

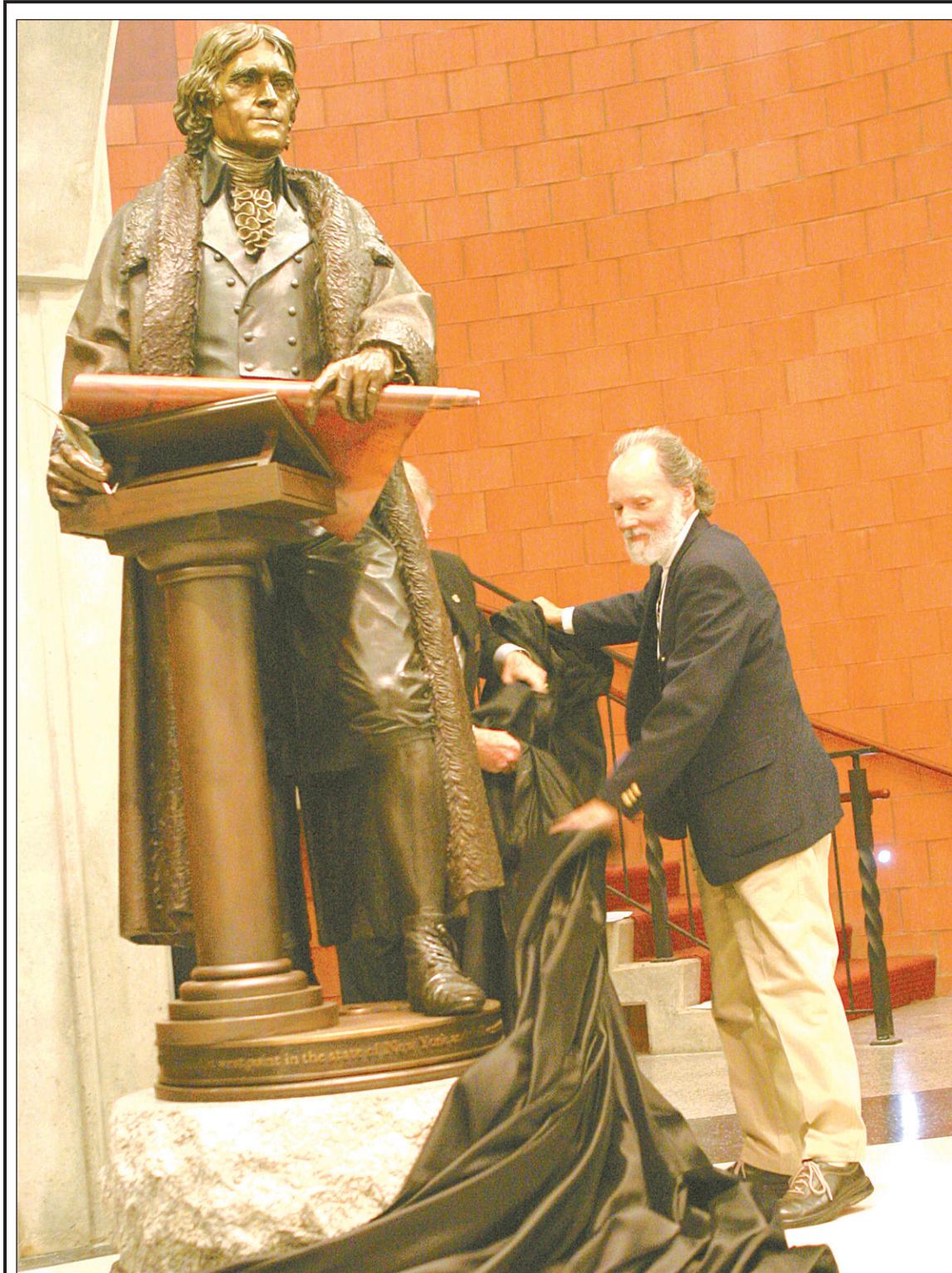
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Army women's volleyball versus No. 6-ranked USC at 5 p.m. Sept. 19 at Christl Arena

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Unveiling Jefferson

James Muir removes a drape once covering the statue of Thomas Jefferson he sculpted that now greets visitors who enter Jefferson Hall. The statue, which was a gift from the USMA Class of 1968, was unveiled Sept. 5 during a dedication of the hall's rotunda.

EMILY TOWER/PV

Professor becomes a fellow, first at USMA

Story and photo by
Emily Tower

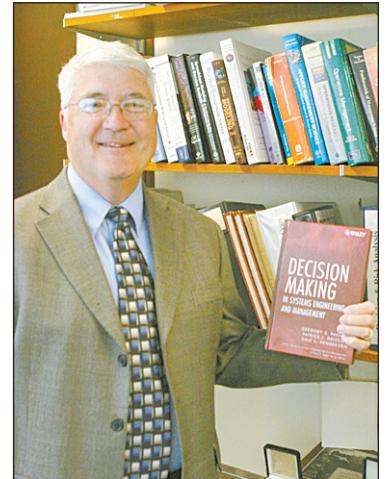
In the "science of better," a U.S. Military Academy professor has been named one of the best.

Dr. Greg Parnell, a professor of system engineering, was elected a fellow of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences and is scheduled to be inducted at the institute's national meeting Oct. 12-15 in Washington. He is the first USMA professor to receive the honor.

"This is a wonderful honor to be recognized by my colleagues," Parnell said.

The institute's membership, about 10,000 strong, selected Parnell as one of 12 fellows this year.

Operations research is using mathematics and other analytical tools to study risk, plan financial and other project success and determine how to make the best decisions, hence the institute's



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quick definition of "the science of better."

For example, airlines used operations research to determine how to maximize profits and began charging more money for tickets depending on how close to the flight time they are purchased. They also used operations research to figure out by what margin to oversell seats so they can have the highest chance of filling an airplane regardless of how many people miss the flight.

"Operations research is used in almost all areas of military planning and in business," Parnell said. "Pharmaceutical companies use it to determine which drugs to invest in. People do it in their financial investment portfolios when they are balancing risk."

Parnell has used operations research to save the Army billions of dollars through the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure process and to advise the National Security Agency, to name a few applications of his work. He cannot discuss much of his work with the NSA, but he used techniques

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Letter from the editor: "Pointer View" gets new publisher effective Sept. 29

By Linda Mastin

Although I've been the "Pointer View" editor for almost two years, I think this might be my second letter from the editor. I have some exciting news to share with the community -- the "Pointer View" is getting a new publisher, the "Times Herald-Record," effective Sept. 29 and a number of changes will occur.

The paper will be delivered on Thursday.

The deadline for submissions moves to Monday at noon, instead of Tuesday at 10 a.m.

The look will change as the actual paper size will be larger.

The Web site will also have a new look and be much more interactive.

Some basic information about the newspaper -- like most Army newspapers, it is called a civilian enterprise newspaper. In practical, non-technical terms, this simply means it is published at no cost to the government with the costs for printing and delivery covered by the sales of advertising by the publisher. West Point, specifically

the "Pointer View" staff in the Directorate of Communications, controls the editorial (story content) copy and has oversight over advertisers to ensure they meet specified Army criteria.

Why did we do this? My staff and I are always trying to give you the best paper we can, but we have not been able to put as many photos with our stories or use as many stories as we would like.

Our current publisher, the "Poughkeepsie Journal," is based across the river with much of their advertising base at a distance from West Point. Consequently, many of the ads were Dutchess and Putnam county centric and not as convenient as potential advertisers on this side of the river. This resulted in a newspaper smaller than our actual needs.

The contract allows an advertising ratio of 60 percent ads to 40 percent editorial copy, but a minimum of 16 pages, at the discretion of the editor. So if the publisher sells a lot of ads, but doesn't hit the 60 percent, we can still have a 16-page paper. If they sell more ads, our paper can get

larger.

While we have enjoyed our more than five-year relationship with "PJ," when we talked with "THR," it seemed to make sense that the "Record" become our publisher.

