(H)
13	Stanford	24	35,000(A)
26	Navy	20	51,473(A)
31	Colorado State University	0	28,906(A)
27	Pittsburgh	14	29,038(A)
28	North Carolina	15	24,596(H)
10	Arizona	14	32,196(H)
28	Tulsa	8	32,175(H)
58	Colorado	35	42,300(A)



U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY FOOTBALL HANDBOOK

A Complete Guide to 1969 Air Force Academy Football

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THIS IS THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: North of Colorado Springs, Colorado (80840)

FOUNDED: Authorized April 1, 1954. First class received July 11, 1955. First class graduated in June 1959.

ENROLLMENT: 3,850. The enrollment will be increased until full strength of 4,417 is reached in July of 1971.

COLORS: Silver and Blue

NICKNAME: Falcons. **MASCOT:** Falcon (Mach I)

CONFERENCE: Independent

BAND: Academy Band (120 members)

STADIUM: Falcon Stadium (40,828 permanent seats)

ACADEMY SUPERINTENDENT: Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman

COMMANDANT OF CADETS: Brig. Gen. Robin Olds

DEAN OF FACULTY: Brig. Gen. William Woodyard

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Colonel Frank Merritt

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Hal Bateman (472-2313 or 472-1894)

CURRICULUM: The U.S. Air Force Academy is neither an engineering nor a liberal arts college, but combines certain elements of both. It may be accurately described as a school of general education for professional Air Force officers — a school which endeavors to give each cadet the knowledge and qualities of leadership required of an officer in the United States Air Force and a basis for continued development throughout a lifetime of service to his country, leading to readiness for responsibilities as a future air commander.

A cadet who completes the four-year course will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Regular Air Force.

"Bring Me Men..."

Sam Walter Foss in his poem "The Coming American" summed it up best:

Bring me men to match my mountains
Bring me men to match my plains
Men with empires in their purpose
And new eras in their brains.

Those few words very appropriately sum up one of the creeds of the Air Force Academy, youngest of the service academies.

What does it take to produce such men?

For one thing, four difficult years at the Air Force Academy, years marked by tough requirements in discipline, study and physical endurance. For some, the adjustments are sometimes too great and the requirements just too hard to meet. The ones who make it have committed themselves to a life of high moral standards and service to their country. These men eventually will be the backbone of the Air Force and will form the nucleus of career officers dedicated to aerospace purposes.

The Air Force Academy began on a hot day in July, 1955, when the first class of 306 cadets was sworn in at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver. The Academy has come a long way since then.

First of all, there is a unique "major for all" program. A cadet receives a general undergraduate education together with an academic major in one of 22 fields. These are available within the four divisions of basic sciences, engineering, humanities and social sciences. For the exceptional cadet, there is an in depth graduate program.

Since its birth in Denver, the Academy has moved to a majestic complex of buildings located on a rolling 18,000-acre

pine-covered site in the foothills of the Rampart Range of the Rocky Mountains north of Colorado Springs. Against the backdrop of the Rockies the 17 spires of the cadet chapel stand in stark simplicity but the gleaming facades of the academic and residence halls are as strong as the mountains behind them.

Unlike a civilian college or university, life at the Air Force Academy is based on rigid daily schedule, strict discipline and constant emphasis on what it takes to become a leader. Through this, the cadet learns the fundamental military knowledge and skills required of a junior officer, skills which develop him toward the highest command and staff positions.

By July, 1971, cadet strength at the Academy will have reached a maximum of 4,417, but this does not mean the Academy has completed its growth. New buildings, new subjects, new recreational facilities and new ideas will help keep the Academy vital and in tune with the times. All of this will help turn out better men for the most complex and challenging jobs in the Air Force.

MISSION

The Air Force Academy provides instruction, experience and motivation to each cadet so that he will graduate with the knowledge, character and qualities of leadership essential to his progressive development as a career officer of the United States Air Force

CADET ATHLETICS COVER WIDE RANGE

Not all athletes become Air Force Academy cadets, but all Air Force Academy cadets become athletes. Few schools in the country have as broad or as extensive an athletic program as the Air Force Academy.

The goal of the athletic program is to develop such traits as persistence, will to win, aggressiveness and courage — all characteristics of a good leader. The Academy curriculum is divided into three main areas, academics, military training and athletics. A cadet must excel in all three areas to earn his second lieutenant commission and bachelor of science degree.

Under the guidance of Athletic Director Col. Frank Merritt, the athletic program is broken down into three sub-divisions — intercollegiate, intramural and physical education.

Eighteen intercollegiate sports are played and represent the highest form of competition for cadet athletes. Varsity teams compete against some of the top teams in the nation in football, cross country, soccer, basketball, fencing, rifle, pistol, skiing, ice hockey, gymnastics, indoor track, wrestling, swimming, baseball, outdoor track, lacrosse, golf and tennis.

The intramural program is conducted by cadets under the supervision of the Department of Physical Education. Each cadet squadron fields a team in each of 15 sports — tackle football, soccer, tennis, flicker-

ball, lacrosse, boxing, wrestling, water polo, handball, squash, rugby, basketball, swimming, cross country and field hockey.

Each cadet takes physical education courses during his four-year stay. Courses are designed to develop physical fitness, teach unarmed combat, instructor training and sports such as tennis, golf, squash and handball which will enable an officer to maintain fitness throughout his career.

Cadet athletes enjoy the best facilities available anywhere. The cadet gymnasium contains 20 squash-ball courts, 19 handball courts, three basketball courts which have cross-court floors, two swimming pool areas, an indoor rifle and pistol range, gymnastics, wrestling and boxing rooms, a supply area, lockers for all cadets and coaches offices.

The recently completed \$5.6-million field house contains a one-sixth mile indoor track with an Astro-Turf infield, a basketball court with Tartan floor for varsity competition, a regulation ice hockey rink, lockers for cadets and the offices of the Department of Athletics.

In addition to Falcon Stadium, outdoor facilities include 35 athletic fields for intercollegiate and intramural sports covering 125 acres, three baseball diamonds and an all-weather track.

FALCON STADIUM

Falcon Stadium is undoubtedly one of the highest football fields in the country, over a mile above sea level or 6,621 feet to be exact.

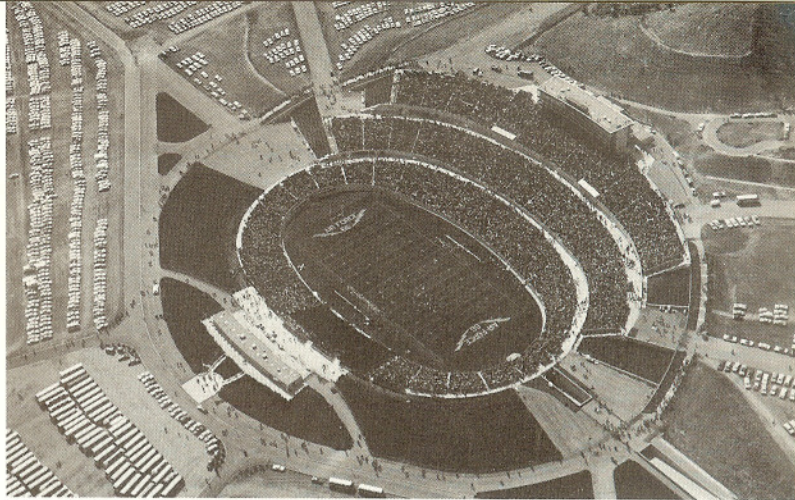
Built in a natural bowl, the concrete structure has 40,828 permanent seats and can hold up to 50,000 spectators with additional temporary bleachers. There is one level of seats on the east side and three tiers of seats on the west, each serviced by two concession stands and restroom areas. All seats are within easy walking distance of the 9,610-vehicle capacity parking lot which surrounds the stadium on three sides.

Completed in the fall of 1962, Falcon Stadium was built at a cost of \$3.5 million financed by donations from Air Force personnel and civilian sources. The total stadium area is 203.18 acres.

Falcon Stadium opened Sept. 22, 1962, and an overflow crowd of 41,350 saw Air Force defeat Colorado State University, 34-0. Formal dedication was held Oct. 20, 1962, and 33,343 fans watched Oregon down the Falcons, 35-20.

The attendance record was established Nov. 4, 1967, when 49,536 spectators were on hand for the Air Force-Army contest which Army won, 10-7.

The stadium is easily accessible from divided U.S. Interstate 25 and the Academy's Stadium Boulevard which leads directly to the parking lot. There is also ample parking space for 300 commercial busses, and a rail siding is located just a few hundred yards from



the bowl for special trains which operate from several parts of the state on certain games.

Falcon Stadium was built solely for football, although some non-athletic events such as the annual graduation ceremonies are conducted there. Among the dignitaries who have addressed the Cadet Wing in the stadium are President Richard M. Nixon and the late President John F. Kennedy.

All seats are close to the action and face the 50-yard line because of the bowl-like architecture. The first row of seats is seven feet above the playing surface at midfield, rising to twice that height in the end zones. Of the 30,000 west stand seats, 20,000 are between the goal posts.



LT. GENERAL THOMAS S. MOORMAN

Superintendent

General Moorman became the fifth Superintendent of the USAF Academy in July 1965, coming to the nation's newest service academy from Hickam, AFB, Hawaii, where he had served as vice commander in chief, Headquarters, Pacific Air Force.

General Moorman, a native of Monterey, California, is a 1933 graduate of the United States Military Academy. Upon graduation, he entered the Air Corps flying school at Randolph Field, Texas, and earned pilot wings in October, 1934.

After tours in Hawaii and Mitchell Field, New York, General Moorman entered the field of meteorology, obtaining a Master's Degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1937, and embarked on a sphere of activity which would dominate the next 20 years of his career.

At the height of World War II, General Moorman was assigned to Air Corps Headquarters, Washington, D.C., as Assistant Director, U.S. Weather Service. In July of 1943, he assumed the duties of Regional Control Officer and Staff Weather Officer with the Ninth Air Force in Europe.

Following the war, General Moorman's assignments included: Deputy Chief of the Air Weather Service, Air Weather Officer at Headquarters, AAF, and commander of the 2143rd Air Weather Wing in Tokyo. In 1951, he was named Deputy Commander of the Air Weather Service, and on April 22, 1954, was appointed AWS commander, responsible for providing environmental support to the Air Force and Army through weather central forecast centers, base weather stations, observation sites, world-wide weather reconnaissance and atmospheric sampling.

In 1958, the general assumed command of the Thirteenth Air Force at Clark AFB, Philippines, where he served until his assignment at Headquarters, PACAF in 1961.

A veteran of ten aerial missions in Europe during World War II, and 50 combat hours in Korea, General Moorman's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Luxemburg Croix de Guerre and the Belgium Croix de Guerre with Palm.

General Moorman and his wife, Atha, are the parents of four children.

BRIG. GEN. ROBIN OLDS

Commandant of Cadets

General Olds assumed duty as Commandant of Cadets at the Academy on December 1, 1967, bringing with him an outstanding record with the U.S. Air Force.

General Olds was born on July 14, 1922, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned on June 1, 1943. While a cadet, he was an All-American tackle in 1942.

After pilot training, he was assigned to the European Theater, where he flew 107 combat missions in P-51 and P-38 aircraft. General Olds began his wartime flying in a P-38 "Lightning" named Scat I. At the war's end, 107 missions and 24.5 official victories later, his P-51 "Mustang" fighter was Scat VII.

In the cockpit of Scat XXVII, an F-4 "Phantom II," General Olds began flying missions from Urban Royal Thai Air Force Base, in northeast Thailand, in October, 1966, where he was assigned as commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing. In all, General Olds flew 152 combat missions, of which 105 were over North Vietnam, destroying four MIG aircraft in combat.

General Olds received his brigadier general's star June 1, 1968, after six months at the Air Force Academy. Among his decorations are the Air Force Cross, Silver Star with three oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 37 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, British Distinguished Flying Cross and the French Croix de Guerre.

Married to film star Ella Raines, General and Mrs. Olds have two daughters, Christine and Susan.



BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM T. WOODYARD

Dean of Faculty

General Woodyard became the second permanent Dean of Faculty at the Air Force Academy on Aug. 1, 1968, receiving a simultaneous promotion to one-star rank.

One of the original staff members of the Air Force Academy, he was assigned as an associate professor of chemistry when the Academy first started in 1954. A professor of chemistry since 1955, he was appointed a permanent professor at the Academy in 1958 and Vice Dean of the Faculty in 1967.

General Woodyard has had long and distinguished military and educational training. He graduated from St. Joseph (Mo.) Junior College and holds bachelor and master's degrees in chemistry from the University of Missouri. He received a doctorate in education from the University of Denver in 1965. He also is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington and of the Army Command and General Staff School in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

From May, 1951, until October, 1954, he was an instructor and associate professor of chemistry and physics at the U.S. Military Academy.

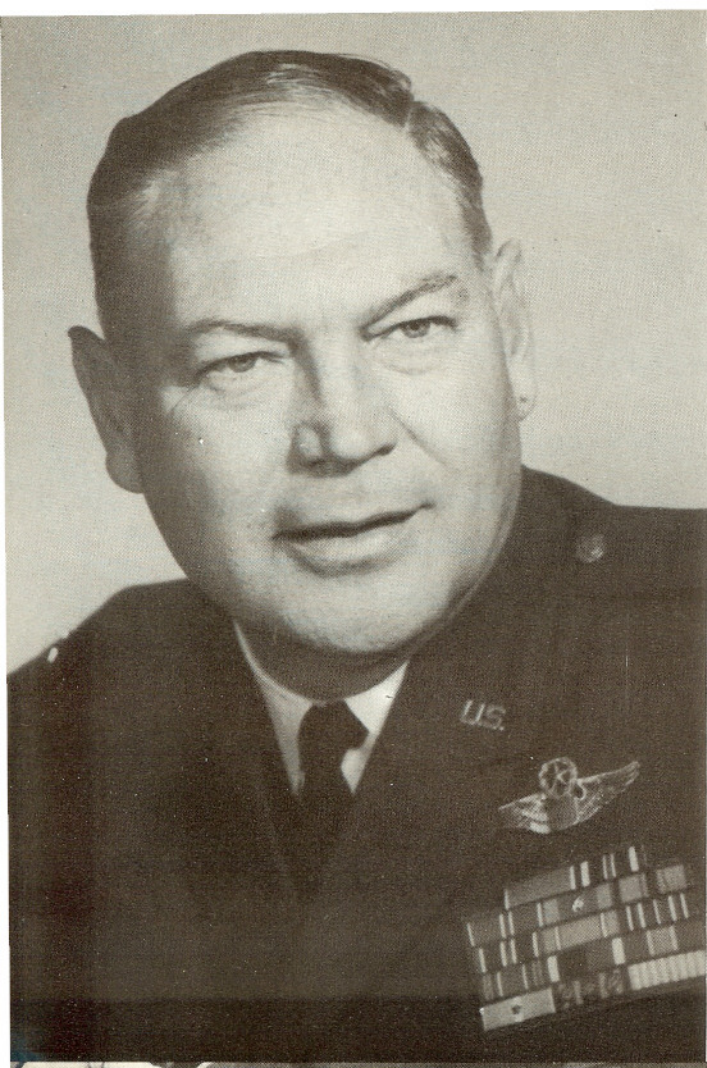
His military career began in 1940 when he enlisted in the Air Force and following graduation from Pilot Training School at Randolph AFB, Texas, he was assigned as an instructor pilot at Craig AFB, Alabama. Since then, he has served in positions from squadron to group commander.

At the Air Force Academy he has served as chairman of the Academy Accreditation Steering Committee, been the officer representative for the football, basketball and golf teams and was the Academy's representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

A command pilot, his decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

General Woodyard and his wife, Ruth, are the parents of six children, four daughters and two boys.





COL. FRANK MERRITT

Director of Athletics

Col. Frank Merritt is the fifth athletic director in Air Force Academy history, assuming his duties in June, 1967.

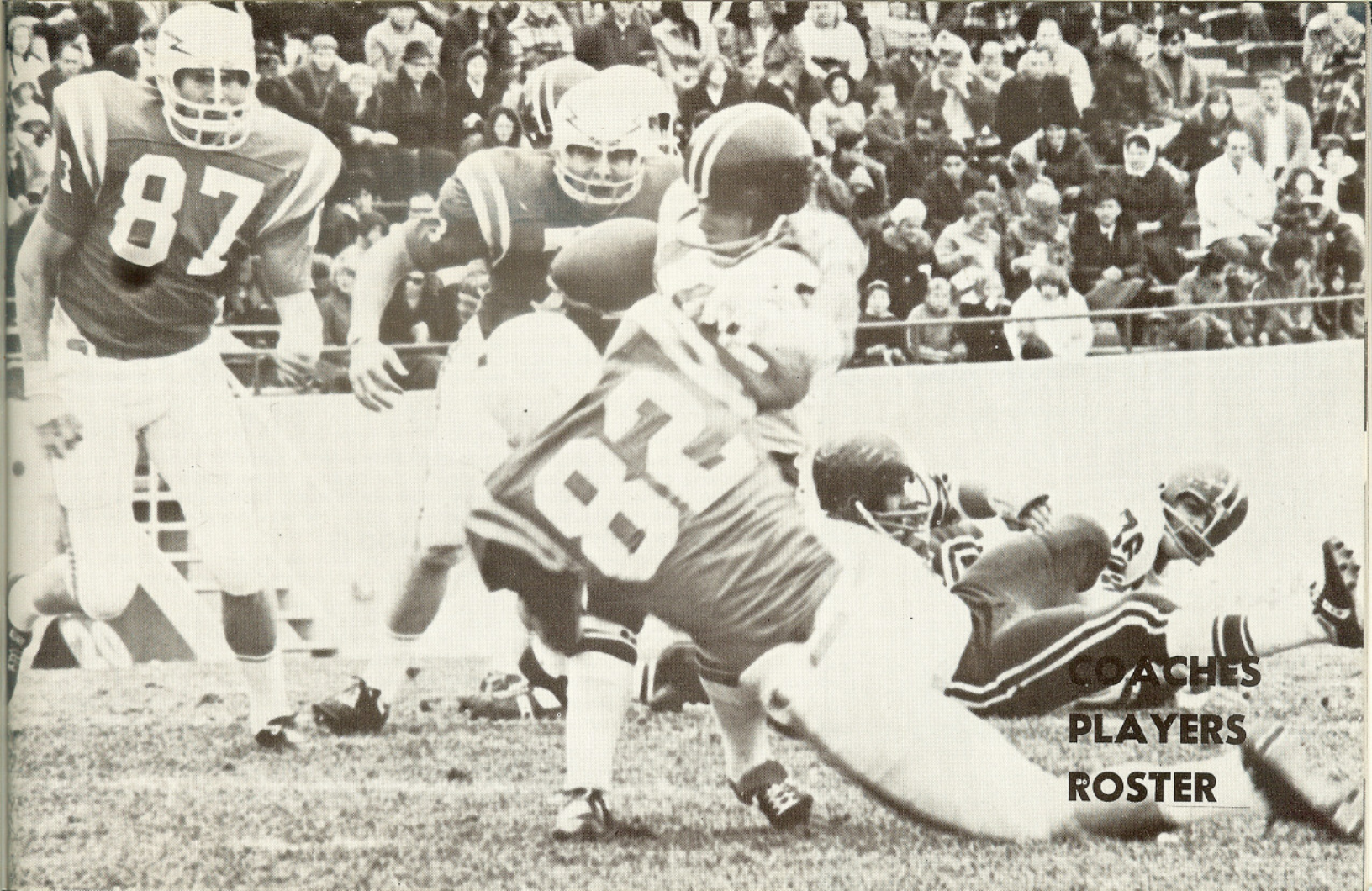
A native of New York City, Col. Merritt is a former member of the Academy's Department of Athletics, serving as assistant athletic director from 1955 until 1959.

