

Service Academies' cadet leadership meet

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco
PAO

The 27th Annual Robert T. Stevens Leadership Conference was held here Sunday through today and brought together this year's best in cadet leadership from across the services.

The purpose of the conference was to develop attributes, skills and ideals that serve to promote the highest level of service to the nation.

Cadet delegates from the five service academies met to discuss and compare leadership styles and how they will work together in today's joint fight against terrorism in Iraq in Afghanistan.

"Just by rubbing shoulders with the best, they can become better leaders," said Maj. Mark Mayoras, Chief, U. S. Corps of Cadets Leadership Development Branch, who oversaw the conference and worked on the planning. "The benefits of having (the service academies' leadership) in the same room at the same time are immeasurable."

The USCC brigade and deputy brigade commanders, brigade executive officer and sergeant major, and the four regiment commanders were present, as well as the Naval and Air Force academies' equivalent eight delegates.



West Point hosted the 27th annual Robert T. Stevens Conference Sunday through today. Kneeling in front of their staffs are (left to right) Cadet Regimental Commander James Daffer, U.S. Coast Guard Academy; Cadet Regimental Commander Garrett Heaps, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; Cadet Brigade Commander Sam Kim, U.S. Naval Academy; Cadet Wing Commander Jacob Schonig, U.S. Air Force and Cadet First Captain Benjamin Amsler, U.S. Military Academy.

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The Coast Guard and Merchant Marine academies each were represented with four delegates for the conference.

The program was facilitated by retired Lt. Col. Barry Berglund, a sought-after source of leadership counsel who actively engaged

the cadets in discussion and team development throughout the conference.

During the presentation and discussion group led by Berglund, the attendees had a great opportunity to interact and get feedback.

"He believes in the Army,"

Mayoras said. "He does it because he loves the conference."

The conference served as a break in the fast-paced schedules of cadet leadership, so that the delegates could take a moment to evaluate their techniques with each other, Mayoras said.

The lessons learned from doing so can then be applied through the ranks to benefit the USCC as a whole. The conference was started in 1981 from a grant by the late Stevens, former Secretary of the Army and 1997 Thayer Award recipient.

Cadet review honors retiring Congressmen

Compiled by Linda Mastin

The U.S. Corps of Cadets will conduct a double regiment review at 5 p.m. Friday honoring three retiring members of Congress, U.S. Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J.; U.S. Rep. James T. Walsh, R-N.Y.; and U.S. Rep. David Hobson, R-Ohio.

These men have contributed many years of long and faithful service to the nation and as strong advocates of national security, the Army and the U.S. Military Academy.

Saxton served 13 terms in Congress and currently serves on the House Armed Services Committee's Air and Land Forces and Unconventional Threats Subcommittees.

Walsh served 10 terms in Congress and is a longtime member of the House Appropriations Committee and has served in a variety of leadership roles on the

committee.

Hobson has served nine terms in the House and is a veteran.

He currently serves as a Senior Member of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee and is a former Chairman of the House Appropriations Military Construction Subcommittee.

These Congressmen have been servants of the nation for a combined 64 years and requested that their retirement review take place at West Point. They have been supporters of the military throughout their careers.

The public is invited to attend this special review. Force protection measures will apply, so all passengers in vehicles 16 years of age or older need photo identification.

**Cadet Review
Friday at 5 p.m.**

DPW keeping busy with many construction, renovations projects

Story and photo by
Emily Tower

Children, cadets, scientists and alternative energy users are among the people about to have their wishes granted by West Point's Directorate of Public Works.

Just a few of the projects on DPW's schedule for the next few years are building a new campus for the U.S. Military Academy Prep School, a child development center and barracks. Several renovations projects and implementing energy-saving devices and techniques also are on the list, Matthew Talaber, DPW director, said Monday.

One of the first projects set to begin is the prep school construction. The school currently is located at Fort Monmouth, N.J., but it has to be moved because the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure has the post closing by 2011.

The campus will take the place

of motorpools near the Washington Gate. The motorpools will be moved near Camp Buckner. The current motorpool area is mainly landfill, so that will be cleaned out before campus construction begins, Talaber said.

The school will include classrooms, barracks and dining and athletic facilities. The project is expected to begin next spring.

Ground is expected to be broken next fall on a new child development center. The center, which is designed to accommodate about 135 children, will be built behind the old PX area near the cemetery.

The building is a result of concerns raised at the 2006 Army Family Action Plan conference about there not being enough child care space at West Point, according to information provided by Don Hulst, Child, Youth and School Services coordinator.

The 15,029-square-foot building

will be designed to accommodate children ages 1-18 and will have space for hourly care, kindergarten care and part-day pre-school classes.

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Letters to the Editor Check your speed

Dear Editor,

My wife and I are graduates of Texas A&M University and currently have a daughter who graduated from Texas A&M and also a son who is a senior in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M. We also have two sons attending West Point.

It was a wonderful privilege to have Army down to College Station, Texas, during this recent weekend. Every cadet and cadre I met were

a credit to West Point. Amongst my peers, there was much discussion about the positive attributes of the various West Point cadets they came across during the weekend.

The Army football team did not win on the scoreboard, but they won the field.

You can read our local papers and there is no doubt that Army was the winner.

Those men came to play ball, and the outcome of the score was

really in doubt until the very end. It reminded me of perhaps what the war between the states was like because my loyalty was to Texas A&M, but I was pulling for Army.

I wish Texas A&M and Army would play a regular series in sports.

Army, thank you for the trip to Texas A&M!

GO ARMY-BEAT NAVY!
Jim Cashion

By Lt. Col. Thomas M. Hawes
Director of Emergency Services

Over the last several months, the Military Police have noticed an increasing trend in accidents relating to speed and awareness. Another interesting trend has been the speeds in the housing areas.

Are these two trends directly linked?

I would be willing to bet my bottom dollar on that correlation. Instead of wagering small amounts of money or boring the community with analytical statistics, the Provost Marshal's Office would like you to watch your speedometer a little more closely. Many people are in the habit of getting in the car, turning the key, putting the car in drive and traveling in the direction they intend.

How often do you look at your speedometer? About the only time I do it is when I see a patrol car in the distant horizon and then my immediate reflex is to step on the brake and look down at the dash.

I decided recently that I would actually get into the car and test myself. Instead of the normal habit of just going, I would check my perception of how fast I was going. I would drive a short distance at what I felt was the speed limit and then quickly check my speedometer and calibrate my mental velocity reader.

I found on average, I was at least 5-10 mph above the speed limit. My inattentiveness to the road and

my focus on getting to where I was going left me open to lots of other hazards.

The construction that is going on in the community, the children playing in the housing areas and the other inattentive drivers are just some of the examples of dangers on the road.

Taking all these into consideration, you would think we would all be more focused on our speed and driving habits. Many of us are focused on our mission, our timeliness to our duty day and some of the other things affecting us daily.

Here are some things that could hopefully motivate us all to improve our driving.

First, there is the courtesy issue. To be better community participants, it's our inherent responsibility to be safe drivers. We should consider our driving habits and how we affect others on the road.

Keep in mind tailgating creates a safety hazard and can cause an accident if a vehicle has to make a sudden stop. It's also rude and probably won't increase the speed of the car in front of you.

In line with this, being safe and aware drivers reduces the possibility of crashing our vehicles into someone else's, which inconveniences us, our community members and our friends.

A traffic accident costs lots of money. Towing fees, insurance deductibles, fines, legal fees, loss of time from work and additional

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Dear Editor and Members of the West Point Community,

Do you know Mike?

Mike Dodson is the fellow who loads groceries outside the commissary and returns the shopping carts to the front of the store every day, but you can still have a heart and return your cart.

He works about 10 hours per day every day the commissary is open in snow, rain or scorching sun.

Mike is not a commissary employee. The baggers inside the store give him about \$30 per day from their shared tips, but other than that, Mike relies on our tips for his income.

Mike is scrupulously honest. He has returned more than two dozen wallets and purses over the years all containing whatever the owners had in them.

Having never had a drink or drug in his life, he is extremely reliable once he understands his mission.

He has great pride in being strong enough to help others in spite of his handicap.

Mike's injury occurred when at age 6, his head was struck by a speeding taxi.

After being near death in a coma for six days, he remains largely

paralyzed on his right side, and his speech is slightly impaired.

His left eye does not contract in sunlight, and he has become largely blind in that eye during the day.

His math ability is quite good, however, and he plays a very respectable game of chess.

The brother of a West Point graduate, he is a fiercely independent Southerner who will take no direct aid from his Family.

He has recently accepted Medicaid help for his health care, after refusing any help for 15 years.

Once you become one of Mike's customers, he will learn your face and look for you at each visit, especially if you are older or infirm.

Since he began his service to the West Point community in 1981, Mike has taken very few days off.

Last year, he visited his mother in Mississippi for the first time in more than 10 years.

He was off twice with injuries.

When his leg was broken in a moped accident in 1983 enroute to the commissary, he foolishly finished the day there, working in the snow before going to the hospital.

During the past year Mike has

had surgery on his left hand and now has much better use of that hand.

Mike has received numerous letters of appreciation; and has been the subject of several articles in the "Pointer View."