With the change to a larger format, we will be able to use more photos and make them larger. We should have room for more stories, so please send us your ideas and continue to let us know what's going on in your offices, activities and around post.

We also will have ads that are closer to the West Point community. And, by delivering on Thursdays, we give you, our readers, a better opportunity to check out 'What's Happening' to better plan your leisure time.

Those who receive the paper on post either at work or at home should only see a difference in the day of receipt. In the first

few issues, there will be contact information for new subscriptions and delivery issues. However, if there are any young people older than the age of 12 interested in delivering the "PV," contact Matt O'Sullivan at the "Record" at 845-346-3214 for more details.

The "Pointer View" staff and I look forward to providing the West Point community with an even more informative weekly publication and encourage your input and comments for stories and story ideas.

We think you will be happy with the change, but also ask for your patience if we have some "pain" during our transition, although it should be minimal.

Remember, if you have something going on, get in touch with us as soon as you have it locked in so we can get it into our editorial and assignment schedule and can discuss how we can best

support your activity or event to give it the pre- or post-event publicity you need. Please call me at 938-2015 or e-mail me at linda.mastin@usma.edu if you have potential story ideas you'd like to see in the paper.

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.

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), Capt. Vanara Nevels (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.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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To the West Point Community:

Headquarters, Department of the Army and the U.S. Army Garrison West Point are committed to ensuring that the housing requirements of all military personnel assigned here receive high-quality housing, either on-post housing through the Residential Communities Initiative Project or adequate Basic Allowance for Housing off-post housing.

HQDA, with the consulting firm Robert D. Niehaus, Inc., has developed a Housing Market Analysis and Military Personnel Survey for West Point to determine current and future housing needs.

We need all military personnel (married, bachelor, accompanied or unaccompanied) assigned to West Point to take four minutes to complete a short demographic and housing survey on the Internet. Data from this one-page survey will be used to determine the housing needs of West Point's military.

Go to the following Internet address, <https://survey.rdniehaus.com>, and type in "West Point" for the user name and "housing" for the password.

Note: there is no "www" in the Internet address. The user name is not case sensitive, but the password is.

For those who do not have Internet access, go to the RCI Housing Services Office computer room in Spellman Hall, Bldg. 2101, 4th floor. Although the Internet survey is the preferred method, surveys can also be completed on a hard copy, which are available at the RCI Office. They also are being distributed to the first sergeants in the Military Police Company, MEDDAC and the Warrior Transition Unit organizations.

Complete the survey, either electronic or hard copy, by close of business Sept. 26. Hard copy surveys should be returned to the RCI Housing Services Office, Room 4-7, Bldg. 2101.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important effort. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this survey, please contact Eileen Kaczkin at 938-2500.

Col. Dan Bruno
Commander
U.S. Army Garrison West Point



Black and Gold Awardees

The Black and Gold Awardees for the month of September were honored Sept. 4 at the Army Community Service building. The awardees are (from left to right) Wilfred Plumley, Teki Snel, Cathy Bridges, Mary Davidian, Jennifer Gilliam, Frank Goncalves, Brandi Stokes, Edward Winser and Kent Laudeman. The Volunteer of the Month for September was awarded to Laudeman.

JOHN PELLINO/DOIM MMB

West Point youth plays T-ball at White House

By Emily Tower

There were no points or score, but the single Francisco Morales-Correa hit Sunday could prove to be the most important of his baseball career.

This was such an important base hit, the West Point 6-year-old was cheered by President Bush.

Francisco got to display his talent as a T-ball player for the president, first lady Laura Bush, their daughters and son-in-law and a host of senior Defense Department officials during a special game at the White House.

"It was a good experience for all of us," said Francisco's dad, Lt. Col. Hector Morales-Negron. "It was great for Francisco. He

represented West Point very well."

President Bush began the "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" games in 2001 to promote children's fitness and interest in the national pastime. He decided to invite only children of active-duty military personnel for the final game of his presidency.

The game "gives us a chance to thank your moms and dads for their sacrifice and service to the United States of America," Bush told the children before the game.

About 25 children with parents from all branches of the military were selected from applications sent out via Little League newsletters.

Francisco didn't get to play Little League baseball this summer

because his family moved from Florida State University, where his dad was completing a doctorate degree, to West Point, where his father is an instructor in the Department of Physical Education.

But, he did get to play in the special, one-inning exhibition at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Because there were no score, outs or strikes, the game lasted until each child got a turn at bat.

After the game, players and their families were treated to a picnic and a small concert by country group Rascal Flatts, who also opened the game by singing the national anthem.

The players also got to meet Bush and received a baseball

autographed by him.

"It was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Morales-Negron said. "For Francisco, it's still a little over his head. He knows who the president is, but he doesn't quite understand the significance of it yet. He was there to play ball."

During the game, Francisco had some notable coaches. Retired New York Yankees center fielder Bernie Williams was the first base coach while retired Marine Gen. Peter Pace, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, coached at third.

On hand to watch the game was current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen; Defense Secretary Robert Gates; Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz; Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rod McKinley; U.S. Rep. Tom Davis, R-Virginia; Ambassador Karen Hughes and Steve Keener, president and CEO of Little League International.

Hughes and Keener presented the game ball, similar to a ceremonial first pitch in a regular baseball game, and Fox News was on hand to capture the game for television.

Francisco and his family also were treated to a tour of the White House, the family's first peek inside



Francisco Morales-Correa, 6, receives a commemorative baseball from President Bush and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen Sunday after "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" at the White House. Francisco's dad is a U.S. Military Academy instructor in the Department of Physical Education.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MORALES FAMILY the famous home.

"It was a unique experience for sure," Morales-Negron said.

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he teaches to determine the best location, which remains secret, to build an NSA data center.

These techniques and others are included in the textbook Parnell co-edited and uses in his classes. "Decision Making in System Engineering and Management" is one of Parnell's contributions to operations research education, a criterion for nomination as an institute fellow. He also has taught operations research and system engineering for 18 years.

"I enjoy teaching," Parnell said. "I find it challenging, interesting and fun. I like to mentor cadets and young faculty, and I enjoy keeping up with them as they progress in the military."

Parnell, a retired Air Force colonel, taught at the Air Force Institute of Technology. When he retired, the USMA engineering faculty encouraged him to apply for a position here. Parnell, who originally is from Rochester, has been at the academy for 10 years.

During his time here, he has written and published more than 100 articles about operations research, has chaired many institute committees and was president of an

institute society.

Parnell's election as a fellow bodes well for the academy, said Col. Tim Trainor, systems engineering department head.

"Having someone of Dr. Parnell's acknowledged stature in our relatively new department, which was established in 1989, adds

a great deal of additional credibility to the reputation of our already superb staff and faculty," Trainor stated in an e-mail. "This award also demonstrates that leaders in both academia and industry recognize the value of systems engineering as an undergraduate discipline."

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Community Features and Photos

New librarian desires to teach, share love of learning

**Story and photo by
Emily Tower**

Dr. Bryn Geffert figures he went into the library business for the natural but not-quite-right reason -- he likes books.

What he has since learned is being a librarian -- which he has done at the U.S. Military Academy for about a month -- is more about sharing books than reading them and teaching others how to find the best value in information.

"A lot of people in the business go by this mantra, and I have adopted it also, and it is that information wants to be free," said Geffert, director of the new Jefferson Hall library. "The job of librarians is to make it that way."

Freeing information means teaching others how to research and how to evaluate accuracy and reliability of information, he said.

Geffert -- who was a librarian and history instructor at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, his undergraduate alma mater, before coming to West Point -- wants to help USMA cadets as well as staff and faculty and their Family members learn everything they need by having trained staff at the library and perhaps by exploring the role libraries can have in academic publishing.

He did his own research about West Point before deciding to move his Family from the Midwest to New York and read Elizabeth Samet's acclaimed "Soldier's

Heart: Reading Literature Through Peace and War at West Point." Samet, a USMA English instructor, "really convinced me I'd enjoy it here," Geffert said, explaining that reading her 2007 "New York Times" notable book taught him what a thoughtful and dedicated student body the Corps of Cadets is.

