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## Army writing COIN FM

By Robby Kennedy

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (Army News Service) - The Combined Arms Center hosted experts from the CIA, State Department and academia Feb. 23 and 24 during a workshop aimed at providing input to authors rewriting the Counterinsurgency, or COIN, Field Manual, FM 3-24.

The intelligence analysts and experts gathered at the 35th Infantry Division headquarters on Fort Leavenworth to work at solving what many of them consider an urgent and acute problem facing the U.S. military today: how to respond to an insurgency.

The new COIN FM will contain chapters dealing with operations and operations design, intelligence, indigenous forces, leadership and ethics, logistics and more, said Lt. Col. Jan Horvath, one of the authors of FM 3-24.

### Outside experts review draft

"We established that we wanted to do a workshop to bring in some

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## Women's basketball heading to NCAAs

The Army women's basketball team earned their first-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament Wednesday by edging Holy Cross 69-68 in the Patriot League championship at Christl Arena here. Army, (20-10), the regular season Patriot League champions, added the tournament title to their growing resumé behind a balanced scoring attack, along with clutch defense and foul-shooting down the stretch overcoming an 11-point deficit in the second half. The Black Knights will learn their tournament fate Monday when selections are announced. (See story on Page 12.)

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## Panel backs military pay-for-performance

By Karen Rutzick  
Govexec.com

Military service members may join their civilian counterparts in the Defense Department in a move to pay for performance.

The Defense Advisory Committee on Military Compensation, appointed by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in March 2005, released preliminary suggestions last week, which included an increased focus on performance.

As it stands now, Soldiers are paid according to their grade and

time served. Some are promoted ahead of schedule into the next grade because of good performance. But when their peers inevitably are bumped into the higher grade as a result of longevity, they earn the same salary.

The committee's recommendation is to begin paying Soldiers based on the time they have spent in a specific grade, instead of overall time in the service. That way, a Soldier promoted early into a higher grade will earn more than the people he left behind, even once they are bumped into the grade automatically.

Committee members said they see the promotion system as the single best way to measure performance in the military and want to attach it more strongly to pay.

The committee's recommendation also would benefit civilians moving to the military at later points in their careers. A problem now, the committee found, is that civilians with advanced degrees and experience who join the military are placed in an advanced pay grade. But their overall time-

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## Soon Feds able to pay medical bills with plastic instead of cash

Commentary by Karen Rutzick govexec.com

The next time you visit the doctor, you might be able to leave the cash at home. Federal employees will soon acquire special debit cards to pay for some health care costs.

The Office of Personnel Management, which administers the health insurance program for federal workers, is piloting a debit card program this summer for enrollees to be run by the Government Employees Hospital Association who also have flexible spending accounts.

Participants will be able to pay for health expenses with cards linked directly to their FSA, eliminating the reimbursement process. If this summer's test run goes well, OPM plans to extend the program to all employees.

"You walk into the doctor's office and instead of giving them a credit card or whatever for their \$10 or \$15 co-pay, you just

give them the debit card, and it will be automatic," said Frank Titus, OPM's assistant director for insurance services.

OPM is hoping the debit cards will boost interest in FSAs, which allow employees to make pre-tax salary contributions into a savings account to pay for medical expenses not covered by insurance.

Items that can be paid for with FSAs include over-the-counter medicine, braces, acupuncture, substance abuse therapy, some infertility treatments, birth control, contact lenses, diaper rash creams, diabetic supplies, flu shots, laser eye surgery and mental health care.

Titus said the number of enrollees in the federal FSA program is comparable to privately sponsored plans, but it's not high enough.

"I don't understand for the life of me why we only have 10 percent of the eligible population enrolled instead of 90 percent," Titus said. "I

think some people think that when you talk about using pre-tax dollars and saving tax dollars, somehow the [tax] return is going to get more complicated, but it doesn't."

There are a couple of catches for debit program participants. One is that OPM also will require employees to be enrolled in paperless reimbursement in order to sign up. And, for some items, such as over-the-counter drugs, Titus said employees still may be required to submit receipts to validate the transaction.

Since the program won't launch until the summer, details still need to be worked out.

### Teeth for Two

Government workers will have optional dental and vision coverage

by the end of 2006. There will be a new option for enrollment in the benefit, as well.

In addition to the traditional "self" and "self plus family" choices, enrollees will be able to choose "self plus one" when signing up for dental and vision insurance. The premiums would cost more than those for a one-person plan, but less than for a family plan. The extra option could be used by married couples without children or couples with grown children on their own plans.

"It will be interesting to see what the premiums look like with respect to that," OPM's Titus said. "There are a lot of individuals who write us and believe they are

overpaying for insurance because they are self-and-spouse, and they feel like they are subsidizing people with large families."

Dental and vision coverage, which will not be subsidized by the government the way that standard medical coverage is, was authorized by Congress in December 2004. Titus said OPM received 26 proposals from insurance providers to offer the supplement, including both national and regional plans. There also are a couple of plans willing to provide international coverage.

OPM staff members are vetting the proposals, and Titus said they do not yet know how many contracts they will award.

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## SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Maj. Samantha Breton (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Catherine Ruvolo (Dean).

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

Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215.

West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

### Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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## DOD needs more flexible civilian workforce, official says

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- One day senior defense civilians could perform jobs now only filled by generals or admirals, and rank-and-file civilians could be deployed overseas to free up military members for combat-related duties, a senior DOD civilian said here March 3.

"We need to be more deliberate in our thinking about the roles of each of those (positions) and where they are somewhat interchangeable," said Patricia S.

Bradshaw, deputy undersecretary of defense for civilian personnel policy, during an American Forces Press Service interview.

A senior civilian personnel expert with 27 years of DOD and Navy service, Bradshaw worked in the corporate world for six years after she retired from the government in 1999. She came back to DOD to help its workforce become more capable and relevant in the post-Sept. 11 era.

The Defense Department is looking to private-industry models to transform its management

policies for senior-level and rank-and-file civilians so they can become a more capable and flexible workforce, Bradshaw said. For example, corporations rely on business executives with broad experience to oversee many kinds of enterprises, rather than tapping managers possessing expertise in narrow specialties, she said.

DOD also wants its civilians to learn new skills so they can be more flexible and available to be deployed anywhere in the world, Bradshaw said.

Military leaders need to be engaged in "managing the troops," Bradshaw said, rather than pulling duty that can be performed by civilian counterparts.

This brave new world of military-civilian interchangeability

hasn't arrived yet, Bradshaw noted, because the current culture is still immersed in old-style thinking. "We have not left our comfort zone," Bradshaw acknowledged.

Today, "if you try to select someone who comes with an enterprise view of the world, who has experience in joint matters, the

military will beat out the civilian (candidate) every time, because we haven't been deliberate in that."

It's time "to fix that," Bradshaw said, "not only at the Senior Executive Service level, but as we think about how we 'grow' our people below the SES level and prepare them for those jobs."

