

Dearden earns first 2008-09 scholarship

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt

Receiving a scholarship is a special moment for any student, and this year's brigade executive officer has the distinction of being the first West Point cadet this academic year to be a recipient of a scholarship.

Firstie Brady Dearden, 23, from West Windsor, N.J., recently was named a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship winner for 2008.

Dearden plans on working toward his one-year master's degree in international studies at a place to be determined in November. He will study in one of three countries of his choice -- England, Switzerland or the Netherlands.

With a focus regarding the broader picture, he wants to serve his country the very best he can, and an international studies master's degree is a giant step in that direction.

"I really enjoy international relations and thinking about how our country interacts with others in this day and age with the current course of operations and working in



Firstie Brady Dearden

a multi-national force environment," Dearden said. "It will be very helpful to understand what's going on and how I can communicate that to my Soldiers. Being able to do that, I feel, would make me a better prepared officer to serve the nation."

The third-highest ranking cadet in the Corps of Cadets has a history of working outside the borders of the United States as he spent a two-year church mission in Germany and

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Acceptance into the Corps

The new cadets march into the ranks of the Corps of Cadets and officially become the Class of 2012 during the Acceptance Day Parade on the Plain Saturday. Additionally, each of the new cadets earns the title of plebe during the parade, signifying the first of many commitments they will accept at the academy until their commissioning at graduation.

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After harrowing journey, statue rests here

Story and photo by
Emily Tower

A ghostly figure wrapped in cloths secured with packing tape offered a mystery Aug. 22 to visitors of the newly opened Jefferson Hall.

A brow and nose could be detected through the blanket draped over the figure's head. Bronze legs and a pair of shoes were visible, too, from where the figure stood in front of the building.

The commotion about who was standing seemingly bound and gagged in front of the new library, officially open less than a week at the time, moved inside, where the mystery began to be solved.

A granite pedestal awaited in the library's rotunda, and perhaps those legs and shoes were meant to rest upon the pedestal.

Sure enough, a team of movers hoisted the massive, puzzling figure onto the pedestal and promptly removed the protective wraps.

A familiar face smiled to the crowd.

The group of cadets, staff and faculty members and other on-lookers was greeted by the third president of the United States.

The statue portrays in detail -- from the writing on a document to the design of a pinky ring -- how Thomas Jefferson likely looked March 16, 1802, when he signed the law that established the U.S.

Military Academy.

The rotunda in which Jefferson's statue rests is a gift from the USMA Class of 1968. The class' fundraising goal of \$2.5 million to build the rotunda was exceeded, so the class spent the extra money on the statue and some other aesthetic details and commemorative plaques to come, said Dutch Hostler, class vice president and chairman of the class gift committee.

Jefferson was chosen to be the statue subject because the building bears his name, and the signing of the law that brought the academy into existence seemed to be the most fitting act of Jefferson's to be portrayed in West Point's library,

Hostler said.

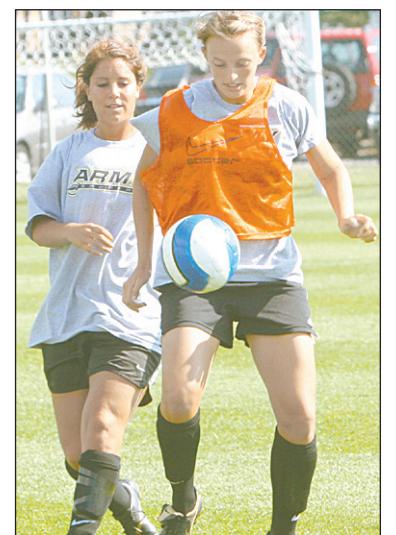
James Nathan Muir, former USMA Class of 1968, was commissioned to sculpt the statue. Researching and sculpting the statue took two years, Muir's wife, Linda, said. Muir enlisted the help of a Jefferson re-enactor from Colonial Williamsburg, Va., to model and offer historical perspective.

"Nothing is by accident," Linda Muir said about the statue's designs. "He has on the right kind of clothing. Everything down to how the shoes are tied is historically accurate."

The Muir's came from Arizona to supervise the statue's installation. And while they had a rather

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uneventful trip to West Point, their bronze guest did not.

The statue, which travelled separately by truck, was "tested by fire, just like the real Thomas Jefferson was tested by fire," Hostler said, referring to Jefferson's home library burning down in 1770.

The truck carrying the statue caught on fire in Indiana, and Jefferson was singed. A proper cleaning restored the statue to pre-fire condition.

Seeing the as-good-as-new statue installed in its resting place was a good feeling for the artist, who considers the statue his gift to his classmates and the academy.

The academy "cemented in me a code of honor and a never-flinching quest for and adherence to the Truth, with a capital T, in all things," Muir said.

Having such a noted figure and honored philosopher keeping watch over the library's entrance adds to the building's academic experience, said Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, the Dean of the Academic Board.

"This building is the centerpiece of our academic program, and as you can see, cadets are already attracted to (the statue)," Finnegan said. "This building is for cadets and about cadets. (The statue) is going to help attract them here."

For now, though, Jefferson's



Thomas Jefferson statue before Sept. 5 unveiling.

statue has been recovered and will remain so until a dedication scheduled for 11 a.m. Sept. 5 during the 1968 class' 40th reunion. The class also will be able to see quotes in large letters from Jefferson adorning the circular wall around the the rotunda's ceiling and commemorative plaques hanging on the wall honoring 20 classmates killed in action during the Vietnam War and particularly generous donors.

While the library has been open for more than a week, a ceremonial grand opening of Jefferson Hall is scheduled for Sept. 24.

By Sgt. John Daniel May
Military Police Traffic NCOIC

Any gate a person enters at West Point sees the signs that warn everyone who is using a cell phone while driving without a hands free device on any military installation is breaking the law, regardless of parent state.

Even in the state of New York, it is illegal to drive while using a cell phone without some kind of hands-free device and a speaker phone does count as hands-free as long as the phone is kept away from the face and ear.

The military police at West Point are required to enforce the laws and the regulations of this installation and the state in which it is located.

The specifics of the law can be found in the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law 1225-C and the Army regulation 190-5, Chapter 4-2, Sub Paragraph (3).

Violators are subject to a citation and fine, which on this installation



Talking on the cell phone while driving on-post is a \$50 fine including a \$25 state processing fee to total \$75 in monetary penalties.

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is currently \$50, plus a \$25 state processing fee for a total of \$75.

When the cell phone rings and you are driving, turn on your hands-free device, activate your speaker

phone, hand the phone off to a passenger, pull over into a parking space, or just don't answer it.

In the end, if you are caught, is that phone call worth \$75.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

Difficulty: Hard

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SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Maj. Elizabeth Sicoletti (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahon at Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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Austria spreading the word of God with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He credits that mission for not only helping him leadership wise because he worked in small groups, but it helped him realize the importance of helping other people outside his everyday world at the U.S. Military Academy or at home.

"I truly grew to appreciate other cultures," Dearden, who also spent two years living in Bermuda as a child, remarked, "and it is great to help people in other parts of the world."

The American legal studies major went through the process of interviewing with a handful of Rotary members from the Rotary Club and district levels before receiving word of his scholarship Aug. 6.

He was doing a summer internship for the Supreme Court in Washington, when he traveled back to Princeton, N.J., for a day to take part in his final interview. He learned he received the scholarship later that day while with his family.

He couldn't have asked for better timing having learned about receiving the scholarship in the presence of the people he loves the most, Dearden explained.

"I was upstairs in our house and I came down to tell my mom and my sister," said Dearden, whose younger brother, Brooke, is also a cadet who is currently on a two-year church mission in Thailand. "It was one of those moments where you're very excited and appreciative at the same time."

"I was able to tell my dad later that day when we talked on the phone because he was on a business trip," he added. "We talked while I was on the train leaving New Jersey (back to D.C.), but it felt really good talking to my parents about it."