Geffert also read "Absolutely American: Four Years at West Point" by David Lipsky, a book that shadows cadets through their time at USMA.

Though he felt reading helped him understand USMA as a school, Geffert was surprised to find out how welcoming the Army Family is. This assignment is his first dealing with the military.

"I can't remember a place where people are so willing to help you feel welcome," Geffert said. "Everyone has had a willingness to embrace total strangers."

Though he and his wife of 15 years call the Midwest home, Geffert's quest for knowledge has taken him around the world. As an 11-year-old, he lived and went to school in Australia while his father, a math teacher, participated in an educator exchange program. His passion for Russian history took him to Russia, Scotland and England.

Geffert is set to teach a history course next year. What specifically, he doesn't know, though the history of the Christian church in Russia is his favorite. Though he enjoys

teaching for the sake of teaching, he is looking forward to learning more about the curriculum at USMA to make sure the library's resources match the needs of cadets.

Though the Jefferson Hall library, a ceremonial grand opening of which is scheduled for Sept. 24, is geared toward cadets' academic needs, it contains several gems Geffert hopes the entire West Point community will enjoy.

One of his goals is to make what he calls "an incredible special collections" section of rare and historic books, archives and historic papers available online.

"Our mission is not to collect and sit on things but to get it out

there for everyone," he said.

The library contains a DVD collection with popular movies and documentaries, books on tape and well-known fiction authors such as Stephen King and JK Rowling.

All cadets, staff and faculty members may obtain a library card and check out books and DVDs. They may stop by the circulation desk on the library's second floor to fill out a form to turn their Common Access Card into a library card. Spouses of staff and faculty and their children who are at least 14 years old may also apply for a library card at the circulation desk. Everyone else is welcome to see the building's first floor, and

all children younger than 14 are required to have an adult escort.

More children's books and popular fiction are available at the post library, which is located near the Thayer Gate. All West Point Families are eligible to check out books from that library if they enjoy reading with their children as much as Geffert enjoys reading to his 6-year-old son.

The two also enjoy swimming together and playing with Legos.

"It's fun to have an excuse to sit down and do Legos again," he said, also explaining he enjoys being reminded of fantastic writing by children's authors, especially E.B. White of "Charlotte's Web" fame.



Dr. Bryn Geffert is the new director of the Jefferson Hall Library.

Engineering Expo offered learning experience

By Emily Tower

Lieutenant Col. Alan Weir dared cadets to punch a vat of goo.

"Give it a try," he coaxed. "You won't be able to penetrate it."

The container of white gel, which looked like a bucket of watered-down glue, was part of Weir's collection of liquids -- including green movie slime -- Sept. 5 at the West Point Engineering Expo.

Weir, a chemistry instructor, and dozens of others representing science, math and technology opportunities at the U.S. Military Academy and in the Army, treated cadets to a peek inside their world at the expo.

Robots, simulators, future combat systems and games filled Eisenhower Hall for the expo. And some of the cadets who visited to learn about engineering -- and to grab some free pizza -- were brave enough to accept Weir's

goo-punch challenge.

As they wound up and punched the liquid as hard as they could, they discovered Weir told no fib. Their fists bounced right off the surface. Many laughed as Weir explained the liquid -- called an ooblek in chemistry speak -- contained a special ingredient that kept the particles close together when hit with force.

"See, chemistry is fun," Weir proclaimed.

He also explained to cadets that, although entertaining, such properties have real-life applications, especially when it comes to the Army. He demonstrated how treating body armor with the liquid would help make it stronger because forceful debris such as shrapnel and bullets would act much like a cadet's fist in the vat of liquid and not penetrate material treated with the liquid.

Cadets also were given the opportunity to try on sites for future combat systems and check out unloaded weapons. They also accepted construction challenges

and learned to drive robots.

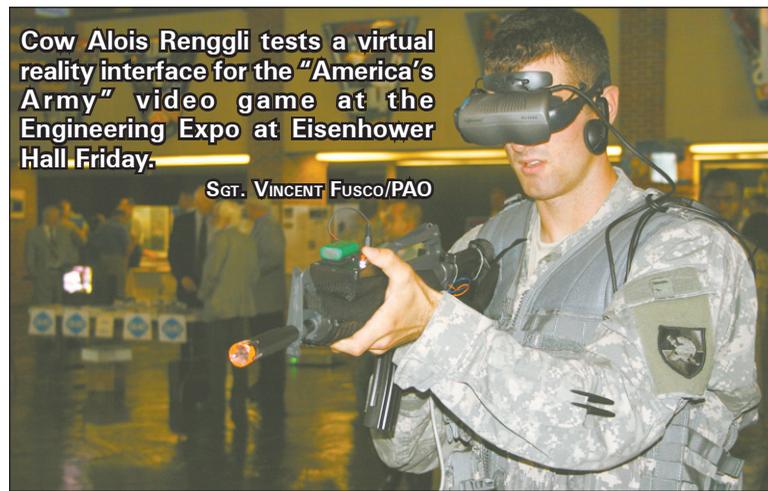
Plebe Pete Mitchell has not yet chosen a major, and while he is leaning toward political science, he did learn quite a bit at the expo. He admitted he came to the event for the free pizza. And he said he's not a "mathy person," but he "thought the future weapons were pretty cool." He also participated in a construction challenge using K'nex bridge kits.

Some of the advanced systems being used in Iraq and Afghanistan were on display at the expo, including a pair of robots used to search for and disable roadside bombs.

Major Brian Hallberg called the robots impressive as two of his young children learned to drive them. Hallberg and his wife are engineering instructors who, with three children in tow, wanted to support their department and "talk to cadets about possibly joining the engineer branch," Hallberg said while Isaac, 4, and Kaleigh, 3, manipulated buttons and switches

Cow Alois Renggli tests a virtual reality interface for the "America's Army" video game at the Engineering Expo at Eisenhower Hall Friday.

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/PAO



to make the robots whizz by.

What Isaac did not realize was the robot he drove contained improvements made by a West Point cadet. Researchers from Tardec, the robot's developer, collected a wish list from troops to determine how the robot could be improved.

Proving the point of the expo -- that cadets can make real-world contributions with engineering --

Lonnie Freiburger, a Tardec team leader, said the robot contained an improved lighting system, which was assessed by a West Point cadet.

Basically, the cadet took the request for better lighting from deployed Soldiers and figured out how to implement the suggestion, Freiburger said.

"This is really impressive," Hallberg said.

Fitness Center “boots” participants into shape

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood

The Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center began their second annual boot camp Monday at the FMWR Fitness Center here.

“We started boot camp last September with once-a-week classes starting after the summer season,” said instructor Rita Tenuta. “Boot camp is designed as a group fitness class with interval training in various exercises such as sprints, box jumps, pushups and squats.”

Tenuta said the boot camp exercises help push the heart rate to the maximum, burn calories and work the lean muscles.

One veteran of last year’s boot camp, Petra Alberici, said the fitness class has helped her keep her figure in line.

“It’s a combination exercise instead of a static exercise, which makes it more interesting,” she said. “It helped me increase my cardio strength, lose weight and build up muscle.”

Exercises intended to increase the heart rate are called aerobic exercises, exercises that not only gets the heart rate up, but

burn calories and increase the metabolism.

The rule of thumb in aerobic exercises, like those done in fitness classes, is to get the heart rate up to the maximum heart rate. The maximum heart rate is calculated by subtracting the person’s age from 220, according to www.shapefit.com.

Most fitness experts state that to lose weight, one should do at least 45 minutes to an hour of aerobic exercise four days a week.

Less frequent exercises may help maintain the weight but not lose it.