### Bill helps pay issues

FORT KNOX (Military Report) -- Legislation moving through Congress could help military members who aren't being correctly paid for their service, Kentucky Congressman Ron Lewis told members of the Association of the United States Army Feb. 22 during a membership meeting at Fort Knox.

The issue is "no payment due," and it occurs when, through no fault of their own, military personnel are overpaid wages or allowances, he explained.

When that overcompensation

is discovered and noted, the military sometimes immediately stops issuing payments to the service member until the money is recovered.

"It makes absolutely no sense," Lewis added.

Stopping payment is thrusting some military families into financial hardships.

"That's no way to treat our Soldiers," he said. "Some of those who are hurt the most by this are those wounded in combat."

Lewis sponsored HR 4730 to protect Soldiers affected by no payment due.

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of the best and brightest minds to get input," Horvath said.

"We tried to write something and get a very accomplished group of people to look at that and tell us what they think of it early on so we can make significant adjustments where they are needed, or adjust and put in nuances," Horvath added.

An interim COIN manual was penned and distributed to the invitees before their arrival at Fort Leavenworth to give them a chance to consider the suggested doctrine and add their own expertise to the dialogue. Horvath said the participants were invited from widely divergent backgrounds to bring contrasting perspectives, and consequently, impassioned

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in-service is still very low, which keeps them from earning salaries on par with longtime military members. Switching to a time-in-grade pay system would solve that problem.

Another way to skew the system more toward performance would be to bump up the housing allowance of single Soldiers to match those of Soldiers with families. There can be as much as a 25 percent discrepancy between the two.

The seven-member committee is made up of retired military members, academics and private compensation consultants. Retired Adm. Donald Pilling, who serves as its chairman, is the chief executive officer of the government consulting firm Logistics Management Institute and previously was vice chief of naval operations.

The committee plans to publish its final report in April, at which point Rumsfeld can choose to accept or reject any of the recommendations.

About 650,000 civilians in the Defense Department are on the verge of transitioning to a performance-based compensation system. The department is creating a system in which in-depth performance evaluations will be used to determine annual pay raises. The system has been slowed, at least temporarily, by last week's court ruling that some of the rules illegally undermine civilian workers' rights to collective bargaining.

debate.

"We pick up a lot of diverse and differing opinions ... sometimes you have two opposing viewpoints," Horvath said. "There is passion because there is disagreement -- that's why we brought them here, to get a different viewpoint to find out what we've missed or what we didn't consider. It may not change what we write, but it may."

### **FM author: Debate fosters solutions**

During the workshop, participants and authors debated or augmented existing ideas, brainstormed new solutions and otherwise expanded the COIN dialogue with the goal of improving the final product to the benefit of Soldiers and commanders in the field, Horvath said.

"What should we cull from what we have? Can we make it better, or should we move one out and put another one in?" Horvath said. "That's what all the authors are doing with their discussants, as well as other people throughout the seminar."

With the U.S. military heavily engaged in counterinsurgency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the need for effective guidance is both vital and pressing, Horvath explained.

"We've committed so much treasure in blood and people to Iraq and Afghanistan, but overall within the Global War on Terrorism -- this is a key manual within our efforts while we are at war," Horvath said.

### **120 insurgencies worldwide**

Horvath and the other FM 3-24 authors are trying to keep the scope of their manual broad so it will continue to have utility beyond current situations.

"There are more than 120

extended insurgencies around the world; that's a lot of instability," he said. "Iraq is one insurgency -- it's just one area. We're going to be involved in insurgencies in other places, so this manual, we don't want it to be too Iraq-centric."

While the COIN FM workshop concluded Feb. 24, the authors will continue to receive guidance and written input from discussants through the mail, Horvath said. The final product is expected to be finished by early summer and should provide immediate guidance for commanders in the field.

"It should provide them (commanders) a framework for thinking ... explaining what is an insurgency, what will it look like, what should you expect, in what type of environments will it thrive, how does it develop, how can we contribute to it inadvertently, what is our methodology and what is our way of thinking and assessing, what stage is it, how violent, how widespread in the public, how much support does it have? All those factors impact what method

or actions we take," Horvath said.

### **Manual will look back at Vietnam**

In addition, the manual will incorporate lessons learned from Vietnam and other past insurgencies.

"I think of Vietnam as the gold standard of insurgencies," Horvath said. "It was very well developed and we never collected any of those lessons. We wanted to capture those and look at other insurgencies ... and I think we're doing that right now."

As for the success of the workshop, Horvath was enthusiastic.

"I think we had the right people here. We've had some tremendous discussion ... we wanted to know what we're doing well, but also what we've missed on, what we need to reshape or refocus, and I think we've gotten a lot of that," he said. "It's been a grand slam."

**Editor's Note:** Kennedy serves as a staff writer for the Fort Leavenworth Lamp newspaper.

# Women's History Month panel discusses leadership issues

Story and photo  
by Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

Evidence that women continue to play an integral role in shaping our nation's history was shown Monday as six female officers participated in a panel titled "Women Leaders in Combat."

The panel, held at Mahan Hall's Arnold Auditorium, was a part of West Point's observance of Women's History Month and allowed cadets, prepsters and West Point community members a chance to hear the perspective of women officers who were recently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The event was sponsored by the Equal Opportunity Office here along with the Margaret Corbin Forum and Margaret Chase Smith Foundation.

"There are amazing leaders, thousands of them both men and women," said Maj. Stephanie Ahern, an instructor in the Social Science Department here, who organized and moderated the panel. "This just gave us an opportunity to get a specific population to tell their story to an audience that we wouldn't necessarily tap into otherwise."

That mainly being the female cadets attending the U.S. Military Academy, who are outnumbered nearly six to one with only 610 among the 4,121-strong Corps of Cadets here.

"I just like hearing it from a female's perspective," said Cadet 2nd Class Vanessa Forbes. "We always hear about armor and infantry ... I just want to hear what they were doing because it is what we could be doing in two years."

A wide variety of backgrounds was represented among the panelists who were brought in from five different posts, came from five different Army branches and two different commissioning sources, ROTC and the academy.

"It didn't matter where they

came from," said Cadet 3rd Class Stephanie Mikitish, "they all had really similar experiences, and I thought that was interesting because at West Point it is such a big deal what you branch and where you post. ... Then you come to the panel and you see women that are [adjutant general] and they are in combat just like the guys."

During the panel, several gender specific issues were brought up, one in particular had to do with the living conditions during deployment and whether or not females should live separate from their units.

Upon first arrival to Iraq, one of the officers found that with limited living space at the camp the men and women were separated.

"Being a platoon leader that irritated me to no end," said Capt. Laura Shippet, a panel member with the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan. "We found that units with males and females worked better if they stayed as a whole."

Some of the problems with being separated that Shippet pointed out were poor communication, information getting separated, the possibility for animosity and lack of team unity.

"If you have a good unit and you know you can trust them then living with each other is not going to be a problem," Shippet said.

Gender specific issues were not the only topics discussed during the panel, much of the hour panelists spent giving advice to the future Army officers on what to expect once they are leading Soldiers.