Dearden's summer was extremely busy with the fact he worked as an office clerk for the Supreme Court as well as an executive officer of Cadet Field Training at Camp Buckner.

It was at Camp Buckner where

he roomed with this year's First Captain Benjamin Amsler, who was the sergeant major at CFT, and both had a great time learning about each other and working closely together.

"Brady's a great guy; one of those guy's anybody wants to work for or with and his intelligence level is bar none along with his personable skills and leadership," Amsler said. "He's a great friend and a great leader. He's going to succeed, and all those qualities together are the reason he was chosen for the scholarship."

While Dearden, who is hopeful for a future in the aviation branch, is excited about his scholarship, he is more focused at the moment on making an impact on the corps this academic year.

"I feel that (the brigade staff) has an opportunity to do a lot of good for the corps," Dearden said. "We want to communicate the positive changes we envision for this year as well as be personable and approachable leaders."

"The new cadets see us as leaders as they are going to be in three years, and we have a chance to make a strong impression on them," he added. "I feel that it's important to be a leader that inspires others to be at their best. That's what I want to do as a lieutenant and an officer in the Army and that is to help others become what they want to become while doing things we need to help protect our country."

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, the Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people from different countries and geographical areas.

Four more members of the USMA Class of 2009 received Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships and they were Brent Bubany, Andrew Hill, Rick Houghton and Josh Lospinoso.

There are also five more firstie finalists awaiting notification of a possible rotary scholarship.



Just the beginning

Cadets began their academic year Aug. 21 at West Point. Sgt. 1st Class David Ainslie (far left) teaches a class in military science on the first day of school.

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Mass transit program offers cash relief

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

With fuel prices hovering at the \$4 mark, there are still things that can be done to save on fuel expenditures, which will ultimately save your hard-earned cash.

One of the things West Point and the Department of the Army have done to help alleviate the high cost of travel is to offer a Mass Transit Fringe Benefit Program to DA federal civilian employees, DA non-appropriated fund personnel, all Army active components and military servicemembers, and Army reserve component military servicemembers to include Army Reserve and Army National Guard who are currently on active duty.

Those not eligible for this benefit are contractors, servicemembers and civilian employees on temporary duty or who are deployed, Army retirees and Army civilian employee retirees and dependents.

The program allows employees to receive vouchers for mass transportation or allow for employees to car pool at minimal cost.

Shortline Bus service is the

method of transportation to West Point. Shortline stops at the Visitors Center, Thayer Gate and Washington Gate.

The West Point Shuttle bus may be used to transport employees to their workplace once inside West Point gates.

Employees with post parking passes must return the parking pass to the Provost Marshall in order to take advantage of this benefit. Shortline Bus tickets must be purchased by the participant at any location Shortline Bus tickets are sold.

To apply for the benefit, go to <http://www-internal.usma.edu/garrison/pai> and click on the Mass Transit Fringe Benefit section on the left side of the computer screen. Print out the application and fill out the required information and do not sign the application.

Bring the application and a valid identification card to the Plans, Analysis and Integration office at Bldg. 681, Room G-10. It is at that time that employees will sign the application. All applications must be received by the fifth of each month to be eligible for the following month's benefit.

For more information about this program, contact MTFB Program Manager Bryan McDowell at 938-4277 or e-mail him at bryan.mcdowell@us.army.mil.



Giving a little of yourself

Mel White (right), technician for the New York Blood Center, prepares Firstie Jeffrey Balka for his donation of platelets at the American Red Cross blood drive Monday at Eisenhower Hall. A single donation of platelets can provide as many platelets as five whole blood donations.

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AAFES gas stations extend discount for MILITARY STAR card users

By Alvaro Portilla
USMA AAFES PAO

Army & Air Force Exchange Service gas stations at West Point are taking Soldiers, Airmen and their Families farther now that the pumps have been programmed to reflect a discount of three cents a gallon for drivers who pay with a MILITARY STARSM card.

"Anytime a customer uses a bank-issued debit or credit card, the retailer pays a portion of the transaction to a third-party financial institution," said the PX's General Manager Sheila Hall. "Because the MILITARY STARSM card is administered by the Exchange Credit Program, AAFES is not subject to the additional fees incurred through other 'pay at the

pump' options. As a result, we're able to pass savings onto authorized exchange shoppers."

The three-cent-a-gallon MILITARY STARSM card discount is currently being applied to transactions at the Shoppette in Bldg. 1202 at the Commissary/PX H Lot.

The MILITARY STARSM card is accepted at all AAFES, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Exchange activities, as well as the Exchange Catalog and the Exchange Online store at www.aafes.com.

Authorized exchange shoppers can learn more about the MILITARY STARSM card by logging on to www.aafes.com and clicking the MILITARY STARSM card icon.

Voting Assistance

For 2008 voting assistance questions, call the West Point Voting Assistance NCOIC, Sgt. 1st Class Harold Lang at 938-8450.

For additional information about absentee voting, you can also go to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov.

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C FUND	+ 0.06 percent
I FUND	+ 0.11 percent
S FUND	- 0.05 percent

Community Features and Photos

Mascots keep heritage alive at events

Story and photos by
Emily Tower

Three happy fellows named Scotty, George and Raider just might have the most pleasant job in the Army.

They have all of their meals brought to them, have a team of cadets and a specialist bathe them and comb their hair, and their official duties involve rolling in the dirt, lounging in the sun and munching away on special food.

Children spoil them. West Point alumni wait to pamper them when they retire from the Army.

But when a mission comes along, the trio dutifully don historic uniforms and meet the day's challenge.

West Point Families and cadets can meet Scotty, George and Raider at the first football game of the season today when the Black Knights take on Temple at Michie Stadium. They'll be the ones with long, fuzzy ears and large nostrils sniffing for carrots.

As Army's mascots, the three mules will be standing on the sidelines with their cadet riders -- Firstie Micah Lockhart, Cows Keri Anderson and Jacob Haag and Yearling Oakland McCulloch -- to remind football players and fans of their roots.

Long before Scotty, George and Raider wore the Army saddle, mules were used to haul cannons



Army mule mascot Ranger II, also known as George, enjoys one of his favorite treats -- a nibble of grass.

and equipment and to carry Soldiers, which is why the West Point mules wear replica historic cavalry saddles, bridles and breast straps while on duty.

A mule first represented the U.S. Military Academy in 1899 when an officer decided the football team needed a mascot at the Army-Navy game because Navy had a goat, Lockhart said.

So, a white mule was released from his ice wagon pulling duties and dressed in fine black, gold and gray for the game. The mule brought good luck, and Army won that meeting, 17-5.

Mules appeared at football games until all equines were banned from West Point after World War II. The work of Sgt. 1st Class Robert P. Johnson, however, began the mascot program at the academy when he was able to keep two mules and a donkey after the ban.

Since then, 15 mules have had official mascot duty -- including one female, Buckshot, who was a gift in the mid-1960s from the Air Force Academy.

Raider is the eldest of the three current Army mules. He's 19 years old and the favorite of Spc. Carol Albino, the animal care specialist who tends to the mules. As the most experienced, Raider is calm and handles his job well, she said.

Scotty, on the other hand, "is scared of everything -- strollers, sun movement, wind, his own hair when we clip it," Albino said.

Scotty's official name is General Scott. The 9-year-old mule was named after retired Lt. Gen. Willard Scott Jr., a former U.S. Military Academy superintendent. He might be the youngest, but he is by far the tallest of the three mules. His ears alone are a foot tall.

Haag thinks Scotty is so tall because one of Scotty's parents was a draft horse. Mules are a cross between a horse and a donkey.

George is a nickname for Ranger II, who was named in honor of the 75th Ranger Regiment, a light infantry unit that predates the Revolutionary War and is best known for landing on Omaha Beach during D-Day in World War II, which inspired the motto "Rangers lead the way."

