

team participates in intramural athletics during the fall, winter, and spring. Each squadron is represented in each sport by a team. A Cadet Wing champion is declared in each sport by virtue of league standings and a final playoff.

All in all, the fourth class year presents a challenge and provides sufficient motivation to each cadet so that he will strive for a high degree of excellence in all of his academic and athletic endeavors.

Third Class Academics ( or Impediments to Becoming a Second Classman ) by Lin Bothwell '64

The basic curriculum for the 3rd class is both varied, interesting, and challenging. The courses consist of calculus, physics, history, political science, psychology, economics, and a foreign language. If a cadet's aptitude lies in the humanities field, there are enough science courses to keep him "deficient" and vice versa.

Each of the courses is noted for its little idiosyncracies. For instance, the calculus course is a three semester course, because it takes the cadet two semesters to convince himself that it's really happening.

In military history all of the famous land and sea battles as well as commanders are studied in detail. The value of this information to a future aerospace commander cannot be described!

The physics department is particularly noted for "turning out" many fine physicists. Enough said.

The political science department believes in the theory of quantity over quality. As the cadet develops more of a feel for the course, during the second semester, the assignments are correspondingly doubled.

The foreign language department offers Russian, Spanish, German, and French to all of the 3rd class. Many cadets were deeply not to find Pig Latin, Newspeak, and Swahili included in the curriculum.

The terminology and ideas presented in psychology make the course particularly thought-provoking. During the second semester psychology gives way to an equally demanding economics course. Many cadets are still unaware of the change.

All of the courses add up to a year which offers a definite challenge to the cadet. And of course the above mentioned courses are only the basic courses, not including those that are advanced and accelerated. As the presentation of this subject is beyond the scope of this author, these courses are not covered. This is a brief and concise look at the basic 3rd class courses, as perceived by 24th's most basic cadet.