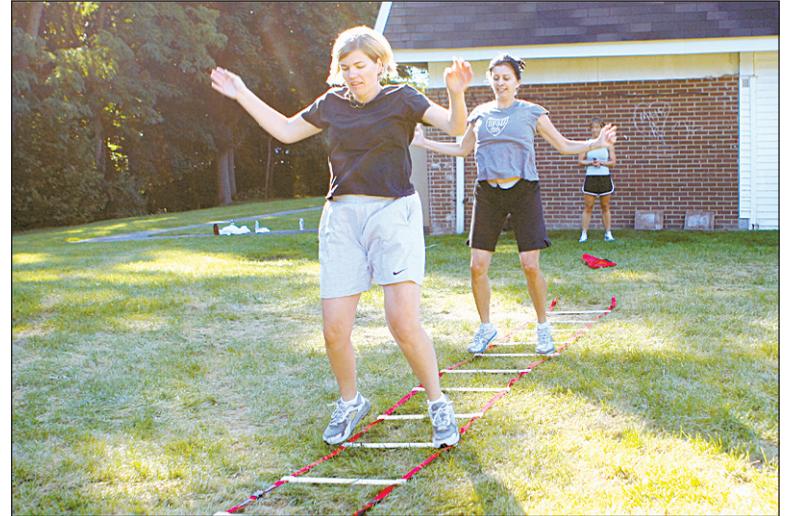
Cardio workouts also have

lasting effects. It will strengthen the heart, reduce stress levels and can lower cholesterol and blood pressure.

Of course, before attempting any exercise program it is always a good idea to check with a physician.

For information on the boot camp, call the MWR Fitness Center at 938-6490.

Emma Svoboda (front) and Petra Alberici practice jumping jacks with a ladder during the first class of “Boot Camp” at the FMWR Fitness Center on Monday. The class is in its second year at the center.



Linnington leads from the front

Story and photo by
Sgt. Vincent Fusco
PAO

Brigadier Gen. Michael Linnington, the 71st Commandant of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, is an optimist and a motivator. His hands-on style of leadership was apparent at the Summer Leadership Seminar, when he demonstrated the rope climb to high school students.

He also enjoyed observing the new cadets' performance at Camp Buckner as well as that of the upper-class cadets at Cadet Leader Development Training, a new addition to the field training calendar.

"I like to get out into the field and see what the cadets and Soldiers are doing," Linnington said. "I hate sitting in the office."

The Cape May, N.J., native's career began when he earned a nomination to West Point while attending the Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College in Wayne, Pa.

He graduated in the Class of 1980 and was commissioned as an infantry lieutenant.

He went on to serve in a variety of notable positions, to include company commander in the Berlin Brigade and commander of 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry at Camp Casey, Korea.

Linnington commanded the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, through tours in Afghanistan and Iraq from June 2002 to June 2004.

Before his appointment as commandant, Linnington was the deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Ga., where he was responsible for all Soldier training to include basic and advanced individual training of Soldiers, Officer Candidate School, Precommand Courses, as well as Airborne, Ranger and Pathfinder schools.

"If it trained at Fort Benning, it was my responsibility," Linnington said. "It was an exciting time to be at Fort Benning. I had the opportunity to train with young leaders in a variety of tasks, including airborne training -- it was exciting to say the least."

He has returned to his alma mater two other times since his graduation -- once to teach as a

professor of mathematics from 1990-93, and again to see his son, Michael Jr., graduate in the Class of 2005.

Linnington is married to the former Brenda Zachary, Class of 1981. They were married on May 28, the day after her graduation.

Their son is a Kiowa Warrior platoon leader at Fort Bragg, N.C., and their daughter, Tracy, just graduated from James Madison University and works in Vienna, Va.

The commandant describes himself as an average cadet: he graduated in the middle of his class, and tried out unsuccessfully for the baseball, basketball and football teams before deciding to get involved with intramural sports.

"Coach told me I was a 40-40 guy. He said I'd play when we were 40 points up or 40 points behind, which told me I wasn't getting the opportunity to play very much," he said with candor. "So I played intramurals instead. I loved playing intramurals. Army athletics was a big part of my life."

One of Linnington's goals as commandant is to continue the mission of his predecessor, Maj. Gen. Robert Caslen, to prepare the cadets for duties and responsibilities as platoon leaders, as many will be deployed soon after graduation.

Linnington finds that a good

way to improve training is to listen and learn from the feedback given by junior leaders carrying out the tasks.

"You really learn a lot talking to your junior leaders and cadets and find out what's on their mind," Linnington said. "Our best suggestions on how to improve training come from the folks who are going through training, so it's always important to get their feedback."

The commandant is looking forward to an exciting football season despite recent losses to Temple and New Hampshire.

He knows the Army team puts their heart and soul into the season and hopes the graduating firsties can score a well-deserved win against Navy on Dec. 6.

When he sees the cadets, he knows the strength of their character is apparent in their decision to volunteer during a time of war to become Army officers.

"(These cadets) have lots of different options; they can do anything they want, they are the most talented group of young Americans I have ever met," Linnington said. "But they have chosen to come to West Point. So I give them a tremendous amount of credit for making that decision."

The commandant hopes to modernize and enhance training while keeping a firm foundation



Brigadier Gen. Michael Linnington, USMA Class of 1980, became the 71st Commandant of the U.S. Corps of Cadets on May 6.

on fundamentals of discipline, accountability and uniformity, "those things that make every Soldier great." He is also looking forward to teaching a class in military science (MX400) later this year.

"I might even go over and pinch

hit a couple of math classes, which will be a lot of fun," he said.

His advice to cadets is the same he would give his own son: Don't worry about making rank, worry about being a good platoon leader. And complete the mission, but do it with empathy and compassion.

Mahoney trains tomorrow's leaders

Story and photo by
Sgt. Vincent Fusco
PAO

Just a few months ago, Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney was the command sergeant major of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, the parent unit of Task Force Polar Bear.

They came to the U.S. Military Academy fresh from a deployment to Iraq to train and prepare future leaders for combat in Cadet Basic Training and Cadet Field Training.

Today, the Clarksville, Tenn., native and 24-year Army veteran is the senior enlisted advisor to the U.S. Corps of Cadets and now assumes part of the direct responsibility of training those same individuals.

Mahoney graduated from Austin Peay University with a degree in biology.

At the age of 28, he enlisted into the Army as an infantryman and attended basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga.

He also served as a drill sergeant at Fort Benning and is a charter member of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, which he helped stand up in 1989 at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

He is married to the former Alisa Scofield and is father to three sons. Two are serving in the Army, and one has served in the Air Force and is now attending college.

Mahoney describes his leadership style as situational and

believes the best way to motivate Soldiers is to consider their levels of self-motivation and competence.

"You have to weigh those two factors to determine the approach you use to get their will and compliance," Mahoney said. "You don't want to crush their motivation while trying to develop their confidence. Ideally, the perfect Soldier is very competent and very motivated."

Mahoney was here to observe the cadets during Reception Day and summer training and is generally pleased with the results so far.

"The feedback I've received and in my personal observations is that they're very, very motivated," he remarked. "There's a lot of good material, a lot of fantastic building blocks here to develop, mold and mentor into commissioned officers."

According to Army doctrine, the noncommissioned officer is responsible for individual and small-unit training. In Mahoney's view, everyone at West Point is charged with developing leaders of character.

"If you're wearing stripes, or leaves or eagles, your fundamental role here is the same," he said. "The desired endstate is the same for all of us, regardless of what you're wearing on your shoulder."

In addition, Mahoney sees no difference between field and classroom training. Both are equally important in teaching cadets problem-solving abilities that will help them in situations not covered in the classroom.

"On the streets of Baghdad, the

situation's very fluid and doesn't fit the models we set up in our battle simulation centers all the time," Mahoney said. "You're fighting people who think, people who have the ability to react in unpredictable ways."

The command sergeant major is looking forward to getting involved with training and producing officers of character who can react to combat and understand the conditions of deployment.

"We can always get more of any other class of supply. We can get more trucks; we can get more bullets, chow or helicopters, but we can't get any more time," Mahoney said. "If we waste our time here training on stuff that's not really relative anymore to the mission at hand, then we're doing a serious injustice to the future."

He is also excited about the Army football team, despite their recent losses.

Mahoney believes the team can overcome with positive encouragement and assessment of their friction points, rather than belittlement against the players.

His inspiration for what sums up Army spirit comes from Former President Theodore Roosevelt's "Man in the Arena" speech.