Col. Merritt is a 1944 graduate of West Point, and as an undergraduate was a starting tackle on the Army football teams of 1942 and 1943, receiving All-America honors both years. Since then, he has posted a distinguished record as a U.S. Air Force officer.

A veteran of 130 tactical air missions during the Korean Conflict, Col. Merritt compiled an impressive record following his first tour at the Air Force Academy. He was the first airlift commander at Leopoldville, Congo, in support of the United Nations operation and also has served as mission commander for the airlift of U.N. troops into Kindu and Goma and for transporting Ethiopian troops into Katanga. He also was vitally involved in the troop movement during the Berlin Crisis of 1961-62.

After returning to the United States in 1963, he attended the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. and received his master of arts degree in international affairs from George Washington University.

A command pilot, Col. Merritt's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.



COACHES
PLAYERS
ROSTER



BEN MARTIN

Head Football Coach

Beginning his 12th season at the helm of the U.S. Air Force Academy football team, Ben Martin has established a reputation as one of the nation's most knowledgeable and admired grid coaches.

Since his arrival at the Air Force Academy in 1958, Martin has led his Falcon teams through 112 games of the most exciting brand of football found anywhere. He guided the Falcons through formidable years in astonishing fashion, including two post-season bowl appearances. His 1968 squad compiled a 7-3 record despite predictions which forecast dire results for the young team.

His first year at the Academy was one of the most spectacular coaching debuts in the history of college football. The Academy had yet to graduate its first class, when in 1958, he led the Cadets through an undefeated season and an ultimate appearance in the 1959 Cotton Bowl where the Falcons battled to a scoreless tie with powerful Texas Christian. In 1963, following a successful 7-3 campaign, Martin's team played in the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida.

Ben's success with Falcon football teams is no surprise, however, since he is one of the most qualified men in the country for an Academy coaching position. He is a service academy graduate himself, having graduated with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1945. He was Brigade Commander during his senior year.

Playing in every football game while at Navy as an end or halfback, he received All-American mention in 1944. He also lettered three years in track while attending Annapolis.

Ben began his coaching career in his alma mater following a stint of sea duty, and served as an assistant coach from 1947 through 1955 before taking over the head coaching job at the University of Virginia where he served two years before coming to the Air Force Academy.

An accomplished after-dinner speaker and athlete, Ben has authored two books which are currently on the stands — "Ben Martin's Flexible-T Offense" and "End Play."

Coach Martin has coached All-Star teams upon numerous occasions, including two stints with the East-West Shrine game.

THE ASSISTANTS

LELAND KENDALL

Defensive Line Coach

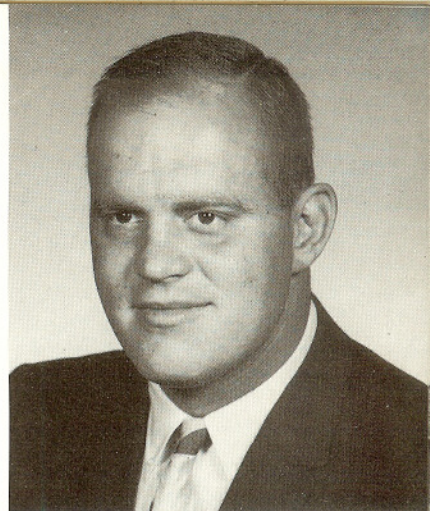
Now in his sixth season with the Academy football team, Kendall played his college football at Oklahoma State during the 1952-53-54 seasons, and was named to the All-Conference team his last two years. Following the 1954 season, he was selected to play in the Blue-Gray Classic.

After college, Kendall played two years of professional football in the Canadian League, and was a standout tackle for Saskatchewan in 1955 and 1956.

A native of Wichita, Kansas, Leland came to the Academy from Colgate where he was the head line coach for the Red Raiders.

This season, Kendall will share line coaching duties with Spike Hillstrom, and will have the primary responsibility for the defensive line.

His nickname is "Hoss" because of his huge size.



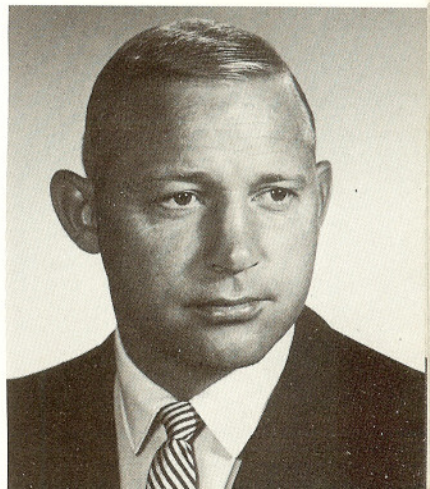
ELDON (SPIKE) HILLSTROM

Offensive Line Coach

A four-year veteran of the Air Force coaching ranks, Spike enters his fifth season with the Falcons. He came to the Academy from Salem, Ore., where he was a highly successful coach at North Salem High School.

A 1958 graduate of the University of Oregon, Spike was an outstanding guard and linebacker on the Webfoot teams of 1955-56-57, and was an All-Coast selection in both his junior and senior years.

After a brief stint at his alma mater following graduation in 1958, Spike spent five years as head coach at North Salem High, with his squads compiling an outstanding win-loss record reaching the state finals four times.



THE ASSISTANTS

JACK BRALEY

Defensive Backfield Coach

Also in his fifth year on the Air Force coaching staff, Braley was a standout end for the University of Nebraska during the 1953-54-55 seasons, and was a member of the 1955 Cornhusker Orange Bowl team. Following graduation in 1956, Jack remained at Nebraska for three years, spending two seasons as the freshman football coach before moving up to the varsity staff.

A native of Miles City, Mont., Jack came to the Academy in 1965 from Scottsbluff, Neb., where he was head football coach at Scottsbluff Junior College.

Braley will work with the over-all defensive planning for the 1969 Falcons, and will have the responsibility for the backfield.

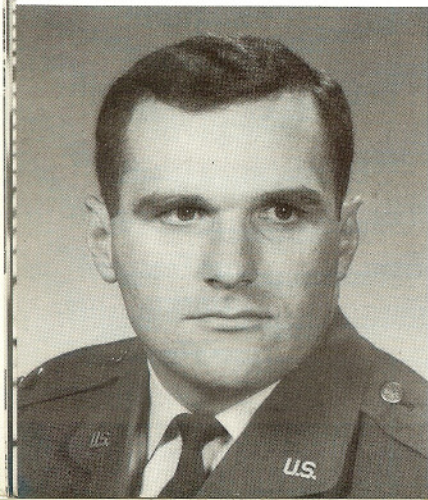
MAJ. BERNIE RAETZ

Offensive Backfield Coach

Bernie enters his third season of coaching offensive backs for the Falcons after three years as head coach for the Academy's junior varsity grid team.

A native of Red Wing, Minn., Bernie is a 1957 graduate of St. Thomas College where he lettered four years as quarterback and was named to the Little All-America team his senior year. In addition, he was selected as the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's "Most Valuable Player" in 1956.

Raetz entered the Air Force in 1958, and spent tours at Grand Forks AFB, N.D., coaching football at the U.S. Naval Preparatory School, and the USAF Academy Preparatory School, before joining the Academy staff in 1964.



THE ASSISTANTS

MAJ. DON ELLIS

Receiver Coach

Major Ellis returns to the Air Force coaching staff after a tour in Southeast Asia where he completed 333 missions piloting AT-37 tactical fighter bombers in less than one year. He served for two years as a backfield coach until being assigned to Viet Nam last year.

An outstanding athlete in college, Don was an All-Southwest Conference quarterback at Texas A. & M., was selected as the winner of the team's MVP Award, and participated in the 1953 Blue-Gray game in Montgomery, Alabama.

Following graduation in 1954 he signed to play for Hamilton of the Canadian Football League before a shoulder injury cut his career short.

He returned to his alma mater as an assistant to Paul "Bear" Bryant after which he coached the AFA frosh for two seasons before moving up to the varsity staff in 1966.



CAPT. JOHN CARNEY

Linebacker Coach

Captain Carney starts his first year on the varsity staff after serving a year as defensive coach with the freshmen.

Carney, a native of Poquonock Bridge, Conn., was assigned to the Air Force Academy in 1966 after a tour at Uban, Thailand. He was an instructor in the Department of Physical Education for two years prior to his assignment on the coaching staff.

A 1963 graduate of the University of Arizona where he lettered three years as a fullback and linebacker, Carney remained at Arizona for one year as a varsity offensive backfield coach prior to receiving his commission in the Air Force in 1964.





THE ASSISTANTS

JIM BOWMAN

Head Freshman Coach

Jim is the last remaining member of Coach Martin's original staff of assistants organized in 1958. A native of Charlevoix, Mich., he is a 1956 graduate of the University of Michigan where he was a letterman center on the Wolverine squad.

Jim has served as the Academy's junior varsity coach and in 1964 took over the frosh squad. He is also Assistant Athletic Director, Candidate Counseling.

While an undergraduate at Michigan, Jim played during the 1953-54-55 seasons. After graduation, he entered the Air Force, and completed pilot training at Reese AFB, Tex., in 1957 and B-47 transition school at McConnell AFB, Kansas. He also spent a year at Schilling AFB, Kansas, where he was athletic director, coached basketball and baseball before coming to the Academy.



CAPT. MARTY BEZYACK

Head Junior Varsity Coach

Capt. Marty Bezyack, a 1958 graduate of the University of Utah, begins his third year as head coach of the Air Force junior varsity football team this season.

Bezyack, a native of Price, Utah, has been a member of the coaching staff since being assigned to the Academy in January of 1965. Before taking over the reins of the junior varsity team he served as backfield coach on the freshman team and worked in the Department of Athletics Candidate Counseling Office.

A fine all-around athlete, Marty earned three varsity football letters during his undergraduate days at Utah as a quarterback and halfback on the Redskin teams of 1955-56-57.

Following graduation, Marty entered the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant, and completed personnel and weapons controller schools. Before his assignment to the Academy, he served overseas tours in Iceland and Labrador.

BEHIND THE SCENES

COL. MARCOS E. KINEVAN

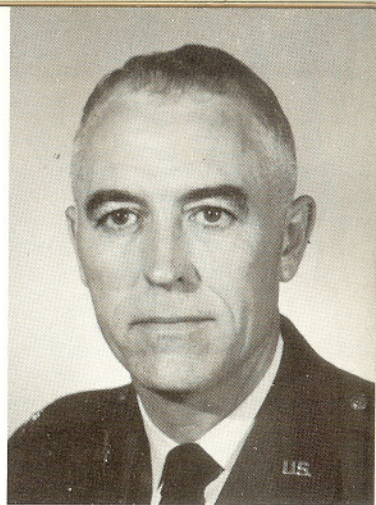
Officer Representative

Colonel Kinevan, Professor and Head of the Department of Law and Academy Staff Judge Advocate, will serve his third year as the officer representative of the Falcon football team.

In this capacity, he is the liaison between the Falcon grid squad and academic department, and is the administrative head of the squad on all trips away from the Academy.

Colonel Kinevan is a 1947 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He was assigned to the Air Force Academy from 1960 to 1965 and, after a two-year tour in Hawaii, he returned to the Academy in 1967. He is a graduate of the University of California Law School (Berkeley).

Colonel Kinevan is admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of California, the Court of Military Appeals, the Supreme Court of Korea and federal courts in California.



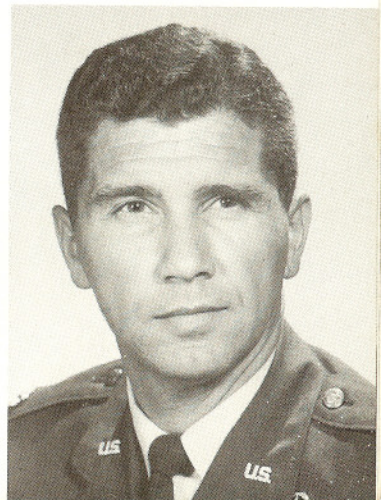
LT. COL. FRANK FISCHL

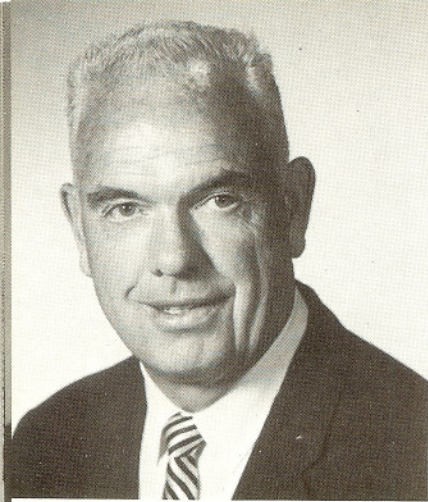
Assistant Athletic Director

Colonel Fischl is one of the newest members of the Air Force Academy Athletic Department, joining the staff in May, 1968, as assistant athletic director.

A 1951 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, he came to the Air Force Academy following a tour in Viet Nam as a squadron commander. While at West Point, he was an outstanding halfback on the Army teams that lost only once in three years. He also lettered in basketball at Army.

Col. Fischl received his master's degree in 1964 from Syracuse University. A native of Allentown, Pa., he is a command pilot. Among his decorations are the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal.





BEHIND THE SCENES

JIM CONBOY

Head Athletic Trainer

With more "seniority" than any other member of the Falcon football staff, Jim has seen every football game the Falcons have played since their beginning in 1955.

A native of Denver and a 1948 graduate of the University of Denver, Jim had a promising professional baseball pitching career cut short by World War II and an injury.

Following graduation from the University of Colorado's physical therapy school, he served for six years as chief of physical therapy at American Lakes Veterans Hospital in Tacoma, Wash., before coming to the Academy.

Jim is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and has served as a district representative of that group. During the spring Jim can most often be found on the baseball field, helping young Falcon hurlers.



ARTUS SMITH

Equipment Manager

Responsible for equipping almost 200 Falcon athletes for football and basketball is Artus Smith, a retired master sergeant with 28 years of military service.

Now in his 12th year with the Academy, "Smitty" came to the Academy in 1957 as a member of the Air Force, and — after five years as a facilities specialist with the Physical Education Department — retired from the service to become the Academy's equipment manager.

A native of Lapel, Ind., Artus was himself an outstanding athlete. An untimely injury to his arm nullified a budding career in professional baseball. Smith was active in all service sports, playing or coaching most of his military career.

His son, Jim, is a member of the varsity football team.

BEHIND THE SCENES

LT. COL. LEROY SALEM

Executive Officer

Colonel Salem has been Executive Officer for the Department of Athletics since May 1968. Previously he was Chief of Intramurals in the Physical Education Department.

A native of Sioux City, Iowa, Colonel Salem graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree, and four years later returned for a five-year tour as Assistant Professor of Air Science. During that period, he received his master's degree in 1959.

Colonel Salem entered the Air Force in 1952 and has had overseas tours in Japan and England where he held positions as administrative officer and squadron commander.

An assistant varsity baseball coach at the Academy last year, Salem has coached baseball and basketball at the high school, college, and service level.



MAJ. WHEELER SUMMERHILL

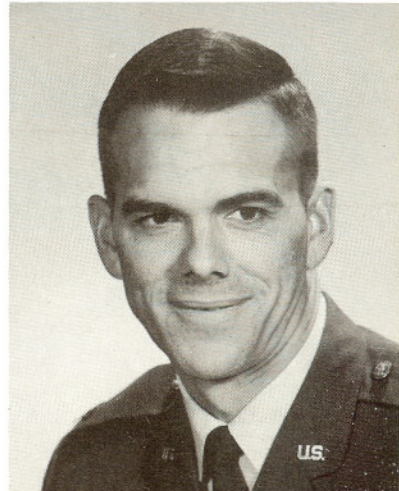
Business Manager

Major Summerhill was recently appointed as Business Manager for the Department of Athletics, replacing Lt. Colonel Ralph Pittman who held the position since 1966. Previously Major Summerhill had been the comptroller in the department since his assignment to the Air Force Academy in 1967.

A native of Deland, Florida, Summerhill graduated from The Citadel in 1958 with a bachelor of science degree. He won varsity letters in football and track.

Major Summerhill earned his master of business administration degree in accounting at Michigan State University in 1966.

A veteran of 11 years of Air Force service, Major Summerhill was budget officer at Tan Son Nhut AB in Viet Nam prior to his assignment to the Academy. His decorations include the Bronze Star and Air Force Commendation Medal.





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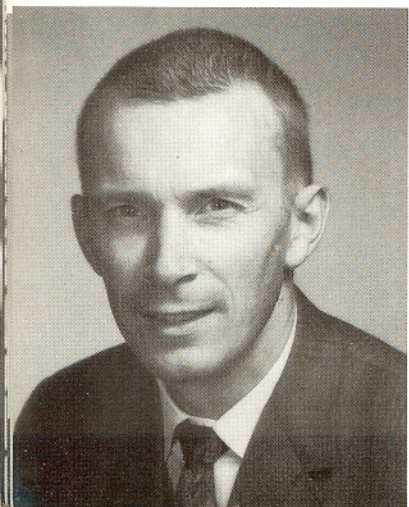
RUSSELL WOHLGEMUTH

Ticket Manager

Russ Wohlgemuth has served as the Air Force Academy Athletic Association ticket manager since January 1965.

The 1950 graduate of the University of Denver came to the Academy after more than 14 years employment in Denver as a coach, realtor and public relations man.

He is a veteran of four years service with the Army Air Corps during World War II.



HAL BATEMAN

Sports Information Director

Hal Bateman joined the athletic department in June as sports information director after serving two years in the same job at Western Michigan University.

A 1957 graduate of Michigan State University, he also has sports experience with United Press International, The Chicago Tribune, Lansing (Mich.) State Journal and as managing editor of Track & Field News magazine.

A native of New York City, Bateman is a three-year army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict.