When new personnel learn his background through this letter, he says they become his customers more often.

He has grown proud of the reputation he has achieved on his own through hard work, which allows him to be of useful service.

And thus the reason for this letter: to introduce Mike to newcomers to West Point.

Although others may help us when the sun is shining, it will be Mike outside with us when the snow is blowing.

He is always happy to assist you when you feel it is appropriate.

Thank you.

Signed,
Friends of Mike Dodson

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.

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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

Difficulty: Easy

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

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Local and National News

Cleckner receives Cadet Role Model Award

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco
PAO

Firstie Brianna Mia Cleckner, Company B-4 from Phoenix, was selected to receive the 2008 Hispanic National Achievement Award Corporation (HENAAC) Cadet Role Model Award.

The mechanical engineering major will represent the U.S. Military Academy at the 20th Annual HENAAC Career Conference and Awards Show Oct. 9-12 in Houston.

"I talked to my mom about (the award), and she was proud of me," Cleckner said. "It's an honor for sure."

Cleckner owes her nomination to the work ethic she inherited from her mother, Vivian, who worked to support Cleckner and her older brother Mark as a single mother for a number of years.

"She worked really hard to

take care of two kids on her own," Cleckner said. "I always admired that about her."

That work ethic has kept her busy in her studies, as well as assisting Col. Daisie Boettner, an instructor in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, in teaching classes on the professional military ethic.

In recognition of Cleckner's efforts, Boettner prepared a nomination package for her and sent it to HENAAC.

Maj. Tim Johnson, a CME assistant professor, had her in his classroom for two consecutive semesters in challenging engineering courses and also was impressed with her dedication to her studies.

"She always excelled in comprehending tough engineering problems and concepts," Johnson said, "and was one of the top students in Mechanics of Materials (CE364) -- a course with more than

150 students enrolled."

Cleckner says she did well in school and enjoyed learning about science and physics before deciding upon her current major.

"I've pretty much wanted to be a mechanical engineer since elementary school, before I knew what mechanical engineering was," Cleckner said.

She is aware that as West Point cadets, she and her classmates are representatives of the military and serve as role models to the general public. This summer, while working for a river rafting company on the Colorado River, she shared her experiences as a cadet with one person, who in turn told others about her accomplishments.

"Within the first few days there were people referring to me as cadet and even passengers (on other companies' trips) coming up to me saying, 'I hear you go to West Point,'" Cleckner said. "It really

struck me that these passengers must have thought very highly of it to be talking about it so much because the fact that I was a West Point cadet spread so wide and very quickly."

With this in the back of her mind, Cleckner went the extra mile to make good impressions as a hard working, personable and capable crew member.

"She always impressed me with her hard work and ability to ask the important question to fully understand the material," Johnson said. "She is a real asset to the Civil and Mechanical Engineering Department and to the Corps of Cadets."

She intends to branch aviation after graduation and hopes to fly Black Hawk helicopters after completing flight school.

If given the opportunity in the future, Cleckner would like to attend graduate school at Duke



Firstie Brianna Cleckner

University.

In addition, ROTC Cadet Angelica Home from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke also will receive a Cadet Role Model Award this year.

WTU Soldier dies SPEED, cont. from page 2

Compiled by Linda Mastin

Specialist James Mingot, 28, of Jamaica, N.Y., and a member of the West Point Warrior Transition Unit, dies Sept. 25 at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City from a long-term illness.

Mingot joined the Army in November 2006 and was diagnosed with cancer during his advanced individual training.

He was then assigned to the West Point WTU.

"He was a true warrior throughout his treatment and will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him," Staff Sgt. Emily Munday, Mingot's squad leader, said Tuesday.

Mingot is survived by his mother, Marie Mingot; his sister, Marjorie Mingot; grandmother, Marcelle Edouard; and cousin, Emanuelle Antoine.

The funeral arrangements are being made by the J. Foster Phillips Funeral Home at 179-24 Linden Blvd., Jamaica, N.Y., 11434.

For more information, contact the Family at (718) 526-5656.



Spc. James Mingot

incidental costs all add up quickly. Not to mention that it makes life difficult for both parties involved in an accident when the cars are no longer drivable. In the worst case scenario, there is also the added emotional weight of having to explain yourself to your family, command and/or superiors.

There are more reasons to motivate us to be safer, more speed-aware drivers -- the legal repercussions. They come in many different forms. Speeding is an infraction that is a serious legal pain in the neck. There are:

- tickets, which result in

points;

- points, which add up and suspend licenses;

- notifications to commanders and administrative actions, which sometimes result in loss of driving privileges;

- the time associated with all of these processes.

A lot of these annoying procedures can be avoided by just paying attention to speed and being aware of our driving habits.

The MPs will be focusing their speed enforcement plans in the near future with added patrols and focusing their radar duties

throughout the housing areas on the installations. These areas will be heavily patrolled and enforced. Please be aware of your speed and your attention to others on the road.

However, I would extend the MPs' hands and ask the community for your help in slowing down. We will lend an informational ear for any questions you may have for safe driver awareness.

The Provost Marshal's Office Traffic Section is open 24 hours a day. They can be reached at 938-4765 or through the MP Desk at 938-3333.

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Moving the kindergarten and pre-school programs from the existing CDC to the new one will open space at the existing building for more full-day child care.

The new facility also will have space for a playground, after-school activities such as fitness classes and summer camps and will be the central registration point for all CYSS programs.

Also coming to the old PX area is a fueling station for hydrogen and E85 vehicles, Talaber said. E85 is a fuel mixture made with 85 percent ethanol. There are more than 100 E85 vehicles currently on post, and the station is being built in partnership with General Motors, Talaber said.

"Basically, we are using their money to design the station," Talaber said.

Not all of the details have been ironed out, but GM is providing some test hydrogen vehicles. Talaber said the vehicles likely will be tested by DPW.

Along with the alternative-fuel station, DPW is looking into installing solar and wind power devices. Talaber gave the recycling center as an example of what likely will be run by solar and wind power in the near future. Talaber said he has met with U.S. Congressman John Hall, D-N.Y., to see about making the plans a reality.

DPW also is studying putting meters on buildings so energy usage can be monitored. In the meantime, DPW is working with state authorities to lessen energy usage.

If high energy usage is anticipated, such as on Sept. 25, state authorities have asked West Point to turn off all unnecessary electrical appliances. The result is a rebate check given to West Point. Such actions last year resulted in \$15,000 coming to West Point, Talaber said.

Planned renovations include Bldg. 606 and barracks.

Renovations already are underway in Bldg. 606. The seven-phase process is expected to be complete in 2010 and includes fire protection measures, replacing carpet and air conditioning and masonry work.

Tenants are being moved out of their areas to trailers while work can be completed one office at a time.

"It's kind of piece-meal renovation," Talaber said.

Barracks renovations will not begin until new barracks are constructed so cadets can live in the new ones while renovations are being completed on the old ones.

New barracks are set to be built on DeRussy Road near the former site of Bldg. 720 beginning in 2011.

"We have been pushing very hard for barracks money," Talaber said. "The Army has been very generous."

When the new barracks are complete, hopefully by 2013, renovation will begin on old barracks starting with Pershing Barracks. Renovations will include improvements to ventilation systems, roof and masonry repair



Charlie Birtch, left, and Alan Velie with D&S Fire Protection place a groove in a sprinkler main in Bldg. 606 Tuesday. Renovating the building is one of the many projects currently underway by West Point's Directorate of Public Works.

and installing women's restrooms on all floors.

The plan is to keep room occupancy to two cadets instead of three and to have room for more people if the size of the Corps of Cadets is ever increased.

Cadets will have new science facilities soon, Talaber said. Renovation on the Old Cadet Library will create classrooms, offices and laboratories. Bartlett

Hall, the current science building, will be upgraded.

"We will modernize labs that were never designed for today's technology," Talaber said.

Other renovations include barracks, infrastructure and dining facility work at Camps Buckner and Natural Bridge, roof work and fire protection measures in Eisenhower Hall, roof and masonry work in Taylor and Thayer Halls,

concrete repairs and concession stand upgrades for Michie Stadium and completion of tower repairs to the Catholic Chapel.

Talaber could not release how much these projects will cost because many of them have not gone out for bid yet.

Some plans also are pending whether funding will be available, but money is projected for the projects.

Cadets walk for breast cancer cure

By Emily Tower

Cow Cassandra Ellington and Firstie Erin McConaughy have seen both sides of the fight against breast cancer.

Ellington grew up without her grandmother, who died from the disease when Ellington was just a year old.

McConaughy, however, is the granddaughter of a survivor.

Together with three other cadets, Ellington and McConaughy will be walking this weekend to raise awareness for breast cancer and to contribute donations for finding a cure.

Ellington, McConaughy, Firsties Erin Hanley and Margaret Staun and Yearling Melissa McDonald form the West Point Warriors team who will be participating in the Avon Walk for

Breast Cancer Saturday and Sunday in New York City.

"It is for my Family, for my friends, for anyone and everyone who had to experience an ordeal with cancer or will," McConaughy wrote on her page at the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Web site. "I want to do something positive to help the fight. To me, this walk isn't just about breast cancer. It is about cancer, and it's not just for my loved ones, it's for everyone."