"The critic's not the guy that counts. It's the guy in the arena that's slugging it out, gets knocked down and taking the blows," Mahoney said. "He's out there fighting and he's out there trying, not the critics and the armchair coaches that are sitting on the sidelines talking about what he could've done or should've done."

He hopes the cadets will leave



Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Mahoney didn't enlist into the Army until he was 28 years old. But hard work has taken him to senior enlisted advisor to the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

West Point and take charge of their Soldiers with two principles in mind, the first of which being that they will to display their character and the Army values through their actions and not their words.

"What they do is far more important than what they say," Mahoney said. "Soldiers will be watching them."

His second principle is that the

cadets understand the role their noncommissioned officers play as a force multiplier in the Army organization.

"They're not on their own," Mahoney said. "They have a formal support system recognized by the Army called the Noncommissioned Officer Support Channel, which will help them to be successful. That's what we're here to do."

Pianist brings message of unity to West Point

By Emily Tower

Even while her home was being destroyed around her by war, Marina Arsenijevic continued to play.

As bombs rattled in the distance, Arsenijevic made a bold statement. Kosovo was being split by fighting between Christians and Muslims, so Arsenijevic brought the two together in music.

"I wanted to make a musical statement that reminded Yugoslavia of their common bonds and what previously united them," Arsenijevic said Tuesday in a telephone interview from Michigan where she lives.

Arsenijevic, who was born in Yugoslavia and is scheduled to perform at West Point later this month, created a new arrangement by mixing Christian and Muslim songs into one.

While many appreciated her message, others would no longer allow her to perform, and she sought asylum in the United States, where the culture embraces her musical message -- unity through diversity.

Arsenijevic will present her message along with the West Point Band and Glee Club at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at Eisenhower Hall.

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

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, Sgt. Maj. Chris Jones of the band said.

Arsenijevic's groundbreaking song that combined Christian and Muslim songs -- "Under the Sun" -- also is scheduled to be performed. She wrote the song because she wanted to remind Yugoslavians of what they have in common.

"It is sad to see that neighbors start to hate each other overnight because they all of a sudden realize you are a different religion," Arsenijevic said. "I lived in a country that at the time was happily together, and we just probably forgot our common humanity. I can relate more to the importance of strength and respecting each other and celebrating that unity (than to fighting). Music is my life. This is the best way for me to express myself."

Arsenijevic asked to perform at West Point because it is the embodiment of her musical theme. She is impressed that so many races, religions and nationalities comprise the West Point community and is delighted such diversity is celebrated.

Arsenijevic was approached by PBS to perform a concert that would be taped for broadcast and a DVD. PBS had a couple of suggestions for concert locations, but she suggested West Point because of its diversity.

"West Point was the best place to demonstrate unity through diversity," she said. "My vision was at that time (of Balkan civil war) and today, there is no better way of showing to the world our common humanity than through music, the universal language."

"(This will be shown with the) composition list that consists of famous Americana but at the same time my own compositions that reflect the blend of those diverse ... ethnic rhythms I've heard while traveling all over the world," she added. "Music always reveals our common humanity."

Arsenijevic, the band and the Glee Club performed the concert's songs together earlier this year to record a CD, Jones said. Arsenijevic was particularly impressed with the band's talent and said they are some of the finest musicians in the world.

The CD 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, Lt. Col. Timothy Holtan, West Point band commander, said.

The DVD is being produced



Marina Arsenijevic will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at Eisenhower Hall with the West Point Band and Glee Club. The program will be made into a commemorative DVD and will be broadcast on PBS next year.

PHOTO PROVIDED

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.

Arsenijevic thinks the broadcast

and DVD will be a treat for viewers.

"I'm not sure America's TV audience is fully aware of the phenomenal musicians at West Point," she said. "I think the TV special will open some eyes and ears."

One aspect that particularly impressed Arsenijevic was the translating of parts of her compositions designed for strings into notes for woodwinds.

She said she often was convinced strings were being played when there were none.

She said she didn't realize how well strings could be translated into woodwinds until Master Sgt. Douglas Richard arranged the music.

Those who wish to attend the concert may obtain tickets from www.marinaatwestpoint.com.

Tickets for the concert are free but are required.

Community Leisure

Keller Corner

Periodic Health Assessment

The Periodic Health Assessment implementation transition period has been extended to Nov. 1.

After completing your online assessment, please call central appointments at 938-7992 to schedule your appointment. Please do not call physical exams.

Childbirth Education

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

The four-week childbirth 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.

Temporary Relocation of Preventive Medicine & Wellness Services

With the ongoing renovation of Bldg. 606, Preventive Medicine and Wellness will be temporarily relocated.

PM&W includes Occupational Health, Public Health Nursing, Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Science.

The temporary location will be trailers located in the parking lot at

the end of DeRussy Road.

The department will be closed Wednesday through Sept. 19 during the move. It will reopen Sept. 22.

For more information, please call 938-3055 for Occupational Health or 938-2676 for any of the other services.

Appointment and Referral Center Hours

The Appointment and Referral Center is open Monday through Friday. Appointments are from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and to make an appointment call 938-7992 or 800-522-2907. Referrals are from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and to get a referral call 938-5373.

The Hatch Act, know the consequences

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood

During this historic presidential race, many people are actively supporting and advocating their favorite candidate.

However, those working for the federal government, both civilian and military, must use caution when engaging in political activities and adhere to the rules stated in the Hatch Act.

The Hatch Act is a federal law that limits political activity by civilian federal employees who are working at that government job, wearing a government uniform, in the workplace or in a government vehicle, according to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel at www.osc.gov.

The Hatch Act was passed by Congress in 1939 and was intended to restrict the political activities of employees of the federal government, District of Columbia governments and some state and local employees who work in connection with federally funded programs.

The Hatch Act was amended in 1993 when then-President Clinton signed the Federal Employees Political Activism Act which relaxed many of the restrictions of the Hatch Act.

Federal employees are not allowed to engage in political activities while on duty including sending and receiving e-mails.

In 2004, a civilian Air Force mechanic forwarded an e-mail he received lampooning President Bush and sent it to 70 friends and acquaintances, according to www.federaltimes.com.

The Office of Special Council saw that act as a violation of the Hatch Act because he was engaging in political activities while working in a federal office and using government equipment.

The penalty for violating the Hatch Act is removal from one's job, unless the Merit Systems Protection Board finds by unanimous vote that the violation doesn't warrant removal.

In this event, the penalty will be not less than a 30-day suspension without pay.

The Hatch Act provides

guidelines for federal employees in political fundraising, campaign contributions and running as a candidate for public office in partisan elections while off duty or off premises.

In certain other federal positions, such as working for the CIA, FBI, Merit Systems Protection Board, National Security Agency and the Secret Service, federal employees are under stricter regulations of the Hatch Act.

Most federal civilian employees are allowed to be candidates for public office while off duty in nonpartisan elections, contribute money to political organizations, attend political fundraising functions, sign nominating petitions, make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan election and hold office in political clubs or parties as long as their activities are not done at work, in uniform or in a government vehicle.

Federal employees are not allowed to engage in any form of political activity while on duty including wearing political buttons.

However political stickers on personal vehicles are allowed while parked in a federal parking lot.

"While the Hatch Act applies to federal civilian employees, military personnel are under similar restrictions," said Maj. Sara Holland, attorney at the Staff Judge Advocate Office. "The Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, which was updated in February lists the political prohibited and allowed activities for members of the armed forces."

Military members for example are allowed to write letters to the editor with their opinion of a political candidate, but are not allowed to conduct a political opinion survey under the auspices of a partisan political club or group or distribute partisan political literature, according to directive 1344.10.

If you have any question that you might be in violation of the Hatch Act, contact the SJA Office and check.

Better to be safe than sorry, and violating the act can affect your livelihood.

What's Happening

West Point Military Retiree Council

The West Point Military Retiree Council will hold a meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday at Bldg. 622 to provide important VA information to the entire military retiree community.

The council also is seeking volunteers.

All military retirees, their spouses and military retiree widows in the area are invited to attend.