FALCONS AT A GLANCE

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30 (position, minutes played)

Phil Bauman, LB, 250½
Gary Baxter, QB, 229
John Bierie, OT, 259½
Mike Bolen, OE, 33
Jim DeOrio, FB, 147
Tim Duff, OT, 40
Ed Epping, DT, 268½
Mark Ewig, DE, 236½
Scott Hamm, DHB, 93
Ken Hassen, FB, 102½

Ernie Jennings, OHB, 232
Mike Keller, OG, 86
Glen Leimbach, LB, 271
Dennis Leuthauser, LB, 191
Robert Lewis, OG, 124
Charlie Longnecker, OE, 272½
Cyd Maattala, DHB, 289½
Dave MacGhee, OE, 241
Tony Marietta, LB, 70½
Curtis Martin, OHB, 133½

Dave Patton, OT, 116
Terry Petrzelka, DHB, 261
George Rayl, C, 286
Tom Rayl, OE, 83½
Rich Shannon, DE, 33
Jim Smith, OHB, 105½
Larry Smith, FB, 51½
Virgil Staponski, OG, 269½
Harold Whaley, DE, 265
Al Wurglitz, DHB, 271½

LETTERMEN LOST: 9 (position, minutes played)

Tom Bitterman, DE, 58½
Rudy Hallenbeck, DHB, 246½
Ken Hamlin, DT, 277½

Wally Moorhead, OHB, 77
David Mumme, OHB, 30
Richard Rivers, LB, 31

Dennis Ryll, FB, 237
Dick Swanson, OT, 278
Steve Turner, QB, 56

NON-LETTERMEN RETURNING: 5 (position, minutes played)

Joe Breshears, DT, 15½
Alan Fischer, OT, 26

Tom McKiernan, OG, 21
Bob Parker, QB, 0

Tony Pease, DHB, 18½

MOST PROMISING SOPHOMORES: 8

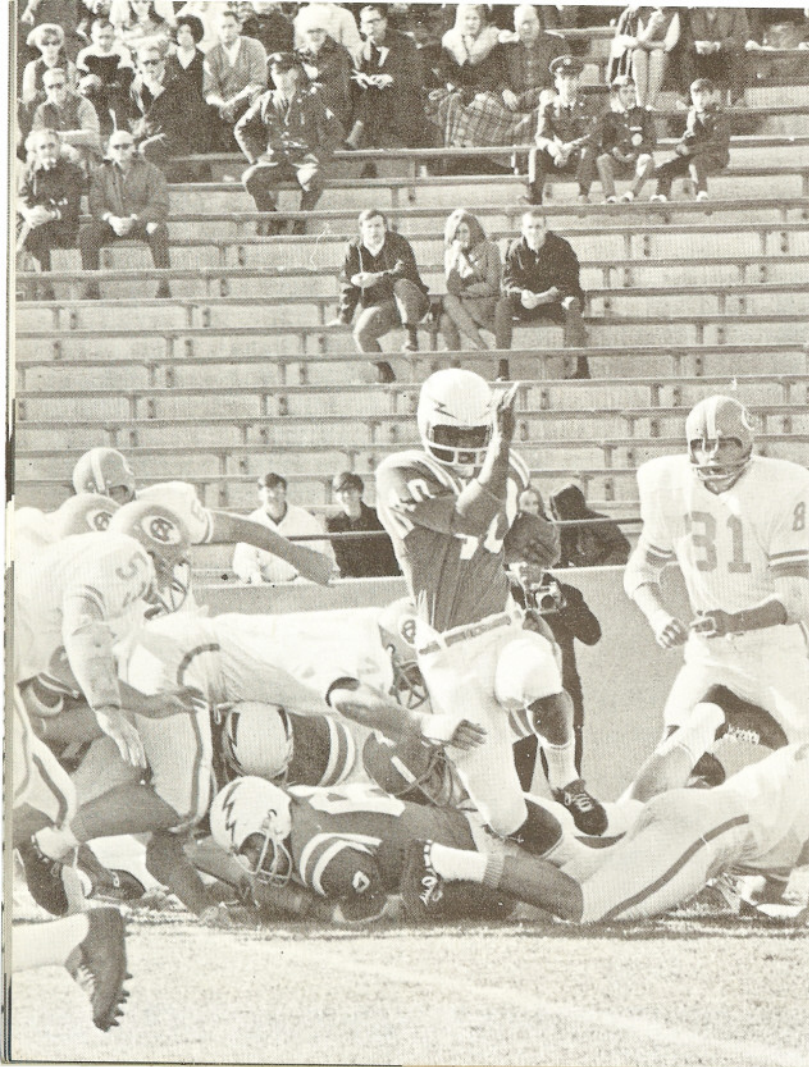
Art Allaway, DT
Paul Bassa, DE
Brian Bream, OHB

John Greenlaw, DT
Jim Johnson, OHB
Charlie Richardson, OHB

Bill Mayfield, LB
John Vering, DE

BASIC OFFENSE: Pro T and "Eye" slot

BASIC DEFENSE: 5-4-2



THE OUTLOOK

Thirty lettermen return to strengthen the forces as the Falcons prepare for the 1969 football season and one of the most challenging schedule of opponents in the history of Air Force football.

The squad will have good experience as only a handful of regulars departed at graduation time. The three big guns of the 1968 team who will be most difficult to replace are Dennis Ryll, best blocking fullback ever; Ken Hamlin, big defensive stalwart at tackle; and team captain Dick Swanson, an inspirational player at offensive tackle.

Offensively, Air Force will field the majority of key performers from the unit that scored 251 points during the successful 1968 campaign (7-3). The offense will once again be led by

versatile quarterback Gary Baxter, who put together an extremely well-balanced attack while demonstrating his own ability to run the ends and complete the crucial passes.

Baxter's primary receivers all return to give the pass offense established performers like record breaker Charlie Longnecker at split end.

All three of the Falcons' leading ground gaining ball carriers return. Curtis Martin and Ernie Jennings provide the speed while Jimmy DeOrio assures the tough yardage.

The line will return intact with the exception of the leader Dick Swanson and will be shaped around veteran center George Rayl, who has played every offensive down during two seasons.

Defensively, the Falcons will also field a veteran group led by a great performer of All-

America caliber, Ed Epping, a two-year veteran at tackle.

The linebacker corps, one of the most effective in Falcon history, returns to add its range to the secondary defense. Dennis Leuthauser, while setting field goal records, also doubled as a regular, proving to be most bothersome to opposing passers.

The strong right leg of Scott Hamm will once again provide the punting strength.

With a veteran squad, the 1969 Falcons figure to be a bit stronger than last year — but will be faced with nationally ranked teams virtually every week during the season.

Coach Ben Martin, starting his twelfth year at the Academy, will operate primarily from a pro-T, with flexibility a trademark for the aggressive Falcons.

1968 WAS A RECORD YEAR

For the record, 1968 was a banner season for the Air Force Academy football team.

The 1968 season marked the biggest assault on statistics and figures in the history of the Academy — which in itself was a record of sorts. It was a year of wide-open, explosive football that saw Air Force put together a 7-3 mark — best since 1963 — and rewrite the book with 24 records set or tied.

The majority of the marks went down in the passing and kicking departments. Quarterback Gary Baxter joined end Charlie Longnecker to give the Falcons their most potent passing attack ever, and the two standouts put nine standards into the book.

Longnecker himself was a one-man show. The junior receiver hauled in 45 passes to establish a single season mark. Five were for

touchdowns, another record, and he collected 622 yards for still another standard. He also set a career record of 830 yards worth of receptions — and he still has another year to play.

Baxter, gaining poise and confidence with every game, threw the longest scoring pass in Academy history — a 78-yard bomb to halfback Ernest Jennings against North Carolina. In that game, Baxter collected 296 yards total offense, 272 of them through the air lanes, for two more records.

Place kicker Dennis Leuthauser had a spectacular season and notched five records. The most significant was a 57-yard field goal against Wyoming which stands as a modern day college record (against Colorado, he split the up-rights from 54 yards out). He converted 28 of 34 point-after-touchdown attempts, and against Colorado kicked seven PATs.

ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATE

ED EPPING

Defensive Tackle

Billed by sports writers as "Mr. Crunch" and the "Air Force Tank," Ed Epping is the biggest single obstacle opponent runners will face when they take on the Academy. Epping, the team's leading All-America candidate, is considered the best defensive tackle to ever play for Air Force.

The biggest man on the line at 242, Epping is also one of the fastest. His tremendous lateral range intimidates ball carriers and he's a solid, sure tackler.

But Epping's biggest asset is his leadership, and he was elected co-captain with Gary Baxter.

Head coach Ben Martin states, "As a leader of young men, Ed Epping is a natural because of his intensity and enthusiasm for the game. He gives 100 per cent of himself and expects no less from his teammates. He is truly another coach of the field."

The defensive unit looks to Epping for the big play and when things get tough it's Epping who calls signals in the defensive huddle. His consistent performance last season won him honorable mention All-America honors, and he was named to nearly all of the all-opponent teams.

"It's a challenge to stop another team from scoring," said Epping. "You never know for sure what's coming or where it's coming from."

North Carolina coach Vince Dooley stated "Epping and Ken Hamlin ('69 graduate) are the best combination of tackles in our scouting reports — and I still think that way" (following a 28-15 Air Force victory in 1968). A Chicago newspaper accurately billed Epping as the "Air Force Tank" during the contest with Navy, which Air Force won 26-20. Week after week, opponents' coaches rated Epping as one of the toughest linemen they faced during the season.

A two-year letterman, Epping playing his prep ball at St. Joseph High School, Kenosha, Wis., in the heart of Big 10 football country. In addition to football, he lettered in track and was an All-State wrestler. Majors in civil engineering.





GARY BAXTER

BLUE CHIP QUARTERBACK

When the "spider" gets rolling it almost takes a net to stop him. His legs fly everywhere. He runs with power and speed. Good moves, a devastating straight-arm and exceptional ability to follow his blockers make him a scoring threat every time he carries the ball.

That's not an unusual description for a halfback, but Gary Baxter performs his feats from quarterback. He's one of the most exciting signal callers to ever guide the Falcons.

Baxter broke into the varsity lineup as a sophomore in 1967 following a good season on the freshman squad. Sharing duties with Steve Turner, it didn't take him long to show the coaching staff he was a "natural." During the year he was billed primarily as a passing quarterback and completed 59 of 131 attempts for 555 yards, one touchdown and a .450 percentage. He also set a school mark for the most passing yardage in a single game with 272 against Washington.

It wasn't until last year that Baxter demonstrated his potent running ability. As Air Force's number one quarterback, he became a two-way threat with end sweeps, options and straight carries into the line. He was the second leading scorer with seven touchdowns and gained 263 yards overland.

He also connected for 76 of 168 aerials for 1024 yards and seven more touchdowns. Specializing in the rollout pass, he established one school record and tied another with the longest scoring pass—a 78-yard bomb to halfback Ernie Jennings against North Carolina, and the most yards passing in a single game—272 against North Carolina equalling his record set the previous year.

Baxter always managed to come up with the big play. Against Wyoming he tallied the winning touchdown on a three-yard run in the third quarter giving the Falcons a 10-3 win, and two weeks later repeated the feat against Navy with a five-yard scoring sweep in the closing minutes to down the Middies 26-20.

Elected co-captain with Ed Epping, Baxter is the team's offensive leader. He calls the majority of the plays himself, keeps cool in tight situations and inspires his teammates to perform with 100 per cent efforts. Majors in engineering management.

	Att.	Comp.	TD	HI	YDS.	Pct.
1967	131	59	1	6	555	.450
1968	168	76	7	5	1024	.452

ART ALLAWAY, defensive tackle, 6-4, 225, sophomore, San Antonio, Tex., No. 71

Allaway is a strong contender for a starting position. A hard-hitting tackler, he was among the best linemen on the freshman team last season. Lettered in football and track at Alamo Heights H.S.

PAUL BASSA, defensive end, 6-4, 193, sophomore, Phoenix, Ariz., No. 80

Bassa is the top end prospect among the sophomores. A two-way player as a freshman, he will concentrate on defense in 1969. Height and speed are his main assets. Lettered in football, basketball and baseball at Maryvale H.S.

PHILIP BAUMAN, linebacker, 6-1, 208, junior, Brookfield, Wis., No. 33

Bauman joins Glen Leimbach and Dennis Leuthauser to give Air Force a solid linebacker corps. He first impressed the coaching staff as a freshman and last year as a sophomore was a starter in every contest, logging 250 minutes of action. Strong enough to be a brutal tackler and fast enough to get to the ball on every play, he can handle either cornerback position with equal ability. A good student, he has a B average in management.

GARY BAXTER, quarterback, 6-0, 190, senior, West Covina, Calif., No. 18

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JOHN BIERIE, offensive tackle, 6-3, 235, junior, Dubuque, Iowa, No. 76

Tabbed for the starting left tackle role, Bierie is the biggest man on the offensive line. Has fair speed but is a powerful and effective blocker. He broke into the starting lineup as a sophomore, recording 259 minutes of playing time. He was a standout performer at Wahlert H.S., in football, track and wrestling. Majors in humanities.



ART ALLAWAY



PAUL BASSA

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PHILIP BAUMAN



JOHN BIERIE



GARY BAXTER



MIKE BOLEN



MEL BLOWERS

MEL BLOWERS, defensive tackle, 6-4, 220, senior, Clearfield, Pa., No. 73

Slated for reserve action. Saw nine minutes of playing time in 1968. Height and size are his chief assets. Lettered in football and wrestling at Clearfield Area H.S. He carries a 3.41 average in civil engineering.

MIKE BOLEN, offensive end, 6-1, 195, junior, Phoenix, Ariz., No. 83

Bolen will again be a reserve split end. During spring drills he moved into the number one slot when regular Charlie Longnecker was injured, and he performed with excellent results. He has all the assets of a good receiver — good hands, speed, moves, and ability to get into the clear. Majors in history.

BOB BORKOWSKI, offensive tackle, 6-1, 220, junior, Stegar, Ill., No. 79

Up from the junior varsity, Borkowski is slated for reserve action. Size and strength make him a good candidate, but he needs experience. Earned football, baseball and wrestling letters at Bloom Township H.S. Majors in psychology.

BRIAN BREAM, offensive halfback, 5-9, 190, sophomore, San Leandro, Calif., No. 49

Most impressive sophomore back in spring drills, Bream is slated for reserve action at tailback. A hard runner, Bream has speed and exceptional balance. Lettered in football, baseball and wrestling at Marina H.S.

JOE BRESHEARS, defensive tackle, 6-1, 225, junior, Vinita, Okla., No. 70

Breshears is tabbed to be the starting right defensive tackle. His best performances come on short yardage situations and goal line stands. He has good speed and range and sure tackling ability but lacks experience. As Ken Hamlin's understudy last season he logged only 15 minutes of playing time. Majors in international affairs.



BOB BORKOWSKI

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BRIAN BREAM



JOE BRESHEARS

JIM DeORIO, fullback, 5-11, 196, senior, Dearborn, Mich., No. 25

After a season as tailback, DeOrio is slated to start at fullback. He filled in for injured Curtis Martin in final four games of 1968 with impressive results — five touchdowns and 451 yards gained rushing. His presence with Martin and Ernie Jennings gives Air Force its fastest backfield in history. Good balance, quick moves and deceptive speed are his assets. Majors in political science.

TIM DUFF, offensive tackle, 6-5, 230, junior, Houston, Tex., No. 78

Duff will move to the front line as right offensive tackle after playing a season as a reserve. His main assets are his size and blocking ability, but he also has good speed, an essential factor in Air Force's multiple formation offense. Needs experience. Majoring in international affairs.

ED EPPING, defensive tackle, 6-3, 242, senior, Kenosha, Wis., No. 77

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MARK EWIG, defensive end, 6-4, 200, senior, Port Washington, Wis., No. 82

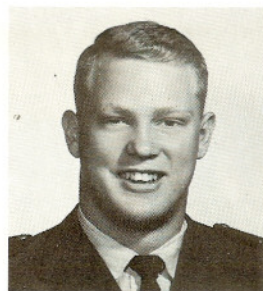
Ewig began his career as an offensive end but switched to defense for the 1968 season and started every game. He's especially tough on the rush and a standout on the goal line defense unit. Ewig does his job methodically and thoroughly without much fanfare. Saw 236 minutes of playing time last season. Carries a B average in international affairs. Plays the tuba in pep band.

ALAN FISCHER, offensive tackle, 6-0, 222, junior, Freeport, N.Y., No. 75

Fischer, who saw action at guard last year, has switched to offensive right tackle. His size and aggressiveness make him a potential starter. During his prep career he earned letters in football, track and lacrosse. Majors in astronautics.



JIM DeORIO



TIM DUFF

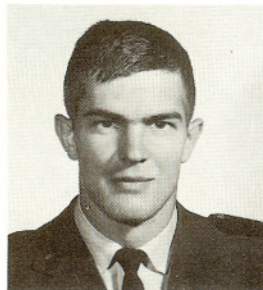
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DARRYL HAAS



JOHN GREENLAW

JOHN GREENLAW, defensive tackle, 6-3, 200, sophomore, Vancouver, Wash., No. 72

After playing both ways as a frosh, Greenlaw will specialize on defense. Rated as potential starter by coaching staff. Has speed and aggressiveness. Earned letters in football, basketball and baseball at Columbia River H.S. Majors in engineering mechanics.

DARRYL HAAS, linebacker, 5-11, 195, sophomore, Corpus Christi, Tex., No. 53

Haas is a fine sophomore prospect who will play behind talented veterans. One of best linebackers up from freshmen squad. He has quick moves. Lettered in football, basketball and baseball at King H.S.

SCOTT HAMM, defensive halfback, 6-3, 200, junior, Soquel, Calif., No. 26

Last season Hamm was the only Falcon punter and will handle that assignment again this year. In addition he is tabbed to be a starter at safety because of his height, speed and hard hitting. Last year he posted a 39.3 punting average on a record 67 punts. His longest punt was for 58 yards.

KEN HASSEN, fullback, 6-0, 216, senior, Garden City, Mich., No. 36

Hassen played at the reserve fullback position last season, logging 102 minutes. Tallied two touchdowns, one a 35-yard run against Navy. Most noted for powerful, straightahead running, and should see some action this year as backup man for Jim DeOrio. Majors in political science.

ERNIE JENNINGS, offensive halfback, 6-0, 172, junior, Kansas City, Mo., No. 22

Jennings, a 9.7 sprinter, is the most graceful running back on the team. He is a regular starter at the flankerback position, but can handle tailback duties with equal ability. Scored four touchdowns in 1968, one on a 78-yard record pass. Has good moves and can shift speed in open field. End sweeps and reverses are his specialties. Played his prep ball with Curtis Martin. Carries a B average in civil engineering. Also played on JV basketball team.

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SCOTT HAMM



KEN HASSEN



ERNIE JENNINGS

JIM JOHNSON, offensive halfback, 6-1, 190, sophomore, Balaton, Minn., No. 41

Johnson was the leading ground gainer for freshmen in 1968. An excellent receiver and quick runner, he is slated for reserve action this fall. Lettered in football, baseball, basketball and track at Balaton H.S.

DICK KAESER, linebacker, 5-10, 195, junior, Springfield, Ohio, No. 50

Kaeser is a fine linebacker prospect up from the junior varsity. Lacks experience, but has good moves and hits hard. Lettered in football at Catholic Central H.S. Carries a B average in engineering mechanics.

MIKE KELLER, offensive guard, 6-1, 200, senior, Omaha, Neb., No. 64

Keller spent his sophomore year on the junior varsity where a knee injury hampered his performance. Came back strong in 1968, gained 89 minutes of playing time and was impressive against Colorado State University and Pittsburgh. Keller and Bob Lewis will share duties at right guard slot. A versatile athlete, he earned letters in football, basketball and track at Creighton Prep H.S. Majors in civil engineering.

GLEN LEIMBACH, linebacker, 6-0, 200, senior, Jackson, Minn., No. 23

Leimbach was injured his sophomore year but recovered to log 271 minutes of action in 1968. Has knack of diagnosing play quickly and always finds the ball. Fast and mobile, yet has size and weight for hard hitting. He was an all-state pick at fullback as a prep. Has a B average in engineering mechanics.

DENNIS LEUTHAUSER, linebacker-kicker, 5-10, 200, senior, Des Moines, Iowa, No. 31

Leuthauser doubled as kicking specialist and linebacker last season. Scored 40 points on four field goals and 28 PATs, and kicked a 57-yard field goal against Wyoming, an NCAA record. Against Colorado, he booted one from 54 yards out. Early in the season he moved into the middle linebacker spot and performed so well he may be the number one player at that position this fall. Majors in general engineering.