"One thing I really liked was the comment about the NCOs and how much do you really ask them for," said Cadet 2nd Class Jackie Chang.

Panelist Capt. Heidi Brockman, a 2001 USMA graduate, explained during the panel that it would have been helpful to learn more about the noncommissioned officer corps before becoming a lieutenant.

"I wish I sat down with my TAC NCO or any of the TAC NCOs in

my regiment," Brockman said, "to try to get their perspective on what I as a lieutenant should expect NCOs like my platoon sergeant to do, what kinds of things should I expect from the NCO corps and what things should I tackle on my own. That would have been helpful because here you are focused on doing everything yourself and being very self-sufficient, and when you get out to the Army you have a lot of help. It would help to know how to use that help from the beginning rather than later."

Forbes was happy to hear many of the graduates talk about how what they learned at the academy really prepared them well once they became an officer, explaining that some cadets are uncertain whether or not what they are going through is really getting them prepared.

"I liked that the grads represented West Point in a good light," said Forbes. "One talked about how to brief correctly. We (cadets) never really think about that because we give briefings all the time, but she was saying that we are one step ahead of the ROTC lieutenants just because we know how to brief."

The importance of being flexible was also stressed by many of the panelists to the future leaders who are coming from the rigid structure

of the academy. But, according to panelist Capt. Evangeline Rosel, those lessons learned at the academy on time management will still be very important.

"I think the more organized you are and the better you are able to manage your time the less things are going to change," Rosel said, a 1997 USMA graduate. "All of those skills that you have here will still serve you very well."

The advice from the panelists was overall well received by the cadets in attendance that will, in not too long of time, be in those same roles.

"What I saw up there wasn't necessarily them it was me in a

couple of years," said Cadet 3rd Class Kathleen Haight. "The fact they could be confident and that they have succeeded in everything that they've done -- was comforting."



Capt. Heidi Brockman (right) answers questions from the audience during the Women's History Month panel along with Capt. Evangeline Rosel (center) and Capt. Krista Watts (left).

**KACH doctor returns from tour in Iraq**

**Story and photo  
by Eric S. Bartel  
Assistant Editor**

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Trzepakowski was enjoying his Father's Day breakfast inside a dining facility in Iraq when the quiet of the morning back in June 2005 came to a crashing halt as the thunderous boom of a mortar landing echoed just yards outside the facility.

For most of the year that Trzepakowski spent in Iraq as the chief doctor for the Multinational Force Northwest, encompassing the areas above the Euphrates River to the Syrian and Turkish borders within mostly the Nineveh province, mortar firings and casualties were a normal daily occurrence.

"When I first got there in January (2005), we averaged 300 mortar attacks a month," said Trzepakowski, of the six compound installations they had in the Mosul area. "We got attacked several times a week and that was just the way it was, but by the time we left in December, we were down to 10 attacks a month ... so things got tremendously better."

The pace he's endured since coming from Fort Drum, N.Y. to West Point in Dec. 2004 has been constant. Five days after his arrival to West Point to serve as the chief of Primary Care, Trzepakowski received his orders to go to Iraq.

By Jan. 2, 2005, he left for Fort Irwin, Calif., to join his Iraq unit, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and 11 days later he was gone to Iraq until January 1 of this year.

The Depew, N.Y., native and 1991 graduate of the Uniformed Service University of the Health Sciences, joined Task Force Olympia on the ground in Iraq and was in charge of all medical assets in the area.

His job was unique in that a division-sized staff, although his unit was made up of two large brigades, a medical section usually has 18 people, but he started off with one.

"Four months (later) I got an NCOIC, who was from a different unit, and then two months later we got a lieutenant and we eventually swelled to five people," Trzepakowski said. "I never worked so close to people before and we worked together all day, no days off, no family distractions, so I got to know the guys I was working with.

"I usually worked 12-14 hour days, but in that environment 12-14 hour days is nothing because that's your only focus which is to take care of the business at hand," he added. "Looking back on it, I wondered how I did it (with such a little staff), but you do it because you never let things slide. At the end, it was rewarding to look back at all the things we accomplished, but then there's the frustration of knowing that if I had 18 people how much more could I have accomplished."

Coordinating with the Combat Support Hospital and other units, such as the Special Forces, in the area was important to the cohesion of making everything work for American and Iraqi patients.

"We had medical synchronization meetings and even though none of us worked for each other we all served the same purpose -- taking care of Soldiers," Trzepakowski explained. "We held a meeting every week at the CSH, and talked about medical issues on the battlefield to make sure we were all doing the same thing and were headed in the right direction."

Part of his job also included working with the minister of health for the Nineveh province and helping him prioritize and teaching him how to get new medical equipment.

"They never had a budget, they sort of got money ... so how do you order supplies, how do you budget,

so I was working with them on how to request things," he said.

Besides being away from family and friends for a year, probably the hardest part is trying to readjust to normalcy after returning from a war zone. As a veteran of Bosnia, he has seen a great advance in the Army's mental health in the 10 years since that deployment.

"In the 1980s, it was almost a stigma if you ever went (to mental health), but when I went to Bosnia we started having these combat teams come around every week or two," Trzepakowski said. "It is much more stressful in Iraq than in Bosnia, there is no comparison, but the fact that combat stress teams are living there 24 hours a day takes pressure off the doctors and the chaplains."

Trzepakowski believes he's the same person that left West Point, but sometimes physicians who come back are more edgy than before a trip to a combat zone.

"You can never put all the stuff behind you, you never forget what you saw and we saw a lot of casualties in our sector," Trzepakowski said.

Just like the mortar fire, combat casualties were feast or famine where at the beginning of the rotation they saw many and toward the end the casualties came in once a week.

"We went from a state of readiness to almost boredom at the end, but don't get me wrong



**Keller Army Community Hospital's Lt. Col. Kenneth Trzepakowski spent a year in Iraq, returning in January. The family practitioner here served as the chief doctor for the Multinational Force Northwest.**

it was a good boredom because if doctors aren't working that means there's no casualties and that's great," he explained. "(At times it was hectic) as I was in the CSH one day for a meeting and there were 38 casualties brought in over a two-hour period and 20 of them went to the operating room and several of them died.

"But like the old MASH, the patients kept coming and coming," Trzepakowski added. "That's the way it was and it was phenomenal the way everyone worked hard together to get it done."

Trzepakowski's experience was made easier by a loving family at home, with his wife, Angela, and

teenage sons, Jonathan and Lewis who he returned to Jan. 7.

"I have a very supportive wife, kids, in-laws and mom," he said, "which there wasn't a day that went by that I didn't e-mail."

As Trzepakowski settles back into his daily taskings at West Point, it's strange for him to reflect on the year that went by so fast.

"The year went by quick, people say the days were long, but the weeks went by so quickly and that's so true," he said. "We start the week and it would be over with before we knew it, but the days would seem to go on forever -- it was really a bizarre phenomenon."