George, 11, is shy, but proud and knows he often is admired as



The Army's official mule mascots -- Ranger II, also known as George, left; General Scott; and Raider -- are ridden at football games by a team of four cadets. The cadets who ride the mules are Yearling Oakland McCulloch, on George; Cow Jacob Haag, on General Scott; Firstie Micah Lockhart, standing; and Cow Keri Anderson, on Raider.

the best-looking mule, Lockhart said. He also has a sweet tooth and loves to eat peppermint candy, Anderson said.

When fans feed the mules, though, Albino requests they only bring fresh carrots or apples and let the cadet riders provide the more unusual treats.

West Point Families can visit the mules any time and can get the best view of them when the mules are in their paddock behind the Vet Clinic in Bldg. 630.

Visitors are not allowed inside the paddock, but they may pet the mules and feed them if the mules get close.

If visitors forget to bring carrots or apples, a handful of grass suits the mules just fine, Albino said. And just the rustle of a carrot bag or the scent of grass should entice the mules to come investigate. Just remember to offer the food on a flat palm so fingers aren't accidentally bitten, Albino said.

Visitors also may check out a small mule museum from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. weekdays, excluding federal holidays, most

training holidays and the last day of each month, at the Vet Clinic.

The museum features history about the mule mascots, their supporters and equipment used to care for them.

Mule admirers also may visit Scotty, George and Raider at football games. They attend the Army-Navy game and all home games, where they are available for photographs and rides for children -- mule mood permitting.

Knowing a few tips can make a mule visit more successful, Lockhart said. Being calm around the animals will help them stay calm. Bright colors and loud noises

Volunteers help train fuzzy companions

Story and photo by
Emily Tower

A dozen sniffers went crazy as Capt. Jana Fajardo placed a red box of french fries on the sidewalk near Eisenhower Hall.

Each person in attendance at the special training event Aug. 21 was responsible for guiding a curious, playful puppy past the temptation and hopefully encouraging the dog to ignore what was lying on the ground.

Wiggling noses hard at work made it a challenge for volunteers learning to care for the puppies, which are service dogs in training.

Though some of the dogs failed to resist the urge to investigate the oddity, the volunteers gently corrected them and moved them on to the next task. While it was important to learn how to maintain the dogs' specialized training, the volunteers really just wanted to play with the adorable creatures. After all, playing with puppies is precisely what they signed up to do.

West Point Families and cadets may volunteer to puppy-sit for an area program -- Puppies Behind Bars -- that trains service dogs. Some of the dogs learn to help the disabled with everyday tasks, and others learn to sniff out explosives.

The puppies are trained by inmates in corrections facilities in New York and Connecticut. Because they have little interaction with crowds, noises and other typical distractions while living in jail, the puppies visit with other caregivers on weekends. Volunteer puppy-sitters must complete a training course so they learn the same commands the puppies' trainers use so they do not confuse the dogs.

Cadet and military Family

volunteers are particularly valuable to the puppies' learning experience because many of the dogs will go to work with military units or veterans when they graduate, said Amy Cuiello, co-officer-in-charge of the Puppies Behind Bars cadet volunteer program.

"A lot of the dogs are going to wounded Soldiers, so they need to get used to the military," Cuiello said, adding that some of the explosives-trained dogs work at military installations or with military units.

Loud boots, formations, uniforms and strict schedules were intimidating to some of the dogs, Cuiello said. So, being around cadets and military Families teaches the puppies what to expect.

"And it allows them to just be puppies," she said, explaining the only expectation of puppies who visit with cadets is simply to play.

The puppies are picked up from their prison homes and are brought to the cadets and other volunteers primarily on Sundays so they do not interfere with required cadet activities. Sometimes the puppies are brought to the Warrior Transition Unit to help wounded Soldiers with physical therapy and to cheer them up.

While just playing with a puppy was motivation enough for Firstie Brent Bubany to sign up, knowing he is guiding a dog that might help a wounded Soldier makes him happy.

"It's nice to have an opportunity to serve in another way," Bubany said after training with a chirpy puppy named Magic. "Anywhere the dog could go sounds great, but knowing it could be helping a wounded veteran sits well (with me)."

Bubany saw other cadets playing with the dogs last year -- the first opportunity cadets had to sit with the puppies -- and decided to sign



A service dog in training receives a belly rub from Amy Cuiello, co-officer-in-charge of the Puppies Behind Bars cadet volunteer program, during training Aug. 21 at Eisenhower Hall. Cadets can volunteer to care for Puppies Behind Bars dogs, which are service dogs being trained by area inmates. The training Aug. 21 was to teach volunteers basic dog commands.

up this year. He enjoys being with dogs, and he has a labrador at home, which he received in the sixth grade after reading the heart-wrenching canine tale "Where The Red Fern Grows" by Wilson Rawls.

Bubany also was looking for a volunteer opportunity on weekends that would not interfere with his other activities.

Still, "I'd be lying if I said there

were no selfish reasons," Bubany said about why he signed up to puppy-sit. "I do want to play with the puppies."

Training seminars for other interested volunteers are offered year-round. For more information about volunteering, upcoming training or sponsoring Puppies Behind Bars dogs, visit www.puppiesbehindbars.com or e-mail

info@puppiesbehindbars.com.

Also, a Puppies Behind Bars dog is scheduled to be featured in the November issue of "Men's Vogue" magazine, which should hit newsstands Oct. 21.

The spread is expected to include photos of a cadet with Major, a Puppies Behind Bars dog named after Cuiello's husband, Maj. Matt Cuiello.

Smith learns ins and outs of AKO

Story and photo by
Renee Jenkins
AKO/DKO

FORT BELVOIR, Va. -- At 7:30 a.m., West Point cadet Daniel Smith was sitting at his computer at the Army Knowledge Online office inputting change-management requests into the business process management database.

Smith was a summer intern at the Army's knowledge-based learning organization. As the single point of entry into a robust and scalable knowledge management system, AKO is strategically changing the way the Army does business, and Smith was learning how to make that happen.

"Business process management is an effective program that can easily be implemented across the Army," Smith said. "BPM is the link between information technology and systems engineering, and it ensures that processes flow the way they should."

For four weeks, Smith learned the inner workings of AKO. The 21-year-old engineering management major from Utica, N.Y., entered his firstie year this fall at West Point.

As part of West Point's Advanced Individual Academic Training, Smith and other West Point cadets participated in the Training with Industry program. While some of his fellow cadets went to civilian businesses and organizations, Smith decided to go to AKO.

"I wanted to see how systems engineering is used in the real world and how the Army uses it," Smith said. "I realize now how critical AKO is to the Army -- 2 million users depend on its operations every day, and this organization does a great job of making sure things run smoothly."

Smith discussed what he learned at AKO. He talked about seeing the data center, which houses AKO servers.

He then went to a training class for the AKO portal, where he learned the basics of using AKO, and the resources available. Afterward, he was given advanced portal training, where he was shown some of the more intricate capabilities of the Web site.

"On day one, I received a schedule, planned it out down to the minute," Smith explained. "I worked on a project that was necessary, and at the same time, I was shown basically every part of AKO."

He also mentioned that he attended weekly operations meetings, which allowed him to see how each part of AKO interacts with the other, and the highlight of his internship was being able to meet the new project manager of AKO, Col. Earl Noble.

"Colonel Noble gave me a personal tour of the Pentagon and I sat in on a Defense Knowledge Online board of director's meeting with him and my sponsor," Smith said.

Noble said the opportunity provided Smith an outlet to learn.

"This is a great learning environment for our future leaders," Noble said. "AKO is changing the way the Army does business, and hopefully Cadet Smith will take what he learns here and apply it when he returns to West Point as well as when he is commissioned into the regular



Mike Stark, Army Knowledge Online deputy chief of future operations, talks to Firstie Daniel Smith about the significance of Defense Knowledge Online, which is being built on the AKO foundation.