Hanley came up with the idea to participate in the walk after seeing it featured in an exercise magazine. The self-professed "work-out freak" often participates in marathons and other races and thought it would be a good opportunity for her fellow cadets.

Hanley, the physical development officer for Company A-2, hoped the opportunity would provide "some girl bonding" and exercise, she said.

"I thought it would be a nice thing to do that would be uniting for us and would be for a good cause," she said.

Each team member has to raise \$1,800 to participate, and each walker is about \$400 short as of press time. Once they raise the money, they plan to walk 39 miles

during the two-day event.

More information about the team can be found at <http://walk.avonfoundation.org>. Follow the link to the New York Oct. 4-5 event, click on "Teams" and then "2008 New York Teams" on the right side of the page and scroll down to find the West Point Warriors team page.



New terminology within DIMHRS

Submitted by the Directorate of Human Resources

The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System will streamline personnel and pay actions into an integrated and automated human resources system. DIMHRS is based on a commercial-off-the-shelf product, Peoplesoft®, which has been proved successful in both public and private sectors around the world.

The Army made few changes in order to minimize the cost associated with customizing COTS technology.

Therefore, some terms in DIMHRS that are not Army-specific. Terms outside of DIMHRS will not change. To access the data translation, go to www.hrc.army.mil/site/ArmyDIMHRS.

A complete list of terms is available there also or by calling the DHR office at 938-8489.

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SEPTEMBER weekly changes
(as of 09/30)

C FUND	- 0.25 percent
I FUND	- 1.02 percent
S FUND	- 0.76 percent



Patio grand opening

Nancy Amenolda, catering manager for the West Point Club; Col. Dan Bruno, garrison commander; Armon Dipoalo, WPC general manager; and Tony Brown, director of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, cut the ribbon to open the Hudson Room Patio at the WPC Sept. 26.

EMILY TOWER/PV

Community Features and Photos

Students raise more than \$24,000 for schools

By Emily Tower

Abigail Golden's love for the color pink has translated into a whole lot of green for her school.

The first grader was among the top readers in a fundraiser during which students collected pledges based on how many pages they would read in two weeks.

Abigail read almost 140 pages, her mother, Rebecca, said. Some of those pages were from her favorite book, "Pinkalicious," about her favorite color, pink.

Students at West Point Elementary and Middle Schools were challenged by the PTO to collect pledges based on how many pages they would read between Aug. 25 and Sept. 8.

They could read at school and at home, and then the students collected the pledges.

The result was more than 205,000 pages read and \$24,370 being raised for the PTO, which will be used to pay for educational assemblies and field trips, Amy CuvIELLO, PTO president, said.

"We were so excited to see the parents and the students reading together out on the playground and hear the students talking about how much they had read," CuvIELLO

stated in an e-mail.

The top readers and money-raisers were announced and received their prizes Sept. 25 at an assembly at West Point Middle School.

Abigail received a digital camera for her accomplishment. Her mom said she gets reading in every night.

"She loves to read," Goldman said. "All of our kids do. We continue reading to them, too, even after they can read. It's still something they enjoy and something we always do."

Other top readers in elementary school were Grace Frey and Ethan Rabb. With Abigail, their total was more than 8,400 pages read. Grace and Ethan also received digital cameras.

The top-reading elementary school class was Ms. Vazulik's class, and their prize is a pizza party. The class read 16,540 pages.

The top money-raiser in elementary school was kindergartener Semija Reid, who raised \$1,386. She received a Nintendo DS as a prize.

In middle school, Olivia Vigna was the top money-raiser with \$510. Her prize was an iPod Nano and iTunes gift card.

The Top 3 readers in middle

school were Amy Griggs, Jack Econom and Alisha Stiver.

They read a combined total of more than 7,000 pages and each received a digital camera.

The top reading class in middle school was Mrs. Steiner's class. They will receive a pizza party for their 5,800 pages read.

The top money-raising classes in each grade level will receive a cupcake party for their prize.

In Abigail's quest for pledges, she happened to have read about cupcakes in her favorite book, "Pinkalicious" by Victoria and Elizabeth Kann, which is a story about a girl who loves pink just like Abigail. But she ends up turning pink because she ate too many pink cupcakes.

The cupcake-winning classes who get to test the "Pinkalicious" theory were Ms. Koch's kindergarten class, Mrs. Albert's first grade class, Mrs. Caudell's second grade class, Mrs. Shell's third grade class, Mr. Ricci's fourth grade class, Ms. Johnson's fifth grade class, Ms. Himmelberger's sixth grade class, Ms. Conte's seventh grade class and Ms. Mills' eighth grade class.

About 45 percent of students in the two schools participated in the fundraiser, CuvIELLO said.



Top readers and money raisers during the West Point Elementary and Middle Schools Read-a-Thon received prizes such as an iPod Nano, a Nintendo DS and a digital camera for their accomplishments. Prize winners include Grace Frey (at left, back row), Abigail Golden, Semija Ried and Ethan Rabb. Alisha Stiver, Amy Griggs, Olivia Vigna and Jack Econom are pictured in the front row.

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The Read-a-Thon is designed to eventually replace the schools' semiannual book fair fundraiser, CuvIELLO said.

For the time being, however, the book fairs will continue. One is scheduled for 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday-Thursday at the New Gym Lobby.

A special early shoppers' time is scheduled for 7-8 a.m. Wednesday, and a Family night is scheduled for 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Cadets contribute to network science, tour London

Story and Photos by
Lt. Col. Diane M. Ryan,
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and Leadership

Seven cadets from five academic departments attended the Annual Conference of the International Technology Alliance at Imperial College in London Sept. 16-19.

The conference, sponsored by the International Technology Alliance in Network and Information Science, is a joint effort between the U.S. Army Research Labs, the U.K. Ministry of Defense and IBM.

The ITA's goal is to support all forces fighting with the United States in Afghanistan and Iraq with research that improves their abilities to talk to one another and deal with unconventional warfare.

Working as a government scientist team, ITA expands the technological capabilities of the U.S. Army and U.K. Armed Forces to give them information advantages in challenging urban warfare situations, including humanitarian relief, civilian and insurgent control or full combat operations.

The cadets spent two days attending workshops about a variety of topics ranging from collaborative planning, culturally adaptive policy management and network security.

They each gave presentations about their U.S. Military Academy research interests and previous related experiences.



Cadets Mark Buckley (left), Laura Beth Keirnan, Josh Lospinoso, Roy Ragsdale, Maria Miller, Kathryn Sobotta and Natalia Mendoza discuss their research projects with ACITA Chairman Michael Hill-King of Imperial College London.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

John Parmentola, Ph.D. Director of basic research for the Army, was thrilled to have USMA and cadet participation.

When discussing the cadets involvement in the conference, Jay Gowens, Ph.D., ARL, said, "The cadets bring a level of intensity and commitment that inspires all they connect with."

In addition to the conference, there were ample opportunities to explore the sights and sounds of

London.

Sightseeing breaks included a ride on the London Eye, trips to the National Science Museum, Harrods and the Tower of London. A few early risers also managed to witness the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace before the journey home.

Although the team missed three days of classes at home, the long plane rides allowed most to get caught up on homework and

papers.

Fortunately, the trip was early enough in the semester that time spent with the ITA scientists will actually accelerate the cadets' project work.

In reviewing his time in London, Firstie Mark Buckley said, "It was very exciting to meet and collaborate with the scientists who are actually doing cutting-edge research in my topic area. I brought back a lot of great ideas."



Cadets Laura Beth Kiernan (left) and Natalia Mendoza pose with a guard at the Tower of London.

Firstie Josh Lospinoso agreed the conference was time very well spent.

"Studying networked sciences is imperative for understanding the future of command and control. I think we as cadets benefitted immensely from the opportunity of seeing the cutting edge of these studies. Likewise, those in academia and business benefitted from exposure to their ultimate customer -- the Soldier," Lospinoso said.

HEALTHWATCH: Influenza -- Get your flu shot

By Jerry Harben
U.S. Army Medical Command

A quick stick in the arm or a spray in the nose or a week of headaches, coughing, sneezing, chicken soup and misery while your unit works shorthanded? Not that hard of a choice to make.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory disease that can have serious, even fatal, effects. It threatens military readiness with the potential to put many servicemembers on sick call instead of on duty. Therefore, all military members are required to be vaccinated against the flu each year.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated an average of 36,000 Americans died annually in the 1990s due to influenza-related complications," said Army Lt. Col. Patrick M. Garman, deputy director for scientific affairs at the Department of Defense Military Vaccine Agency.

"Each year 5 to 20 percent of the United States population gets the flu, resulting in about 200,000 people being hospitalized. Vaccination is your best protection against influenza infection," Garman added. "DOD will offer its beneficiaries influenza vaccinations during the flu season in accordance with national guidelines. Certain groups take priority, such as active duty or individuals with chronic diseases like diabetes, and after these groups are adequately taken care of, the vaccine will be available to any beneficiary who wishes to be vaccinated."

Flu immunizations are mandatory for all active duty, National Guard and reserve personnel. The Department of Defense has established a goal to have 90 percent of these groups vaccinated by Dec. 31.