JIM JOHNSON



DICK KAESER

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MIKE KELLER



DENNIS LEUTHAUSER



GLEN LEIMBACH



CHARLIE LONGNECKER



ROBERT LEWIS

ROBERT LEWIS, offensive guard, 6-2, 225, senior, Las Vegas, Nev., No. 63

Lewis will share duty with Mike Keller at the right offensive guard position. After a year on the junior varsity, he broke into varsity lineup midway through last season, logging 124 minutes of play. He began his Academy career as a tackle, but speed and blocking ability enabled him to switch to guard.

CHARLIE LONGNECKER, offensive end, 6-4, 200, senior, Little Rock, Ark., No. 85

Last season, Longnecker earned the reputation of best split receiver to ever wear a Falcon uniform. He established five records, including five TD receptions and 45 catches. Height is a big factor in his success and he has all the moves and skill to go with it. He's at his best catching in a crowd. The rollout pass combination of Gary Baxter to Longnecker is expected to be a familiar sight in 1969. During spring drills, Longnecker was sidelined with a knee injury but he's expected to be in top condition for the fall. Longnecker is a powerful and determined runner, and is hard to stop once he catches the ball. His best game in 1968 came against Arizona when he caught nine passes for 159 yards and one touchdown. Carries a 3.36 average in engineering mechanics.

STEVE LUCE, linebacker, 6-2, 200, junior, Corpus Christi, Tex., No. 54

Up from the junior varsity, Luce adds depth to the veteran linebacker corps. Needs varsity experience, but hits hard and moves quickly. Lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track at King H.S. Majors in computer science.

CYD MAATTALA, defensive halfback, 5-11, 180, junior, Moorhead, Minn., No. 47

Maattala led the team with six interceptions in 1968 and is rated as Air Force's top defensive back. Light and quick, he has exceptional range. Against Colorado State University, he came up with three interceptions for a school record. He was an all-state selection at Moorhead H.S. where he also lettered in basketball, baseball and track. One of Maattala's biggest assets is his ability to read opponents' plays quickly. Majors in psychology. Recovering from ankle surgery last summer.

DAVE MACGHEE, offensive end, 6-2, 215, senior, Falls Church, Va., No. 89

MacGhee was the starting tight end last season and established himself as an excellent blocker and key performer in the ground attack. He was used sparingly as a receiver but caught 13 passes for 164 yards, many coming on crucial plays. At Marshall H.S. he was an all-league pick and also earned monograms in basketball and baseball. Majors in international affairs.

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STEVE LUCE



CYD MAATTALA



DAVE MacGHEE

TONY MARIETTA, linebacker, 6-0, 216, senior, Indianapolis, Ind., No. 62

Marietta was the top linebacker last year until a knee injury sidelined him in the second game. He returned to see limited action in the final two contests. This year he is expected to be fully recovered, adding punch to the linebacker corps. Punishes ball carriers with hard, solid tackling. He's at his best on plays up the middle. Majors in life sciences.

CURTIS MARTIN, offensive halfback, 5-11, 177, junior, Kansas City, Mo., No. 40

No player in Academy history had a more spectacular varsity debut than this speedster in 1968. The first time he got his hands on the ball he returned a kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown in the opening game against Florida, setting a school record. A 9.7 sprinter, he runs with amazing power for his size. Was the team's workhorse last season, gaining 418 yards on 130 carries, and also leading the team in scoring with 48 points on eight touchdowns. All this despite missing the last four games because of a knee injury. Still hampered by injury in spring drills but expected to be ready this fall. Very tough in the open field, he was a high school teammate of Ernie Jennings.

BILL MAYFIELD, linebacker, 5-9, 207, sophomore, Abilene, Tex., No. 61

A promising sophomore, Mayfield had an exceptional spring practice. Slated for limited action behind seasoned veterans. He's a hard hitter with good lateral moves.

JOHN McCLELLAN, linebacker, 6-0, 190, junior, St. Peter, Minn., No. 57

Slated for reserve role, McClellan has good speed and size and is a sure tackler. After a season with junior varsity, he gained maturity but lacks varsity playing time. Lettered in football, basketball and baseball at St. Peter H.S. Majors in computer science.

TOM MCKIERNAN, offensive guard, 5-10, 198, junior, Rockford, Ill., No. 68

Last season McKiernan saw most of his playing time on the junior varsity but logged 21 minutes of varsity action. This season he's slated to continue his reserve role at the left offensive guard slot. Agility and determination make McKiernan a good prospect. Carries a B average in life science.



TONY MARIETTA



CURTIS MARTIN

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BILL MAYFIELD



TOM MCKIERNAN



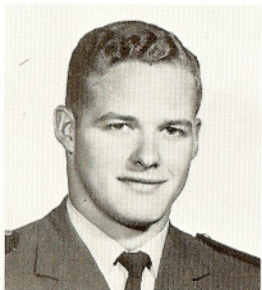
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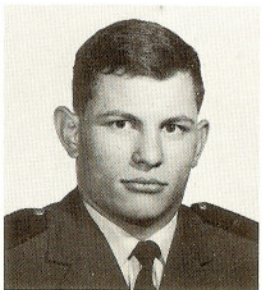


BOB MCKINNEY



DAVE PATTON

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TONY PEASE



TERRY PETRZELKA

BOB MCKINNEY, offensive halfback, 5-11, 190, senior, Rialto, Calif., No. 20

Up from the junior varsity, McKinney is tabbed for reserve duty. Lacks varsity experience with only four minutes of action in 1968, but can fill in if called upon. Majoring in international affairs.

BOB PARKER, quarterback, 6-0, 190, junior, West Covina, Calif., No. 10

Last season Parker guided the junior varsity offense and appears ready to assume the reserve quarterback role behind Gary Baxter. He played his prep football with Baxter at Edgewood H.S. He is a talented passer and a good scrambler. Top scholar on the team with a 3.70 average in engineering mechanics.

DAVE PATTON, offensive tackle, 6-4, 224, junior, Sacramento, Calif., No. 66

Patton earned a starting role at offensive guard as a sophomore and was a regular starter until a leg injury sidelined him in the fourth game. Has been switched to left tackle. At Mira Loma H.S. he earned four letters in both football and baseball. Majoring in international affairs.

TONY PEASE, defensive halfback, 6-0, 185, junior, Arlington, Va., No. 45

Pease will be making his debut as a starter this season at the right defensive halfback spot. Although he saw only limited playing time in 1968, he showed talent and desire. He's a sure tackler with fair speed, and can also fill in at any defensive backfield position. His father Alfred was an All-Southern Conference selection at Maryland in 1932. Majoring in engineering management.

TERRY PETRZELKA, defensive halfback, 6-2, 192, senior, Prague, Neb., No. 44

Petrzelka was the regular right defensive halfback last season, but will be switched to safety this season where he will share duties with Scott Hamm. A natural defensive back, he is smart and talented. Last year he made three interceptions. He makes good use of his height and was an all-state basketball player at Prague H.S. Has a B average in mathematics.

FALCONS BY STATE

ALABAMA

Harold Whaley, Opelika

ARIZONA

Paul Bassa, Phoenix (Maryvale)
Mike Bolen, Phoenix (Maryvale)

ARKANSAS

Charlie Longnecker, Little Rock (Hall)

CALIFORNIA

Gary Baxter, West Covina (Edgewood)
Brian Bream, San Leandro (Marina)
Scott Hamm, Soquel
Bob McKinney, Rialto (Eisenhower)
Bob Parker, West Covina (Edgewood)
Dave Patton, Sacramento (Mira Loma)
Don Sexton, Santa Barbara (San Marcos)

COLORADO

Jimmy Smith, Colorado Springs (Wasson)

ILLINOIS

Bob Borkowski, Stegar (Bloom Township)
Tom McKiernan, Rockford
(Boylan Central Catholic)
Al Wurglitz, Chicago (Gordon Technical)

INDIANA

Tony Marietta, Indianapolis (Bishop Silas Chatard)

IOWA

John Bierie, Dubuque (Wahlert)
Dennis Leuthauser, Des Moines (East)

KANSAS

Tim Simmons, Winfield
Larry Smith, Dighton

MICHIGAN

Jim DeOrio, Dearborn (Dearborn)
Ken Hassen, Garden City (East)

MINNESOTA

Jim Johnson, Balaton
Glen Leimbach, Jackson
Cyd Maattala, Moorhead
John McClellan, St. Peter
George Rayl, Worthington
Tom Rayl, Worthington
Rich Shannon, Bloomington (Lincoln)

MISSOURI

Ernie Jennings, Kansas City (Central)
Curtis Martin, Kansas City (Central)
Virgil Staponski, Kansas City (Rockhurst)

NEBRASKA

Mike Keller, Omaha (Creighton)
Terry Petrezelka, Prague
John Vering, Fremont (Archbishop Bergan)

NEVADA

Robert Lewis, Las Vegas (Western)

NEW YORK

Alan Fischer, Freeport

OHIO

Dick Kaesar, Springfield (Catholic Central)

OKLAHOMA

Joe Breshears, Vinita

PENNSYLVANIA

Mel Blowers, Clearfield (Clearfield Area)

TEXAS

Art Allaway, San Antonio (Alamo Heights)
Tim Duff, Houston (Waltrip)
Darryl Haas, Corpus Christi (King)
Steve Luce, Corpus Christi (King)
Bill Mayfield, Abilene (Cooper)
Charles Richardson, Corpus Christi (King)
Tom Stites, Dallas (Lake Highlands)

VIRGINIA

Dave MacGhee, Falls Church (Marshall)
Tony Pease, Arlington (Bishop Denis J. O'Connell)
Mike Reiley, Alexandria (Mt. Vernon)

WASHINGTON

John Greenlaw, Vancouver (Columbia River)
Greg Philippsen, Seattle (Blanchet)

WISCONSIN

Phil Bauman, Brookfield (East)
Ed Epping, Kenosha (St. Joseph)
Mark Ewig, Port Washington

1969 AIR FORCE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Age	Hometown — High School — Coach
71	Art Allaway	DT	6-4	225	Soph.	18	San Antonio, Tex. — Alamo Heights — James Nelson
80	Paul Bassa	DE	6-4	193	Soph.	19	Phoenix, Ariz. — Maryvale — Ken Stites
33	Phil Bauman*	LB	6-1	208	Jr.	19	Brookfield, Wis. — Brookfield East — Jerry Grebin
18	Gary Baxter**	QB	6-0	190	Sr.	22	West Covina, Calif. — Edgewood — Ken Wells
76	John Bierie*	OT	6-3	235	Jr.	21	Dubuque, Iowa — Wahlert — Robert Varley
73	Mel Blowers	DT	6-4	220	Sr.	20	Clearfield, Pa. — Clearfield Area — Donald Turley
83	Mike Bolen*	OE	6-1	195	Jr.	20	Phoenix, Ariz. — Maryvale — Carl Rollins
79	Bob Borkowski	OT	6-1	220	Jr.	21	Stegar, Ill. — Bloom Township — Nick Colbrese
49	Brian Bream	OHB	5-9	190	Soph.	19	San Leandro, Calif. — Marina — Thomas Michell
70	Joe Breshears	DT	6-1	225	Jr.	20	Vinita, Okla. — Vinita — Richard Eddy
25	Jim DeOrio*	FB	5-11	196	Sr.	21	Dearborn, Mich. — Dearborn — Thomas Muldowney
78	Tim Duff*	OT	6-5	230	Jr.	20	Houston, Tex. — S.P. Waltrip — Leslie Burton
77	Ed Epping**	DT	6-3	242	Sr.	21	Kenosha, Wis. — St. Joseph — Robert Carbone
82	Mark Ewig**	DE	6-4	200	Sr.	21	Port Washington, Wis. — Port Washington — Richard DeMario
75	Alan Fischer	OT	6-0	222	Jr.	20	Freeport, N.Y. — Freeport — Joseph Marcino
72	John Greenlaw	DT	6-3	200	Soph.	20	Vancouver, Wash. — Columbia River — James Thrasher
53	Darryl Haas	LB	5-11	195	Soph.	20	Corpus Christi, Tex. — Richard King — Frank Bevers
26	Scott Hamm*	DHB, punter	6-3	200	Jr.	20	Soquel, Calif. — Soquel — Dewey Tompkins
36	Ken Hassen*	FB	6-0	216	Sr.	22	Garden City, Mich. — East — William Wilson
22	Ernie Jennings*	OHB	6-0	172	Jr.	20	Kansas City, Mo. — Central — Harold Michaels
41	Jim Johnson	OHB	6-1	190	Soph.	20	Balaton, Minn. — Balaton — Ronald Borchert
50	Dick Kaesar	LB	5-10	195	Jr.	20	Springfield, Ohio — Catholic Central — Vincent Hannon
64	Mike Keller*	OG	6-1	200	Sr.	21	Omaha, Neb. — Creighton Prep — Don Leahy
23	Glen Leimbach*	LB	6-0	200	Sr.	21	Jackson, Minn. — Jackson — Wes Wistrom
31	Dennis Leuthauser**	LB, PK	5-10	200	Sr.	21	Des Moines, Iowa — East — Bob Savage
63	Robert Lewis*	OG	6-2	225	Sr.	21	Las Vegas, Nev. — Western — Lawrence Fromhart
85	Charlie Longnecker**	OE	6-4	200	Sr.	21	Little Rock, Ark. — Hall — C. W. Keopple

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Age	Hometown — High School — Coach
54	Steve Luce	LB	6-2	200	Jr.	22	Corpus Christi, Tex. — Richard King — Donald Barton
47	Cyd Maattala ^o	DHB	5-11	180	Jr.	20	Moorhead, Minn. — Moorhead — James Gotta
89	Dave MacGhee [*]	OE	6-2	215	Sr.	21	Falls Church, Va. — George Marshall — Roger Cole
62	Tony Marietta ^{**}	LB	6-0	216	Sr.	22	Indianapolis, Ind. — Bishop Silas Chatard — Carol Purichia
40	Curtis Martin ^o	OHB	5-10	177	Jr.	19	Kansas City, Mo. — Central — Harold Michaels
61	Bill Mayfield	LB	5-9	207	Soph.	20	Abilene, Tex. — Cooper — Merrill Green
57	John McClellan	LB	6-0	190	Jr.	20	St. Peter, Minn. — St. Peter — Richard Johnson
68	Tom McKiernan	OG	5-10	198	Jr.	20	Rockford, Ill. — Boylan Central Catholic — Edgar Callahan
20	Bob McKinney	OHB	5-11	190	Sr.	22	Rialto, Calif. — Eisenhower — Milt Smatla
10	Bob Parker	QB	6-0	190	Jr.	20	West Covina, Calif. — Edgewood — Ken Wells
66	Dave Patton [*]	OT	6-4	224	Jr.	21	Sacramento, Calif. — Mira Loma — Donald Brown
45	Tony Pease	DHB	6-0	185	Jr.	21	Arlington, Va. — Bishop Denis J. O'Connell — Robert Patzwall
44	Terry Petrzelka [*]	DHB	6-2	192	Sr.	21	Prague, Neb. — Prague — Charles Niemeyer
91	Greg Philippsen	OE	6-1	185	Jr.	20	Seattle, Wash. — Blanchet — John Naish
55	George Rayl ^{**}	C	6-2	212	Sr.	21	Worthington, Minn. — Worthington — Milt Osterberg
88	Tom Rayl [*]	OE	6-2	210	Sr.	21	Worthington, Minn. — Worthington — Milt Osterberg
11	Mike Reiley	QB	6-0	185	Sr.	21	Alexandria, Va. — Mt. Vernon — John Miller
24	Charles Richardson	DHB	5-10	170	Soph.	19	Corpus Christi, Tex. — Richard King — Frank Bevers
51	Don Sexton	C	6-1	210	Soph.	18	Santa Barbara, Calif. — San Marcos — John Stoney
90	Rich Shannon ^o	DE	6-2	195	Jr.	19	Bloomington, Minn. — Lincoln — D. R. Cochran
14	Tim Simmons	DHB	6-0	180	Soph.	19	Winfield, Kan. — Winfield — Al Holdeman
42	Jimmy Smith [*]	OHB	5-8	165	Jr.	22	Colo. Springs, Colo. — Wasson — Gilbert Funk
35	Larry Smith ^o	FB	6-2	200	Jr.	19	Dighton, Kan. — Dighton — Joe Johns
67	Virgil Staponski [*]	OG	6-2	205	Jr.	20	Kansas City, Mo. — Rockhurst — Alton Davis
13	Tom Stites	DHB	6-0	180	Soph.	19	Dallas, Tex. — Lake Highlands — Bill Georges
86	John Vering	DE	6-2	195	Soph.	19	Fremont, Neb. — Archbishop Bergan — Patrick Keitges
87	Harold Whaley [*]	DE	6-2	211	Jr.	21	Opelika, Ala. — Opelika — Ray Campbell
52	Al Wurglitz ^{**}	DHB	6-4	213	Sr.	21	Chicago, Ill. — Gordon Tech — Larry Bielat

^o Letters won.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

10 Bob Parker, QB	35 Larry Smith, OFB	55 George Rayl, C	76 John Bierie, OT
11 Mike Reiley, QB	36 Ken Hassen, FB	57 John McClellan, LB	77 Ed Epping, DT
13 Tom Stites, DHB	40 Curtis Martin, OHB	61 Bill Mayfield, LB	78 Tim Duff, OT
14 Tim Simmons, DHB	41 Jim Johnson, OHB	62 Tony Marietta, LB	79 Bob Borkowski, OT
18 Gary Baxter, QB	42 Jimmy Smith, OHB	63 Robert Lewis, OG	80 Paul Bassa, DE
20 Bob McKinney, OHB	44 Terry Petrzelka, DHB	64 Mike Keller, OG	82 Mark Ewig, DE
22 Ernie Jennings, OHB	45 Tony Pease, DHB	66 Dave Patton, OT	83 Mike Bolen, OE
23 Glen Leimbach, LB	47 Cyd Maattala, DHB	67 Virgil Staponski, OG	85 Charlie Longnecker, OE
24 Charles Richardson, DHB	49 Brian Bream, OHB	68 Tom McKiernan, OG	86 John Vering, DE
25 Jim DeOrio, FB	50 Dick Kaesar, LB	70 Joe Breshears, DT	87 Harold Whaley, DE
26 Scott Hamm, DHB, punter	51 Don Sexton, C	71 Art Allaway, DT	88 Tom Rayl, OE
31 Dennis Leuthauser, LB, place kicker	52 Al Wurglitz, DHB	72 John Greenlaw, DT	89 Dave McGee, OE
33 Phil Bauman, LB	53 Darryl Haas, LB	73 Mel Blowers, DT	90 Rich Shannon, DE
	54 Steve Luce, LB	75 Alan Fischer, OT	91 Greg Philippsen, OE

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BOB BORKOWSKI
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GEORGE RAYL
MIKE REILEY
VIRGIL STAPONSKI
TOM STITES
AL WURGLITZ

Ma-GEE
Mary-ET-ta
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Pet-RA-zel-ka
PHILIP-sen
Rail
RYE-lee
Sta-PON-skee
Rhymes with "writes"
WERE-glitz

GREG PHILIPPSEN, offensive end, 6-1, 185, junior, Seattle, Wash., No. 91

Fair size and speed make Philippsen a good prospect. Had a good spring practice and saw action with junior varsity last season. Lettered in three sports at Blanchet H.S. Majors in engineering mechanics.