Contact Will Plumley, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, at 938-4268 for more information or with questions.

DUSA Meet and Greet

The Daughters of the United States Army is having a membership sign up event from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Lucas Military Heritage Center at the West Point Museum.

The Museum DUSA Gift Shop will give a 30 percent discount for those who join DUSA and make a purchase (Sunday only).

West Point Hunting Club

The monthly meeting of the West Point Hunting Club is from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday at the Buffalo Soldiers Pavilion located across from the Crafts/Auto Shop.

Contact Raymond Parrot at 938-3773 or Master Sgt. Edwin Gargas at 938-2883 for more information.

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. Sunday on the third floor of Thayer Hall.

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

Religious Education program

Come to the Religious Education Office in the Cloister Room of the Chapel to register your children for religious education.

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

The Pre-K classes meet from 9-10 a.m. Sunday mornings 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.

- Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Robinson Auditorium, Monday from 6-7 p.m.

- Suicide Prevention - Robinson Auditorium, Wednesday from 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Military Counsel of Catholic Women

The ladies of Most Holy Trinity invite you to their first program of the year titled Fertility Care-Safe and Effective Natural Family Planning with Laura Weidner, FCP, from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at the Post Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Worker's Compensation Training

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

- Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Thayer 144

- Wednesday, 2-4 p.m. in Thayer 144.

Garrison Award Ceremony

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

Book signings

Ronen Bergman, one of Israel's leading investigative journalists, will be signing his most recent book "The Secret War with Iran - The 30-Year Clandestine Struggle Against the World's Most Dangerous Terrorist Power" from 3-3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Russell Roberts, author of "The Price of Everything" will be at the USMA Bookstore from 10-10:45

a.m. Tuesday.

Brian Kilmeade, author of "It's How You Play the Game" and "The Games Do Count," will be signing his books from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sept. 19.

The co-host of the Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends" and the network's sports reporter, his books contain inspiring essays from famous Americans on the power of sports in their lives.

All signings are at the USMA Bookstore, Thayer Hall, 4th Floor.

La Leche League Meeting

The Highland Falls La Leche League will meet at 10 a.m. Sept. 24, at 534 B Winans Rd.

The topic of discussion will be "The advantages of breastfeeding from A to Z."

All women interested in breastfeeding and their babies are welcome.

Call Katrina at 446-1398 for more information.

Arvin Locker Renewal

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

A blue locker renewal slip will be placed inside assigned lockers. 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 assigned lockers.

DUSA Education Grants

Daughters of the United States Army (DUSA) 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 Karen Schlicht at 446-1006 for more information.

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.

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

Basic Motorcycle Rider Course

The West Point Safety Office is offering the basic motorcycle rider course. You must attend both days of the two-day course and complete the course to register your motorcycle at West Point.

The BMRC dates are:

- Oct. 6-7
- Oct. 16-17
- Oct. 18-19 (Cadet class, others if space available)
- Oct. 20-21
- Nov. 8-9 (Cadet class, others if space available.)

For more information and to sign-up, call the Safety Office at 938-3717.

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 open every Sunday through Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

West Point Class of 1929 Gallery

The West Point Class of 1929 Gallery is currently presenting an exhibition by Newburgh watercolor realist artist Mary E. Whitehill through Nov. 9.

Located on Eisenhower Hall's 5th floor, the Gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and before all Eisenhower Hall Theatre performances.

For more information, call 938-6772.

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.

POW/MIA Remembrance

The Orange County Veterans Coalition and the Orange County Veterans Service Agency will host its annual POW/MIA Day of Remembrance at noon Sept. 20

at the Land of Goshen Park, 118 Craigsville Road in Goshen.

Come to the event to honor those who sacrificed so much for our country.

For more information and directions to the park, call 291-2470.

Delivery problems?

FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS CONTACT CHARLENE MARTIN AT THE POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL AT (845) 437-4730 OR BY E-MAIL AT CMMARTIN@POUGHKEE.GANNETT.COM.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

The West Point Band presents

Music at West Point

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

Concert Band & Cadet Glee Club with Marina Arsenijevic: "Unity through Diversity," September 25, 7:30 p.m., Eisenhower Hall, Complimentary tickets available at www.MarinaatWestPoint.com

Trombone Recital: MSG Martin Tyce, September 28, 3:00 p.m., Jewish Chapel

Free and Open to the Public 845-938-2617

www.westpoint.edu/band

FMWR Blurbs

Fine Wine Dinner

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

Experience exceptional cuisine paired with a variety of fine wines.

Open to the general public.

To make reservations, call 938-5120.

Defensive Driving Class

There is a Defensive Driving Class from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, 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 Monday through Sept. 19.

The clinic is open to children ages 7 and up 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.

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 Monday.

Contact Sheryle Miller at 938-6497 for more information.

Employment Readiness Fair

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

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

West Point CYS Day

West Point Child and Youth Services Day for Kids is from noon-4 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

The event features bouncing machines, games, crafts, spin art, cotton candy, ice cream social and giveaways.

For more information, call 938-8899/8525.

Combined Arms Tailgate

A Combined Arms Tailgate will take place at Howze Field Sept. 20 following Army's home football game versus Akron.

It is open to the entire West Point community.

For more information, call 938-4307.

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.

Quarterback Luncheon Tickets

Tickets for West Point Club Quarterback Luncheons are currently on sale.

The food line opens at 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, and the luncheon begins at noon.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Boot Camp at Fitness Center

Boot Camp is available at the FMWR Fitness Center at 9 a.m. every Monday.

This one-hour class is ideal for anyone who wants a more challenging workout.

Beginner's Running Group

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

Teen Employment Readiness Program

The ACS Teen Employment Readiness Program is hosting an Interviewing Skills and Dress for Success Workshop at the Youth Center from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Sept. 23.

Call 938-3727 for more information.

Delafield Pond

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

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

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.

Cross Training Challenge

A new cross training challenge will be offered at the FMWR Fitness Center.

"The Brick," is a 30-minute indoor spin/30-minute outdoor run class that will be held at 5:40-6:40 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Classes will be held rain or shine. All ability levels are welcome.

Reflective belt and running watch are recommended.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Child care Co-op

The child care co-op at the FMWR Fitness Center is open from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Monday-Friday in accordance with the West Point Elementary School calendar to parents with FMWR Fitness Center and CDC/YS privileges.

Parents must complete a brief VCCUS Training administered by the CDC, and children must be registered with CDC/YS.

For more information, call 446-5140.

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.

For more information about volunteering, 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 more 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

Sept. 12 - Sept. 19

Friday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
9 a.m. Marina show
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
1:30 p.m. Marina show
7 p.m. Army Newswatch
7:30 p.m. Marina show

Monday
8 a.m. Marina show
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
Noon Marina show
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m. Marina show
7 p.m. Army Newswatch

Tuesday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
10 a.m. Marina show
12:30 p.m. Marina show
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
4 p.m. Marina show
6 p.m. Marina show
7 p.m. Army Newswatch

Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
9:30 a.m. Marina show
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
2 p.m. Marina show
7 p.m. Army Newswatch
7:30 p.m. Marina show

Thursday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
9 a.m. Marina show
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
1:30 p.m. Marina show
7 p.m. Army Newswatch
7:30 p.m. Marina show

Sept. 19
8 a.m. Marina show
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
Noon Marina show
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Marina show
6:30 p.m. Army Newswatch

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Today -- Closed
Saturday -- Wall-E, G, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday -- The Dark Knight, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19 -- The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 -- The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 -- The X-Files: I Want to Believe, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
Sept. 26 -- Mamma Mia, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

Army and Community Sports

Talented, experienced group faces stiffest challenge

By Eric S. Bartelt

Last season was a banner year for Army women's volleyball as they obtained the best winning percentage (.828) in program history with their 24-5 record.

The team has built quite a resume the past three years by achieving three consecutive 20-win seasons, which is the first time since a 14-year streak from 1981-94 that Army has reached that type of accomplishment.

This year, the Black Knight women have started out strong again with a 5-1 mark, and a lot of that success can be attributed to their vast experience.