Army as a lieutenant."

Smith admitted that he was previously unfamiliar with business process management, but he understands that it is relevant to systems engineering.

"One of the reasons BPM is so powerful is that it is both prescriptive and descriptive. It models how a process should flow and then ensures that it flows that way," Smith explained. "A

majority of systems engineering involves ensuring stakeholder's needs are met efficiently, in terms of both time and cost, and BPM is a physical tool that ensures this happens by guiding a process along the right path."

Smith mentioned that he was recently invited to a West Point

alumni reception hosted by Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I. While there, he ran into the head of the West Point AIAD department and was asked if AKO should stay on the list of intern positions. Smith said, "Yes, it is definitely a keeper. The people at AKO are great to work with and it is a great learning experience."

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'Marina at West Point' show expected to delight, enlighten audience

By Emily Tower

A slew of notables is about to descend on West Point to create an educational entertainment opportunity.

Europe's top-selling pianist is combining efforts with one of the nation's most renowned concert bands and some of West Point's most talented singers to create a show being documented by some of the entertainment industry's most respected producers and directors.

The show -- combining Marina Arsenijevic, the West Point Band and the West Point Glee Club -- is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

The program is being documented by multi-Grammy- and Emmy-Award-winning directors and producers to create a commemorative DVD, which also will be broadcast on PBS next year.

Arsenijevic, who made her piano concert debut when she was 9 years old, was asked by PBS to be the subject of a concert show, said Lt. Col. Timothy Holtan, West Point Band commander.

The network pitched the idea of performing in Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Arsenijevic replied the location had little personal meaning to her, Holtan said. Las Vegas also was suggested.

But, Arsenijevic proposed filming a concert at West Point because the location offers the embodiment of her musical mission to demonstrate unity can be found in diversity, Holtan said.

"She feels strongly about her musical message," Holtan said. "Here is West Point -- part of this melting pot and country that fights for other people. She wanted to come here where young people want to commit to service. She likes the diversity of West Point united for a singular purpose."

Arsenijevic has watched her native country, Yugoslavia, and the surrounding area be destroyed by war and religious disputes. She has endured outrage -- as well as enjoyed praise -- for combining favorite Christian and Muslim songs to demonstrate unity.

"Whenever I blend diverse

cultural melodies with varied ethnic rhythms, regardless of their conflicted history, the music always reveals our common humanity," Arsenijevic stated in her online biography.

The two-hour concert's music selections can be viewed online at www.marinaatwestpoint.com. Songs include well-known patriotic tunes, such as "The Stars and Strips Forever" and "America the Beautiful." The concert also is scheduled to feature classical and rock songs, and nearly half of the songs were written by Arsenijevic.

Well-known rhapsodies -- "Rhapsody in Blue," "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2" and "Bohemian Rhapsody" -- are included to showcase Arsenijevic's talent as a pianist, said Master Sgt. Chris Jones, member of the West Point Band.

Arsenijevic, the band and the Glee Club already performed together earlier this year to record a CD of the concert selections, Jones said. That was an eye-opening experience for many of the Glee Club cadets, who are the only performers in the upcoming show who are not professional musicians, Connie Chase, Glee Club director,

said. But, the cadets are up to the challenge, she said.

They already have performed the national anthem at Super Bowl XXXIX in 2005 and at three Fiesta Bowls. Some Glee Club cadets also sang back-up for Billy Joel at a couple of concerts this summer, Chase said.

The CD the Glee Club recorded with the band and Arsenijevic was produced by Grammy Award winner Gregg Squires and will be sold with the DVD recording of the Sept. 25 concert as a commemorative set.

Details about when the set will be available and how to purchase it will be available at www.marinaatwestpoint.com as they become known, Holtan said.

The DVD is being produced and directed by George Veras, who has won 12 Emmy Awards. He is known for producing the popular Yanni PBS concert series. While the entire concert is expected to be featured on the DVD, half of it is scheduled to be aired on PBS during a fundraising drive next March. The DVD also is expected to feature scenes from West Point and cadet life.

Tickets for the concert are free but are required. They can be ordered at www.marinaatwestpoint.com.

Marina
at West Point
Unity Through Diversity

"A Symphonic Powerhouse of Patriotism and Passion"

International Award Winning Pianist and Composer
Marina Arsenijevic
performs with the 120 person orchestral ensemble of the
United States Military Academy Band
and the
West Point Cadet Glee Club

Thursday, September 25, 2008
7:30 pm Eisenhower Hall Theatre
Event is being taped LIVE for national broadcast on Public TV (PBS)

www.MARINA@AMERICA.com



Read-a-thon kickoff

West Point Elementary School principal Shawne Cryderman (standing) talks to first graders Aug. 21 about the read-a-thon where children get enthused about reading and get pledges for every book they read.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

'Ready West Point' launches Sept. 11 at Preparedness Fair

(PRESS RELEASE) -- This September, the American Red Cross in Greater New York, in partnership with West Point's Garrison Commander Col. Daniel Bruno, will roll out an initiative to help prepare members of the West Point community for a potential disaster.

The "Ready West Point," program will be introduced at the West Point Community Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held at the Post Exchange Sept. 11.

The preparedness effort, aiming to engage all members of the West Point community, will launch with the distribution of "Ready West Point" bags to each of the more than 900 homes at West Point.

The bags also will be available at West Point community outreach events such as the Sept. 11 community fair and the West Point Women's Club Super sign-up.

The bags, funded in part through a grant from the Daughters of the United States Army (DUSA) and assembled by Red Cross volunteers, contain a Red Cross "Ready West Point" CD-ROM and brochures from the Red Cross and Federal Emergency Management Agency on family preparedness.

These brochures will provide guidance on building a disaster preparedness kit, a floor plan escape route and other necessary elements of a disaster plan.

The first Family to use the resources in their "Ready West Point" bag to prepare a Family disaster plan will win a complementary Red Cross emergency "Go Bag" that contains supplies such as a flashlight, radio, blanket and other first aid and survival items used during emergencies.

For a chance to win a "Go Bag," Families are asked to call the ARC/GNY West Point office at 938-4100 when they have completed their preparedness steps. The deadline is Oct. 1.

Red Cross emergency "Go Bags" also are available for sale at the West Point Red Cross Store, located at Bldg. 2104 next to the Visitors Center on West Point Highway (open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.) and online at the Red Cross Store at www.nyredcross.org.

The "Ready West Point" program also will offer preparedness classes with additional tips and instructions on how to keep Families safe in case of a disaster.

Preparedness presentations open to West Point residents and to civilians who work on-post will be offered throughout the day at the community fair Sept. 11 at the Post Exchange from noon-5 p.m.

These presentations will be the first of a number of Red Cross "Ready West Point" trainings soon to be offered year-round.

Michelle Strom, ARC/GNY Putnam/West Point director, has noted the importance of the program on West Point.

"Since the fire on West Point this May 8 at Winans Place, our West Point community has realized the importance of disaster preparedness and coming up with an emergency kit and a plan to ensure that our Families know what steps to take in case of a disaster," Strom said. "We're excited to introduce the 'Ready West Point' program to educate and encourage our community to take these steps to better respond when disasters happen."

The ARC/GNY is a key humanitarian partner and a vital participant in New York's plans and programs to help the 9 million people in New York City and Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Sullivan counties prevent, prepare for and respond to any type of emergency.

ARC/GNY provides immediate

aid to more than 100,000 people affected by 3,000 emergencies a year, including fires, floods, building collapses and power outages.

The chapter also helps New York residents and businesses prepare for emergencies by offering hundreds of courses in first aid, CPR and aquatics and emergency

preparedness training programs and resources.

For more information about volunteering, donating and training, call 1-877-RED CROSS (1-877-733-2767), or visit www.nyredcross.org.