Vaccinations also are mandatory for civilian health care personnel who provide direct patient care in DOD medical treatment facilities and for emergency-essential DOD civilian personnel.

The vaccine is available by injection or intranasal spray.

"Influenza viruses change from year to

year. Protection that develops after a person is infected or is immunized against the circulating viruses of one season does not provide adequate cross-protection when a new influenza strain develops," Garman said.

This year's influenza vaccine composition in the United States is recommended for the Northern Hemisphere by the World Health Organization. The 2008-09 influenza vaccine strains are A/Brisbane/59/2007 (H1N1), A/Brisbane/10/2007 (H3N2) and B/Florida/4/2006.

When the vaccine is well matched to the circulating virus strain, immunization of healthy adults has been 70 to 90 percent effective in preventing influenza illness.

"We stress that influenza vaccination should continue until the supply is exhausted or until the expiration date is reached for the vaccine. The highest incidence of disease is usually in February, but influenza can be contracted year round," Garman said.

More information about influenza and influenza vaccinations is available on the Internet from the Military Vaccine Agency at www.vaccines.mil/flu and from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/flu/protect.

Influenza is spread through airborne respiratory droplets during close contact with an infected person or animal or through contact with a contaminated object.

In addition to vaccination, experts recommend frequent handwashing and avoiding close contact with people who are sick. Also, people who are sick should avoid others if possible, wash hands often and cover their mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing to prevent spreading the virus.

Most people who receive influenza vaccine experience no serious problems. Side-effects from the injectable vaccine such as soreness, redness or swelling at the injection site, fever, weakness, headache or muscle aches may last one or two days. More serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions, are rare.

Side effects of the intranasal vaccine can include runny nose, headache, fever, cough



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and sore throat.

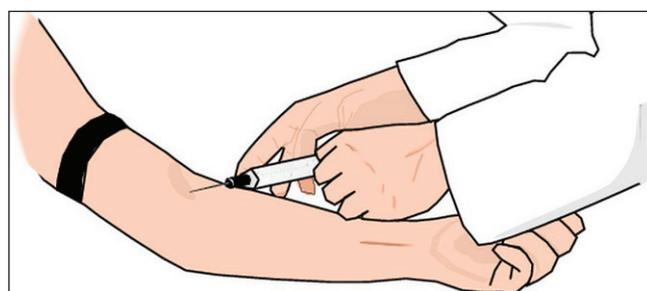
Those in a few categories, such as children younger than 6 months old, those with sensitivity to eggs or egg products or those with a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome, should not receive the influenza vaccine.

While providing flu vaccinations, health care providers should screen immunization records to see if patients need other vaccines or boosters as well. Military commanders

are responsible for ensuring immunization data is entered into electronic immunization tracking systems.

"Find out the hours of operation of your local DOD immunization clinic. Most organizations schedule walk-in clinic hours, so appointments may not be necessary," Garman said.

Or be prepared for that week of misery.



Flu shot schedule

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 14-17

Where: Thayer Hall Room 144

Who: Faculty and staff

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 24

Where: Keller Army Community Hospital

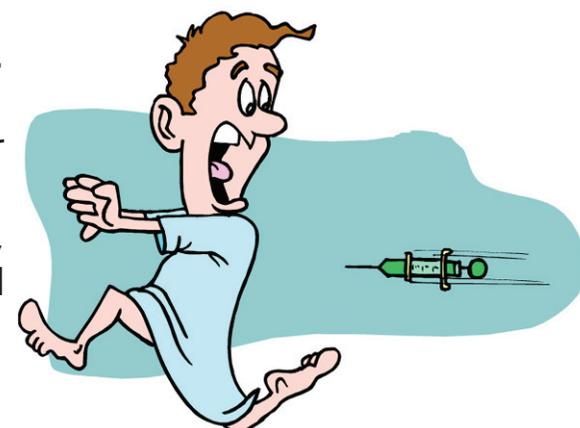
Who: Keller staff, Dentac, WTU and Vet

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oct. 27-31

Where: Eisenhower Hall

Who: Active Duty, Family members and Retirees



Range 11: State-of-the-art Marksmanship

Story and photos by
Sgt. Vincent Fusco
PAO

Range 11, part of the Normandy Range Area in the U.S. Military Academy training area, gives cadets, Soldiers and other armed personnel a streamlined, accurate facility to practice basic rifle marksmanship.

"Range 11 is a state-of-the-art range that provides any user with a variety of basic rifle marksmanship scenarios -- record fire, night qualification and (nuclear, biological and chemical) familiarization," said Chawyer Jones, training support division chief in Directorate, Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

The area includes 16 fully automated qualifying lanes, a 25-meter zeroing range, control tower, ammunition point, repair shop, classroom, mess area and "green technology" restrooms, said Keith Spencer, assistant range controller, DPTMS.

When cadets and Soldiers qualify, the noncommissioned-officer-in-charge of the range monitors the lanes from a climate-controlled, automated control tower. There, using provided instructions and a firing program, the NCOIC can execute different qualifying scenarios, direct the firers on the public address system and visually check every lane for safety.

The computerized targets record how many direct hits are made with accuracy far greater than qualifying on paper targets, Spencer said. After the qualification is done, the scores can be printed out immediately for review.

The unique, on-site 25-meter zero range saves valuable training time, as firers will not need to leave the area to verify their weapons' battle sight zero at Range 4, the primary zero range.

"This allows leaders more time to concentrate on teaching good BRM (Basic Rifle Marksmanship) techniques and making corrections as needed," Jones said.

The \$4.3 million project was funded as part of the installation's Military Construction Army program that requires congressional approval and appropriations funding, and took a year-and-a-half to build. The facility was built by Inter-Continental Construction, and the targets were installed by Caswell Inc.

The biggest challenge was to fix drainage problems that occurred during rainfall and snowmelt, when the targets were submerged

in water, and caused target mechanism, electrical and data wiring to rust, Jones said. Range Control also had the challenge of moving four firing lanes off the hillside, which required approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"We got design approval from the USACE Military Munitions Center of Expertise in Huntsville, Ala., to change the standard lane width from 30-meters to 20-meters," Jones said.

This action allowed Range Control to install the 25-meter zero range, and the smaller lanes provide greater visibility in order to engage targets.

"The cadets can actually see the range they're shooting," Spencer said. "They enjoy it a lot more."

The target systems require constant maintenance because of their exposure to moisture. They are changed out and checked for proper function on a regular basis. If a breakdown occurs during qualification, the lane is shut down and the target is checked. If the problem is not resolved in 10 minutes, the target is taken off the lane and into the on-site shop, where the target systems are taken apart and diagnosed with a program on a laptop computer.

A good deal of manpower is needed to keep the range running, from maintaining the computer and target systems to having the grass mowed every week and the snow shoveled from around the targets, Spencer said. Safety officers also have to keep eyes out for any wildlife that comes into the area, including geese, wild turkey, deer and bears.

"It's a nice little balance between nature and high technology," Spencer said. "They can coexist side-by-side."

The facility has been used by the resident FBI Firearm Training Unit, and Jones expects non-tenant units such as U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard and ROTC to use the range to perfect their marksmanship.

Next spring, after a proposed Internet hookup is installed in the tower, the range controller will be able to immediately e-mail



Range 11 is an automated basic rifle marksmanship range located off of Route 293 in the Normandy Range Area in the U.S. Military Academy training reservation. It includes 16 qualifying lanes, a 25-meter zeroing range, control tower, ammunition point, repair shop, classroom, mess area and "green technology" restrooms.

qualification results back to unit personnel for processing.

When it comes to its convenience and automation, Spencer describes Range 11 as the "crown jewel" of rifle marksmanship training areas.

"When it comes to technology on the ranges, it doesn't get any better than this," Spencer said.

For more information on scheduling rifle ranges, contact Patrick Selage in DPTMS, Range Control, at 938-8557.



Keith Spencer, assistant range controller in Directorate, Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, runs a firing scenario at Range 11 Sept. 24.

Software brings decision-making theory to life

Story and Photos by
Lt. Col. Diane Ryan
Dept. of Behavioral Sciences and
Leadership

The Class of 2012 has been spending as much time playing games as cracking the books.

In the case of their psychology course work, the games are actually required material endorsed by instructors.

“Computer simulations are a form of game that allow the cadets to actually see a psychology decision-making theory come alive,” said Dr. Lisa Korenman, psychology assistant professor in the Department of

Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. “The study of decision-making theories is important. We want our cadets to understand how to make decisions and not what the decision should be. We don’t know what the cadets will face in the future, so how to think is more valuable than what to think.”

Decision-making theory examines how people can be biased in their decisions. These biases appear to be innate, or present at birth. Dr. Herb Simon, a Nobel Prize winner, found that people do not consider all information when making decisions.

His theory, Bounded Rationality, explains that people place limits on what information is considered when trying to figure out what to do. The theory is used heavily in studying economics and decision-making.

In reviewing some of her activities using the decision-making software, Maj. Kandace Daffin, BS&L PL100 Psychology Deputy Director, said, “With computer simulations, I can set the cadets up to make a common human error—confirmation bias. Confirmation bias is a human tendency to interpret new information in a way that confirms preconceptions. When confirmation bias happens, leaders do

not recognize that things are different and continue with the original plan. Our graduates will be more resilient as junior leaders because they understand the cause of decision-making errors.”