Four firsties lead the way on a team that has returned eight of their Top 9 players from a year ago. Firsties middle hitter Rachael Breinling, right side hitter/middle blocker Briana Stremick, outside hitter Elizabeth Lazzari and middle blocker Jamie Clark all have been regular contributors on the squad since day one of their plebe year.

It's because of these four young women that head coach Alma Kovaci feels comfortable the team will exceed last year's output.

"They're warriors in my book, they do not like to lose and that's the biggest reason why I feel this team will do really well," Kovaci said. "I think we have a little more focus than last year because they did suffer the consequences from losing to Colgate."

Five days before its first round exit in the Patriot League tournament, Army had beaten Colgate in a three-game sweep. They would go on to lose the first round match in the fifth game by the score of 19-17 to that same Raiders squad.

Now, the leaders of the team want to get back to the PL tournament finals where they lost to American in five games in 2005 as plebes.

"We all have that heartache from last year," Clark said. "It's not just three or four starters who remember what happened the last two years. It's almost the whole group, and we remember what it feels like. We all have a strong

desire to be a bit better this year."

Clark, who has been a First Team All-Patriot League selection the past two years, is one of five players currently on the team who received first- or second-team accolades from the Patriot League. With that kind of talent, the team, especially Clark, believes they have a chance to knock off American from the penthouse view they have enjoyed at the top of the Patriot League.

"We definitely look at ourselves as being the best team in the conference, and our goal has always been to win the Patriot League championship," Clark said of the team's quest to knock American from their seven-year reign as league tournament champions. "The last two years, we didn't go quite as far as we would have liked, and the way we go about it is just to work that much harder.

"Every ball we hit in practice is in preparation for getting there and winning those matches we know are important," Clark added. "And that's the thing about having better competition this season is when we get to those big matches, we'll be better prepared."

This year will be the fiercest competition Army has ever faced in a season as it has faced schools like Temple and Bowling Green thus far and will face teams like Syracuse, Northeastern and the stiffest of them all, number No. 6-ranked Southern California.

The USC match will take place at 5 p.m. Sept. 19 at Christl Arena during the West Point Challenge that also will include Hartford and Dartmouth. The team is really looking forward to its match with the Trojans as it will test the team's overall ability.

"We'll all have a little bit of nerves, but we're really excited about facing a great team, and it will be a great game," Clark said. "I'm excited to see where our program is. We have our own goals, and it's time we tested those goals."

USC came to Army with an interest to play in West Point's tournament, which not only caught Kovaci by surprise but also made



Cow outside hitter Rachel Dunn (left) and Firsties outside hitter Elizabeth Lazzari (behind Dunn) and middle blocker Jamie Clark prepare for their most talented opponent yet, number No. 6-ranked USC, at Christl Arena Sept. 19.

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her contemplate if it was something she really wanted to do. But, because of the team's experience she felt it was perfect timing for this group to meet a higher challenge by facing an NCAA Final Four team from a year ago.

"This team knows success and has much experience, but if I was asked (to play this match) two years ago I probably would have said no because we would have been too young," Kovaci said. "Right now, with four seniors and a junior setter (Maureen Bannon) on the court, it's a team that is ready to get tested, and that's why we've taken that big step with our scheduling."

The USC game also can be a great recruiting tool for the academy as there isn't as much exposure of the eastern school beyond the Mississippi.

"There are people out there when I go on the road recruiting who have no idea what West Point is all about, and they don't know it's an academy or a college," Kovaci explained. "It's great for our girls to be able to be out there (on television) and play volleyball and show what they have. You can't put a price on that."

Clark is excited to get that

exposure because high school students get to learn a little bit of what being a cadet is all about and that the academy does have good athletes.

"It's always great when we get to play on television because the commentators are always great about pointing out that West Point

isn't a regular school and that we have a lot more challenges," Clark said. "We're getting ready to face tougher challenges in life than just one volleyball game, but, at that same time, we're getting the opportunity to play these tough Division I schools while being competitive."

****Cadets and community members are encouraged to support the Army women's volleyball team as they face national powerhouse USC at 5 p.m. Sept. 19 at Christl Arena. The game will be televised on ESPNU, and immediately following the event will be a "Battle of the Bands."**

Dace: The working man's running back

By Ryan Yanoshak
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Tony Dace could care less if he runs for two yards or 202 yards during any of this season's games. All the firstie running back wants to do is help his team win football games and give back to a place that has meant so much to him.

A 100-yard game against Navy. Check, accomplished last year.

Rush of more than 30 yards. Check, done against Temple last year.

Catch the ball out of the backfield. Yes, he has that covered.

Statistics don't matter. Media coverage is nice but not required.

Now, what Dace and all of his teammates are looking for in 2008 is to win football games.

"I want to win," Dace said. "I want to win games for my teammates. It's about us. We haven't had much success, and now our backs are against the wall.

"Whatever the coaches ask us to do, we're going to do it," he added. "This is my senior year, and I want to finish on a high note and restore some pride to a school that has done so much for me."

The new offensive system installed in the offseason has renewed enthusiasm about the Army football team, Dace said.

"For my first three years, we didn't really have a lot of success on offense," Dace explained. "I feel like what we're running now is definitely a better fit for the personnel we have. We were down a bit in the offseason coming off a bad loss to Navy.

"Coach (Stan) Brock came to us and said they were going to do some research and look at some different offensive choices," he continued. "When Coach Brock told us it would be an option-based attack, my eyes got big. I trust the coaching staff and was excited to learn. I (felt) like a freshman since I didn't know the lingo, but it's a real good fit and easy to pick up."

Instead of the pro-style offense run by the Black Knights in the past eight seasons, Brock and his staff have installed the option-based attack. Fans used to seeing No. 28 running between the tackle and the guard might have to pay closer attention to the roles of the running backs in this offense.

Dace, a 5'6", 187-pounder who was given the nickname "Tow Truck" by his teammates, will play an important role this season, along with the other running backs.

Carrying the ball, running deep routes, isolation blocks on linebackers, making read blocks on an option play, sealing the cornerback or being a choice on an option play are all in the cards in 2008, and that's just how Dace wants it.

"From a running backs' standpoint, the offense has changed drastically," Dace said. "There is a lot of stuff going on, and we're a part of everything. We feel like if we play well as a unit, we will be a big part of the offense and have success. We like that kind of pressure."

Dace has played well in big games. Last year in Baltimore, he rushed a career-high 28 times for a career-best 104 yards against Navy. He became the first Army player in three years to run for more than 100 yards against the Midshipmen, but it didn't matter.

"I honestly didn't know I had rushed for 100 until a reporter brought it up," Dace said. "The loss was heart-breaking. And, you can't get excited about a loss."