GEORGE RAYL, center, 6-2, 212, senior, Worthington, Minn., No. 55

George, whose identical twin brother Tom is an end, is probably the most experienced center to ever play at the Academy. He broke into the starting lineup as a sophomore and in 1968 recorded 286 minutes of playing time. Has a thorough knowledge of every offensive play and can be expected to do his job consistently well. He came to the Academy "to fulfill a boyhood dream." Lettered in football, baseball, track and wrestling at Worthington H.S. Recently he and his brother Tom were awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for saving the life of a motorist last February. The twins noticed a motorist suffering a violent convulsion. They freed his air passage and rendered first aid until an ambulance arrived. They were the first cadets to receive the Air Force Commendation Medal. He is a B student in civil engineering.

TOM RAYL, offensive end, 6-2, 210, senior, Worthington, Minn. No. 88

Tom is the other half of the Air Force's identical twin combination. While his brother George is a center, Tom will see action at tight end. He has been a consistent performer for two years, and earned his first varsity letter last season. Primarily noted for his blocking ability. Before coaches learned how to tell Tom from his twin George, he was often referred to as the "one with the chipped tooth." Tom earned letters in football, basketball, baseball, wrestling and track at Worthington H.S. He recently was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal as was his brother for saving the life of a motorist last February. Tom, like his brother, is a B student in civil engineering.

MIKE REILEY, quarterback, 6-0, 185, senior, Alexandria, Va., No. 11

Reiley gives team depth at quarterback, but is untested in varsity competition. Saw action with junior varsity last season and is slated for reserve work. Lettered in football and baseball at Mt. Vernon H.S. Majors in international affairs.

CHARLES RICHARDSON, defensive halfback, 5-10, 170, sophomore, Corpus Christi, Tex., No. 24

Rated one of the most aggressive players on 1968 freshman team. Tabbed for reserve role but could see considerable action. Football and track letterman at King H.S.

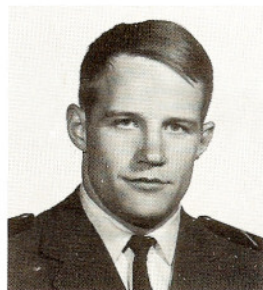


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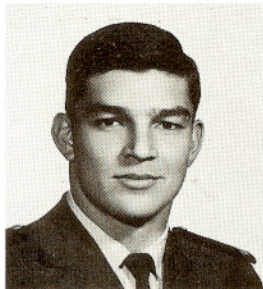
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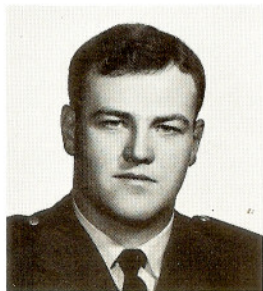


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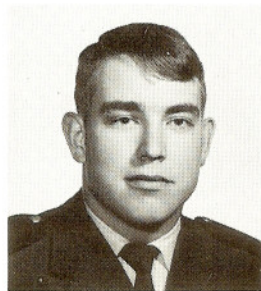
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TIM SIMMONS



JIM SMITH



LARRY SMITH

DON SEXTON, center, 6-1, 210, sophomore, Santa Barbara, Calif., No. 51

Sexton will be the reserve center, and started for freshmen last season. An all-league selection and basketball standout at San Marcos H.S. Carries a 3.48 average in engineering mechanics.

RICH SHANNON, defensive end, 6-2, 195, junior, Bloomington, Minn., No. 90

Shannon is slated to play a backup role this fall. As a sophomore, he saw only limited action at a tough position and still needs experience. Earned three track letters at Lincoln H.S. as well as two football monograms. Majoring in engineering management.

TIM SIMMONS, defensive halfback, 6-0, 180, sophomore, Winfield, Kan., No. 14

Simmons is a quick, dependable tackler. Adds good depth to defensive secondary, and could see some varsity action. Lettered in football, track and wrestling at Winfield H.S.

JIM SMITH, offensive halfback, 5-8, 165, junior, Colorado Springs, Colo., No. 42

Earned his first varsity letter as a defensive halfback and punt return specialist last year but will backup Ernie Jennings on offense this season. A 9.8 sprinter, he uses speed and deceptive moves to compensate for his size. He is a versatile performer and was an all-star quarterback for Wasson H.S. in nearby Colorado Springs. He was hampered by a leg injury during spring practice, but is expected to be fully recovered. His father, Artus Smith, is Air Force's equipment manager. Majoring in engineering mechanics.

LARRY SMITH, fullback, 6-2, 200, junior, Dighton, Kan., No. 35

Smith is one of the most improved players on the Air Force squad. He began his Academy career as a defensive player and in 1968 was ready for offensive duties as well. All of his playing time came on defense at linebacker and he saw only 51 minutes of action. This season he is slated for a reserve role on offense. Carries a B average in military arts and science.

VIRGIL STAPONSKI, offensive guard, 6-2, 205, junior, Kansas City, Mo., No. 67

After playing tackle as a freshman, Staponski claimed the starting left guard position last season and logged 269 minutes of playing time. Agile and quick, he earned three track letters at Rockhurst H.S. He is particularly adept at leading interference and ideally suited for Air Force's frequent trap blocking. Staponski is a thinking player who executes his many assignments with high precision. Carries a B average in civil engineering.

TOM STITES, defensive halfback, 6-0, 180, sophomore, Dallas, Tex., No. 13

Another quick and talented addition to the defensive secondary. Was a stand-out freshman player. Earned football, baseball and swimming letters at Lake Highlands H.S.

JOHN VERING, defensive end, 6-2, 195, sophomore, Fremont, Neb., No. 86

Vering adds good depth to defensive end corps. Good rush plus height make him a fine prospect. Earned football and basketball letters at Archbishop Bergan H.S. Has a 3.59 average in engineering mechanics.

HAROLD WHALEY, defensive end, 6-2, 211, junior, Opelika, Ala., No. 87

Whaley began his Academy football career as a two-way player for freshmen and last season settled down at defensive end. He started every contest and played 265 minutes at left end. Next to him is tackle Ed Epping, giving Air Force a solid defensive wall. Whaley is tough in breaking up end sweeps. He was an all-state selection and also earned all-conference honors in basketball.

AL WURGLITZ, defensive halfback, 6-4, 213, senior, Chicago, Ill., No. 52

A regular defensive halfback for two seasons, Wurglitz will switch to safety this season. He and Scott Hamm (6-3) will give the Falcons a tall deep secondary. Wurglitz logged 271 minutes of playing time in 1968 and made three interceptions. He was an all-conference football pick at Gordon Technical H.S. One of the top scholars on the team with a 3.51 average in international affairs.



VIRGIL STAPONSKI



TOM STITES

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JOHN VERING



AL WURGLITZ



HAROLD WHALEY



THE FOES

First Game
SOUTHERN METHODIST

Sept. 13 at Dallas, Texas

Cotton Bowl (72,032)

National TV

HEAD COACH: Hayden Fry (8th year)
COACH'S RECORD: 30-42-1 (at SMU)
LOCATION: Dallas, Texas
ENROLLMENT: 7,600
CONFERENCE: Southwest
SCHOOL COLORS: Red & Blue
NICKNAME: Mustangs
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Willis M. Tate
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Hayden Fry
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: F. F. (Junior) Eldredge (368-0622)
TEAM CAPTAINS: Off.: Chuck Hixson, Stan Poulos, Daryl Doggett
 Def.: Bruce Portillo, Tommy Fraser, Rufus Cormier
LETTERMEN RETURNING: 34
LETTERMEN LOST: 9
TOP HOLDOVERS: Chuck Hixson, QB; Ken Fleming, OE; Bill Jackson, OT; Tommy Fraser, DE; Rufus Cormier, DG; Jim Johnson, DT; Bruce Portillo, LB
TOP NEWCOMERS: Gary Hammond, SE; Jim Hodges, DG; Gordon Gilder, HB
1969 OUTLOOK: The Mustangs have seven starters returning on offense and nine on defense. The offense features outstanding passing and receiving, good blocking and depth in the line. Defensive line is experienced with adequate linebacking and corner play. An unproven running game and untried deep secondary may be regarded as weak but Coach Fry is optimistic about his youngsters. Chuck Hixson, nation's leading passer in 1968, is back to offset what is regarded as a weak running game.



COACH FRY



RUFUS CORMIER

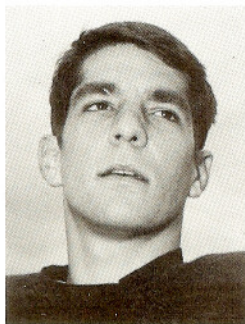
Series Standing (Air Force won 1, lost 2)

1961 — SMU 9, Air Force 7
 1962 — Air Force 25, SMU 20
 1963 — SMU 10, Air Force 0

1968 Results (8-3)

SMU	Opp.
37 Auburn	28
14 Ohio St.	35
35 N. Carolina St.	14
21 T C U	14
32 Rice	24
39 Texas Tech	18
7 Texas	38
36 Texas A & M	23
29 Arkansas	35
33 Baylor	17
28 Oklahoma	27

(Astro-Blue Bonnet Bowl)



TERRY McMILLAN



COACH DEVINE

Second Game MISSOURI

Sept. 20 at Columbia, Mo.

Memorial Stadium (55,000)

HEAD COACH: Dan Devine (12th year)

COACH'S RECORD: 106-32-8 (Career Record)

LOCATION: Columbia, Mo.

ENROLLMENT: 20,100

CONFERENCE: Big Eight

SCHOOL COLORS: Old Gold & Black

NICKNAME: Tigers

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. John C. Weaver

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Dan Devine

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Bill Callahan (449-8005)

TEAM CAPTAIN: To be named

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 28

LETTERMEN LOST: 15

TOP HOLDOVERS: Offense — Terry McMillan, QB; Jon Staggers, HB; James Harrison, FB-HB; Tom Shryock, TE; Defense — Rocky Wallace, DT; Mark Kuhlman, DT; Butch Davis, DHB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Dan Borgard, DE; John Cowan, DG; Sam Britts, LB

1969 OUTLOOK: The Tigers lost only tailback Greg Cook, the team's leading groundgainer, from last year's backfield. Missou's biggest problem will be shoring up the guard spots, both offensively and defensively. Coach Devine, the nation's fourth most successful skipper in major college circles, has never had a losing season in 14 campaigns as a head football coach and the Tigers, along with Oklahoma, are picked to make a strong run for the Big Eight title.

Series Standing (Air Force won 0, lost 3)

1959 — Missouri 13, Air Force 0

1960 — Missouri 34, Air Force 8

1964 — Missouri 17, Air Force 7

1968 Results (8-3)

Missouri	Opp.
6 Kentucky	12
44 Illinois	0
7 Army	3
27 Colorado	14
16 Nebraska	14
56 Kansas St.	20
42 Oklahoma St.	7
42 Iowa St.	7
14 Oklahoma	28
19 Kansas	21
35 Alabama	10

(Gator Bowl)

Third Game WYOMING

Sept. 27 at Air Force

Falcon Stadium (40,828)

HEAD COACH: Lloyd Eaton (8th year)

COACH'S RECORD: 50-20-2 (at Wyoming)

LOCATION: Laramie, Wyoming

ENROLLMENT. 8,200

CONFERENCE: Western Athletic

SCHOOL COLORS: Brown & Gold

NICKNAME: Cowboys, Pokes

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. William D. Carlson

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Glenn J. Jacoby

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Bill Young (766-2256)

TEAM CAPTAINS: Larry Nels, Tommy Tucker, Joe Williams

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 27

LETTERMEN LOST: 19

TOP HOLDOVERS: Ed Synakowski, QB; Larry Nels, DT; Tommy Tucker, OG; Joe Williams, TB; Bob Jacobs, K; Al Zerfoss, OT; George Kellerman, DE; Rich Trautwein, DT; Steve Adamson, MG; Brent Engleright, LB; Dale Pernula, C.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Gary Fox, QB; Ken Hustad, TE; Dennis Binkowski, OG; Frosty Franklin, TB; Jeff Howe, FB; Ivie Moore, DHB

1969 OUTLOOK: The Cowboys defend their WAC championship with 27 returning lettermen. The offensive depth could be the best in several years while the defense is mean and experienced. The secondary is young but promising and the kicking game is good. Thirteen of the veterans are starters, six each on defense and offense and an all-important kicking specialist.



TOMMY TUCKER



COACH EATON

Series Standing (Air Force won 4, lost 4, tied 2)

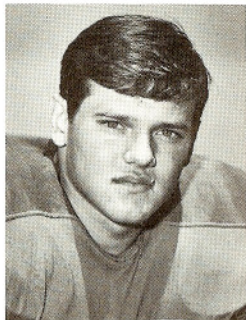
1957 — Air Force 7, Wyoming 7
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 1960 — Wyoming 15, Air Force 0
 1962 — Air Force 35, Wyoming 14
 1964 — Air Force 7, Wyoming 7
 1965 — Wyoming 31, Air Force 14
 1966 — Wyoming 13, Air Force 0
 1967 — Wyoming 37, Air Force 10
 1968 — Air Force 10, Wyoming 3

1968 Results (7-3)

Wyoming	Opp.
10	Nebraska 13
48	Utah St. 3
3	Air Force 10
27	Arizona St. 13
20	Brigham Young 17
20	Utah 9
35	New Mexico 6
46	Colo. St. U. 14
26	Texas-El Paso 19
7	Arizona 14



COACH DOOLEY



SAULIS ZEMAITIS

Fourth Game NORTH CAROLINA

Oct. 11 at Chapel Hill

Kenan Stadium (47,000)

Series Standing (Air Force won 3, lost 1)

- 1963 — North Carolina 35, Air Force 0
(Gator Bowl)
- 1966 — Air Force 20, North Carolina 14
- 1967 — Air Force 10, North Carolina 8
- 1968 — Air Force 28, North Carolina 15

1968 Results (3-7)

N.C.	Opp.
6 N.C. State	38
27 South Carolina	32
8 Vanderbilt	7
24 Maryland	33
22 Florida	7
31 Wake Forest	48
15 Air Force	28
6 Virginia	41
14 Clemson	24
25 Duke	14

HEAD COACH: Bill Dooley (3rd year)

COACH'S RECORD: 5-15 (at North Carolina)

LOCATION: Chapel Hill, N. C.

ENROLLMENT: 16,800

CONFERENCE: Atlantic Coast

SCHOOL COLORS: Carolina Blue & White

NICKNAME: Tar Heels

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Homer Rice

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Jack Williams (933-2123)

CAPTAIN: Will be named

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 19

LETTERMEN LOST: 16

TOP HOLDOVERS: Tony Blanchard, TE; Ed Chalupka, OG; Bob Hanna, LB; Don McCauley, HB; Saulis Zemaitis, FB; Jim Papai, OG; Ken Price, DB; Ron Grzybowski, DT

TOP NEWCOMERS: Paul Miller, QB; Johnny Swofford, QB; Lewis Jolley, WB; Bud Grissom, DT; George Stone, DG; Bill Brafford, DE; Jim Webster, LB; John Bunting, LB; Steve Alvis, SE; Mike Bobbitt, OT

1969 OUTLOOK: The Tar Heels field their most talented and exciting team of the Bill Dooley football regime in 1969, but inexperience could be a major handicap in the rebuilding program. Returning are some top all-star candidates in Atlantic Coast Conference warfare, including halfback Don McCauley and tight end Tony Blanchard, son of the famed Doc of Army football fame. Dooley lists more talent, more quickness and more depth this fall but a replacement for sensational quarterback Gayle Bomar will be a vital task.

Fifth Game OREGON

Oct. 18 at Air Force

Falcon Stadium (40,828)

HEAD COACH: Jerry Frei (3rd year)

COACH'S RECORD: 6-14 (at Oregon)

LOCATION: Eugene, Oregon **ENROLLMENT:** 15,000

CONFERENCE: Pacific Eight

SCHOOL COLORS: Lemon Yellow and Emerald Green

NICKNAME: Ducks or Webfoots

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Robert D. Clark

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Len Casanova

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Hal Cowan (342-1411, ext. 1081)

CAPTAIN: Game captains

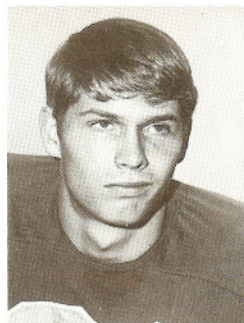
LETTERMEN RETURNING: 30 **LETTERMEN LOST:** 19

TOP HOLDOVERS: Bob Newland, SE; Andy Maurer, TE; Rocky Pamplin, FB; Alan Pitcaithley, QB; John Harrington, QB; Tom Blanchard, QB; Greg Marshall, FB; Joe Phillips, OT; Dennis Gassner, DE; Mike Kish, DE; Bill Brauner, S; Jack Gleason, MONSTER; Jim Franklin, DHB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Bobby Moore, SB; Tom Graham, LB; Dave Jones, TB; Bill Drake, DHB; John McKean, OG; Lionel Coleman, DHB; Bob Hawk, C.

1969 OUTLOOK: Improvement is the key word in describing Oregon football in 1969. Coach Frei definitely feels the positive signs are more prevalent than the question marks with 29 letter winners a big plus for the Ducks. Frei is extremely happy with the personnel available in what is regarded as the talent positions — running backs, receivers and quarterback.

If the coaching staff can solve the offensive and defensive line questions and key sophomores perform up to expectations. Oregon stands an excellent chance of recording its first winning season since 1964, a 7-2-1 year.



BOB NEWLAND



COACH FREI

Series Standing (Air Force won 0, lost 3, tied 1)

1959 — Oregon 20, Air Force 3
 1962 — Oregon 35, Air Force 20
 1965 — Air Force 18, Oregon 18
 1966 — Oregon 17, Air Force 6

1968 Results (4-6)

Oregon	Opp.
7 Colorado	28
12 Stanford	28
6 Ohio St.	21
3 Washington	0
23 Idaho	8
14 Utah	6
13 USC	20
27 Washington St.	13
8 California	36
19 Oregon St.	41



COACH LUDE



EARLIE THOMAS

Series Standing (Air Force won 7, lost 2, tied 1)

- 1957 — Colorado State U 20, Air Force 7
- 1958 — Air Force 36, Colorado State U 6
- 1960 — Air Force 32, Colorado State U 8
- 1961 — Air Force 14, Colorado State U 9
- 1962 — Air Force 34, Colorado State U 0
- 1963 — Air Force 69, Colorado State U 0
- 1964 — Air Force 14, Colorado State U 6
- 1966 — Colorado State U 41, Air Force 21
- 1967 — Air Force 17, Colorado State U 17
- 1968 — Air Force 31, Colorado State U 0

1968 Results (2-8)

CSU		Opp.
21	New Mexico	13
0	Kansas St.	21
12	North Texas St.	17
13	Texas Tech	43
37	Wichita St.	15
0	Air Force	31
0	Pacific	31
14	Wyoming	46
17	West Texas St.	22
19	Texas-El Paso	23

Sixth Game COLORADO STATE U.

Oct. 25 at Air Force

Falcon Stadium (40,828)

HEAD COACH: Mike Lude (6th year)

COACH'S RECORD: 25-35-1 (at CSU)

LOCATION: Fort Collins, Colo.

ENROLLMENT: 16,300

CONFERENCE: Western Athletic

SCHOOL COLORS: Green and Gold

NICKNAME: Rams

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. A. R. Chamberlain

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Perry C. Moore

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Riley Hall (491-5067)

CAPTAINS: Earlie Thomas (defense); Bill Schmitz (offense)

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 18

LETTERMEN LOST: 16

TOP HOLDOVERS: Bill Schmitz, FB; Earlie Thomas, DHB; Art Herrera, DT; Tom French, OT; Jerry Shearer, FS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Isaiah Kelley, DT; Jim Catullo, DG; Lawrence McCutcheon, TB; Harry Stevenson, FL; Dave Newquest, LB; Scott Simmons, QB.