# AWANA Spirit Night sparks youth interests

Story and photos  
by Spc. Benjamin Gruver  
Staff Writer

Songs, skits and dance brought smiles and laughter to the West Point community members who took part in the Awana Spirit Night Sunday evening at the West Point Middle School auditorium. The evening highlighted what the Awana program, geared towards Christian education for youth, is all about.

Awana, which stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, is a Christian youth ministry that is run in approximately 11,000 churches across the U.S. and in 109 nations throughout the world. The program at West Point is sponsored by the Post Chapel and is attended by roughly 130 kids from the community.

“Spirit Night,” said Col. Jonathan Smidt, the director for Awana at West Point, “is an opportunity for all the kids and different groups to present a skit or song, or in one case a dance, and show some of the fun that they are having in the program, and relate it all back to the Christian education that they are receiving.”

The spirit of fun, Smidt explained, is a big part of what the evening was all about.

“We want to obey what the Bible teaches, but also convey that the Christian life can be a lot of fun,” Smidt said. “I think the kids see that and I think they showed that, (Sunday).”

The program, which is run by volunteers from the community including cadets, is open to all community youth, from age 3 to eighth grade and is held Sunday



Third through 6th grade girls in the Awana’s Truth and Training, also known as TNT, put on a choreographed dance during the program’s Spirit Night held at the West Point Middle School Auditorium Sunday. Adult leaders, cadets and kids alike, a part of the Christian youth program, spent the evening singing, performing skits and putting on a show.

evenings starting at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center and at the Post Chapel Annex.

The main focus of the program, according to Smidt, is for the kids to memorize Bible verses, but they also get the opportunity to play games, sing songs and be given a short biblical message at the end of the night.

“The real meat of the evening is the handbook time,” Smidt said. “That is when the kids sit down with individual adults or cadet leaders and go through the Bible verses that they’ve memorized.”

Several Christian parents have found the experience to be positive for their children, who are learning to follow the faith of their parents.

“My children aren’t afraid of

the Bible,” said Pam Barnhart, who sends three of her five kids to the program. “My children aren’t afraid to open it. They know that there are verses in there that they know. They are not afraid to look for things in the Bible, and it is not

just a book that sits on the shelf -- it’s theirs.”

“They also just love Awana,” added Barnhart. “They love their friends and they have a great time, and they really look forward to it.”



Isaiah Perusek performs the motions to a song about Noah’s Ark.



Kids in the Spark’s Yellow Team dress up as biblical characters and act out the story of the birth of Jesus during the Awana Spirit Night Sunday.

# SAS summer camp registration ongoing

Story and photos  
by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

School Age Services registration for their summer camp program continues until March 17 at the Child Development Center, building 1207.

"We have 90 slots available with military people and current patrons receiving first choice," said Kim Tague, family child care director for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation dept. here. "The camp begins June 12 and runs through Aug 11, but children can go as many weeks as they want."

Tague said the cost is based on family income and children must have completed kindergarten to attend.

"We offer many activities and provide breakfast, lunch and a snack," she said.

Activities include swimming

at Delafield Pond, weekly field trips, outdoor adventures and arts and crafts.

"It's a lot of fun," said Gene Wright, assistant director at the CDC. "We have a lot of repeat users and we have watched many of the children grow up."

One parent who signed up Monday was the Corps of Engineers' Erika Keutmann.

"I think they have a lot of activities and they interact with the kids. I know my kids come home exhausted," she said.

Wright said campers will be based at the CDC and at the Youth Center in Bldg. 500.

"We are also in need of volunteer camp counselors who are at least 13 years old and have completed the 8th grade," Wright said.

For information on the camps, call 938-4458.

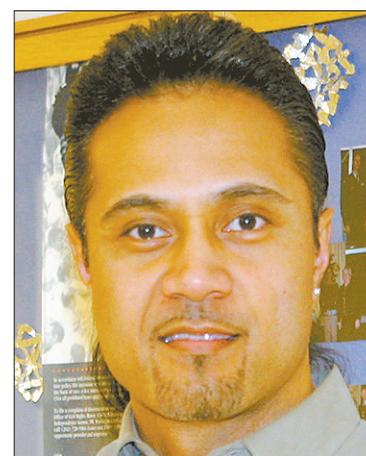
For information on volunteering, call Mike Hydock at 938-8525.

## What do you like most about the SAS summer camp program?



Maj. Tom Greco  
Social Science

*"I like what they have to offer the children. I think being around others in the same age group and interacting with them is beneficial in their development."*



Edward Nomura  
community member

*"Both my wife and I work, so the summer camp is a great convenience. The staff is great with the kids and I know that my kids will be well looked after."*



Col. Jeanette McMahon  
Spec. Asst. to the  
Superintendent  
on human relations

*"I like the variety they offer. The arts, crafts and the outdoor activities. They have a variety of children's programs."*

## Sacred Heart School Science Night spurs interest in science

Story and photo  
by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart School in Highland Falls presented their annual student Science Night March 1. Children from Kindergarten to eighth grade presented their science experiments in the school's gym to parents, teachers and visitors.

"Science Night allows children at this level to become interested in science and to see how science is applied to everyday life," said

retired Lt. Col. Beatrice Lambert, assistant professor in the geography and environmental engineering dept here. "Because there is no competition, children brought their science experiments to class to work on and share with other students, which allowed students to get feedback from classmates."

Lambert said the students received a lot of support from families, cadets, civilians and professors.

"Twenty seven people from West Point were here to support the

students," she said.

Julianna Petella, a 6th grader, wanted to experiment with an electric motor.

"I built a motor that will turn at certain speeds to create electricity," Petella said. "I think this was a lot of fun to do."

Second grader Jacob Rippert, was interested in solar power.

"I used a flash light to represent the sun," he said. "I used a voltage meter and shone the flashlight beam on to it and found that the farther

away I get, the less voltage there was and the closer I get the more voltage."

Third grader Katie Kelly was interested in how dinosaurs left their footprints in rock.

"I wanted to see what kind of material can be used to leave imprints," she said. "I used flour and cornmeal and made impressions of my hand and once it dried, there was an imprint."

Kelly said the experiment helped her to understand how

dinosaur footprints can still be seen today.

The children were presented with ribbons, certificates and science oriented trinkets from IBM.

"It is very rewarding for a parent to work with their child on a project, and then see that their young son or daughter understands a science concept because of their projects," Lambert said. "This is something that will stay with them."



Samani Henky and her grandfather Joseph Beard discuss her air and water experiment at Science Night March 1. The event helps students learn about science in everyday life.

# Community Leisure

## What's Happening

### Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center hours for Spring Break

**Today** 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Saturday until March 18**

8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**March 19** 9:30 a.m. until 10 p.m.

**March 20** 5:30 a.m. until 10 p.m.

### Jewish Chapel closed

There will be no Friday night service at the Jewish Chapel today or March 17.

Services will resume March 24.

### New WIC office in HF

The Greater Hudson Valley Family Center WIC Program has opened a new office in Highland Falls. They will be at the United Methodist Church of Highland at 341 Main Street every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call (845) 568-5473 for an appointment.