The War Center had to create a computer simulation to cause confirmation bias in the cadets.

Major Steve Banks and TJ Taijeron, from the Department of Military Instruction, put many hours into the project.

“We wanted a battle simulation that would initially give the cadets the impression that the enemy was coming from one direction,” Taijeron said. “We then slowly gave information that the enemy could be coming from a different direction.”

If confirmation bias occurs, the cadet would never change their assessment of the enemy attack, despite the new information.

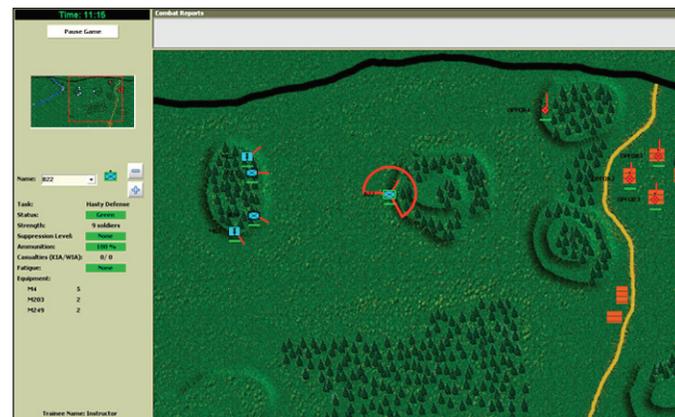
For the WARCEN, the mission was not unusual.

“We work a lot with the Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership,” Banks said. “Once they explain the details of the psychological theory, we work through how a young military leader might experience the theory in a simulation.”

The WARCEN has embarked on a long-term development plan to make their own simulations.

“Off the shelf games just do not let us measure the cadet behaviors the way we need to,” Taijeron said.

For Plebe Alexandra Giraud, the theory has come alive. “Even though I had read about



The War Center Follow Me simulation is used in developing simulations that directly support cadet learning. It will help junior leaders become more resilient against decision-making errors.

decision-making theory in my psychology book, it was surprising how I did not change my initial feelings about direction of enemy attack in the simulation. The theory of confirmation bias was clearly at play,” Giraud said.

Without the experience, many cadets might never consider the theory as applying to them. In addition to confirmation bias, the simulation helped create other important decision-making theories including availability bias, gamblers fallacy, framing and omission bias.

Lieutenant Col. James Merlo, a BS&L professor, summarized the importance of this training, saying, “The War Center is an incredibly valuable resource at West Point. I think we are just scratching the surface for cadet experiential learning with simulations.”



Doing the Rumba

Yearlings Vivian King (left) and partner Seth Wheeler learn how to dance the rumba at Cullum Hall Sept. 23. Classes in ballroom and salsa dancing are available for both cadets and faculty and staff. For more information, cadets can contact Jane Jollota, cadet hostess, at 938-4681, and faculty and staff can call Joel Flowers in West Point MWR at 938-6127.

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Community Leisure

A Spouse's Point of View

Look! See! I Can Do Three!
By Janine Boldrin

By the time you read this, I hope to be a mother of three. Not only because I look so ridiculously pregnant that even the guy at the gate asks me why I haven't had the baby yet, but because I want to see how I will cope with three children instead of just two.

For the past few years, our Family was an oddity in a non-military community where most of our peers were just starting to have children. Flash forward a few months and a few miles north to West Point where we were suddenly behind the power curve with having just two children.

When we arrived, I couldn't help but wonder how the spouses I met were balancing everything.

In addition to work and everyday tasks, there was school, scouts, swimming, soccer, tennis and clubs, clubs, clubs. And what about volunteering for this and volunteering for that? An invitation here and a request to host something there. The deal-breaking deployments and all of those children.

The situation made me think of my youngest son's favorite Dr. Seuss book "Ten Apples Up On Top!" where a dog, a lion and a tiger compete to see how many apples they can balance on their head without letting them drop.

Over the years, I had often rebuilt my tower of "apples" with many volunteer positions. There was the Army stuff, the church stuff and the school stuff. Once I even "volunteered" to run an entire

cooperative preschool. My tower of apples grew higher and, with each move, I promised myself I would not take on as many commitments.

But with each child, each of my husband's new jobs, each move, there came more and more apples. The better I got at balancing them all, the more apples were added with the promise that I would not let them drop. However, sometimes an apple did drop and, most of the time, my personal goals fell off of the top.

I live in a community of amazing men and women. People who run and organize and manage better than any other group I've ever seen.

They are the backbone of phenomenal programs and the brains behind sports groups, the PTO, PWOC, WPWC, and hundreds of other programs with equally impressive acronyms. And, on top of it all, many of those people balance those Family apples -- some with many more than my impending three.

That it is why I feel guilty admitting my resolution for the year. When we made the move to West Point, I promised myself that I would volunteer a lot less and commit to fewer things.

Army spouses never cease to amaze me with their ability to balance everything. Some work full-time. Some work part-time. Some stay at home full time with their children.

They volunteer for a million time consuming positions while managing all of the day-to-day tasks of their lives. And then they pick up and move every couple of years on top of it, adding a whole new bushel of apples to balance.

The military journey is a fast-paced existence but, for now, I've decided to slow down. And, as I add this new sweet apple to the top of the pile, I will try to keep those other apples in check. I won't let the pile grow too high and will take some time to find those I dropped along the way. Maybe then I'll put a few apples back on top, and then thoughtfully make myself the promise that I will not let one drop.

Janine Boldrin is a writer, a mother and an Army spouse. To contact her about your experiences as a military spouse at West Point, email her at janineboldrin@gmail.com.

DPW NOTES

The water department is conducting its semi-annual fire hydrant flushing during October with the following schedule:

- Central Area, Thayer Road, Washington Road, Wilson Road, Buffalo Soldier Field area, Ruger Road, South Post – weeks of Oct. 13 and 24;
- Lee Area, Merritt Road, Old PX Area and Stony Lonesome – week of Oct. 13;
- Lusk, Holleder Center, Michie Stadium, areas south, New Brick, Gray Ghost, Hospital, Laundry, Maintenance and the Mint – week of Oct. 20.

During flushing, high velocities in the water mains may create colored water to flow from the faucets.

This water will not be suitable for washing clothes because staining will result. Although the water is considered safe, it is not recommended for drinking or cooking because of the discoloration. This discoloration will clear up in about two hours.

Some quarters/buildings might experience low water pressure, which will become normal in about two hours.

Some of these dates may change because weather and operational delays or changes.

Scheduled changes will be publicized as soon as they are available.

For more information, call Greg Jones, Water/Wastewater Treatment Branch at 938-2109.



New bus shelters -- another AFAP success story

Although it was a beautiful day and shelter was not needed, shuttle bus riders checked out one of the five bus shelters installed in August by the West Point Directorate of Public Works. The new shelters were in response to a West Point Army Family Action Program issue from the 1998 AFAP to provide shelters to protect bus patrons from the elements. Although it took some time, the issue is now completely resolved. To submit an AFAP issue for consideration or participate as a delegate at this year's conference, which is scheduled for Nov. 18-19 at the West Point Club, go to www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm or call 938-3655.

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Keller Corner

KACH Closure

All Outpatient Clinics, Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology will be closed Oct. 13 for Columbus Day.

The Emergency Room will remain open.

DEERS

When life changes, you need to update DEERS.

DEERS stands for the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and it's the key to military benefits.

Re-enlisting, commissioning, separating, retiring or PCSing all require changes to DEERS. And those are just professional changes.

Personal changes such as getting married, having a baby, divorcing, moving or simply getting a new phone number also require changes to DEERS.

Call 938-3746 to make sure you have the proper documentation

before visiting the ID Card Section in Bldg. 622 for most DEERS changes.

Simple address changes may be e-mailed to www.tricare.osd.mil/deers.

CLINICAL BREAST STUDY

Female military health care beneficiaries who are between 30 and 45 years of age are invited to participate in an ongoing clinical breast study to evaluate a new non-invasive imaging technology.

We are testing its ability to identify young women who may be at increased risk for breast cancer.

For more information, contact Joyce Epstein-Ross, FNP, at 938-8387.

What's Happening

West Point Yard Sale

The West Point fall yard sale is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday throughout West Point.

Individuals without DOD stickers or identification must enter West Point through either Stony Lonesome or Thayer gates.

Also, everyone in the vehicle who is 16 or older must have photo identification.

Book Signings

Kurt Muse will be signing his book "Six Minutes to Freedom" from 3-4 p.m. Friday.

Nate Self is scheduled to sign copies of his book "Two Wars" from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Oct. 9. The book tells the account of the battle he led in Afghanistan to rescue a Navy SEAL.

Bill Murphy Jr. is scheduled to sign copies of his book "In a Time of War" from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Oct. 10.

The book tells the proud and perilous journey of West Point's Class of 2002.

All signings are at USMA Bookstore, Thayer Hall, fourth floor.

Highland Falls Fall Foliage Festival

The annual Highland Falls Fall Foliage Festival is from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday along north Main Street in Highland Falls.

Come see the various vendors and enjoy the numerous activities for all ages.