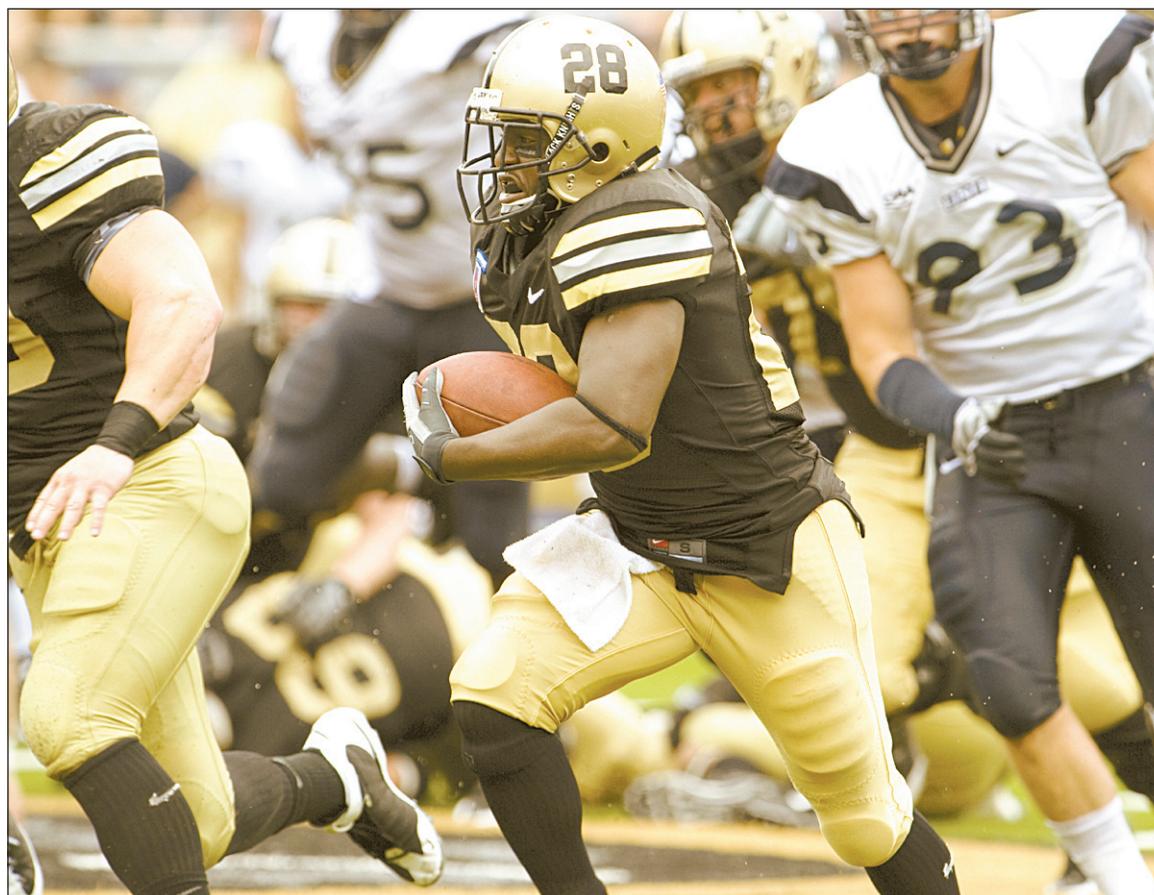
Now, with fellow senior Wesley McMahan as well as returning letterwinners Patrick Mealy, Jamal Robinson and Ian Smith, the running backs are looking for more wins.

"All of the running backs get along very well; it's a tight group," Dace remarked. "We have an interesting relationship. We're best friends on and off the field. We go out and compete really hard and try to beat each other out for a job but at the end of the day, we're friends.

"We don't have a problem helping each other out with blocking assignments or techniques or whatever it takes to help the team win," he added. "We look at ourselves as a group of brothers that will do anything for each other."

The team chemistry isn't just within the corps of running backs. The firstie class has worked tirelessly on the new offense and on finding replacements at several defensive positions following graduation losses.

"Every year, we go into the season talking about winning



Firstie Tony Dace finished last season as Army's leading rusher with 330 yards. Dace currently has 44 yards rushing this season after two games and Army's only rushing touchdown, which he scored in the opener against Temple.

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games, beating Navy and winning the Commander in Chief's Trophy," Dace said. "This year, Coach Brock came into preseason camp and said the focus is on us, on making Army better. We put the focus on the individual level. If you work every day to make yourself better, everything else will fall into place. We looked at ourselves as individuals and worked to get better every day. If you work hard, try to improve every day and carry out your assignments, the wins will come.

"It's all about winning. That's all that matters. Go out every week and leave everything on the field," he added. "That's why everyone around here is so excited. The opportunity to win games is out there. We just have to seize the moment and get what's ours."

Dace caught the attention of the coaching staff in the spring before his junior season.

A shifty runner with explosive bouts of speed, he was named the team's most improved offensive performer. His ability to break tackles as well as his route-running and consistent approach earned him

more playing time.

In his junior season, Dace played in all 12 games and started the Navy and Georgia Tech contests. He carried 97 times for 330 yards and scored his first collegiate touchdown against Tulsa.

"He's so competitive," Brock said. "He has good speed. He has quickness and a great change of direction. But more than anything, it's his ability to compete. He wants it bad and studies very hard and works very hard at getting better."

Despite not seeing much action his first two years, Dace continued his work in the weight room and film room following his yearling year, and the extra effort paid dividends when his role was expanded in 2007.

He is now atop the depth chart at running back as a senior.

"When he got here, there were a lot of good players in the room," said running backs coach Tucker Waugh. "The thing I noticed about Tony is that football is very important to him. Making this team successful is extremely important him. As a result, he has worked very hard in practice and earned this opportunity.

"There is no question about it, his work ethic is what makes him successful," Waugh continued. "In my opinion, he works as hard as anyone on our football team. He is a good player, but the fact that he works so hard puts him in the situation where he can become great."

Ultimate Frisbee Standings

*Standings through Sept. 4

	W - L		W - L
1. DPE/EECS	4 - 0	8. HISTORY	3 - 2
2. ENGLISH	2 - 0	9. SOC. SCI.	3 - 2
3. BTD	4 - 1	10. C/ME	1 - 3
4. DMI	3 - 1	11. MEDDAC/CHAP	1 - 5
5. SYS ENG	3 - 1	12. BS&L	0 - 3
6. DFL/GENE	3 - 1	13. MATH	0 - 4
7. PHYSICS	4 - 2	14. C&LS	0 - 6

Sports calendar

Sept. 12 - Sept. 20

Corps

FRIDAY -- CROSS COUNTRY VS. CORNELL, W.P. GOLF COURSE, 3:30 P.M. (WOMEN), 4 P.M. (MEN)

FRIDAY-SUNDAY -- MEN'S TENNIS, ARMY INVITE, MALEK TENNIS COURTS, ALL DAY EVENT

FRIDAY & SUNDAY -- WOMEN'S SOCCER @ AIR FORCE TOURNAMENT, (FRI., 10 P.M. VS. AIR FORCE) & (SUN., 1 P.M. VS. COLORADO COLLEGE)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY -- VOLLEYBALL @ SYRACUSE TOURNAMENT VS. NORTHEASTERN (SAT., 9:30 A.M.), SIENA (SAT., 5 P.M.) AND SYRACUSE (SUN., 11 A.M.)

SUNDAY -- SPRINT FOOTBALL @ FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON, MADISON, N.J., 2 P.M.

SUNDAY -- FOOTBALL, ARMY JV VS. USMAPS, MICHIE STADIUM, 1 P.M.

MONDAY -- MEN'S SOCCER VS. ST. FRANCIS, CLINTON FIELD, 7 P.M.

TUESDAY -- VOLLEYBALL VS. COLUMBIA, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 7 P.M.

THURSDAY -- VOLLEYBALL, WEST POINT CHALLENGE, CHRISTL ARENA VS. HARTFORD (NOON) & DARTMOUTH (7 P.M.)

SEPT. 19 -- VOLLEYBALL, WEST POINT CHALLENGE, CHRISTL ARENA VS. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, 5 P.M. (ESPNU)

SEPT. 20 -- FOOTBALL VS. AKRON, MICHIE STADIUM, 1 P.M. (ESPN CLASSIC)

Club

SATURDAY & SUNDAY -- WOMEN'S RUGBY @ BEANTOWN TOURNAMENT, AMHERST, MASS., OPPONENTS & TIMES (TBD)

SATURDAY -- SAILING TEAM @ CORNELL FALL OPEN, ITHACA, 9 A.M.

CLUB RESULTS

TRIATHLON TEAM -- The West Point Triathlon team competed in the Olympic distance triathlon Saturday at Pine Barrens, N.J.

Each competitor swam one mile, biked 24.9 miles and topped it off with a 6.2-mile run through sand dunes and wooded trails.

The cadets made a strong presence and took first and second overall in the female and male categories.

For the females, Cow Ashley Morgan took first overall followed by Firstie Randy Wintermantel in second place. On the male side, team captain, Firstie Nick Vandam took the lead early on in the swim and continued onto a dominating victory over his competitors. Following Vandam, Firstie Nicholas Sterghos finished in second, Cow Rob Sherry finished in third and Cow Bryan Lagasse rounded out West Point's dominance of the Top 4 spots.