

Dean's Weekly

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Past Events

1. On 1 March, Stephen Greenblatt, the John Cogan University Professor of the Humanities at Harvard University; the world's most celebrated Shakespeare scholar; the author of *Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare*; and, most recently, the winner of a National Book Award for *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*, delivered a Dean's Hour lecture on *Coriolanus*, one of Shakespeare's Roman plays, in Robinson Auditorium. After the reading, Professor Greenblatt gave a reading from *The Swerve* and then took questions from cadets and faculty. Professor Greenblatt is also the editor of *The Norton Shakespeare*, an EN102 Literature course text issued to the entire plebe class this year.



2. MAJ Maurice Wilson served as guest reader and speaker for the “Readers Are Leaders Day” at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Yorktown Heights, NY, on 2 March. Students dressed as Dr. Seuss characters to commemorate the author’s birthday, which coincides with the national Read Across America day celebration. As part of West Point’s community service and outreach efforts, MAJ Wilson read Dr. Seuss’ *And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street* to two third grade classes, and he spoke to the children about the importance of setting goals, ways to deal with failure, the benefits of a West Point/college education, and the experience of flying helicopters and airplanes.