Living History Display at West Point Museum

Duffle Bag Associates will set up static displays of militaria and military vehicles from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday in front of the West Point Museum for all to view and enjoy.

Moms and Tots

West Point Women's Club Moms and Tots will meet at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 10 in the CYS Bldg. 500 gym for its new Fun Gym program.

Fun Gym is a great way to keep toddlers and babies active. New members always welcome.

For information, call Andrea at 859-4567 or e-mail us at usmamomsandtots@hotmail.com.

The next event is Oct. 16 at Lee Playground -- Spooky Safety.

Commemoration of the Battle of Fort Montgomery

The commemoration of the Battle of Fort Montgomery will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Fort Montgomery State Historic Site.

The event includes a battle re-enactment, cannon and musket firings and tours of the site.

For more information, contact the FMSHS at 446-2134.

Volkssport Club of West Point

The Volkssport Club of West Point will hold a special event walk Sunday in Beacon.

Registration is from 9 a.m.-noon at the start point in Riverfront Park

behind the Beacon/Metro North Train Station.

There will be 10-kilometer and 5-kilometer trails for a self-guided walk. Water and restrooms are available.

The trail is moderate and suitable for strollers but not wheelchairs.

For more information, call Joan Kimmel at 462-6845.

West Point School PTO Book Fair

West Point Elementary and Middle Schools' PTO Scholastic Book Fair is from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Oct. 9 in the WPS New Gym Lobby.

The PTO Family events start Wednesday with the Sunrise Shopping from 7-8 a.m. and then Family Night from 5:30-8 p.m.

The West Point community is invited to attend and help raise money for West Point Schools.

Hispanic Heritage Festival

The West Point community and cadets are invited to the Hispanic Heritage Festival scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 10 at Trophy Point.

Free food, Latin music, dancing and other live performances are planned. There is no charge to attend.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Michael Dotson at 938-8456.

Basic Motorcycle Rider Course

The West Point Safety Office is

offering the basic motorcycle rider course.

Riders must attend both days of the two-day course and complete the course to register a motorcycle at West Point.

The BMRC dates are:

- 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.

Cornwall-on-Hudson Village-wide Yard Sale

Cornwall-on-Hudson is holding a village-wide yard sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 18. They invite their neighbors at West Point to come and shop.

PWOC Spa Day

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are sponsoring a spa day from 8:45-11 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop. During the busy fall season, take a break and bring a girl friend for a morning of pampering and rejuvenation for body and spirit.

Spookyspectacular Halloween Party

Sacred Heart School of Highland Falls is hosting its Spookyspectacular Halloween Party from 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 24.

Pizza and other refreshments will be available for purchase. DJ Pat Flynn's Party Time Productions will provide entertainment.

Anyone who donates a cake to the cakewalk will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to Spectacular Sweets & Party Supply.

No gory or excessively scary costumes please. Don't miss this Family-friendly event.

Memorial Run/Walk

The public is invited to participate in a memorial run/walk being held Nov. 9 at PNC Bank Arts Center off Garden State Parkway in Holmdel, N.J., in honor of 1st Lt. Dennis Zilinski, U.S. Military Academy class of 2004, who was killed in Iraq in 2005.

Register by Oct. 31 to get reduced registration fees or register at the event.

Proceeds are donated to various

programs important to Zilinski.

Registration forms and more information can be found at www.runwithdennis.org.

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

West Point Class of 1929 Gallery

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

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

For more information, call 938-6772.

The West Point Band presents

Music at West Point

Clarinet Recital: Staff Sgt. Sam Kaestner, Sunday, October 5, 3:00 p.m., Jewish Chapel

Clarinet Recital: Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Herndon, Sunday, October 12, 3:00 p.m., Jewish Chapel

Jazz Saxophone Recital: Master Sgt. Gary McCourry, Sunday, October 19, 3:00 p.m., Egnor Hall Band Bldg

Free & Open to the Public
845-938-2617
westpoint.edu/band



Living History at West Point Museum

The West Point Museum is hosting a living history event featuring uniformed re-enactors and military displays and vehicles Saturday. Displays will include a variety of World War II and later military vehicles, which will be available for public inspection with uniformed interpreters to provide history and technical information on each display provided courtesy of The Duffle Bag Associates. Other static displays of uniforms, equipments and weapons will demonstrate how the American Soldier has been equipped in the wars of the 20th Century. Unlike the museum exhibits, these materials may be handled and examined by the public. This is a photo from last year's event.

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Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Delivery problems?

FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS CONTACT MATT O'SULLIVAN AT THE TIMES HERALD-RECORD AT (845) 346-3214 OR BY E-MAIL AT MOSULLIVAN@TH-RECORD.COM.

FMWR Blurbs

Military Appreciation Day

Military Appreciation Day is at the Round Pond Recreation Area from 12:30-6 p.m. Oct. 9.

It is open to all active duty military and their Families. Adult sports teams are now forming.

R.S.V.P. your team to *Jim Liney@usma.edu* by Tuesday.

For information, call 938-6497.

U.S. Army Soldier Show

The 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show comes to Ike Hall at 5 p.m. Oct. 19. The event is free to the general public.

The show is scheduled to feature West Point Physics Instructor Maj. Diana Loucks and 1st Lt. David Drew, USMA class of 2006.

Reserved seating for WTU's and Families of deployed Soldiers is available. For information, call 938-6497.

Haunted Hayride

The Haunted Hayride at the Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond is from 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 30.

Childrens' activities and refreshments are available. Come in a Halloween costume and get half off admission. For information, call 938-2503.

Les Mills Body Combat

Les Mills Body Combat is coming to the FMWR Fitness Center.

The free launch is at 9 a.m. Friday. Sign up at the front desk of the fitness center.

Call 938-6490 for more information.

Defensive Driving Class

Sign up for the Defensive

Driving Class scheduled from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Bldg. 622.

To register, call ITR at 938-2401.

Combined Federal Campaign

The West Point Combined Federal Campaign runs Monday through Nov. 14.

To make a contribution to FMWR, please use these codes: ACS - 73037, BOSS - 70022, CDC - 25121, SFAC - 18445, YS - 60507.

Golf Scramble

The Garrison Golf Scramble shotgun time is noon Oct. 17. It is a 18-hole, four-person team scramble tournament and open to all active duty and retired military and DOD civilian employees.

Register now through Oct. 15. To register, call 938-2435.

Sealed Bid

FMWR Services Division is holding a sealed bid sale Oct. 13-16 and has two items for sale: a 1991 and a 1993 Dodge pickup truck, sold "as is."

For more information, call 938-4915.

CYSS SKIES

Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Instructional Program Registration for Session 2 begins Monday.

Check the CYSS Web site for flyers at www.westpointmwr.com or call 938-3727/8893 for more information.

Krafts 4 Kids

Krafts 4 Kids takes place 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays at the Craft Shop, Bldg. 648.

To pre-register or for more information, call 938-4812.

Hunting Lottery

The hunting lottery for opening day rifle season starts at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Ski Lodge and is for all active duty military, retired military, DOD civilians and dependents.

You must bring New York State and West Point hunting license to the lottery. To register, call Round Pond at 938-2503.

ITR Trips

Register now with ITR for a trip to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Nov. 27. T

ickets are also now on sale at ITR for Radio City's Christmas Spectacular.

Performance dates are Dec. 1 and Dec. 8. Both shows are at 5 p.m. Call 938-3601 for more information.

West Point Club Breakfast

A Family-style breakfast takes place 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Sunday at the West Point Club.

Treat your Family to Sunday breakfast without breaking the bank. Children 6 years old and younger eat for free.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Post Library Fall Story Hour

The West Point Post Library will begin its fall story hour Oct. 14.

The sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Daily sessions are open to all West Point community children ages 3-5.

Pre-registration is required each week. For more information, call 938-2974.

CYSS Babysitting Classes

West Point Child, Youth and School Servies is offering babysitting classes at ITR, Bldg. 695.

The classes run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 30-31 for ages 12 and older. To register, call 938-3921.

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.

CYSS Coaches Needed

CYSS Sports is currently looking for volunteer coaches in the following sports for the fall/winter seasons: soccer -- all levels and ages, peeewee 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 938-5654 for more information.

Fitness Instructors Needed

Les Mills Body Combat instructors are needed.

Contact the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490 for more information.

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.

PBS wants your impressions

Did you attend the Marina concert last week? PBS would like to hear your impressions of the concert.

Please forward your comments directly to Marinainformation@gmail.com. Include your status, e.g., a cadet, Soldier, Family member, etc.

Command Channel 8/23

Oct. 2 - 9

Thursday-Friday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
7 p.m. Army Newswatch

Saturday-Sunday
No Programming

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

Oct. 9
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
7 p.m. Army Newswatch



CYSS girls honored

Child, Youth and School Services winners (left to right) Kayla Martin, Corinne Sparrow and Kristen Hendricks were recognized by Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno and Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNeirney for their achievements in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Northeast Regional Fine Arts exhibit. Martin submitted work in the oil/acrylic category, Sparrow submitted a multicolored drawing and a watercolor painting was submitted by Hendricks at the local level. Each girl won at the local and region levels. More than 500 pieces of work from about 100 Boys and Girls Clubs were judged in this competition.