1969 OUTLOOK: A shifty-I offensive formation and a pro-40 defense will team to give Ram fans and opponents a new look for the 1969 campaign. The "new look" will also be emphasized by new personnel from the line to the backfield on both units. Seven starters or part-time starters return to the offensive unit while the defense has only two returnees. The offensive backfield could be one of CSU's most explosive units in years while the defense appeared solid during the spring sessions. The kicking game could be the strongest point of the Rams' attack as JC transfer Dan Torzala booted 42, 52 and 57 yarders during spring practice.

Seventh Game

ARMY

Nov. 1 at West Point

Michie Stadium (41,000)

Regional TV

HEAD COACH: Thomas B. Cahill (4th year)

COACH'S RECORD: 23-7-0

LOCATION: West Point, N.Y.

ENROLLMENT: 3,700

CONFERENCE: Independent

SCHOOL COLORS: Black, gold, gray

NICKNAME: Cadets

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Major General S. W. Koster

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Colonel Gus Dielens

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Frank E. Walter (914-938-3303)

CAPTAIN: Lynn Moore (FB)

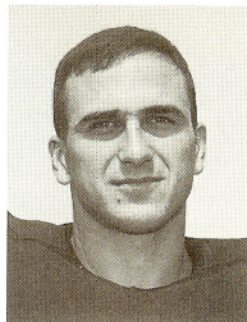
LETTERMEN RETURNING: 15

LETTERMEN LOST: 18

TOP HOLDOVERS: Offense — Lynn Moore, Hank Andrzejczak, backs; Don DeCort, tackle; Ted Shadid, center. Defense — Bill Price, end; Arden Jensen, kicker.

TOP NEWCOMERS: John Roth, DE; Greg True, DT; Cal Trammell, DB

1969 OUTLOOK: Graduation cut heavily into the Army team with the critical areas for 1969 coming at quarterback and the defensive unit. While there are six starters back on offense, there are only three on defense. Quarterback Roger LeDoux, a starter in the first two games in 1967, but not a letterwinner in 1968, is the lone experienced quarterback available. Captain Lynn Moore, who could be moved from halfback to fullback, and halfback Hank Andrzejczak are back. Five of the starting offensive linemen return as does placekicker Arden Jensen, who made 32 of 33 conversions and 11 of 18 in field goals.



LYNN MOORE



COACH CAHILL

Series Standings (Air Force won 1, lost 2, tied 1)

1959 — Air Force 13, Army 13

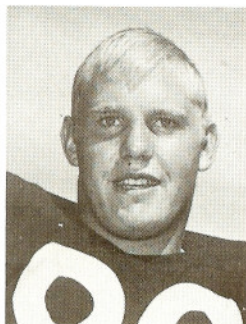
1963 — Army 14, Air Force 10

1965 — Air Force 14, Army 3

1967 — Army 10, Air Force 7

1968 Results (7-3)

Army	Opp.
34 Citadel	14
13 Vanderbilt	17
3 Missouri	7
10 California	7
24 Rutgers	0
57 Duke	25
24 Penn State	28
58 Boston College	25
26 Pittsburgh	0
21 Navy	14



PHIL OLSEN



COACH MILLS

Series Standing
First Meeting

1968 Results (7-3)

Utah St.	Opp.
28 New Mexico St.	12
3 Wyoming	48
38 Wichita St.	0
50 Montana	3
20 Wisconsin	0
7 Pacific	18
20 West Texas St.	10
34 Brigham Young	8
28 Utah	13
19 San Diego St.	30

Eighth Game UTAH STATE

Nov. 8 at Air Force

Falcon Stadium (40,828)

HEAD COACH: Chuck Mills (3rd year)

COACH'S RECORD: 14-5-1

LOCATION: Logan, Utah

ENROLLMENT: 9,000

CONFERENCE: Independent

SCHOOL COLORS: Navy blue and white

NICKNAMES: State, U-State, Big Blue, Utags

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Glen L. Taggart

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Frank "Buss" Williams

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Ken Mitchell (801-752-4100, ext. 734)

CAPTAIN: Game Captains

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 27

LETTERMEN LOST: 18

TOP HOLDOVERS: Offense: Ted Zimmerman, C; Fred Alvarez, G; Bruce Jacobsen, T; Defense: Phil Olsen, T; Mike Becklund, MG; Gary Anderson, E; Dana Schulz, LB; Ron Labrum, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Rod Jones, OB; Tyrone Couey, DB; Mike Chambers, TB; Dale Washburn, DB; Dennie Ferguson, DB; Bernard Bradley, DB; Gary Randall, DB; Wayne Stephens, DB; Craig Smith, QB.

1969 OUTLOOK: Coach Chuck Mills has been looking over his shoulder for replacements to bolster the 1969 squad which lost the entire backfield of 1968. As a result, the offensive attack is not expected to be as explosive as last season. In addition, only three starters are returning on the offensive team, all linemen. The defense, on the other hand, has 12 returning lettermen, with seven listed as starters. Phil Olsen, All-America candidate at defensive tackle, spearheads the Utags' strong defense.

Ninth Game STANFORD

Nov. 15 at Palo Alto

Stanford Stadium (90,000)

HEAD COACH: John Ralston (7th year)

COACH'S RECORD: 30-28-2

LOCATION: Stanford Calif.

ENROLLMENT: 11,068

CONFERENCE: Pacific Eight

SCHOOL COLORS: Cardinal and White

NICKNAME: Indians or Cards

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Kenneth S. Pitzer

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Charles A. Taylor

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Bob Murphy (415-321-2300, ext. 4418)

CAPTAIN: Game Captains

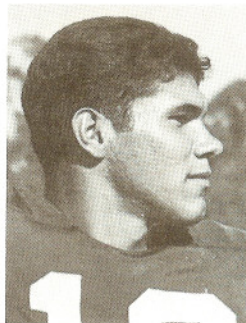
LETTERMEN RETURNING: 29

LETTERMEN LOST: 24

TOP HOLDOVERS: Jim Plunkett, QB; Don Parish, LB; Pat Preston, LB; Bubba Brown, RB; George Crooks, T; Jim Cross, SE; Pete Seymour, T; Bob Reinhard, G; Jack Lasater, FL; Howie Williams, FB; Dan Lightfoot, G; Bob Moore, T; John Sande, C; Jim Kauffman, S.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Randy Vataha, SE; Pete Lazetich, DT; Jackie Brown, HB; Hillary Shockley, FB; Miles Moore, DB; Don Alvarado, SE.

1969 OUTLOOK: An experienced offensive line will be the Indians' strong point. The defensive line is the question mark with inexperienced players at most positions. The passing game will be sensational with Jim Plunkett and Don Bunce and outstanding receivers in Jim Cross, Jack Lasater, Bob Moore, Dee Washington and Ron Kadziel. Bubba Brown, a great breakaway threat and Howie Williams, a tough runner, provide a fine 1-2 combo in the backfield. Defensively, the secondary allowed only 98 completions in 241 attempts in 1968 and Jim Kauffman and Dick Oliver are back. Bob Reinhard will handle the punting — he averaged 39.4 in 1968.



JIM PLUNKETT



COACH RALSTON

Series Standing (Air Force won 2, lost 3)

1958 — Air Force 16, Stanford 0
 1960 — Air Force 32, Stanford 9
 1965 — Stanford 17, Air Force 16
 1966 — Stanford 21, Air Force 6
 1968 — Stanford 24, Air Force 13

1968 Results (6-3-1)

Stanford	Opp.
68	San Jose 20
28	Oregon 12
24	Air Force 13
24	USC 27
21	Washington St. 21
17	UCLA 20
3	Oregon St. 29
35	Washington 20
24	Pacific 0
20	California 0



BOB OLSON



COACH PARSEGHIAN

Series Standing (Air Force lost 1)

1964 — Notre Dame 34, Air Force 7

1968 Results (7-2-1)

ND	Opp.
45 Oklahoma	21
22 Purdue	37
51 Iowa	28
27 Northwestern	7
58 Illinois	8
17 Michigan St.	21
45 Navy	14
56 Pittsburgh	7
34 Georgia Tech.	6
21 S. Calif.	21

Tenth Game NOTRE DAME

Nov. 22 at Notre Dame

Notre Dame Stadium (59,025)

HEAD COACH: Ara Parseghian (6th year)

COACH'S RECORD: 40-7-3 (at Notre Dame); 18 year record — 115-48-5

LOCATION: Notre Dame, Ind.

CONFERENCE: Independent

SCHOOL COLORS: Blue and Gold

NICKNAME: Fighting Irish

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Edward W. "Moose" Krause

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Roger Valdiserri (284-7516)

TEAM CAPTAINS: Defense: Bob Olson, LB. Offense: To be named.

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 18 **LETTERMEN LOST:** 19

TOP HOLDOVERS: Jim Reilly, OG; Larry DiNardo, OG; Mike McCoy, DT; Bob Olson, LB; Larry Schumacher, OT; Joe Theismann, QB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Andy Huff, HB; Clarence Ellis, DHB; Greg Marx, DE; Walt Patulski, DE.

1969 OUTLOOK: Nine of Notre Dame's offensive team graduated after ranking second in the nation in total offense, fourth in rushing offense, fourth in scoring and leading the country with an average of 91 plays per game.

The Fighting Irish, who scored 51 touchdowns, averaged 504.4 yards per game and scored at a 37.6 clip per contest, will rely on junior quarterback Joe Theismann to replace Terry Hanratty, All-America signal caller. Sophomores Tom Gatewood, Bob Mannix and Andy Huff, plus junior Ernie Jackson are leading contenders for halfback slots with senior Jeff Zimmerman and soph John Cieszkowski, the top fullback candidates. All-America candidate Larry DiNardo returns to his offensive guard slot, along with Jim Reilly, tackle — the only starters remaining from the offensive team.

Defensively, the Irish losses were minimal in comparison to the offense.



FROM THE RECORD BOOK

AIR FORCE GRID RECORDS

Team Single Game

Most Points AFA — 69 vs. Colo. St. U., '63
Most Points Opponent — 47 by UCLA, '57
Biggest Win Margin — 69 vs. Colorado St. U., '63 (69-0)
Biggest Loss Margin — 47 vs. UCLA, '57 (47-0)
Most Total Yards — 550 vs. Colorado St. U., '63
Most Yards Rushing — 464 vs. Colorado St. U., '63
Most Yards Passing — 299 vs. Washington, '67
Most First Downs — 32 vs. New Mexico, '58; Colorado, '68
Most Total Plays — 95 vs. Colorado St. U., '68
Most Fumbles — 9 vs. Wyoming, '57
Most Fumbles Lost — 5 vs. Wyoming, '57
Most Pass Attempts — 58 vs. Washington, '67
Most Completions — 28 vs. Oklahoma State, '58
Most Passes Had Intercepted — 6 by Maryland, '61
Most Opponent Fumbles Recovered — 7 vs. Colorado, '58
Fewest Opponent Total Yards — 66 by San Diego U., '56
Fewest Opponent Yards Rushing — 19 by Pacific, '65
Fewest Opponent Yards Passing — 0 by Colorado St. College, '56
Fewest Opponent First Downs — 1 by San Diego U., '56
Most Opponent Passes Intercepted — 5 vs. Colorado St. U., '68
Most Punts — 10 vs. Wyoming, '59, '60
Best Punting Avg. (Min. 3) — 50.0 vs. New Mexico, '63 (4/200)
Most AFA Punts Blocked — 1 by eight schools

Team Season

Best Record — (9-0-1), '58
Highest Average Points per Game — 32.6, '56 (9 games)
Fewest Points — 86, '67
Fewest Points by Opponents — 101, '56
Most TD's — 43, '56
Total Yardage — 3,605, '58
Most Points — 293, '56
Rushing Yardage — 2,297, '63
Passing Yardage — 1,734, '65
Most First Downs — 207, '58
Most Passes Attempted — 278, '65
Most Passes Completed — 138, '66

Most Passes Had Intercepted — 19, '60
Fewest Passes Had Intercepted — 7, '68
Most Touchdown Passes — 13, '58
Best Completion Percentage — (56.2, 136/242), '58
Most Opponent Passes Intercepted — 22, '66
Fewest Opponent Passes Completed — 56, '66
AFA Fumbles — 47, '57
Most Fumbles Lost — 20, '56
Most Opponent Fumbles Recovered — 27, '58
Most Punts — 67, '68
Best Punting Average — (40.1) '64
Best Average Punt Returns (13.0, 33/429), '68
Best Average Kickoff Returns — (25.4, 21/531), '67

Individual Single Game

Most Points — 26 by Larry Thomson vs. Colorado College, '56
Most TD's — 4 by Larry Thomson vs. Colorado College, '56;
Mike Quinlan vs. New Mexico, '58; Terry Isaacson vs.
Colorado St. U., '63
Most PAT's — 7 by Dennis Leuthauser vs. Colorado, '68
Total Offense Yardage — 296 by Gary Baxter vs. North Carolina,
'68
Most Plays — 54 by Rich Mayo vs. Missouri, '60
Most Carries — 26 by Terry Isaacson vs. Kansas St., '61
Most Yards Rushing — 167 by Larry Thomson vs. Colorado
College, '56
Most Yards Passing — 272 by Gary Baxter vs. Washington, '67,
and North Carolina, '68
Most Pass Attempts — 53 by Rich Mayo vs. Missouri, '60
Most Completions — 28 by Rich Mayo vs. Oklahoma St., '58
Most TD Passes — 4 by Paul Stein vs. Arizona, '65
Most Passes Had Intercepted — 4 by Rich Mayo vs. Navy, '60;
UCLA, '60; Isaacson vs. Baylor, '62
Most Passes Caught — 13 by Jim Greth, '64; Jim Schultz, '66
Most Yards Passes Caught — 159 by Charlie Longnecker vs.
Arizona, '68

Most TD Passes Caught — 3 by Bill Manning vs. Arizona, '65
 Most Punts — 9 by Rich Mayo vs. Wyoming, '60
 Most Pass Interceptions — 3 by Cyd Maattala vs. Colorado State U., '68
 Most Fumbles Recovered — 2 by Tom Jozwiak vs. Colorado College, '56; Colo., '58; Cubero vs. Colorado State U., '58; Greth vs. SMU, '63; Duncan vs. Michigan, '64
 Best Punting Avg. (Min. 3) 50.2 by Jim Hogarty vs. Navy, '66

Individual Season

Most Points — 87 by Larry Thomson, '56
 Most TD's — 13 by Terry Isaacson, '63
 Most PAT Attempts — 34 by Dennis Leuthauser, '68
 Most PAT's — 28 by Dennis Leuthauser, '68
 Most TD passes — 11 by Rich Mayo, '58
 Most TD Passes Caught — 5 by Charlie Longnecker, '68
 Total Offense Yardage — 1,711 by Paul Stein, '65
 Most Plays — 365 by Stein, '65
 Most Rushing Plays — 162 by Terry Isaacson, '63
 Most Yards Rushing — 801 by Terry Isaacson, '63
 Most Pass Attempts — 238 by Rich Mayo, '60
 Most Completions — 114 by Paul Stein, '65
 Most Consecutive Pass Attempts without Interception — 81 by John Kuenzel, first six games, '57
 Fewest Interceptions (Min. 75 attempts) — 3 by Kuenzel, '57
 Best Completion Percentage — (Min. 75 attempts) — 58.8 by Tim Murphy, '64
 Most Yards Passing — 1,446 by Paul Stein, '65
 Most Passes Caught — 45 by Charlie Longnecker, '68
 Most Yards Passes Caught — 622 by Charlie Longnecker, '68
 Most Opponent Passes Intercepted — 6 by Bob McDonough, '61; Cyd Maattala, '68
 Most Punts — 67 by Scott Hamm, '68
 Best Average Kickoff Returns (Min. 5) — 29.4 by Curtis Martin, '68
 Most Field Goals — 12 by Dick Hall, '66

Individual Career

Most Points — 138 by Mike Quinlan, '57-'60
 Most TD's — 23 by Mike Quinlan, '57-'60

Most PAT's — 51 by George Pupich, '56-'59
 Most Total Plays — 770 by Rich Mayo, '57-'60
 Total Offense Yardage — 3,816 by Rich Mayo, '57-'60
 Most Rushing Plays — 390 by Terry Isaacson, '61-'63
 Most Yards Rushing — 1,633 by Terry Isaacson, '61-'63
 Most Pass Attempts — 623 by Rich Mayo, '57-'60
 Most Completions — 316 by Rich Mayo, '57-'60
 Most Yards Passing — 3,399 by Rich Mayo, '57-'60
 Most TD Passes — 24 by Rich Mayo, '57-'60
 Most Passes Had Intercepted — 34 by Rich Mayo, '57-'60
 Most Passes Caught — 73 by Bob Brickey, '57-'60
 Most Yards Passes Caught — 830 by Charlie Longnecker, '67-'68
 Most TD Passes Caught — 7 by Carl Jansen, '65-'67
 Most Opponent Passes Intercepted — 8 by George Pupich, '56-'59
 Most Opponent Fumbles Recovered — 6 by Dave Sicks, '61-'63; Lloyd Duncan, '64-'65
 Most Punts — 120 by Terry Isaacson, '61-'63
 Best Punt Avg. (Min. 30) — 41.26 by Ken Jagers (54/2228), '63-'64
 Best Avg. Punt Return (Min. 15) — 14.4 by Mike Quinlan, '57-'60
 Best Avg. Kickoff Returns (Min. 15) — 22.4 by Mike Quinlan, '57-'60

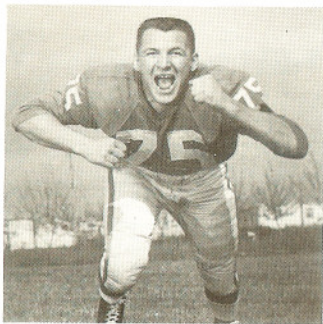
Miscellaneous

Longest Scoring Rushing Play — 80 by Ken Jagers vs. Colorado State U., '63
 Longest Scoring Pass — 78, Gary Baxter to Ernie Jennings vs. N. Carolina, '68
 Longest Interception Return — 85 by Charles May vs. BYU (TD), '56
 Longest Punt Return — 92 by Mike Quinlan vs. Colorado (TD), '60
 Longest Kickoff Return — 98 by Bob Barnes vs. Stanford (TD), '65; 98 by Curtis Martin vs. Florida (TD), '68
 Longest Punt — 72 by Jim Hogarty vs. Colorado State U., '66
 Longest Field Goal — 57, Dennis Leuthauser vs. Wyoming, '68
 Most Consecutive PAT's — 16 by George Pupich, Colo. College, '56 through Oct. '57
 Longest Field Goal (Falcon Stadium) — 57 by Dennis Leuthauser vs. Wyoming, '68