(Editor's note: This press release was written by the ARC/GNY Putnam/West Point chapter.)

Be the first to use your "Ready West Point" bag resources and receive a complementary Red Cross emergency "Go Bag." Deadline for preparedness step completion is Oct. 1.

Nominations ongoing for Military Spouse of the Year

PITTSBURGH -- *Military Spouse* magazine announced Aug. 18 that it is now accepting nominations for its 2009 Military Spouse of the Year award, sponsored by USAA.

The MSOY awardee represents the millions of military spouses who are unsung heroes maintaining the homefront, giving back selflessly to their communities and providing support to our nation's troops.

Often, these spouses also have full-time jobs and raise Families.

In recognition of their countless contributions, MSM will honor one exemplary military spouse from each service branch and also select one overall winner.

The 2009 MSOY will be announced and honored nationally in the June issue of *Military Spouse* magazine and at the second annual MSOY Awards Ceremony to be held during the week of May 4 in Washington, in conjunction with National Military Spouse Appreciation Week.

The winner will make additional public appearances, write a monthly column that will appear in *Military Spouse* magazine and maintain a blog during his or her reign, which will last through May 2010.

MSM and its readers will select the winner based on his or her inspirational representation of all military spouses.

Nominees must be the spouse of a current member of the U.S. armed forces. Criteria for selecting the recipient includes impact on community change, volunteerism, personal sacrifice, education and career pursuits and other military spouse-related efforts.

Last year's award generated hundreds of nominations from across the country, culminating in the selection of Army wife Chelle Brewer as MSOY 2008.

MSM encourages people to submit a nomination for either themselves or an eligible nominee of their choice.

To submit a nomination, complete the nomination form online at www.msoy.milspouse.com.

The nomination period runs

through Oct. 8.

Judges will review all submissions and select 10 finalists from each military service branch, after which readers will select one branch winner.

Judges include a hand-selected portion of MSM's "Who's Who of Military Spouses," a list of influential military spouses.

"This award is MSM's opportunity to thank all military spouses for their invaluable contributions, in addition to recognizing them for the challenges they overcome every day," said Babette Maxwell, *Military Spouse* magazine co-founder and executive editor.

"The reason USAA exists is to

help military Families with their financial security and the peace of mind that it brings," said Joe Robles, USAA's CEO. "I know I couldn't have done what I did for the Army if my wife, Patty, hadn't taken care of everything else. Being the title sponsor of this award is a natural for us. We feel honored to honor military spouses."

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

3	4	8	2	1	6	7	5	9
6	1	7	4	5	9	3	8	2
5	2	9	7	8	3	6	4	1
9	6	1	8	3	2	4	7	5
2	8	5	6	4	7	9	1	3
7	3	4	1	9	5	2	6	8
4	5	2	9	7	8	1	3	6
8	7	6	3	2	1	5	9	4
1	9	3	5	6	4	8	2	7

**GO ARMY,
BEAT TEMPLE**

What's Happening

Go Army/Beat Temple Tailgate

The West Point Association of Graduates and the West Point Society of the Mid-Hudson Region are hosting a GoArmy/Beat Temple tailgate 4-7 p.m. today at Herbert Alumni Center.

To register, go to www.westpointaog.org and click on Army Football Tailgates in the "Events" box.

Arvin Locker Renewal

The Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will be conducting its annual renewal of the staff and faculty lockers from Monday through Sept. 30.

A blue locker renewal slip will be placed inside your assigned locker. Please fill out the blue slip and return it to the Arvin front desk no later than Sept. 30.

Failure to comply by this date will result in the loss of your assigned locker.

DUSA Education Grants

Daughters of the United States Army will be accepting applications for their fall continuing education grants starting Monday through Oct. 3.

Applicants must be DUSA members by Sept. 30 to qualify.

A grant application may be obtained by e-mailing Karen Schlicht at rkaschlicht@yahoo.com or at the DUSA gift shop in the museum. Call Schlicht at 446-1006 for more information.

WPWC Moms & Tots

WPWC Moms & Tots is going to take a ride down the Hudson on the superintendent's boat.

Join us Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. on South Dock for boarding.

Boat ride is from 4-5 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person. Please bring a finger food to share.

For questions, contact Andrea at 859-4567 or usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com.

Sacred Heart Preschool

Sacred Heart Preschool has openings for students who are ages 3 and 4 by Dec. 1 for full- and half-days.

Call 446-2674 for more information.

2008 West Point Engineering Expo

The West Point Engineering

Expo will be held from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 5 at Eisenhower Hall.

All cadets, staff and faculty and their Families are invited. A free pizza dinner will be provided for the cadets.

The event offers a chance to learn about engineering opportunities from regional engineers, West Point engineering faculty and cadet engineering majors.

West Point Women's Club Super Sign-Up

Join us 7-9 p.m. Sept. 9 in the West Point Club Ballroom for the WPWC's Super Sign-Up.

You can join the WPWC, greet old friends and make new ones, do some shopping, sign up for various WPWC activities and receive information about local organizations.

Tables are still available for home-based businesses and community organizations for a nominal charge.

There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Reservations are not necessary so bring your friends and neighbors.

Contact Stephanie Schanen-Skimmyhorn for more information at 859-4222 or stephrocks5@hotmail.com.

WP Protestant Sunday School

Cadets lead the West Point Protestant Sunday School classes ranging from Pre-K through high school.

There also are three adult/cadet classes taught by members of the chapel congregations.

All classes are 9-10 a.m. beginning Sept. 7 on the third floor of Thayer Hall.

Families may register at any chapel or by e-mail to eric.bryan@usma.edu or by calling 938-3412.

West Point Community Emergency Preparedness Fair

The West Point Community Emergency Preparedness Fair will take place from noon-5 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Post Exchange.

Regional emergency management, first responder organizations and businesses will be handing out emergency preparedness information. They also will answer any emergency planning questions.

For more information, contact Henry Cervantes, DPTMS Emergency Plans Specialist, at

938-4509 or henry.cervantes@usma.edu.

Worker's Compensation Training

Denise Singer (Compensation Specialist) is conducting training for Worker's Compensation for employees:

- Sept. 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Thayer 144
- Sept. 17, 2-4 p.m. in Thayer 144.

Religious Education program

Come to the Religious Education Office in the Cloister Room of the Chapel to register children for religious education. Opening day is Sept. 7.

Classes (K-Adult) are held from 9:15-10:30 a.m. Sunday on the third floor of Thayer Hall.

The Pre-K classes meet from 9-10 a.m. Sunday in the Cloister room.

Catechists for all grade levels are still needed. For more information, contact Cindy Ragsdale at 938-8761 or Cynthia.Ragsdale@usma.edu.

Mandatory Training

The following classes are part of the Department of the Army Annual Training for all DA civilians and military.

If you have not been to these

classes in FY08, you need to attend one of these sessions.

• Suicide Prevention - Robinson Auditorium, from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 9 and from 1-2 p.m. Sept. 17.

• Equal Employment Opportunity/Training on Prevention of Sexual Harassment - Robinson Auditorium, from 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 18.

• Sexual Assault and Prevention/Violence in the Workplace - Robinson Auditorium, from 6-7:15 p.m. Sept. 18.

• Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Robinson Auditorium, from 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday; from 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday and from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 15.

Tuition Assistance Guidance for FY08

In preparation for year-end close-out, Army Tuition Assistance registration will close Sept. 25 for classes starting on or before Sept. 30.

Enroll in classes through the Virtual Education Center in GoArmyEd before Sept. 25.

If enrollment is attempted after Sept. 25 for courses that start before Sept. 30, no TA will be awarded.

Enroll early for courses with September start dates.

Contact the Education Center at 938-5389/3464 for more information.

DPW NOTES

Buffalo Soldier Field construction

The curbs, drainage and parking lights along the north end and west side of Buffalo Soldier Field are being replaced.

Construction is ongoing and is estimated to be completed by Sept. 30. All work is weather permitting.