### DUSA employment opportunities

Seeking full-time (35-40 hours/week) business manager for two non-profit gift shops. Responsible for all merchandise decisions, inventory and store employees. Retail experience necessary.

Mail resume to: DUSA, c/o Melissa Rowse, 3154E Heath Loop, West Point, NY 10996

For more info. call, (845) 446-0331.

DUSA is also looking for a part-time sales clerk to work in their Museum Gift Shop Thurs. and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Call 446-0566 for more information.

### WPWC

The WPWC Shoppe is open

every Wed. from 10 a.m. until noon during March.

For more information, call 446-8798.

WPWC has a party tent, table decorations and other party items to rent for your next event.

Call 446-1187 for a complete list of rental items.

### HFFD Open House

The Highland Falls Fire Dept. Service Exploring Program is having an Open House March 18 from noon to 3 p.m. They are located at 9 Mountain Avenue. Fire Service Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age or older.

For more information visit out Web page at [www.hffd.net](http://www.hffd.net) or contact us at [exploring@hffd.net](mailto:exploring@hffd.net) or

call 446-2040.

The HFFD is also having a buffet-style pancake breakfast April 9 from 7:30 a.m. until noon.

Call 446-2040 for more info.

### WPS School Board Meeting

The School Board meeting that was cancelled March 2 due to the snow day has been rescheduled for March 23. The time and location are the same.

### Founder's Day celebration

Join the West Point Society of the Mid-Hudson Region March 24 at the Great Hall in Herbert Hall here at West Point for their 2006 Founder's Day celebration.

R.S.V.P. to <https://www.aogusma.org/secure/as/society/NY8/FoundersDay.cfm> or call 938-8429/782-8413 for more info.

### WPS Pre & K registration

Pre-school and Kindergarten registration at the West Point Elementary School will be the week of April 3 from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m.

If your child is presently attending WPES pre-school, a re-registration packet will be sent home with your child.

Preschoolers must be four and children entering kindergarten must be five on or before Nov. 1, 2006.

The schedule for registering is by last name, so please try to come on your scheduled day.

Items needed to register are: official birth certificate, shot record and social security number.

Last names beginning with A-E, should come to register April 3; F-L, on April 4; M-Q, on April 5 and R-Z on April 6.

## MWR Blurbs

### BOSS St. Patrick's Party

All members of the West Point community are invited to the BOSS St. Patrick's Day celebration at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion March 17 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Bring your own music and beverages. There will be door prizes and house music.

Call Staff Sgt. J. Malone at 938-2445 or Connie Woodley at 938-6497 for more information.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

See the St. Patrick's Day Parade with ITR in New York City March 17.

The van leaves West Point at 10 a.m. and leaves NYC at 5 p.m.

Call 938-3601 for more information.

### TAP Workshop

Army Community Service and the Dept. of Labor are sponsoring a Transition Assistance Workshop March 22 to 24 from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

Call ACS at 938-4621/2519.

### WPGC Pro Shop opens 3/20

The West Point Golf Course opens March 20 from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. weekdays only.

Special sales on merchandise and season passes.

Call 938-2435/2327 for more information.

### Harlem Globetrotters

The Harlem Globetrotters are back March 23 at Christl Arena. Tickets are now on sale.

Call 877-TIX-ARMY.

### Kiss Me, Kate at WPC

*Kiss Me, Kate* Dinner Theater is coming to the West Point Club March 24.

For more info. call 938-5120/446-5545.

### Army Education Center

Registration for Mount Saint Mary's & Saint Thomas Aquinas Spring semesters begins Monday and continues until March 24 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683.

For more information call 938-3762.

### Public skating returns to Tate Rink

Public ice skating has returned to Tate Rink.

Come enjoy free admission from 3:30 to 5 p.m. each Sunday through March 26.

Skate rentals will not be available.

Skaters need to bring their own skates.

ID will be required to obtain entry and skate guards will be monitoring skaters and controlling the ice.

For more info., call the MWR Sports Office at 938-3066, or go to the MWR ice skating Web page at <http://www.usma.edu/mwr/activity/skate/skate.htm>.



# MARCH MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at [www.usma.edu/mwr](http://www.usma.edu/mwr)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 ♦ 938-4621 AEC, bldg. 683 ♦ 938-3762 Arts &amp; Crafts, bldg. 648 ♦ 938-4812 Auto Crafts, bldg. 648 ♦ 938-2074 BSP/BOSS, bldg. 628 ♦ 938-6497 Bowling Ctr., bldg. 622 ♦ 938-2140 CDC, bldg. 1207 ♦ 938-4798/4523 CDS, bldg. 1207 ♦ 938-2092/2035 Community Rec Div ♦ 938-2401 Delafield Pond ♦ 938-5139/5158 Fitness Center, bldg. 683 ♦ 938-6490 Golf Course ♦ 938-2435/2327 Hollender Center ♦ 938-4236</p>	<p>ITR, bldg. 695 ♦ 938-3601/2401 AVC, bldg. 2104 ♦ 938-3655 Morgan Farm, bldg. 2036 ♦ 938-3926 Outdoor Rec ♦ 938-2503 Post Library, bldg. 622 ♦ 938-2974 Round Pond ♦ 938-2503/3860 School-Age Services, bldg. 1207 ♦ 938-8530 West Point Club, bldg. 603 ♦ 938-5120, 446-5506 Ski Lodge ♦ 938-3726/3727 Youth Services, bldg. 500 ♦ 938-3727 Veterinary Clinic, bldg. 630 ♦ 938-3817 <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>		<p><b>West Point Bowling Center</b> <b>Open Bowling:</b> Sun.-1300-1800 Mon. 1600-2100 Tue. Closed Wed. &amp; Thur. 1130-1900 Fri. 1130-2300 Sat. 0900-2300 <b>Galactic Bowling:</b> Every Fri. &amp; Sat. 1700-2300 <b>Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Spinning, 0530, <b>Strength &amp; Sculpt</b>, 0550, <b>Step</b>, 0900, <b>Kickboxing</b>, 1700, <b>Spinning</b>, 1730 (Every Friday at the MWR Fitness Center)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Bosu &amp; Core</b>, 0900, <b>Spinning</b>, 1000 (Every Saturday at the MWR Fitness Center) <b>Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey</b>, Tate Rink, 0615-0745 <b>Youth Bowling</b>, YS, 0900-1130</p>	
<p><b>12</b> Ski Area Closes for the Season <b>Open Skate</b>, Tate Rink, 1530-1700</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>MSMC &amp; STAC Registration Begins</b>, AEC, 1000-1600 (now thru March 24) <b>Monday Night League</b>, WP Bowl, 1800-2130</p>	<p><b>14</b> Preseparation Breifing, ACS, 1400-1500</p> <p><b>Museums in NYC</b>, ITR, 0900-1600 <b>Story Hour</b>, WP Post Library, 1000 &amp; 1330</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Spouses Guide to Employment at WP</b>, 0830, <b>Initial PCS Move</b>, 1330, <b>Checking Accounts Refresher</b>, 1445, ACS <b>Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey</b>, Tate Rink, 2115-2245</p>	<p><b>16</b> Consumer Rights, 0830, <b>Credit</b>, 0945, <b>Targeting Stress</b>, 1130, ACS</p> <p><b>Theater Van to Broadway</b>, ITR, 1700 <b>Mixed League</b>, WP Bowl, 1830-2100</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day Parade</b>, ITR, 1000-1700 <b>St. Patrick's Day Dinner</b>, WP Club, 1700-2100</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey</b>, Tate Rink, 0615-0745 <b>Youth Bowling</b>, YS, 0900-1130</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Sunday in NYC</b>, ITR, 1000-1700 <b>Open Skate</b>, Tate Rink, 1530-1700</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Golf Pro Shop Opens: Sale on Passes &amp; Merchandise</b>, 0900-1730 weekdays <b>Monday Night League</b>, WP Bowl, 1800-2130</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>Story Hour</b>, WP Post Library, 1000 &amp; 1330</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Spinning</b>, 0700, <b>Core Strength Pilates</b>, 0900, <b>Step</b>, 1000, <b>Cardio Lunch Express</b>, 1200, <b>Cardio Blast</b>, 1700, <b>Spinning</b>, 1700, <b>Butts &amp; Guts</b>, 1800 (Every Thursday at the MWR Fitness Center) <b>Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey</b>, Tate Rink, 2115-2245</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>Targeting Stress</b>, 1130, ACS <b>Family Night Buffet w/ Macaroni the Clown</b>, WP Club, 1700-1900 <b>Globetrotters</b>, Hollender Cntr., 1900</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Kiss Me Kate Dinner Theater</b>, WP Club, 1730 <b>Dinner in Little Italy/Chinatown</b>, 1700-2300</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Staff &amp; Faculty Ice Hockey</b>, Tate Rink, 0615-0745 <b>Youth Bowling</b>, YS, 0900-1130</p>