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Army and Community Sports

Coach, talented receiver look to rebound Sprint

By Eric S. Bartelt

Looking to set the tone for the 2008 season, Army sprint football came up short on their final drive Sunday against Navy to lose 14-7 at Shea Stadium here.

The loss gives Army a 1-2 start to the season as they are coming off a 2-5 record a year ago, their first losing record in 45 years and second in team history.

Undaunted, the team is working hard to get back on its feet and finish the season strong. They will have a chance to get their revenge against the Midshipmen Oct. 31 at Annapolis.

Sunday offered a glimpse of hope as many individuals tried to carry the team to victory. One of their most prominent players is Firstie wide receiver Geoffrey Phillips, who finished the game with 11 receptions for 120 yards.

Phillips, coming off a strong cow season where he finished with 21 receptions and second in the Collegiate Sprint Football League with 398 yards receiving, has put up strong numbers three games into the season with 24 receptions for 315 yards and one touchdown.

He finished last season with five touchdowns, two against Navy, and has three career touchdowns against the Midshipmen. Phillips said, "there's nothing like (scoring against Navy)," and those three touchdowns were the biggest accomplishments of his collegiate career.

However, it was the first game he played against Navy in 2006 that he considers his best moment of his playing career despite not getting a touchdown that day.

"The first Navy game I played was at Kean University in New Jersey my (yearling) season and it was exciting," Phillips said. "There were about 5,000 people there and the atmosphere was insane. Just to experience on how hard fought an Army/Navy game is and to do it for the first time was big."

Phillips has come a long way from his plebe year when he didn't make the cut as the team kept only three wide receivers and he was put on the junior varsity squad.

The 5-foot, 10-inch, 165-pound, North Ridgeville, Ohio, native made the adjustment and worked vigorously in the weight room to make the team a year later.

"(Fellow Firsties) wide receiver Dewy Hansen, running back Pat Toffler and I were three of the last four guys to be put on the JV squad that year," Phillips said. "It's a pretty good feeling that all three of us are starting now and that we all stuck with it."

Army has used two quarterbacks equally this season with Firstie signal callers Bobby Miner and Abe Payne sharing the load. Phillips has found a rapport with both guys and his rapport with Miner goes back to

their first days at the academy.

"Bobby and I have been playing together since Beast Barracks, and we've grown together and he's one of my best friends," Phillips said. "It's one of those quarterback/receiver relationships where it translates onto the field no matter if we are doing one-on-one drills or seven-on-seven drills. He just knows where I'm going to be because we have that bond."

Sprint football head coach Mark West is impressed with Phillips and his abilities to make things happen on the field. Phillips not only starts at wide receiver, but he is also the team's lead kickoff and punt returner.

"Geoffrey is a special player. He makes things happen," West said. "He's a top notch player in terms of making plays and has good speed and good hands."

"What Geoffrey also brings to the game is a mental toughness that I hope our other players try to emulate," he added. "Looking at Geoff's background, he's a former hockey goalie in high school and hockey goalies have a different type of mentality ... he's mentally and physically tough, and those are special traits that he brings to the team."

West has been pleased with the play of his quarterbacks early in the season as they stepped into leadership roles. While the offense has been progressing, the defense has stepped up its play and has not allowed more than 17 points in a game this season.

West said the play of their Firstie defensive backs Chris Carter and Antonio Manzano has been strong. The return of Firstie linebacker Nate Drake from injury was big Sunday as he got a sack and the play of Yearling linebacker Bryan Girouard has been magnificent as he added two sacks and an interception against Navy Sunday.

While some individuals are shining, West is big on getting the team as a whole on the right path. He is a first-year head coach and wants the team to forget the fact they had a losing season a year ago.

"Anybody would be down after having a losing season, but you have to put that in the past," West said. "We don't dwell on it. We're focused on the future, and that's our team's motto this year, 'Fast Forward,' because we want to take the program forward as quickly as possible."

"I want the guys on this team to establish their own legacy and in order to do that, you can't dwell on the past," he added. "So we're focused and it comes down to getting better every day."

For West, playing Navy brought back a flood of memories to the days he called signals for Army from 1988-90 and led the Cadets to three league championships and two



Firstie wide receiver Geoffrey Phillips caught 11 passes for 120 yards versus Navy Sunday at Shea Stadium. His 24 receptions in three games this season is three more than he had in six games in 2007.

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/PAO

victories over Navy.

He's hoping the team takes the lessons he learned and apply it to their collegiate careers because the biggest loss of his career was against Navy, from which his squad learned.

"We lost my sophomore year (to Navy), a very bitter defeat in that we went into the game undefeated and had a chance for an undefeated season, and they ruined it," West said. "The next two years, we made sure we didn't let that happen again, and we won my junior and senior seasons."

In fact, the three years he started at quarterback for Army, they had a 17-1-1 record. It's from the loss that his team built its strength and that the current squad needs to give a little more to win those games.

"It's one of my responsibilities as someone who has beaten Navy to try to get across to them what it takes to beat them," West said. "It's a special game, and while the last thing I want to do is put undue pressure on these kids, I do want them to know that it takes a special kind of effort to beat Navy."

Whether it's in the classroom or on the playing field, West is thrilled to pass along his wisdom that will

Whether you are expected to win or whether you are the underdog, when that game takes place, it's anybody's game, and that's been proven throughout the history of Army/Navy football."

West was an assistant coach on the team when Army last beat Navy in 2003 when he served here from 2001-04.

An Army lieutenant colonel, West is an instructor in the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership department where he teaches leadership to the cow class. Influencing the next generation of Army leaders is a job that he takes very seriously and is very proud to have placed upon him.

"I admit I love teaching the leadership course probably as much as I love coaching football," West explained. "Having an opportunity to impact these future leaders and knowing I was at one time in their shoes, it's very gratifying knowing that I can give back to an institution that I owe so much to."

Whether it's in the classroom or on the playing field, West is thrilled to pass along his wisdom that will

someday prove vital in situations more austere than in an academy environment.

The players are taking his words to heart as they learn the life lessons taught playing athletics and from a coach who wants them to set high expectations for themselves and do whatever is necessary to meet those expectations and settle for nothing less than their very best.

Phillips applauds West's energy and knows he's the type of officer he would like to be one day.

"He has the same long day as we do teaching classes, but he's still got a hop in his step and is always chatting it up with the guys," Phillips remarked. "It's really nice to come down (to the field) when we're dragging a little bit and see him on a whole other energy level, and it gets us pumped for practice."

"He's definitely a role model for everybody on the team. We respect him as an officer and our coach," said the possible future aviation officer. "We see how he operates the football program and how he is with his Family, and he's definitely a role model as an officer and a man."

Boxing poised to defend its championship

By Maj. Josh Bryan
Club Boxing Academic OR

The West Point boxing program will start getting ready to defend its 2008 National Collegiate Boxing Association championship from 7-9 p.m. Friday with a traditional boxing smoker dubbed Friday Night Fights in the north boxing room of Arvin Gym.

Friday Night Fights at West Point are intrasquad matches that allow members of the West Point boxing team to demonstrate their skills in front of a crowd. They are extremely competitive boxers who often are vying for top rankings in their weight class.

The boxers began training the second week of September and have set their sites on winning a fourth consecutive eastern regional championship and a second national championship. The NCBA has governed collegiate boxing and its championship tournaments since the mid-1970s. The National Collegiate Athletic Association terminated its governance of collegiate boxing in 1963, following the death of a collegiate boxer, said West Point boxing coach, Dr. Ray Barone.

Since boxing is not sanctioned by the NCAA, the West Point boxing team is termed a club sport and not a varsity sport. The boxing team competes in NCBA-sanctioned events throughout the academic year culminating in the national championship tournament in April. While the boxing team is limited to 60 cadets, coaches always can assess the skills of other cadets because of the integration of boxing into cadet life.

Boxing has been a part of the academy's physical education curriculum since 1905 when it was added at the behest of then-President Theodore Roosevelt. All male plebes must take boxing. It has been a part of the academy's intramural program for the majority of the past 100 years, and any cadet can volunteer to compete in the Brigade Boxing Open, which will take place for the 53rd time in February.

Barone has high hopes for his young but experienced team.

"The team that won the regional and national tournaments a year ago was young,"



Yearling Danilo Garcia (right) was one of four individual Army champions at the 2008 National Collegiate Boxing Association championships in Reno, Nev., last April. He won in the 125-pound weight class.

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Barone said. "The enthusiasm and work ethic on this team are extremely high. Of the 12 boxers who represented West Point boxing at the national tournament, only two graduated."

Barone, a retired field artillery officer, believes the "Sweet Science," as boxing has been called, prepares cadets well for their chosen profession of military service.

"(Former) co-captains Cory Kastl and Steve Solaja are off to the Infantry Officer Basic Course," Barone said. "I think the Army will be extremely pleased with those two warriors and the other seven boxers who chose combat arms branches. Boxing and combat arms pretty much go hand-in-hand."

Barone likes the look of the freshmen class

and feels they are following the returning boxers' positive leadership.

Barone said, these returnees have their eyes on another national championship, and the new team members are quick to pick up on this focus. He also said the toughest part thus far has been narrowing the team down from the more than 90 boxers who tried out to the 60 the team is authorized to keep.