Parking areas along the west side will be closed off to all vehicles until curbs and drainage work are completed. Handicap-designated parking spaces will be relocated during construction in front of Bldg. 626.

All parking will be open for football games.

For more information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Shuttle Bus Shelters

Five shuttle bus stop shelters are being installed at the following

locations:

• In front of the laundry plant, Bldg. 845

• In front of Qtrs. 334, Washington Road

• Across from Bldg. 681

• In front of Qtrs. 5, Thayer Road

• At the entrance to the PX and Commissary on the left after turning off Stony Lonesome Road.

The installation of the shelters is the result of a recommendation from the West Point Army Family Action Plan Symposium.

Work has begun at the laundry plant and the contractor will continue the installation in the order listed above, taking about two work days for each site, weather permitting.

Drivers and pedestrians should expect delays and minor pedestrian detours in these areas.

For more information, contact Martha Hinote at 938-4407.

Book signing

The USMA Bookstore in Thayer Hall is hosting a book signing by local author Ronnie C. Coffey of her new release, *Images of America Constitution Island*, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sept. 10

Author Maureen DuRant also will be signing her book, *Postcard History Series - West Point*, at the same time.

The USMA Bookstore is located in Thayer Hall on the fourth floor.

Highland Falls Farmers Market

The Vision-sponsored Farmers Market in Highland Falls, located in the Municipal Parking Lot across from Sacred Heart Church on Main Street, is every Sunday through Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Garrison Award Ceremony

Everyone is invited to attend the Garrison Award Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.

Government Travel Card

Contact Patty Catello, DRM Financial Operations Division, at 938-6508 about updating your government travel card.

The
West Point Band
presents

*Music Under
the Stars*

**Jazz Knights & Concert
Band with TV and
Broadway stars Matt &
Christina Ashford:
"1812 Overture" with
cannon salute & fireworks,
August 30, 6:30 p.m.
Raindate: August 31
Trophy Point Amphitheatre**

**"Music of Raymond Scott,"
September 14, 3:00 p.m.,
Egner Hall Band Building**

**Free and Open to the Public
845-938-2617
www.westpoint.edu/band**

FMWR Blurbs

CDC Football Child Care

The West Point Child Development Center is offering child care for Army home Football games for a fee.

Reservations are required nine days before gameday. For more information, call 938-3921.

Soldier and Family Assistance Center Open House

Soldier and Family Assistance Center Open House is 1-3:30 p.m. today in Bldg. 626, second floor.

See the SFAC in its new location and meet the staff.

Tours will be conducted every half hour and are open to the entire West Point community. For more information, call 938-0630.

Beginner's Running Group

FMWR Fitness Center announces a beginner's running group from 9-9:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 24.

Meet at South Dock. Strollers welcome. Beginning runners will work toward a two-mile goal.

Runs will be led by Certified Personal Trainer Andrea Ingram.

Contact everywomanfitness@hotmail.com or the FMWR Fitness at 938-6490 to sign up or to get more information.

Keller Corner

Refractive Surgery Seminar

The KACH ophthalmology service will be conducting a refractive surgery seminar Tuesday in Robinson Auditorium from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The seminar is open to firsties, cows and active duty Army personnel interested in obtaining laser vision correction.

Find out how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery and how to get treated at West Point.

For more information, call 938-2207.

Free Developmental/Hearing Screenings

Not all children develop the same way. Some need extra help.

If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior and/or social interactions, please join us at our free developmental/hearing

Boot Camp Returns

Boot Camp returns to the FMWR Fitness Center at 9 a.m. Sept. 8.

Class will be held every Monday. This one-hour class is ideal for anyone who wants a more challenging workout.

Suicide Prevention Week

In support of Army Suicide Prevention Week, the West Point chaplains are presenting a Suicide Prevention Brief for Family and community members from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at the ACS classroom, Bldg. 622.

For more information, call 938-2912.

Delafield Pond

Delafield Pond is still open for swimming. Cadets can get in for \$1.

For information on hours and more, call 938-5158.

Bow Hunter Course

The Bow Hunter Course at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond is 6-10 p.m. Sept. 10-11.

Participants must attend both nights. To register, call 938-2503.

Fine Wine Dinner

A fine wine dinner at the historic West Point Club is set for 7-11 p.m.

Sept. 12.

Experience exceptional cuisine paired with a variety of fine wines.

Open to the general public.

For reservations, call 938-5120.

Defensive Driving Class

There is a Defensive Driving Class from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 13, in Bldg. 622. Register at ITR.

Call 938-2401 for more information.

Junior Golf Clinic

The West Point Golf Course will host a Junior Golf Clinic Sept. 15-19.

The clinic is open to children ages 7 and above and will cover all aspects of the game including fundamentals, etiquette, course management and more.

Space is limited. Register today by calling the Pro Shop at 938-2435.

Employment Readiness Fair

Army Community Service Employment Readiness is hosting its first career fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 17, at ACS, Bldg. 622.

The career fair is designed to maximize the connection between military Family members and the career opportunities that West Point

and local businesses provide.

For more information, call 938-5658.

Employment Readiness Workshop

Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program is hosting a workshop about careers in real estate from noon-1:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Reservations are required. Call 938-5658 for more information.

Grand Opening

The grand opening of the West Point Club's Hudson Room patio is 5-8 p.m. Sept. 26.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, free barbecue for all who attend, live entertainment and a cash bar. For more information, call 938-5120.

Create your own Haunted Hayride scene

Create your own scene for the 2008 FMWR Haunted Hayride that will be held 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Round Pond Rec Area.

This is open to departments, Families and Town of Highlands residents.

E-mail scene concepts to peter.spinning@usma.edu no later than Sept. 1.

For more information about

other ways to get involved, call 938-2503.

2008 Soldier Show

The 2008 Army Soldier Show, taking place at Ike Hall Oct. 19, is looking for local talent to perform on stage during the finale.

You must be active duty to be eligible. Deadline for the competition entry is Sept. 15.

Contact Sheryle Miller at 938-6497 for more information.

CYS Coaches Needed

CYS Sports is currently looking for volunteer coaches in the following sports for the fall/winter seasons: soccer -- all levels and ages, PeeWee hockey and wrestling.

If interested, call 938- 8896.

Army Family Team Building

Volunteers are needed for the Army Family Team Building program.

Opportunities are available for AFTB instructors and master trainers. Call 938-3773 for information.

Fitness Instructors Needed

Les Mills Body Combat instructors are needed. Contact the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490 for more information.

Command Channel 8/23

Aug. 29 - Sept. 4

Friday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
1:30 p.m. Jazz Knights
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Monday (Labor Day)
No programming

Tuesday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
9 a.m. Jazz Knights
1:30 p.m. Army Newswatch
7 p.m. Army Newswatch

Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
7 p.m. Army Newswatch

Thursday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
11 a.m. Jazz Knights
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
7 p.m. Army Newswatch
7:30 p.m. Jazz Knights

screenings.

The screenings will be conducted at the CDC in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point School for children ages birth to five years.

They will be held 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Sept. 30 by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-6868/2698.

Childbirth Education

There will be four sessions of childbirth classes Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 6, or Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25.

The four-week childbirth class sessions are designed to educate expectant parents about the labor and delivery experience at Keller that includes postpartum and newborn care and a unit tour.

Please call 938-3210 to sign up.

Classes fill up fast, plan to start by your 30th week of pregnancy.

REMINDER

New Central Area Parking stickers went into effect Aug. 23. Make sure you go to the Old Library or PMO and get your sticker. See July 25 *Pointer View* for details at www.pointerview.com.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752
Friday -- Closed
Saturday -- **Kung Fu Panda, PG, 7:30 p.m.**
Saturday -- **The Incredible Hulk, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.AAFES.COM

Buffalo Soldier Ceremony

West Point will host its 47th annual Buffalo Soldier Memorial Ceremony at 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Buffalo Soldier Field. The ceremony will honor the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments of the Buffalo Soldiers.