## MOMs Club events for March

March 21 -- Have your child's artwork turned into professionally reproduced full color products that make great gifts.

Supplies will be available for use at 3112D Paterson Loop in Stony II. Stop by anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

If you are unable to attend, but are interested call 859-4243 for details.

Orders must be submitted by

March 24 and should be back around April 28.

March 22 -- Book Club, 7 p.m. at the Paradise Bar and Espresso Cafe in Highland Falls. The book is *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger. Info 446-6454.

March 23 -- Play Groups & KDO at Gillis FH 9:30 to 11 a.m.

## WPS Book Fair

West Point Middle and Elementary Schools will host a Scholastic Book Fair April 3-6 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Book Fair will be in the New Gym Lobby.

There will be a community event April 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**March 10 -- Big Momma's House 2, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**March 11 -- Hoodwinked, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**March 15 -- Nanny McPhee, PG, 1:30 p.m.**

**March 17 -- Nanny McPhee, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**March 18 -- Glory Road, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**March 24 -- Annapolis, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**March 25 -- Big Momma's House 2, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**March 25 -- Underworld: Evolution, R, 9:30 p.m.**

**March 31 -- When a Stranger Calls, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

The theater schedule can also be found at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

## Command Channel 8/23

March 10 - March 17

### FRIDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### MONDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. VTC w/astronaut  
Bill McArthur  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### TUESDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9:30 a.m. VTC w/astronaut  
Bill McArthur  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. VTC w/astronaut  
Bill McArthur

### THURSDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. VTC w/astronaut  
Bill McArthur  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### MARCH 17

9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9:30 a.m. VTC w/astronaut  
Bill McArthur  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

# Keller Corner

## Respiratory etiquette

Coughing and sneezing are signs that the cold and flu season has arrived in our community. The germs that cause respiratory infections including colds, the flu, whooping cough and tuberculosis are spread from person-to-person when an infected person coughs, sneezes and talks.

You can help stop germs in their tracks and reduce your chances of catching or spreading a respiratory infection, by taking these simple "Respiratory Etiquette" steps:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough.

- Stay at home to avoid spreading germs when you have a cough or fever.

- Wear a mask to cover your mouth and nose in a medical office if asked.

In addition, you can also help keep germs away when you:

- Wash your hands before eating, or touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

- Don't share food, utensils or beverage containers with others.

- Don't share things like towels, lipstick, toys, cigarettes or anything else that might be contaminated with respiratory germs.

When you follow these simple steps, you can keep yourself and the

people you care about healthy.

## Patient Safety Awareness Week

What can consumers do to make sure they have a safer experience with the health care system?

The National Patient Safety Foundation suggests these steps to help make your health care experience safer:

*Become a more informed health care consumer.*

- Seek information about illnesses or conditions that affect you.

- Research options and possible treatment plans.

*Choose a doctor, clinic, pharmacy and hospital experienced in the type of care you require.*

- Ask questions of your doctor, nurse, pharmacist,

or benefits plan coordinator.

- Seek more than one opinion.

*Keep track of your history.*

- Write down your medical history, including any medical conditions you have, illnesses, immunizations, allergies, hospitalizations, all medications and dietary supplements you are taking and any relations or sensitivities you have experienced.

- Write down the names and phone numbers of your doctors, clinics and pharmacies for quick and easy reference.

*Work with your doctor and other health care professionals as a team.*

- Share your family health history with your care team.

- Share up-to-date

information about your care with everyone who is treating you.

- Make sure you understand the care and treatment you will be receiving.

## DPW Notes

### Thayer Moat closed during spring break

During Spring Break week, Monday through March 17, a Directorate of Public Works contractor will be cleaning the area under the Thayer Road Bridge superstructure to remove pigeon droppings from "roosting pigeons."

They will also be installing netting to prevent the bird's return.

The droppings have become a health issue and there is also the potential damage to cars parked in that area.

During the work there will be no parking or access to the moat area from behind Building 600, north toward the West Point Club, around Thayer Hall.

For more information contact DPW customer relations, 938-4407.

### Military Council of Catholic Women events (updated)

**March 21** -- MCCW "Women of Grace" study. Post Chapel from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. There will be no class during spring break.

**March 24** -- MCCW Mary's Stations of the Cross. Catholic Chapel at 6 p.m.

**March 27** -- MCCW Book Club "The Scholar." Catholic Chapel rectory at 7 p.m.

**March 28** -- MCCW Program "Our Passover Heritage." Post Chapel from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

# Army and Community Sports

## McGuire scores 18, Army earns first trip to NAAs

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Sophomore forward Stephanie Stone knocked down a free throw with eight seconds remaining Wednesday to give Army its first trip to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament with a 69-68 victory over Holy Cross in the Patriot League Championship game at Christl Arena.

With the game tied at 68, Stone intercepted a pass and was fouled by Holy Cross junior forward Brittany Keil during a layup attempt with eight ticks on the clock.

"(Army sophomore guard Margaree King) tipped (the ball) a little bit and (Kiel) didn't have control of the ball, so I went after it," said Stone, who scored 11 points and added a game-high eight rebounds. "I was a little nervous on the first (foul) shot. I was shaking a little bit, but before the second one I took a deep breath and told myself before I shot that I was going to make it ... I wasn't thinking about anything else because I completely zoned out."