"Bringing the team down to 60 is very difficult because there are many talented young warriors who want to be on the team to include some first-time firsties and cows," Barone said. "It is extremely difficult for a first-time firstie or cow to make the team at this point in their cadet career. It becomes a choice of selecting them or selecting a talented yearling or plebe. In the interest of building the team for the future, the younger boxers are more often than not selected."

Barone thinks the team can do well this year if it does not look past its competition.

"West Point boxing will be extremely competitive, this year and for years to come," Barone said. "But you must realize that there are approximately 35 other colleges in the country that want to knock-off our team. Our team knows this because I remind them every day."

Barone feels the Air Force and Naval academies, along with Lock Haven University (Penn.), Reno (Nev.), Kentucky and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas will provide the stiffest competition this year. He sees Maryland, Penn State and the Virginia Military Institute as being teams that are on the rise and building strong programs.

The West Point Boxing Club is working with the Brigade Tactical Department, the Directorate of Cadet Activities and the Department of Physical Education to conduct an outdoor boxing smoker in Central Area from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 10 as a part of that weekend's Homecoming festivities.

"West Point Boxing is going to be very viable and very good for years to come. The

chain of command supports the program and West Point cadets are among the fiercest warriors," Barone said.



Yearling Steve Henao-Escobar (right) connects with his right hand against Cow Dan Sequeira at last year's Brigade Open Boxing championship.

Sports calendar

Oct. 2 - Oct. 12

Corps

FRIDAY -- CROSS COUNTRY, PAUL SHORT INVITATIONAL, BETHLEHEM, PA., 11 A.M.

FRIDAY -- SWIMMING AND DIVING VS. VERMONT (WOMEN), CRANDALL POOL (ARVIN GYM), 5 P.M.

FRIDAY -- VOLLEYBALL VS. BUCKNELL, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 7 P.M.

FRIDAY -- SPRINT FOOTBALL VS. PRINCETON, SHEA STADIUM, 7 P.M.

SATURDAY -- MEN'S SOCCER VS. COLGATE, CLINTON FIELD, 1 P.M.

SATURDAY -- WOMEN'S SOCCER @ LAFAYETTE, EASTON, PA., 1 P.M.

SATURDAY -- VOLLEYBALL VS. COLGATE, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 4 P.M.

SATURDAY -- FOOTBALL @ TULANE, NEW ORLEANS, 3 P.M. (COX SPORTS TELEVISION)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY -- GOLF VS. NAVY, WEST PONT GOLF COURSE, 9 A.M.

WEDNESDAY -- VOLLEYBALL @ NJIT, NEWARK, N.J., 7 P.M.

OCT. 10 AND OCT. 11 -- RIFLE @ NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEB., 9:30 A.M.

OCT. 10 -- SWIMMING AND DIVING, ALUMNI MEET, CRANDALL POOL, 6 P.M.

OCT. 10 -- SPRINT FOOTBALL @ PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, 7 P.M.

OCT. 10 -- WOMEN'S SOCCER @ COLGATE, HAMILTON, 7 P.M.

OCT. 11 -- FOOTBALL VS. EASTERN MICHIGAN, MICHIE STADIUM, 1 P.M. (ESPN CLASSIC)

OCT. 11 -- MEN'S SOCCER @ BUCKNELL, LEWISBURG, PA., 7 P.M.

Club

FRIDAY -- BOXING, FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, NORTH BOXING ROOM (ARVIN GYM), 4:30 P.M.

FRIDAY -- WATER POLO TEAM, WEST POINT INVITATIONAL VS. N.Y. DIVISIONAL RIVALS, ARVIN GYM, 7 P.M.

FRIDAY -- HANDBALL, WEST POINT WOMEN'S TEAM HANDBALL INVITATIONAL, ARVIN GYM, 6 P.M.

SATURDAY -- WOMEN'S RUGBY VS. VASSAR COLLEGE, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

OCT. 12 -- MEN'S RUGBY VS. FORDHAM, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, NOON.

CLUB RESULTS

• **Triathlon:** Nine members of the West Point Triathlon team competed in the Hudson Highlands Greenway Triathlon in Cold Springs Sunday.

The Triathlon consisted of a 6-mile kayak, 25-mile bike and an 8-mile trail run.

The West Point competitors -- two relay teams and four individual competitors -- were sponsored by the race.

Despite the rain and treacherous course, the competitors had a great time and had a good showing. Relay Team No. 1, Firsties Christina Fenstermaker, Will Eggers and Drew Webster, came in first overall for relay teams.

• **Water Polo Team:** The Army Water Polo Team competed in a tournament at Villanova Saturday and Sunday.

Army played Greater Philadelphia, a team consisting of former college players.

Army came out strong in the first half, holding Greater Philadelphia to only three goals while scoring four of their own.

But after the half, Greater Philadelphia stepped up the intensity, resulting in an 11-10 loss despite the efforts of the Army players.

Highlights included Firstie Andrew Lee scoring four goals and Firstie Kyle Davis blocking a 5-meter penalty shot.

The second game featured Villanova's B team against Army. Yearling goalie Dustin Gross started for Army and only allowed three goals the entire game.

The end result was a 22-3 victory over the Villanova B team.

Army finished the day by losing to Yale 11-8, placing them third in the bracket.

The final game played Sunday pitted Villanova's A team against Army for fifth place in the tournament.

Army had never been able to beat Villanova in their own pool. But they took the game Sunday in a 9-7 victory over Villanova's A team.

The victory can be attributed to the great execution of the entire team on defense and exploiting Villanova on offense.

• **Women's Army Rugby** -- WAR faced Connecticut Sunday at the Anderson Rugby Complex. The women's first 15 (A-side) smoked UConn 85-0.

They were led by Cow Marissa Readinger and Firstie Alexis McLaughlin, who each had three tries in the match.

They also received multiple tries from Firstie Amy Sexauer and Yearling Alexandra Bradshaw.

WAR's second 15 (B-side) also shutout UConn by the score of 52-0.

• **Men's Rugby:** Army faced Norwich Sept. 20 at the Anderson Rugby Complex, defeating them 58-5.

Try scorers for the day included Cows lock Dan Moulton, prop Mark Wilson, winger Samuel Aidoo, Jeremy Huggins, center Mike Sheehan, fullback Josh Minton, Miles Rowan and Firstie flanker Dan Geib, and Yearling winger Latu Vaha'i.

Up next for the Black Knights will be at the Huskies of the University of Connecticut at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Soccer blanks ranked CCSU 3-0

By Mady Salvani
Athletic Communications

Second half insurance goals by Firstie Sarah Goss and Plebe Deanna Clegg along with a first-half tally by Plebe Erringer Helbling powered the Army's women's soccer team to a 3-0 blanking of regionally ranked Central Connecticut State at Clinton Field Sunday as the Black Knights (7-4) closed out the non-league portion of their slate.

The Blue Devils, ranked eighth in the Northeast Region, slipped to 3-3-4. CCSU upset Connecticut, ranked 11th nationally in August, by a 2-1 score, while battling Patriot League preseason favorite Navy to a 0-0 double overtime draw in early September.

Army jumped onto the scoreboard with a little more than six minutes remaining in the first half when Helbling converted a pass from Firstie Amelia Janoski at the 38:20 mark. After beating goalkeeper Caity Casey to the pass, Helbling booted the ball into the left corner of open net for her first collegiate goal and what proved to be the game winner.

Goss added an unassisted insurance goal just three minutes into the second half when she converted her own rebound 15 seconds after her first attempt was blocked.

Army's final tally was a combination of Plebes Dymon Washington and Clegg. Washington sent the ball forward to a streaking Clegg who scored on a breakaway goal after beating Casey with a booming shot to the right side of the net.

Yearling goaltender Alex Lostetter made five saves to get her third shutout of the season.

"Central Connecticut State is the most skilled team we have faced this year," said Army head coach Gene Ventriglia. "They are a very good-sized team that is physical with seasoned veterans. They gave us some opportunities, and we took advantage of them."

Army opens its Patriot League slate at 1 p.m. Saturday in Easton, Pa., at Lafayette.



Going airborne

Yearling running back Patrick Mealy (#5) goes airborne over a Texas A&M defender to score a four-yard touchdown Sept. 27 versus the Aggies. Mealy finished the day with 26 yards rushing on three carries. Army lost a close game 21-17 and is now 0-4 on the season. The Black Knights travel to New Orleans Saturday to face Tulane at the Superdome.

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Ultimate Frisbee Standings

*Standings through Tuesday

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

Flag Football Standings

*Standings through Monday-

	W - L - T
1. ODIA	5 - 0 - 0
2. MPs	3 - 2 - 0
3. STEWART MAR. #1	2 - 2 - 1
4. STEWART MAR. #2	2 - 3 - 0
5. MEDDAC	2 - 3 - 0
6. 105TH ANG	2 - 4 - 0
7. USCC/BTD	1 - 3 - 1

Noontime Basketball Signups

The D/FMWR Sports Office is currently conducting Noontime Basketball team sign-ups through Oct. 14. The season will start Oct. 20 and run through March 13. All games are played at Arvin Gym. Contact James McGuinness at 938-3066 or Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu for more information.