These black Soldiers have a proud tradition of exemplary service to the nation.

The guest speaker for the event is Maj. Marvetta Walker, U.S. Army retired.

The public is cordially invited to join the Buffalo Soldiers and their Families for the ceremony.

Army and Community Sports

Goss, Miller lead determined soccer squad

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt

Army Women's Soccer head coach Gene Ventriglia heads into his 23rd and final season as the Black Knights mentor with one thing on his mind -- to surprise the critics.

The team heads into the 2008 season predicted by the conference coaches to finish sixth in the Patriot League.

The dire prediction won't stop the team from trying to make the league coaches eat crow by the end of the year.

Last year, the women finished fourth in the conference, after another sixth place prediction, with a 7-8-3 record and drove top-seeded Bucknell to the limit in the PL Tournament semifinals with a 2-1 overtime loss.

Ventriglia can't believe this year's team was chosen for sixth in the conference with the number of important returnees coming back to the squad, plus the numerous amount of plebes who will most likely be difference makers by season's end.

"I don't try to put much faith into the rankings, and the only good thing you can use it for is as a motivator for the season," Ventriglia said. "I remind (the team) of that every day about the fact we were only picked for sixth."

The team is in solid hands with its two co-captains, Firsties defenseman Caroline Miller and midfielder Sarah Goss.

Miller is the team's defensive stalwart as the 5'9" defender led an Army team that only gave up more than two goals once in 18 games last year. Ventriglia will lean heavily on his senior leader to guide two plebes through the team's new 4-3-3 system.

"Coco Miller has been a defensive mainstay since her freshman year," Ventriglia explained. "She's steady and she's not a flashy player, but she gets the job done. She's physically imposing and understands what we're trying to do with our defensive concept."

"We're looking for her to continue to grow in communicating with our other defenders," he added. "We have two freshmen starting in the back, so she's critical to our team."

While Miller has been the rock on the defensive side of the field, Goss has been the offensive gem of the team the last two seasons.

Goss has led the Black Knights in goals the last two years, and scored five in 2007 with Firstie forward Pia White finishing second on the team with three goals.

The 5'10" midfielder from Lancaster, Pa., will take on a new role this season as she will work more on the defensive side of the midfield initiating the offense rather than finishing, although she will still get her chances to score.

"The big reason (coach) moved me back there, which is the biggest attribute I bring, is my ability to win balls in the air," Goss said. "I'm there to make sure the ball stays in the offensive zone. It's a matter of controlling the middle (of the field) and becoming more of a playmaker more so than being a scorer."

Goss said she enjoys the fact that she can be the first line of defense and the first line of offense to where she can bridge the gap between the defenders and the forwards. Ventriglia believes Goss' natural ability to get the ball helps them more on the backend to help create more offense on the other end.

"She has the uncanny ability to get everything in the air and has an affinity for the ball," Ventriglia said. "When the other team has the ball, any balls coming in on goal you must have the ability to win those battles."

"If you win it, you can put the ball back on the other team's half of the field, and with that you've won half the battle," he continued. "Goss is a natural ball winner, and she helps us tremendously in that aspect of the game."

With the move to a 4-3-3 system, the team hopes to take advantage of their crop of talented plebes as the system will add another forward to the front end.

"We're hoping that the extra forward up top will add to the scoring abilities of our team," Goss said. "We had a little trouble with that last year, so we're hoping to improve our scoring with the new system."

The hope is that Plebe forwards Dymon Washington and Deanna Clegg will help White up front and make a difference in games that



Firstie midfielder Sarah Goss led Army in goals in 2007.

ended for the majority, 1-0 and 2-1 last season.

"Those two are dynamite in terms of energy and speed and will complement Pia (White) extremely well," Ventriglia said. "I'll be very surprised if we don't score a lot more goals than last year."

The team opened its season Tuesday at home versus New Jersey Institute of Technology and won 3-1, which for a team that wants to put their sixth place prediction to rest, it's a good start.

"(Getting that first win) sets the tone for the rest of the season," Goss said. "Obviously, the Patriot League games don't start until October, but we would like to get off to a good start and gain some confidence heading into games at Air Force (Sept. 12) and at home versus St. Louis Saturday."

"We want to come out, play our game, put some balls in the back of the net," she added, "and get (ourselves going) for the rest of the season."

The season will be Ventriglia's last one on the Army sidelines, and the team wants to do something special to send him off to retirement.

With the amount of commitment and dedication Ventriglia has spent on the team over the past 23 years, Goss said, "the best thing we can do for him, the greatest gift we can give him is to go out on top, which is what he deserves."

Ventriglia sees it as a bittersweet situation knowing it's his last hoorah; however, he's not going to dwell on that fact and will coach every day with a lot of fervor to get his girls ready for every game.

"I'm going to continue what I have to do to get these girls to work hard and get them ready," Ventriglia said. "They are a great group of kids and, for me, I'm blessed to be able to work with kids like these at West Point. I feel this will be a very good team, and barring injuries, I think we're going to surprise many people."

Sports calendar

Aug. 29 - Sept. 7

Corps

FRIDAY -- CROSS COUNTRY, ARMY OPEN @ BOWDOIN PARK, POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., 3:30 P.M. (W), 4 P.M. (M)

FRIDAY -- FOOTBALL VS. TEMPLE, MICHIE STADIUM, 7 P.M. (ESPN CLASSIC)

SATURDAY -- VOLLEYBALL VS. MANHATTAN, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 10 A.M.

SATURDAY -- WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. ST. LOUIS, CLINTON FIELD, 1:30 P.M.

SATURDAY -- MEN'S SOCCER @ ST. BONAVENTURE, 1 P.M.

SATURDAY -- VOLLEYBALL VS. WAGNER, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 2 P.M.

TUESDAY -- VOLLEYBALL @ MARIST, POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., 7 P.M.

TUESDAY -- MEN'S SOCCER VS. PHILADELPHIA, CLINTON FIELD, 7 P.M.

SEPT. 5 -- VOLLEYBALL @ TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, 5 P.M.

SEPT. 5 -- MEN'S SOCCER @ MARIST, POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., 7 P.M.

SEPT. 6 -- FOOTBALL VS. NEW HAMPSHIRE, MICHIE STADIUM, 1 P.M. (ESPN CLASSIC)

SEPT. 6 -- VOLLEYBALL VS. FAIRFIELD @ TEMPLE TOURNAMENT, PHILADELPHIA, 10 A.M.

Club

SEPT. 6 -- SAILING @ LONG BEACH, N.Y., 9 A.M.

SEPT. 7 -- TRIATHLON @ NAVY, ANNAPOLIS, MD., 6 A.M.

Engle named CC and track & field coach

By Mark Brumbaugh
Athletic Communications

The Army Athletic Association has named Troy Engle head coach of the Army men's and women's cross country and track and field teams, Athletic Director Kevin Anderson announced Monday.

Engle returns to the U.S. Military Academy after previously serving as an instructor of physical education and assistant coach for the men's and women's track and field teams from 1995-96 and again in 1998.

"I cannot begin to express my excitement about starting my new role at West Point," Engle said. "It has been my life's dream. The Army track and field tradition has been long and storied, but moreover, the impact of the academy on our nation's history has been time honored.

"It is my privilege to be the

new coach at West Point and I am honored beyond words," he added.

Engle is currently the head coach of the U.S. Track and Field team for the 2008 Paralympic Games being held in Beijing from Sept. 6-17.

He will begin his duties at West Point Oct. 1. In addition to his coaching duties, Engle serves as the associate director of the Paralympic Division of the United States Olympic Committee.

Before joining the USOC, Engle was the head coach of the men's and women's track & field and cross country teams, assistant athletic director, and athletic department business manager at Division III Occidental College in Los Angeles.