ALL-TIME SERIES STANDING

1969 OPPONENTS IN CAPS

Opponent	First Meeting	Last Meeting	Won	Lost	Tied	Opponent	First Meeting	Last Meeting	Won	Lost	Tied
Arizona	1959	1968	4	2	0	Navy	1960	1968	2	1	0
ARMY	1959	1967	1	2	1	Nebraska	1963	1965	1	1	0
Baylor	1961	1962	0	2	0	New Mexico	1957	1963	3	2	0
Boston College	1963	1964	1	1	0	NORTH CAROLINA	1963	1968	3	1	0
Brigham Young	1956	1956	0	1	0	NOTRE DAME	1964	1964	0	1	0
California	1961	1967	1	2	0	Occidental	1957	1957	1	0	0
Cincinnati	1961	1961	1	0	0	Okla. St.	1958	1967	1	0	1
Colorado College	1956	1956	1	0	0	OREGON	1959	1966	0	3	1
Colorado Mines	1956	1956	1	0	0	Penn St.	1962	1962	0	1	0
Colo. St. College	1956	1956	1	0	0	Pittsburgh	1968	1968	1	0	0
COLO. ST. U.	1957	1968	7	2	1	San Diego	1956	1956	1	0	0
Colorado	1958	1968	4	7	0	SOUTHERN METHODIST	1961	1963	1	2	0
Denver	1957	1960	2	1	0	STANFORD	1958	1968	2	3	0
Detroit	1957	1958	2	0	0	Texas Christian	1959	1959	0	0	1
E. New Mexico	1956	1956	1	0	0	Trinity (Texas)	1959	1959	1	0	0
Florida	1968	1968	0	1	0	Tulane	1967	1967	1	0	0
George Washington	1957	1960	0	2	0	Tulsa	1957	1968	1	1	0
Hawaii	1966	1966	1	0	0	UCLA	1957	1966	4	5	0
Idaho	1959	1959	1	0	0	U of Pacific	1965	1965	1	0	0
Idaho St.	1956	1956	0	1	0	Utah	1957	1958	1	1	0
Iowa	1958	1958	0	0	1	UTAH STATE	1969		0	0	0
Kansas St.	1961	1961	0	1	0	Washington	1963	1967	3	1	0
Maryland	1961	1963	0	2	0	Western St.	1956	1956	1	0	0
Miami (Fla.)	1960	1962	0	2	0	Whittier	1956	1956	0	0	1
Michigan	1964	1964	0	1	0	WYOMING	1957	1968	4	4	2
MISSOURI	1959	1964	0	3	0				62	60	9



BROCK STROM

AIR FORCE ALL-AMERICANS

YEAR

- 1958 Brock Strom (T), Academic, Consensus
 1959 Rich Mayo (QB), Academic
 1960 Rich Mayo (QB), Academic
 1963 Terry Isaacson (QB), Helms
 Joe Rodwell (C), Third Team, Associated Press
 John Puster (E), Honorable Mention
 1965 Paul Stein (QB), Honorable Mention
 Jim Schulz (E), Honorable Mention
 1967 Neal Starkey (DB), Honorable Mention
 Ken Zagzebski (G), Honorable Mention
 1968 Ed Epping (DT), Honorable Mention
 Curtis Martin (HB), Honorable Mention



KEN HAMLIN

POST SEASON CONTESTS

YEAR

- 1960 Daniel Johnson, Copper Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz.
 1960 George Pupich, Copper Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz.
 1961 Sam Hardage, All-American Bowl, Tucson, Ariz.
 1961 Rich Mayo, East-West Shrine Game, San Francisco, Calif.
 1961 Monte Mooreberg, Copper Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz.
 1961 Mike Quinlan, All-American Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz., Copper Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz.
 1964 Terry Isaacson, Hula Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii
 1964 Joe Rodwell, Hula Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii
 1966 Paul Stein, East-West Shrine Game, San Francisco, Calif.
 1966 Bill Manning, Blue-Gray, Montgomery, Ala.
 1967 Lloyd Duncan, East-West Shrine Game, San Francisco, Calif.
 1968 Neal Starkey, East-West Shrine Game, San Francisco, Calif.
 1969 Dick Swanson, American Bowl, Tampa, Fla.
 1969 Ken Hamlin, Blue-Gray, Montgomery, Ala., Hula Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii

1968 FINAL SEASON STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	AFA	OPP
Points	251	156
1st Downs Rushing	98	84
1st Downs Passing	62	85
1st Downs Penalties	11	7
Total First Downs	171	176
Net Yards Rushing	1861	1372
Net Yards Passing	1369	1784
Total Yards	3230	3156
Passing Attempts	217	289
Completions	101	143
Had Intercepted	7	16
TD Passes	8	8
Number Punts	67	79
Punting Yardage	2634	2938
Punting Average	39.3	37.2
Fumbles	18	21
Fumbles Lost	11	15
Number Penalties	52	63
Penalties Yards	492	626
Total Plays	741	746

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Player	Carries	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg.
DeOrio	110	451	15	436	4.0
Martin	130	445	37	418	3.2
Jennings	50	330	30	300	6.0
Baxter	108	388	125	263	2.4

Player	Carries	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg.
Ryll	61	237	1	236	3.9
Mumme	26	89	0	89	3.4
Hassen	12	72	1	71	5.9
Turner	24	114	60	54	2.3
Moorhead	3	5	11	-6	—
AF Totals	524	2141	280	1861	3.6
Opp Totals	457	1748	376	1372	3.0

PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	TD	HI	Yards	Pct.
Baxter ..	168	76	7	5	1024	.452
Turner ..	49	25	1	2	345	.510
AF Totals	217	101	8	7	1369	.465
Opp.						
Totals ..	289	143	8	16	1784	.495

RECEIVING

Player	No. Caught	TD	Yards
Longnecker	45	5	622
Jennings	23	2	374
MacGhee	13	0	164
Martin	6	1	92
Moorhead	6	0	68
DeOrio	5	0	33
Ryll	2	0	9
Mumme	1	0	7
AF Totals	101	8	1369
Opp. Totals	143	8	1784

SCORING

Player	TD	FGA	FG	KA	KM	2 pt.	Tot.
Martin	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
Baxter	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
Leuthauser	0	16	4	34	28	0	40
Longnecker	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
DeOrio	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Jennings	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Hassen	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
J. Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Maattala	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Ryll	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Turner	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hamlin	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
AF Totals	35	16	4	35	29	0	251
Opp. Totals	21	11	4	15	12	3	156

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yards	TD	Avg.
Maattala	16	176	0	11.0
J. Smith	12	218	1	18.2
Hallenbeck	3	33	0	11.0
L. Smith	1	3	0	3.0
Jennings	1	-1	0	—
AF Totals	33	429	1	13.0
Opp. Totals	25	251	1	10.0

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yards	TD	Avg.
Jennings	17	352	0	20.7
Martin	5	146	1	29.4

Player	No.	Yards	TD	Avg.
DeOrio	2	36	0	18.0
J. Smith	1	18	0	18.0
Maattala	1	16	0	16.0
MacGhee	1	6	0	6.0
AF Totals	27	574	1	21.3
Opp. Totals	30	630	1	21.0

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yards	TD	Avg.
Maattala	6	41	1	6.8
Petrzelka	3	36	0	12.0
Wurglitz	3	20	0	6.7
Hallenbeck	3	0	0	0.0
Leimbeck	1	0	0	0.0
AF Totals	16	97	1	6.1
Opp. Totals	7	123	0	17.6

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yards	Long	Avg.
Hamm	67	2634	58	39.3
AF Totals	67	2634	58	39.3
Opp. Totals	79	2938	54	37.2

FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Maattala (3), Rivers (2), Leuthauser (2); Bauman, Marrietta, Ewig, Wurglitz, Whaley, Epping, Petrzelka, Leimbach (all with one).

SCORE BY QUARTERS

AIR FORCE	61	79	65	46 — 251
OPPONENTS	36	54	28	38 — 156

ALL- TIME GAME RESULTS



1955 (Frosh Schedule)

AF		Opp.
34	Denver Frosh	18
21	Colo. State U. Frosh	13
0	Colorado U. Frosh	32
0	Kansas Frosh	23
6	Utah Frosh	12
21	Wyoming Frosh	13
7	New Mexico Frosh	6
12	Oklahoma Frosh	48

(4-4) Coach: Col. R. Whitlow

1956 (First Varsity Season)

AF		Opp.
46	San Diego U.	0
53	Colorado College	14
48	Western St. (Colo.)	13
49	Colorado Mines	6
34	E. New Mexico	7
21	Colo. State College	0
14	Whittier	14
7	Idaho State	13
21	Brigham Young	34

(6-2-1) Coach: L. T. "Buck" Shaw

AF		Opp.
0	U.C.L.A.	47
40	Occidental	6
19	Detroit	12
0	George Washington	20
7	Tulsa	12
7	Wyoming	7
14	Denver	26
0	Utah	34
31	New Mexico	0
7	Colorado State U.	20

(3-6-1) Coach: L. T. "Buck" Shaw

1958 (First Senior Class)

AF		Opp.
37	Detroit	6
13	Iowa	13
36	Colorado State U.	6
16	Stanford	0
16	Utah	14
33	Oklahoma State	28
10	Denver	7
21	Wyoming	6
45	New Mexico	7
20	Colorado	14
0	T.C.U. (Cotton Bowl)	0

(9-0-2) Coach: Ben Martin

AF		Opp.
20	Wyoming	7
27	Trinity (Texas)	6
21	Idaho	0
3	Oregon	20
20	U.C.L.A.	7
13	Army	13
0	Missouri	13
22	Arizona	15
27	New Mexico	28
7	Colorado	15

(5-4-1) Coach: Ben Martin

AF		Opp.
32	Colorado State U.	8
32	Stanford	9
8	Missouri	34
3	Navy	35
0	Wyoming	15
6	George Washington	20
36	Denver	6
0	U.C.L.A.	22
16	Colorado	6
14	Miami	23

(4-6-0) Coach: Ben Martin

AF	1961	Opp.	AF	1963	Opp.	AF	1965	Opp.	AF	1967	Opp.
6	U.C.L.A.	19	10	Washington	7	14	Wyoming	31	0	Oklahoma St.	0
12	Kansas State	14	69	Colorado State U.	0	17	Nebraska	27	10	Wyoming	37
7	S.M.U.	9	0	Southern Methodist	10	16	Stanford	17	7	Washington	30
8	Cincinnati	6	17	Nebraska	13	7	California	24	12	California	14
0	Maryland	21	14	Maryland	21	18	Oregon	18	10	North Carolina	8
6	New Mexico	21	34	Boston College	7	40	U. of Pacific	0	13	Tulane	10
14	Colorado State U.	9	10	Army	14	0	U.C.L.A.	10	17	Colorado State U.	17
15	California	14	48	U.C.L.A.	21	14	Army	3	7	Army	10
7	Baylor	31	30	New Mexico	8	34	Arizona	7	10	Arizona	14
12	Colorado	29	17	Colorado	14	6	Colorado	19	0	Colorado	33
			0	North Carolina (Gator Bowl)	35						
(3-7-0) Coach: Ben Martin			(7-4-0) Coach: Ben Martin			(3-6-1) Coach: Ben Martin			(2-6-2) Coach: Ben Martin		

AF	1962	Opp.	AF	1964	Opp.	AF	1966	Opp.	AF	1968	Opp.
34	Colorado State U.	0	3	Washington	2	0	Wyoming	13	20	Florida	23
6	Penn State	20	7	Michigan	24	10	Washington	0	10	Wyoming	3
25	S.M.U.	20	14	Colorado State U.	6	15	Navy	7	13	Stanford	24
20	Arizona	6	7	Notre Dame	34	54	Hawaii	0	26	Navy	20
20	Oregon	35	7	Missouri	17	6	Oregon	17	31	Colorado State U.	0
3	Miami (Florida)	21	7	Boston College	13	21	Colorado State U.	41	27	Pittsburgh	14
35	Wyoming	14	7	Arizona	0	13	U.C.L.A.	38	28	North Carolina	15
17	U.C.L.A.	11	24	U.C.L.A.	15	6	Stanford	21	10	Arizona	14
3	Baylor	10	7	Wyoming	7	20	North Carolina	14	28	Tulsa	8
10	Colorado	34	23	Colorado	28	9	Colorado	10	58	Colorado	35
(5-5-0) Coach: Ben Martin			(4-5-1) Coach: Ben Martin			(4-6-0) Coach: Ben Martin			(7-3-0) Coach: Ben Martin		

FALCON ATTENDANCE



SEASON ATTENDANCE

	Home	Away	Total
1956	33,152	22,200	55,352
1957	24,930	86,434	111,364
1958	59,956	194,540	254,504
1959	81,635	198,320	279,955
1960	79,949	161,809	241,758
1961	105,053	120,877	225,930
1962	152,717	149,788	302,505
1963	138,922	204,664	343,587
1964	105,985	201,976	358,961
1965	154,856	131,987	286,843
1966	177,758	197,890	375,648
1967	177,339	133,968	311,307
1968	117,887	239,343	357,230

Cotton Bowl — 75,504

Gator Bowl — 50,016

TOP TEN HOME CROWDS

49,536	vs. Army, 1967	37,786	vs. Hawaii, 1966
46,801	vs. Navy, 1966	37,056	vs. Nebraska, 1965
44,384	vs. Notre Dame, 1964	36,634	vs. North Carolina, 1967
41,380	vs. Colorado State, 1962	36,030	vs. Colorado State, 1966
38,235	vs. Colorado, 1965	34,739	vs. Washington, 1967

TOP TEN CROWDS ON THE ROAD

76,660	vs. Army at Soldier Field, Chicago, 1963	56,000	at Washington, 1964
75,504	vs. Texas Christian, Cotton Bowl, 1958	55,000	vs. Army at Soldier Field, Chicago, 1965
68,888	at Michigan, 1964	52,626	vs. Florida at Tampa, 1968
67,000	vs. Army at Yankee Stadium, New York, 1959	51,473	vs. Navy at Soldier Field, Chicago, 1968
56,360	at Washington, 1966	50,016	vs. North Carolina, Gator Bowl, 1963

FALCONS TO APPEAR ON NATIONAL TV

Not only the eyes of Texas but the eyes of the nation will be on the Air Force Academy this fall.

For the fourth time in its 13-year history, the Academy football team will appear before a national television audience when it challenges S.M.U. Sept. 13 at Dallas.

In addition to the nationally televised game, the Falcons will go before regional cameras Nov. 1 against Army at West Point, marking the first time an Air Force team has played at Michie Stadium. Air Force and Army have battled on regional television three times and the Falcons will be out to even a 1-2 mark. The first contest between the two service schools in 1959, which ended in a 13-13 tie, was not televised.

Of the 13 Academy teams since 1956, nine have made 11 television appearances and posted a 4-6-1 mark. Six of the contests were played at Falcon Stadium, one in Denver, and the four away games included trips to the Cotton Bowl and Gator Bowl.

The first senior class was on hand for the Academy's TV debut New Year's Day, 1959, when coach Ben Martin's "Cardiac Kids" — named for their series of heart-stopping finishes — fought to a scoreless tie

against Texas Christian in the Cotton Bowl to conclude a 9-0-2 record.

The two other nationally televised games were the first and final contests of the 1963 season. Air Force downed Washington, 10-7, to begin a 7-3 record and concluded against North Carolina in the Gator Bowl with a 35-0 loss. In between was a regional contest against Army which the Black Knights won 14-10.

Of the eight regionally televised games, three have been against Army. Other opponents were Missouri in 1960, Oregon in 1962, Colorado State University and Arizona in 1964, and Stanford in 1966.

Air Force's television appearances have been:

Jan. 1, 1959 — vs. T.C.U. at Dallas (Cotton Bowl), T 0-0	(N)
Oct. 8, 1960 — vs. Missouri at Denver, L 34-8	(R)
Oct. 20, 1962 — vs. Oregon at USAFA, L 35-20	(R)
Sept. 21, 1963 — vs. Washington at USAFA, W 10-7	(N)
Nov. 2, 1963 — vs. Army at Chicago, L 14-10	(R)
Dec. 28, 1963 — vs. North Carolina at Jacksonville, Fla. (Gator Bowl), L 35-0	(N)
Oct. 3, 1964 — vs. Colorado St. U. at USAFA, W 14-6	(R)
Oct. 31, 1964 — vs. Arizona at USAFA, W 7-0	(R)
Nov. 6, 1965 — vs. Army at Chicago, W 14-3	(R)
Nov. 5, 1966 — vs. Stanford at Palo Alto, L 21-6	(R)
Nov. 4, 1967 — vs. Army at USAFA, L 10-7	(R)

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

The junior varsity football team, coached by Major Marty Bezyack for the third year, faces a rugged five-game schedule with the same opponents against whom they logged a 1-4 record in 1968.

A requisite for Falcon JV teams is that they must feature week-to-week flexibility. Not only do they play a five-game schedule taking them from the deep south to the far west this fall, but they are called upon during daily practice sessions to run opposition plays against the varsity in grooming the Falcons for each Saturday's battle. In addition, the JV personnel picture changes constantly during the season as improving players go upward to the varsity and some varsity performers come down for further experience and additional tutoring.

1969 Schedule

October 4	DuPage J.C.	at Air Force	1:30 p.m. (MDT)
October 11	Grand Rapids J.C.	at Air Force	1:30 p.m. (MDT)
October 18	Tulane	at England AFB, La.	7 p.m. (CDT)
November 8	New Mexico MI	at Roswell, N.M.	8 p.m. (MST)
November 14	Taft J.C.	at Taft, Calif.	8 p.m. (PST)

1968 Results (1-4)

Grand Rapids J.C. 23, Air Force 13
 Air Force 40, DuPage 20
 Taft J.C. 44, Air Force 26
 Tulane 21, Air Force 7
 New Mexico MI 52, Air Force 21

FROSH FOOTBALL

The Air Force Academy freshman football team, coached by Jim Bowman, takes on the same five teams they played against in 1968 when they came up with a 3-2 record.

This year's freshman class, the largest ever in numbers (1400), is considered to have some of the Falcons' best-ever football potential. Bowman hopes to have a good percentage of these "doolies" ready for the 1970 varsity campaign.

In 1969 the Frosh will host Colorado State University and Brigham Young while taking to the road against Houston, Wyoming and Colorado.

Coach Bowman, who served four years as the head junior varsity coach prior to taking over the Frosh reins five years ago, has an overall record of 36 wins, 19 losses and 1 tie.

The game against CSU, listed as a night game, will be played on the lighted field immediately north of the cadet gymnasium.

1969 Schedule

October 10	Colorado State U.	at Air Force	7:30 p.m. (MDT)
October 18	Houston	at Pasadena, Tex.	7:30 p.m. (CDT)
October 24	Wyoming	at Laramie, Wyo.	1:30 p.m. (MDT)
November 7	Brigham Young	at Air Force	1:30 p.m. (MST)
November 14	Colorado	at Boulder, Colo.	1:30 p.m. (MST)

1968 Results (3-2)

Air Force 41, Colo. St. U. 19
 Air Force 23, Houston 20
 Wyoming 42, Air Force 14
 Air Force 29, Brigham Young 12
 Colorado 28, Air Force 6

FALCON MASCOT SOMETIMES ELUSIVE

One of the most vigorous training programs at the U.S. Air Force Academy is strictly for the birds.

Falcons — about a dozen of them of varying species — are kept in mews near the cadet gymnasium, and their duty is to represent the Academy as its mascot.

The first class of cadets selected the falcon as the Academy mascot in 1955 because the bird possessed characteristics which best typify the U.S. Air Force — speed, beautiful and graceful flight, courage, keen eyesight, alertness and noble carriage.

The bird generally considered “the” mascot is a white gyrfalcon, Mach I, which was captured on the Arctic icecap. Most of the mascots are prairie falcons which are native to Colorado.

A corps of cadet falconers take care of the Academy's falcons and train several of the birds to perform at halftime of football contests. The birds are released and allowed to fly completely free. A falconer with a soft leather lure stands in the middle of field and the falcons circle the stadium and dive for the lure.