Army (20-10) fought back from an 11-point deficit with 11:28 remaining to take the lead at 61-60 with 4:20 left. The game went back and forth with four lead changes in the last four minutes.

The Black Knights received balanced scoring on a night that the team's leading scorer and the



**Sophomore guard Margaree King's defensive play sparked Army's comeback. She also added 12 points from the floor.**

Patriot League Tournament MVP, Cara Enright, was held to only eight points after scoring 22 and 27, respectively, in the two previous tournament games.

Freshman guard Alex McGuire led all scorers with 18 points with 10 of them coming in the last 10 minutes of the game, which also included her dishing out three assists during that timeframe.

"(McGuire's) probably one of the best players I've played with," Enright said. "She's so aggressive every moment in the game, she wants (to win) so bad and she's so

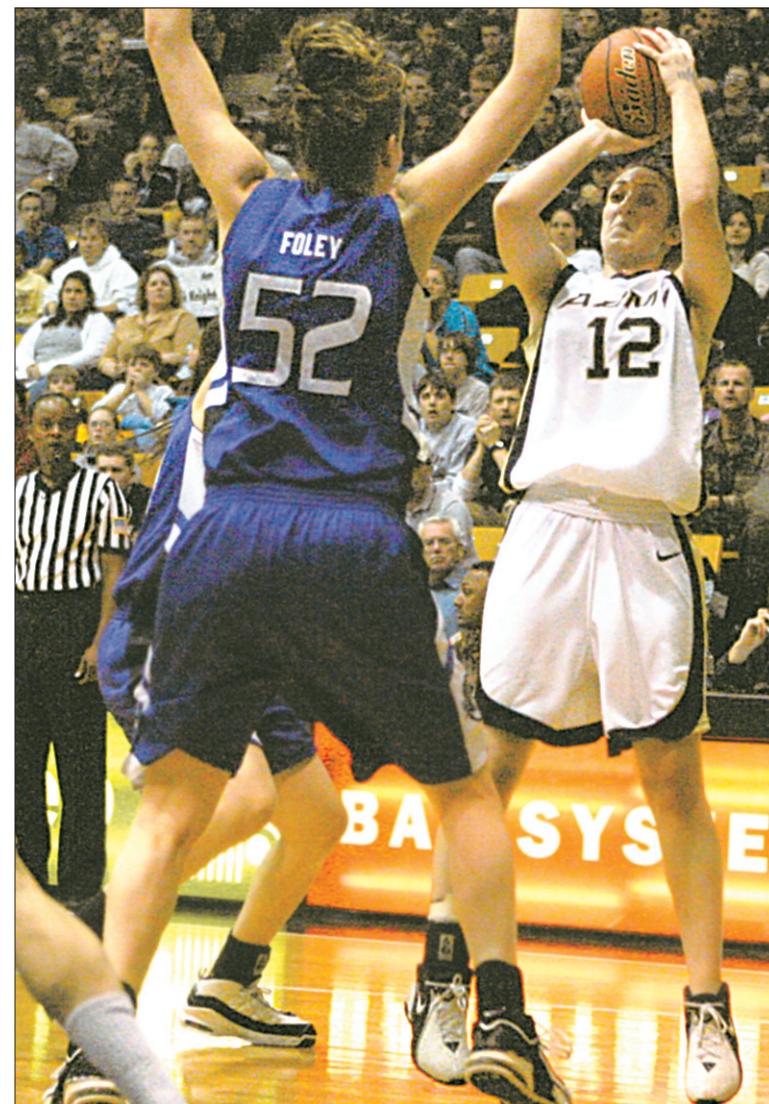
skilled that she can do anything out there."

First-year head coach Maggie Dixon lauded the team as a whole as they picked up for Enright, who usually carries the offensive load for the Black Knights.

"It's easy for our kids to stand around and watch Cara, we did a better job of getting everyone involved (in the offense)," Dixon said. "I knew they were going to put a lot of pressure on (Enright) and I said from the first day (that I got here) that Cara can score 20 every night, but that's not why this team will be successful.

"It's going to be successful because everyone's involved and that's going to make it easier for Cara and everyone," Dixon added.

The team started 5-7 this season, but fought back to earn its



**Sophomore guard Cara Enright scored 57 points in three games and was named Patriot League Tournament MVP.**

first number one seed in the league tournament since they arrived in the league in 1990 while also winning their first Patriot League Championship.

"This is an amazing, special group," Dixon explained. "To be able to give them this opportunity

to go to the NCAA Tournament is amazing and for the academy with all the support (they give us)."

The Black Knights will learn Monday at 6 p.m. during the tournament selection show where and who they will play in their first round game.

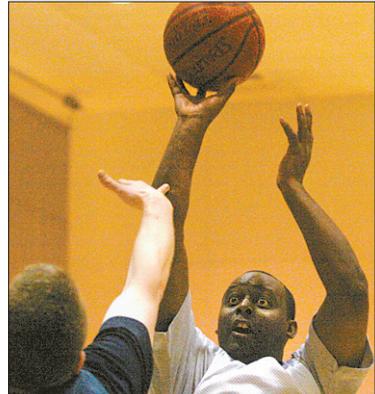


**Freshman guard Alex McGuire scored 10 of her 18 points in the last 10 minutes of the Patriot League Championship game.**

# DAD/ODIA wins Noon B-Ball title

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Directorate of Admissions/  
Directorate of Intercollegiate  
Athletics won the 2005-06 West  
Point Intramural Noontime



DAD/ODIA's Gaylord Greene  
knocks down a deuce in game  
two of his team's 33-27 win.

Basketball championship Tuesday  
with a two-game sweep of Social  
Science.

The North Division champions  
took game one, 26-21, and then  
finished off the South Division  
champions in game two, 33-27.

In game two, DAD/ODIA and  
former Army football player Omari  
Thompson lead his squad with eight  
points.

Scoring was dispersed well  
among the top DAD/ODIA players  
as Chris Hollender and Pete Boyer  
both added seven points and Frank  
DeMaro knocked down five.

SOSH missed their opportunity  
to close the gap late in game two  
by missing numerous free throws,  
but did battle back from a couple  
of double-digit deficits.

Mike Yankovich scored his  
team's last six points and led SOSH  
with 14 points in the final game  
while Chris Springer added six

points as they both accounted for 74  
percent of their team's points.

In other action, Physics was  
crowned the Central Division  
champions as they defeated the  
Staff Judge Advocate, 35-24, in a  
two-game series sweep.

Physics, who were the second  
seed, knocked off the number one  
seeds in game one 32-25.

