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Air Force Academy officially denies cheating

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AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The superintendent of the Air Force Academy denies claims by a class of cadets that cheating is rampant at the national military school.

"I may be naive, but I feel very strongly that the majority of the people in this wing are highly honorable, and they are sworn to uphold the honor system," Lt. Gen. K.L. Tallman said.

He said there probably were more than 2 percent of the cadets cheating and fewer than one in 100 would tolerate cheaters.

In interviews with the Rocky Mountain News, 35 academy cadets and dropouts said cheating was a way of life for dozens of cadets.

Active cadets interviewed, mostly upperclassmen, said they had personal knowledge of between 15 and

200 other cadets who have cheated.

The cadets estimated that perhaps half of the entire 4,421 member cadet wing knows about cheating and doesn't report it, although they are sworn to an honor code that makes them as guilty as the cheaters for not reporting violations.

Edward Porrazo, who dropped out of the academy last December in his junior year, said he believes conditions at the school won't improve unless they are dealt with publicly.

He said an overwhelming need to succeed forces some cadets to cheat and that unrealistic demands on their free time, coupled with the academy's heavy academic load, worsen the situation.

"The academy believes that tradition is the solution to everything," he said. "They figure it worked at West Point so it's got to work here."

What they fail to realize is that the cadets of 1879 are not the cadets of 1979.

Porrazo said he resigned from the academy because he was denied permission to write a novel about activities inside the school. He has since written the book, "A Different Pledge of Honor," and said he expects it to be published in the spring.

Tallman said past and present cadets who talked to the News may have done so merely to air personal grievances or because of bitterness toward the system.

"We could not have as much cheating as these people have alleged without more individuals being turned in for honor violations," he said. "The system as it is designed would not permit wide-scale collusion without others, who have integrity, knowing about it."

Oil prices hurting employment

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WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary Ray Marshall said Sunday the national unemployment rate could reach 6.5 percent in 1980 as a result of the increased price of oil.

"It's possible for us to hit 6.5 percent during 1980," Marshall said in

an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation" program. "I don't think we'll hit it during 1979. And I don't think it's possible to predict from month to month what's likely to happen."

Marshall noted the rate has stayed around 5.6 percent and 5.7 percent during 1979, "and I think

those figures are likely to continue. "There is a possibility, and we all expect it because of the drain on economy as a result of the OPEC energy price increases, that we will get some inflationary pressure and some rise in unemployment as result of this process," Marshall said.

Researcher uses carbon dioxide

Gas can be used to push coal

United Press International
CASPER, Wyo. — An East Coast researcher reports it has successfully completed laboratory tests using carbon dioxide instead of water to pump crushed coal through pipelines, a process backers say will solve a major political battle in the coal-rich West.

On a political basis, it means that the whole resistance to slurries, except railroads, will dissipate, and will see enormous state support for slurry pipelines, a former assistant secretary in the Department of the Interior.

Horton is now a "policy adviser" to Arthur D. Little, the Cambridge, Mass., consulting firm which conducted the laboratory tests. Horton said the method is now ready for testing on a larger scale.

The slurry pipeline debate has been raging for years in Western states. Promoters say slurring coal will give the railroads some needed competition in the coal-hauling business and lower freight rates, while opponents say the huge amounts of water required could already dry regions into des-

Nation, downstream on the Little Big Horn.

C.J. Santhanam, a senior staff member for Little, said a liquefied-gas slurry line could be operating in 5 to 10 years, depending on its length.

"It obviates all the problems of water slurries and keeps all the benefits of coal slurry pipelines," Horton said.

Researchers said the needed carbon dioxide would be produced by burning a portion of the coal at the slurrying plant. Moreover, the pressure required to maintain the gas in liquid form is about the same needed in water-based lines, Santhanam said.

But Burlington Northern Vice President Ernest Thurlow said a carbon dioxide slurry line would probably be too expensive and would fail to provide a "near-term solution." He added, however, that he was unfamiliar with details of the process.

ETSI spokesman Frank Odasz said his company would be "delighted to compete" with carbon dioxide pipelines. In Houston, a Texas Eastern spokesman said his

firm would continue its search for a water supply rather than wait for full development of the liquefied gas process.

Nevertheless, Santhanam said: "We believe we are going to prove this technology within two or three years."

In a related development in Laramie, Wyo., a University of Wyoming political science professor said a recent public opinion poll indicates support for slurry pipelines may have increased in Wyoming.

Oliver Walter said 36 percent of those responding to the survey favored a pipeline, an increase of 12 percentage points over the acceptance level of three years ago. Opposition, he said, dropped from 54 percent three years ago to 46 percent.

The poll, completed in July by UW's Center for Governmental Research, was conducted on behalf of ETSI. Walter said 600 persons were surveyed and poll-takers received an 85 percent response. The sample was derived from random selection of names in telephone directories.

He said the survey results had a built-in sampling error of 5 percent.

Dealer says no cocaine for Jordan

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Sources said Sunday there is a tape recording of a drug dealer "Johnny C." describing how he gave cocaine to Hamilton Jordan, but Johnny C. has reportedly told federal authorities he never gave Jordan the drug.