The demonstration points out the falcons' gracefulness, maneuverability, adroitness and speed, all characteristics of flight. Unfortunately, it sometimes demonstrates the falcons' tendency to go A.W.O.L. — absent without leave. Additional falconers with lures are stationed outside the stadium in case the birds leave the field.

On rare occasions, retrieving birds which have flown the coop presents problems. Last season, for instance, one of the prairie falcons, Alfonso, left the Air Force-Navy game at Soldier Field, Chicago. His handlers were worried that he would starve to death since he had been handfed from the time he was captured as a young bird.

However, Alfonso seems to be doing fine in the Chicago stockyards, where he remains despite efforts to recapture him.



1968 IN REVIEW

Sept. 21 at Tampa, Fla.

Air Force	13	0	7	0-20
Florida	3	13	0	7-23

	AFA	Fla.
First Downs	8	18
Rushing Yardage	99	196
Passing Yardage	85	57
Passes	4-11	7-11
Passes Had Intercepted	2	0
Punts/Average	7-39.1	6-36.0
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Yards Penalized	26	35

AFA — Martin (98, kickoff return), kick failed. FLA — Youngblood (42, field goal). AFA — Baxter (5, run), Leuthauser, kick. FLA — Tannen (64, punt return), kick failed. FLA — Smith (3, run), Dennis, kick. AFA — Martin (3, run), Leuthauser, kick. FLA — Smith (3, run), Dennis, kick.

Sept. 28 at Air Force

Wyoming	0	0	0	3-3
Air Force	0	3	7	0-10

	AFA	Wyo.
First Downs	9	16
Rushing Yardage	143	162
Passing Yardage	52	153
Passes	5-12	16-34
Passes Had Intercepted	0	3
Punts/Average	8-32.8	7-36.6
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Yards Penalized	20	25

AFA — Leuthauser (57, field goal), AFA — Baxter (3, run), Leuthauser, kick. Wyo. — Jacobs (35, field goal).

Oct. 5 at Stanford

Air Force	0	7	0	6-13
Stanford	7	10	7	0-24

	AFA	Stanford
First Downs	8	9
Rushing Yardage	119	163
Passing Yardage	183	192
Passes	17-35	12-29
Passes Had Intercepted	2	1
Punts/Average	8-40.6	7-34.0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Yards Penalized	54	30

Stanford — Plunkett (4, run), Horowitz, kick. AFA — Martin (1, run), Leuthauser, kick. Stanford — Lasater (65, pass from Plunkett), Horowitz, kick. Stanford — Horowitz (29, field goal). Stanford — Moore (3, pass from Plunkett), Horowitz, kick. AFA — Martin (1, run), kick failed.

Oct. 12 at Chicago

Air Force	7	0	13	6-26
Navy	6	0	6	8-20

	AFA	Navy
First Downs	18	15
Rushing Yardage	249	137
Passing Yardage	143	179
Passes	9-22	13-21
Passes Had Intercepted	1	2
Punts/Average	8-37.0	9-39.0
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Yards Penalized	66	22

AFA — Longnecker (32, pass from Baxter), Leuthauser, kick. Navy — McNallen (8, run), kick failed. AFA — Baxter (5, run), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Hassen (35, run), kick failed. Navy — McNallen (1, run) run failed. Navy — Daley (10, pass from McNallen), Laurenzo, run. AFA — Baxter (5, run), kick failed.

Oct. 19 at Colorado State U.

Air Force	0	10	14	7-31
CSU	0	0	0	0-0

	AFA	CSU
First Downs	21	5
Rushing Yardage	282	53
Passing Yardage	104	100
Passes	8-22	7-24
Passes Had Intercepted	0	5
Punts/Average	6-41.8	12-33.1
Fumbles Lost	4	2
Yards Penalized	45	61

AFA — Martin (1, run), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Leuthauser (26, field goal). AFA — Martin (10, run), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — DeOrio (1, run), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Maattala (32, interception), Leuthauser, kick.

Oct. 26 at Pittsburgh

Air Force	13	7	0	7-27
Pittsburgh	0	7	7	0-14

	AFA	Pitt
First Downs	20	21
Rushing Yardage	219	87
Passing Yardage	164	263
Passes	12-19	24-44
Passes Had Intercepted	1	4
Punts/Average	7-40.9	9-41.4
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Yards Penalized	64	117

AFA — Jennings (55, run), kick failed. AFA — Martin (25, pass from Turner), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Turner (1, run), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Martin (1, run), Leuthauser, kick. Pitt — Ferris (1, run), Spicko, kick. Pitt — Orzulak (3, pass from Havern), Spicko, kick.

Nov. 2 at Air Force

North Carolina	6	3	0	6-15
Air Force	0	14	14	0-28

	AFA	NC
First Downs	20	22
Rushing Yardage	163	133
Passing Yardage	272	250
Passes	16-25	17-30
Passes Had Intercepted	0	0
Punts/Average	5-43.6	9-34.9
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Yards Penalized	50	92

NC — McCauley (42, pass from Bomar), kick failed. AFA — Baxter (10, run), Leuthauser, kick. NC — Hardig (28, field goal). AFA — Jennings (78, pass from Baxter), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Longnecker (12, pass from Baxter), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Baxter (4, run), Leuthauser, kick. NC — McCauley (1, run) pass failed.

Nov. 9 at Air Force

Arizona	7	7	0	0-14
Air Force	7	3	0	0-10

	AFA	Ariz.
First Downs	14	19
Rushing Yardage	109	167
Passing Yardage	174	160
Passes	11-33	10-23
Passes Had Intercepted	1	0
Punts/Average	8-38.0	8-38.6
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Yards Penalized	62	70

AFA — Longnecker (46, pass from Baxter), Leuthauser, kick. Ariz. — Stevenson (93, kickoff return), Hurley, kick. AFA — Leuthauser (44, field goal). Ariz. — Gardin (15, pass from Driscoll), Hurley, kick.

Nov. 16 at Air Force

Tulsa	0	0	0	8-8
Air Force	7	14	0	7-28

	AFA	Tulsa
First Downs	12	22
Rushing Yardage	87	117
Passing Yardage	55	186
Passes	6-18	17-33
Passes Had Intercepted	0	1
Punts/Average	8-37.8	9-40.3
Fumbles Lost	0	3
Yards Penalized	51	97

AFA — J. Smith (77, punt return), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — DeOrio (3, run), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Ryll (1, run), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Hassen (1, run), Hamlin, kick. Tulsa — Moss (32, pass from Dobbs), Burkett (pass from Dobbs).

Nov. 23 at Colorado

Air Force	14	21	10	13-58
Colorado	7	14	8	6-35

	AFA	CU
First Downs	32	20
Rushing Yardage	381	157
Passing Yardage	149	234
Passes	13-20	20-30
Passes Had Intercepted	0	0
Punts/Average	2-40.5	3-46.3
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Yards Penalized	54	77

CU — Engel (12, run) Haney, kick. AFA — DeOrio (1, run), Leuthauser, kick. AFA — Longnecker (9, pass from Baxter) Leuthauser, kick. AFA — DeOrio (7, run) Leuthauser, kick. CU — Anderson (3, run) Haney, kick. AFA — Jennings (20, run) Leuthauser, kick. AFA — DeOrio (2, run) Leuthauser, kick. CU — Anderson (3, run) Haney, kick. AFA — Leuthauser (54, field goal). AFA — Longnecker (11, pass from Baxter) Leuthauser, kick. CU — Walsh (14, pass from Anderson) Anderson, run. AFA — Baxter (18, run) kick failed. CU — Engel (3, run) run failed. AFA — Jennings (7, pass from Baxter) Leuthauser, kick.

FALCON TRAVEL PLANS

SOUTHERN METHODIST

Leave Friday (Sept. 12) by commercial plane. Return Sunday after game. Stay at Hilton Inn, Dallas.

MISSOURI

Leave Friday (Sept. 19) by commercial airline charter. Return Saturday after game. Stay at Ramada Inn, Columbia.

NORTH CAROLINA

Leave Friday (Oct. 10) by commercial airline charter. Return Sunday after game. Stay at Durham Hotel and Motel, Durham.

ARMY

Leave Friday (Oct. 31) by commercial airline charter. Return Sunday after game. Stay at Bear Mountain Inn, Bear Mountain State Park, on Friday and The New Yorker Hotel, New York City, on Saturday night.

STANFORD

Leave Friday (Nov. 14) by commercial airline charter. Return Sunday after game. Stay at Rickey's Hyatt House, Palo Alto.

NOTRE DAME

Leave Friday (Nov. 21) by commercial airline charter. Return Saturday after game. Stay at Hotel Elkhart, Elkhart.

FUTURE AFA SCHEDULES

1970

Date	Opponent	Site
Sept. 19	Wyoming	Laramie, Wyo.
Sept. 26	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.
Oct. 3	Colorado State U.	USAFA
Oct. 10	Tulane	USAFA
Oct. 17	Navy	To be determined
Oct. 24	Boston College	USAFA
Oct. 31	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.
Nov. 7	Oregon	Eugene, Ore.
Nov. 14	Stanford	USAFA
Nov. 21	Colorado	USAFA

1971

Date	Opponent	Site
Sept. 18	Missouri	USAFA
Sept. 25	Wyoming	USAFA
Oct. 2	Penn. State	University Park, Pa.
Oct. 9	S.M.U.	USAFA
Oct. 16	Army	USAFA
Oct. 23	Colorado State U.	Fort Collins, Colo.
Oct. 30	Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.
Nov. 6	Oregon	USAFA
Nov. 13	Tulsa	Tulsa, Okla.
Nov. 20	Colorado	Boulder

1972

Date	Opponent	Site
Sept. 16	Wyoming	USAFA
Sept. 23	Pittsburgh	USAFA
Sept. 30	Davidson	USAFA
Oct. 7	Colorado State U.	Fort Collins, Colo.
Oct. 14	Boston College	Boston
Oct. 21	Navy	USAFA
Oct. 28	Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.
Nov. 4	Army	West Point, N.Y.
Nov. 11	Notre Dame	USAFA
Nov. 18	Colorado	USAFA



FALCON PRESS, RADIO-TV SERVICES

One of the highest football press facilities in the country, the Falcon Stadium press box is built on two levels, both comfortable and functional.

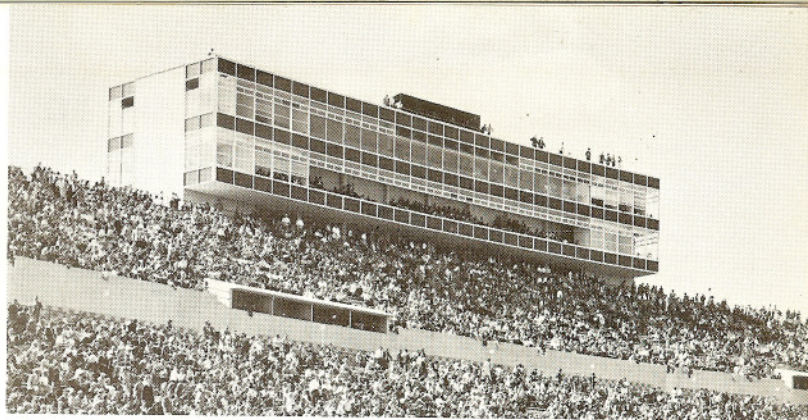
The press box stands 142 feet above the playing field and is approximately 335 feet from the center of the gridiron. The working press is housed on the second floor along with radio crews, statisticians, scoreboard operator, timer and public address announcer.

The working press section will seat 90 writers. Also included on the second level are coat rooms, restrooms, a lounge area, snack bar, two photographic darkrooms and storage rooms for Western Union and telephone companies.

The first floor level of the press box houses a special guest seating area, a restaurant, lounge area and two multi-purpose booths. The roof is equipped to handle 30 motion picture photographers and has a guard rail on each side and electrical outlets at each station.

All press box patrons will be serviced with a complete play-by-play by quarters, halftime statistics with team and individual leaders, complete statistics at the conclusion of the game, a substitution chart and scoring summary.

A press box P.A. system will be used only for official yardage on punts, passes, kickoffs, runbacks and long gainers, along with information on injuries, fumble recoveries and key blocks.



There is also a two-way communication system between the press box and both team locker rooms for writers wishing to interview coaches after the game.

Visiting photographers are welcome to use the press box and tunnel area darkrooms. Each photographer must reserve darkroom space in advance, and must furnish his own chemicals and paper.

The Department of Athletics will supply credentials and working space for members of the press within the limitations of the press box facility when requests are received.

Radio personnel will be limited to four working passes per game. No women or children will be allowed in the press box with the exception of women working in a bonafide press capacity. Sideline photographers will be issued tags for each game. All tags must be worn prominently at all times.

THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY . . .

- is located 10 miles north of Colorado Springs (population 129,000) at the base of the Rampart Range of the Rocky Mountains.
- has one of the nation's largest college campuses with 18,000 acres. In addition to the main cadet academic area, the Academy has two housing areas with over 1400 homes for support personnel, a high school, two elementary schools, a shopping center, hospital, the Academy Preparatory School, a vehicle service and supply area, a golf course and small landing strip for navigator training.
- was authorized by Congress April 1, 1954, and the first class entered July, 1955, at temporary facilities at Lowry AFB, Denver. The Cadet Wing moved into its permanent facilities near Colorado Springs August, 1958, and the first class graduated in June, 1959.
- draws more than two-million tourists each year, making it Colorado's top tourist attraction. The Academy's biggest attraction is its 17-spire, all-faith chapel which is 150-feet high and is divided into sections for Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and other faiths. Graduation week, known as June Week, also is a big attraction.
- has more than 100 miles of paved roads. Mule deer, wildcats, coyote, porcupines, weasels, squirrels, jack rabbits and cotton tails, bear, raccoon and elk can be found on the Academy site.
- is one of the nation's highest campuses. The altitude varies from 6,340 to 8,040 feet. The academic area, which is 7,200 feet above sea level, is remarkably appropriate as the location to educate future leaders for space technology and exploration.
- has a Cadet Wing of 3,850 cadets and 40 squadrons. Freshmen or fourth classmen are called "doolies," a word of vague origin. The Wing is housed in Vandenberg Hall, the largest building at the Academy, one-quarter of a mile long, six stories high and containing 1,320 cadet rooms. An additional dormitory was recently completed and will be utilized in the near future.
- offers a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and bachelor of science degree to its graduates. The balanced program of instruction requires a cadet to take 146 semester hours of academics, 28 semester hours of military training, and 14 semester hours of physical education. Upon graduation, cadets have a military commitment of at least five years.
- has a teaching faculty that consists entirely of military officers, all volunteers, who have established outstanding records of performance and career dedication. Faculty members are required to earn masters degrees in their fields and many obtain doctorates.
- conducts a pilot orientation and navigation training program. Cadets do not learn to fly aircraft at the Academy, but a majority of them take full-scale flying training after graduation.

MEMO TO PRESS-RADIO-TELEVISION

This book is prepared to assist you in your coverage of Air Force football in 1969. Should you require additional material, information or pictures, contact:

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When making requests for working press tickets, allow time for mailing. If wire or telephone service is required in your coverage, please make the necessary arrangements through your local Western Union or telephone office. However, please do not neglect to inform us so we can arrange for exact location of installation.

WORKING PRESS — Admittance to the press box in Falcon Stadium will be by ticket only which the bearer must wear displayed on his coat lapel at all times. Each writer will be assigned a specific seat and area will be limited to **WORKING PRESS** only.

RADIO — Falcon Stadium has six radio booths. One booth will be assigned to the Falcon Sports Network, and one to the visiting school's "official station." Others will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. All stations wishing to broadcast from Falcon Stadium will be asked to sign a broadcast agreement.

PHOTOGRAPHERS — Still photographers may operate from the sidelines, but will be prohibited from walking or standing in front of the players' benches. Long range and sequence cameras may be assigned space on photo deck. Newsreel cameramen with hand-held cameras may work from sidelines under above restrictions.

PARKING — Parking space is available behind and adjacent to the press box in Lot 6. Cameramen may unload equipment at press box entrance. Parking is by permit only, and these permits should be requested at same time as press box credentials. Parking for persons operating from sidelines is available on east side of stadium. Entrance to sidelines is through north tunnel to playing field.

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COMPOSITE SCHEDULE OF 1969 AIR FORCE OPPONENTS

TEAM	13 Sept.	20 Sept.	27 Sept.	4 Oct.	11 Oct.	18 Oct.	25 Oct.	1 Nov.	8 Nov.	15 Nov.	22 Nov.	29 Nov.
S M U	Air Force at Dallas	Georgia Tech at Atlanta	Mich St. at Lansing	OPEN	OPEN	Rice at Houston	Texas Tech at Dallas	Texas at Dallas	Texas A & M at College Sta.	Arkansas at Dallas	Baylor at Waco	T C U at Fort Worth
MISSOURI	OPEN	Air Force at Columbia	Illinois at St. Louis	Michigan at Ann Arbor	Nebraska at Columbia	Okla. State at Columbia	Colorado at Boulder	Kan. St. at Columbia	Oklahoma at Columbia	Iowa St. at Ames	Kansas at Lawrence	
WYOMING	OPEN	Arizona at Laramie	Air Force at Air Force	C S U at Laramie	U T E P at Laramie	Brig. Young at Laramie	S. Jose St. at Laramie	Ariz. St. at Tempe	Utah at Salt Lake C.	N. Mexico at Albuquerque	Houston at Houston	
NO. CAROLINA	OPEN	N C St. at Raleigh	So Carolina at Columbia	Vanderbilt at Chapel Hill	Air Force at Chapel Hill	Florida at Gainesville	Wake Forest at Chapel Hill	Virginia at Charl'ville	V M I at Chapel Hill	Clemson at Chapel Hill	Duke at Durham	
OREGON	OPEN	Utah at Salt Lake C.	Stanford at Palo Alto	Wash. St. at Pullman	San Jose St. at Eugene	Air Force at Air Force	Washington at Eugene	Idaho at Eugene	Army at Eugene	U C L A at Eugene	Oregon St. at Eugene	Hawaii at Honolulu
COLO. STATE	N. Mexico St. at Las Cruces	B Y U at Provo	Wichita at Ft. Collins	Wyoming at Laramie	Utah St. at Logan	West Texas at Ft. Collins	Air Force at Air Force	U T E P at Ft. Collins	OPEN	Idaho at Ft. Collins	Ariz. St. U. at Tempe	
ARMY	OPEN	N. Mexico at West Point	Vanderbilt at Nashville	Texas A & M at West Point	Notre Dame at N Y C	Utah St. U at West Point	Boston Coll. at West Point	Air Force at West Point	Oregon at Eugene	Pittsburgh at West Point	OPEN	Navy at Phila.
UTAH ST U	Wichita at Wichita	Bowling Green at Bowling Green	U. of Pac. at Logan	C S U at Logan	OPEN	Army at West Point	Memphis St. at Logan	Utah at Salt Lake C.	Air Force at Air Force	Brig. Young at Logan	Idaho at Moscow, Idaho	
STANFORD	OPEN	San Jose St. at Stanford	Oregon at Stanford	Purdue at Lafayette	U of SC at Los Angeles	Wash. State U at Stanford	U C L A at Stanford	Ore. St. U. at Portland	Washington at Seattle	Air Force at Stanford	Calif. at Stanford	
NOTRE DAME	OPEN	N'western at South Bend	Purdue at Lafayette	Michigan St. at South Bend	Army at N Y C	So. Calif. at South Bend	Tulane at New Orleans	Navy at South Bend	Pitt at Pittsburgh	Ga. Tech at Atlanta	Air Force at South Bend	