



DPE Standard

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Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center Prepares For Grand Opening

By CPT Ryan McCausland
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The Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center (ACPDC) is nearing completion as DPE prepares for R-Day and the myriad duties associated with Cadet Summer Training. Construction work remains steady, with the contractors putting the finishing touches on what is truly a spectacular new facility. The project began in 1999, and after six years and \$97 million, it offers nine recreational basketball courts, three pools, six racquetball courts, two new boxing rooms, and upgraded sports medicine and rehabilitation facilities.

The new ACPDC has many of the same characteristics as the previous building, but with a number of significant improvements. The Class of '79 Rock Climbing Wall is one of the many highlights of the new facility. The 48-foot wall wraps around 360 degrees, with a 12-foot line for bouldering work. The Combat Survival Swim Laboratory is also an extraordinary addition, incorporating a wave generator and other new features to facilitate Fourth Class instruction.

Another aspect of the new facility that will benefit plebe instruction is the addition of two new boxing rooms.



The intramural pool is one of several new Arvin venues that is nearing completion.

Located on the fourth floor, these new venues replace the old East and West Boxing Rooms, which were demolished as part of the Class of '62 Fitness Room expansion.

Several important events have either taken place or are scheduled for the near future. On 6 June, the Class of '79 dedicated the new Rock Climbing Wall. On 4 August, the ACPDC opens to authorized users, and on 13 August the Academy will celebrate the facility's grand opening. Many thanks go out to those who have worked with the planning, development, and construction of the new ACPDC. The faculty and staff of DPE are privileged to benefit from your hard work over the years as we occupy the new facility.

Editor's Note:

Special recognition of a few individuals is in order. Mr. Ken Kerst, Dr. Tom Horne, MAJ Artie Coughlin, and CPT Ryan McCausland have truly been instrumental in facilitating the successful move of DPE from the "Lost 50s" back to our home...the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. Many thanks to those individuals for their time, energy, and effort in helping to make it happen.

Colonel's Corner

*By the Master of the Sword,
COL Greg Daniels*



Greetings! As of this writing, DPE stands poised on a new chapter in its storied history. Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center is very near completion, and everyone, and I mean everyone, at West Point is anxiously awaiting its opening. I chose to feature the new facility in this edition, replete with highlight photos to give you a visual appreciation of this magnificent structure that will certainly complement the superb DPE faculty and staff and our world class Physical Program for years to come.

At the beginning of the academic year I informed the Department that other than our primary mission to the Corps, our main effort for the year would be the smooth transition into Arvin. On top of the normally demanding OPTEMPO associated with administering the year-round Physical Program, the Department has so far managed to exceed my expectations. All but a handful of faculty members have made office moves from Scott Barracks to Arvin. I'm tremendously proud of the Department's dedicated and professional efforts to simultaneously juggle both critical missions. As a result, we're tracking toward opening for cadet use on 4 August, and we plan on celebrating together with an official grand

opening ceremony at 1300 on Saturday, 13 August. The "Department With A Heart" would love for you to attend!

On a more serious note, I'm grieved to inform you that Dr. Don Fuertges, DPE's Distinguished Visiting Professor for AY 2004-2005, passed away here at West Point on 12 May. Don's loss came as a tragic surprise to us all. A feature article dedicated to this wonderful teacher, scholar, mentor and friend is offered later in this edition.

Part of Don's enduring legacy to our department was through his service as chair of this year's Roles & Responsibilities Committee. The Committee had been established last year to examine faculty and staff functions and the organizational structure in DPE. Their purpose expanded this year to include a comprehensive assessment of workload equity across the staff and faculty. Although the workload assessment continues, Don and his committee were instrumental in providing the department with a revised organizational framework that more closely aligns with our strategic vision in the accomplishment of our mission to the Corps. DPE had been aligned with five major directorates under the Director and Deputy. The new structure

calls for four directorates: Director of Education (Dr. Chip East), Director of Operations (Dr. Bart Woodworth), Director of Resources (MAJ Artie Coughlin), and Director of Research, Assessment and Outreach (Dr. Larry Butler). I believe this revision will enhance the Department's effectiveness and efficiency in the future.

After just completing my first year on the job, I must admit that it's difficult to adequately express how honored and privileged I feel to be able to serve as Master of the Sword. Yes, the new facility will be extraordinary, but the opportunity to work with such an incredibly talented and devoted group of professionals has been priceless. My warmest regards to you all!

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DPE Bids Farewell to Dr. Fuertges Visiting Professor Passes Away at West Point; Loss Saddens Colleagues and Friends

By LTC(R) Jim Johnson
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Dr. Don Fuertges, former Chairman of the Department of Health and Human Performance, Fort Hays State University, died at West Point on 12 May 2005. Dr. Fuertges was the Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Department of Physical Education, United States Military Academy. He was 62 years old.

Dr. Fuertges' contributions to physical education, academics in general, and to his many students, friends, and colleagues were vast. Born in Joliet, Illinois, in 1942, his professional career began in elementary education in Pueblo, CO in 1966. From there, he went to Aurora, CO where he taught in the public schools and coached several sports, including wrestling, track and field, and football. His coaching accomplishments included three city championships in wrestling, a 19-1 football record, and numerous individual championships achieved by his student-athletes.

During his 35 years in higher education, Dr. Fuertges taught at the University of Utah and served as Director of the School of Health, College of Education, at Eastern New Mexico University, before joining the faculty at Fort Hays State University in



Dr. Don R. Fuertges, DPE Visiting Professor for 2004-2005.

1979. Rising to the rank of Professor and Chairman of the Department of Health and Human Performance, Dr. Fuertges was on the Fort Hays State University faculty for 21 years. His accomplishments and contributions were truly remarkable. He was a visionary who guided the department into its prominent position within the College of Health and Life Sciences. When he retired as Chair in 1998, the department was an organization of more than 40 faculty and teaching assistants, administering more than 200 courses. At Fort Hays State University he was also quite instrumental in establishing the Penne Fuertges Cardiac Rehabilitation Program and the Aimwell and Agewell community

and university projects.

He served as state president of the New Mexico Association for HPERD, and he was the recipient of the honored National Association for Sport and Physical Education "Joy of Effort" award.

Colleagues, friends and family remember Dr. Fuertges as an extraordinary and caring mentor who encouraged countless students, helping them to launch their careers. He was a leader who set high standards and encouraged his faculty to be leaders within the classroom as well. During his year at West Point, he was a highly respected advisor to both military and civilian faculty and influenced the education and development of many cadets.

Outside of his professional accomplishments, Don was an accomplished sportsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed hobbies including car restoration and golf.

Don R. Fuertges is survived by his wife, Darla, whom he married in 2004; his daughter, Kathryn Schowe, of Sierra Madre, CA; his son, Brian Fuertges, of Hays, KS; his brother, Patrick Fuertges, and his sisters, Mary Kay Farina and Sara Fuertges. He was married to Kathryn and Brian's mother, the former Penne Mondy, for 38 years until her passing in 2002.

DPE ACADEMY PROFESSOR SELECTED

By MAJ Nick Gist
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The “Department with a Heart” extends its congratulations to MAJ Hector Morales-Negron, who has been appointed to the position of Academy Professor within DPE. After a lengthy application process in which many extraordinary candidates were considered, MAJ Morales-Negron was selected. The USMA Academic Board approved his appointment on 6 April.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, MAJ Morales-Negron will begin Advanced Civil Schooling in the Fall of 2005 at Florida State University, where he will pursue his doctoral degree in Sports Psychology. He looks forward to joining the DPE faculty upon completion of the degree in 2008.

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