He turned the women's cross country team, which was initially unable to field a full program, into a Southern California Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference title winner by his fourth year. In his seventh and final year at the school, Engle led the team to its first NCAA appearance in 12 years.

He also tripled the size of the men's and women's track and field rosters as the team went from a combined roster of 20 in one year to more than 70.

Engle garnered three West Regional NCAA Division III Coach of the Year honors at Occidental; one for cross country (2006) and two in indoor track and field (2003 and 2005).

Engle was the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the men's and women's track and field team at Kansas State University for the 1998-99 academic year.

There, he helped coach all the events and assisted in recruiting a class which was rated third-best in Division I by Track and Field News.

Engle served as "Director of Sports" for the Papua New Guinea Sports Commission between his two stints at Army.

There, Engle directed all sports development programs for a nation of 5 million people and served as the national track and field coach.

In 1995, Engle was named to the staff of the USA national men's team that traveled to Barcelona for the World Indoor Championships. In 1994, he served as the USA men's coach at the Pan America Racewalking Cup and was also an assistant coach for the women's North Team at the U.S. Olympic Festival.

Engle closed out a successful stint as head men's and women's track and cross country coach at Washington (Mo.) University (1992-94), guiding the women's outdoor track and field and cross country teams to the University Athletic Association title in his

final season.

His efforts earned him UAA "Coach of the Year" honors in both track and cross country.

Engle was also the men's track and cross country coach at Swarthmore College (1991-92), and first served as the national coach for Papua New Guinea from 1987-91.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Amherst College in 1983 where he starred for four years on the track circuit.

While working toward his master's degree in sport management from the University of Massachusetts Amherst (1985), he qualified for the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials, where he placed sixth in the 50-kilometer racewalk and 11th in the 20-kilometer racewalk.

Engle is replacing former head coach Jerry Quiller, who retired after 13 years of coaching at West Point.

Women's Basketball announces Class of 2012

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

Five players representing five states make up the Army women's basketball Class of 2012, head coach Dave Magarity announced Wednesday.

The group joins an Army team that lost four players to graduation last May after putting together a fourth-straight winning season (18-12).

Of the five newcomers, four will add depth to Army's guard

corps, while 6'1" Lauren Lybbert (Davenport, Iowa/Davenport Assumption) comes in as the only forward.

Also joining the club after spending an extremely successful year at the USMA Prep School where she averaged more than 20 points per game is Elizabeth Benedict (Cumming, Ga./North Forsyth).

Erin Jankowski (Granger, Ind./Mishawaka Marian), Kait Goodall (Lakewood, Colo./Lakewood) and Meagan Doucette (Loxahatchee,

Fla./Cardinal Newman) round out the plebe class.

"This class features some very talented individuals," Magarity said. "It will be hard to replace last year's (firstie) class, but with our returning players combined with this freshmen class, I expect the team to respond well."

Also expected to earn playing time in her first season in the Black and Gold is Yearling Laura Baranek (Orefield, Pa./Parkland), who becomes eligible this fall after sitting out a year.

Because of NCAA transfer rules, Baranek sat out the 2007-08 season after spending one year at Seton Hall.

Army, which returns eight letterwinners from a year ago, opens the 2008-09 season Nov. 14 at Wagner.

Ultimate Frisbee Standings

* As of Wednesday's games

	W - L		W - L
1. DMI	3 - 0	8. BTD	1 - 1
2. DPE/EECS	2 - 0	9. CME	1 - 1
3. DFL/GENE	2 - 0	10. HISTORY	1 - 1
4. ENGLISH	2 - 0	11. BS&L	0 - 1
5. PHYSICS	2 - 0	12. C&LS	0 - 4
6. SYSTEMS ENGS	3 - 1	13. MATH	0 - 4
7. SOCIAL SCIENCE	2 - 2		

* All games are played at the River Courts or Target Field.

Army hopes to end undesirable trend

Story by Emily Tower

An 11-year-long trend nobody wanted could be broken tonight.

If the Black Knights defeat the Temple Owls during their game scheduled at 7 p.m. at Michie Stadium, it will be the first football season-opening victory since 1996.

"Nobody wanted to lose 11 in a row," said Army head football coach Stan Brock. "I don't want to lose one in a row."

Army has a winning record against Temple, losing once in four matchups, and excitement over a new offensive strategy has the team ready to perform, he said.

Brock said there is no magic wand he can wave to make sure the losing streak is snapped, but players -- especially Carson Williams, who returns for his third year as starting quarterback -- have adjusted well to the new option-based offense.

This year's defense is speedy and strong, Brock said.

"I feel we have good depth on the defensive line," Brock said.

The biggest concern Brock has about the team is the lack of defensive experience.

"Our corners are going to have to grow up and grow up in a hurry," Brock said about starters Cow Mario Hill and Yearling Jordan Trimble.

Keeping emotions in check will be key for players, another consideration Brock said might challenge some players.

Working on the new offense since spring has led to high excitement among players who are eager to see how well it pays off, Brock and Firstie fullback Collin



Yearling cornerback Jordan Trimble

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Mooney said.

"I'm very excited," Mooney said. "It's a new experience for me with the fullback's role in this offense. We haven't played any games yet, so I don't know what it feels like. But we'll see (tonight)."

Regardless of tonight's outcome, however, Brock said he will continue to make changes throughout the season if they need to be made.

"You always want to play to a player's strength," he said.

SPORTS NOTES

*2008 Staff and Faculty Flag Football sign-ups end today. The league is open to all USMA departments and units. Flag football season begins Sept. 8. Those interested in forming a team may contact James McGuinness at 938-3066 or Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu.

Cahoy finishes fifth at 19th annual WP Triathlon

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood

The 19th annual West Point Triathlon held at Camp Buckner drew roughly 790 participants Sunday. Though rain clouds threatened to dampen the event, there was a touch of coolness in the air to lighten the humidity factor.

The Directorate of Cadet Activities sponsored the event that involved an 800-meter swim at Lake Popolopen, a 25K bike course that runs from Camp Buckner to New York State Route 293 to U.S. Route 9W and back to Camp Buckner and 5K run from Camp Buckner to Camp Natural Bridge and back.

Categories included different age groups for male and female athletes, Clydesdale for males weighing more than 190 pounds and Athena for females weighing more than 140 pounds.

Overall winners were

Andrew Kalley, 28, with an overall time of 1:05:27; John McGovern, 44, with an overall time of 1:07:23; and Michael Donnelly, 48, with an overall time of 1:09:12.

The overall female winners were Barbara Sessa, 44, with a time of 1:13:19; Lauren Tuchband, 26, who finished with an overall time of 1:14:12; and Lauren Warren, 42, with an overall time of 1:14:48. Sessa was the overall female winner in 2005 and 2006.

"People love this race," said Cow Dave Fobar, who is on the cadet marathon team and volunteered to help with this event. "We (often) see the same people here year after year."

U.S. Military Academy Band Command Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen said this was the first time he has been able to watch this event because as a scoutmaster he is often busy during this time of year.

"I am usually backpacking at this time, but I sponsor one of the cadets, Firstie Andy Cahoy, who is running again this year," Christensen said. "He runs in every race and was at one time the only plebe to make the triathlon. He's doing pretty good and was out in front."

Cahoy finished fifth overall with a total time of 1:09:09.

For veterans and beginners alike, the West Point Triathlon offers a lot with the grueling terrain to those who want to challenge themselves at a high pace.

"People enjoy this event," said Lt. Col. Ralph Vargas, German instructor in the Dept. of Foreign Languages and officer-in-charge of the cadet marathon team. "We get a lot of returning athletes and those just getting into the sport. The course is challenging and the level of competition is high."



Cow Andrew Stock (foreground) finished sixth overall with a time of 1:09:28 at the 19th annual West Point Triathlon Sunday at Camp Buckner.