Sources told United Press International, the Washington Post and the New York Times the tape recording was made while a drug dealer known as Johnny C. described how he watched the White House chief of staff inhale cocaine in 1979 at Studio 54, a New York discotheque.

Both the Post and the Times reported Saturday that "Johnny C." has told the FBI he did not give Jordan any cocaine.

Quoting sources close to the case, newspaper sources said Johnny C. told he was not at Studio 54 the night of June 27, 1978, when Jordan was alleged to be at the discotheque, and that he has never seen Jordan cocaine.

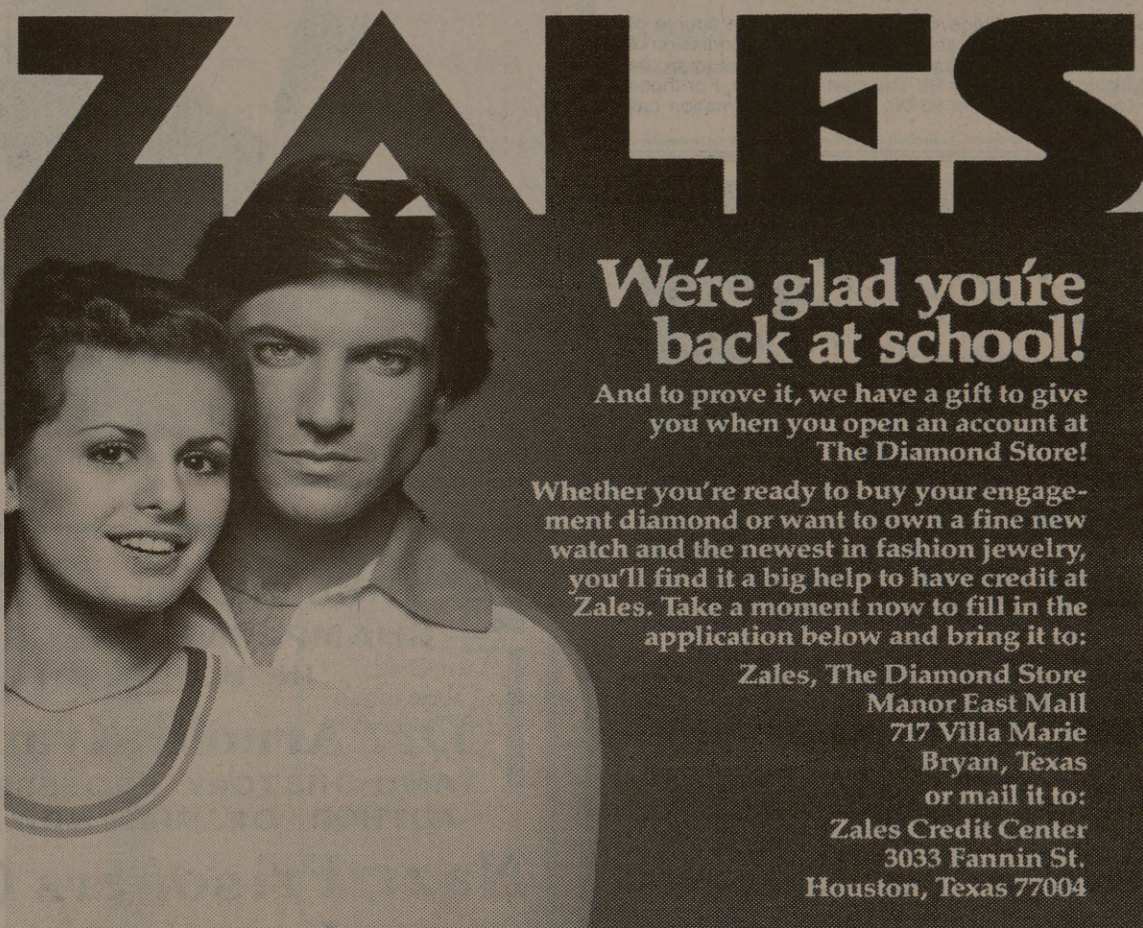
Jordan has denied the whole incident, and the White House contends the accusers — Studio 54 owners Ian Schrager and Steve Rubell — are making inaccurate charges in an attempt to get federal prosecutors to settle a tax evasion case against them.

In Plains, Ga., where he is vacationing, Carter was told by a reporter Saturday that Johnny C. had denied giving Jordan cocaine. The reporter said, "Oh, really?" Then he flashed an "okay" sign with his hand and said, "Right on, right on."

The Justice Department, acting under the new Ethics in Government Act, is conducting a preliminary investigation of the allegations against Jordan.

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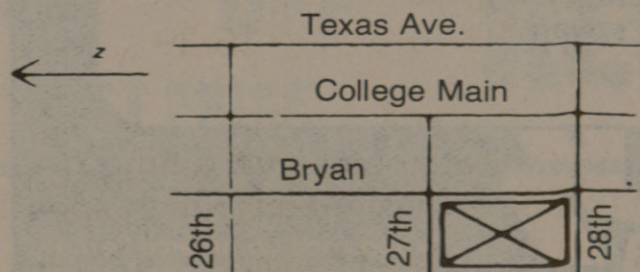
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