## STAFF & FACULTY NOONTIME BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### NORTH/SOUTH DIV.

Finals (Tuesday)  
DAD/ODIA 26, SOSH 21  
DAD/ODIA 33, SOSH 27  
DAD/ODIA WINS SERIES 2-0

### CENTRAL DIV.

Finals (Tuesday)  
Physics 32, SJA 25  
Physics 35, SJA 24  
PHYSICS WINS SERIES 2-0



DAD/ODIA and Army varisty assistant basketball coach Chris  
Hollender (#72) scored seven points in game two to help DAD/  
ODIA defeat Social Science for the Noontime championship.

## West Point hosts Boxing Regionals

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The U.S.  
Military Academy will host the  
men's Eastern Collegiate Boxing  
Championships today through  
Sunday, in Hayes Gymnasium at the  
Arvin Cadet Physical Development  
Center.

Men's quarterfinal and semifinal  
bouts will take place at 7 p.m.  
today. Consolation and finals bouts  
will take place Sat. at 9 a.m. and  
Sunday at 10 a.m.

Competitors from the following  
schools are entered: U.S. Military  
Academy, Gettysburg College,

Lock Haven University, Virginia  
Military Institute, Penn State  
University, Mansfield University,  
Shippensburg University and  
University of Maryland.

Competitors will fight in  
weight classes ranging from 112  
to heavyweight. Each bout consists  
of three, two-minute rounds.

The winners and runners-up  
automatically qualify for Collegiate  
Nationals in Reno, Nev., April  
6-8.

This event is free and open to  
the public.

## Hudson Valley Orienteering

An orienteering instruction and  
competition will take place March  
26 on the Spook Swamp map from  
the Sebago Beach parking lot in  
Harriman State Park.

The Hudson Valley Orienteering  
Club will set both beginner and  
advanced courses.

Free instruction will begin at  
9:45 a.m. and the orienteering starts  
will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

Youth groups must have signed  
parent permission forms, which are  
available on the HVO Web site.

The event will be held rain or  
shine.

For directions, call the HVO  
information line at 973-625-0499  
or log on to the HVO Web site at  
[www.hvo.us.orienteering.org](http://www.hvo.us.orienteering.org) for  
more details and other scheduled  
meets.

## 2006 Army Football schedule

Sept. 2 @ Arkansas State	Oct. 14 @ Connecticut
Sept. 9 KENT STATE	Oct. 21 TCU
Sept. 16 TEXAS A&M	Oct. 28 @ Tulane
@San Antonio, Texas	Nov. 4 AIR FORCE
Sept. 23 @ Baylor	Nov. 18 @ Notre Dame
Sept. 30 RICE	Dec. 2 Navy @ Philadelphia
Oct. 7 VMI	Schedule is subject to change.

# West Point junior skiers race

By Bill Adams  
West Point Junior  
Alpine Ski Team

The skiers and coaches of the West Point Junior Alpine Ski Team competed in a doubleheader of ski races Saturday and Sunday, bringing their weather-shortened season to a smashing conclusion.

Saturday the skiers raced in the West Point Invitational at Victor Constant Ski Slope followed by the WKNY Challenge Race at Belleayre Mountain Sunday.

The team, now in its third year of competition, hosted 16 skiers, mostly from Plattekill Mountain, in Saturday's event here.

Fifty-five skiers competed in a giant slalom in a best of two runs format.

The weather was clear, sunny and mild with temperatures in the low 30's and dry, packed powder snow conditions. However, the gusty winds played a major factor, especially in the second run, visibly slowing some of the ski racers.

In the 7-8 year-old division, West Point girls Chelsea Barrows and Katherine Lemanski took the top two spots. For the boys, Cole Simmons captured third place behind two Plattekill skiers.

Emily Jaye of West Point won the gold medal and Karis Bedey the bronze in the girls' 9-10 year-old division.

The boys' 9-10 division was the most competitive of all with 13 skiers and Plattekill skiers capturing four of the top six spots. Ellis Johnson earned the bronze medal for West Point in this race.

For the 11-12 year-olds, Sean D'Onofrio won the gold for the boys with Ben Lemanski earning bronze. Sarah Adams won the girls' silver medal.

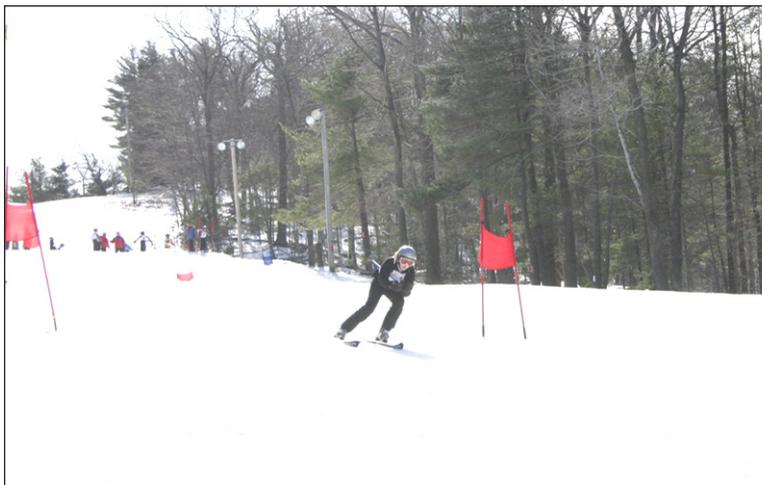
Elizabeth Lemanski was the first West Point girl for the 13-14 year-old race in third place.

The West Point 13-14 year-old boys were unchallenged by the visitors, but clocked the fastest runs of the day with Patrick Bastianelli first in 36.59, Chris Powell in second, by .32 seconds in 36.91 and Tyler Carlson third in 38.03.

This race marked the third dual meet that the teams from West Point and Plattekill have held in the past two years.

The Plattekill head coach, John Tunis, and West Point team president, Bill Adams, agreed to continue the mutually supporting relationship.

This race followed one earlier this season in which the West



**West Point Junior Alpine skier Sarah Adams speeds down Victor Constant Ski Slope earning a silver medal in the 11-12 year-old girls' division.**

PHOTO BY MARA KELLY

Pointers traveled 100 miles to Plattekill Mountain to compete.

On Sunday West Point Junior Alpine Ski Team members, alumni and family members raced at Belleayre Mountain in the WKNY Challenge Race.

This giant slalom race, open to anybody and sponsored by radio station WKNY (1490 AM) of Kingston and the Boston Culinary Group was a benefit for charity with all entry fees going to support the Community Rehabilitation Center of Kingston.

One hundred fifty-eight racers, youth and adults, competed in this event held under clear sunny skies, temperatures in the upper 20's and packed powder snow conditions.

Seventeen West Point Juniors competed in very competitive and broader age brackets.

West Point's D'Onofrio won gold in the Boys' 10-12 year-old division with a time of 34.44 seconds, his second win in as many days.

Team Secretary-Treasurer Corina Morano-Ender won the bronze medal for adult women in 37.69 seconds. Coaches Bill Adams and Nate Loeb raced in the adult men division, finishing in 31.22 (5th) and 31.74 (6th).

West Point Junior Ski Team alumni and current O'Neill High School Varsity Ski Team athletes won medals in 13-18 year-old age bracket.

Pat Adams won the gold in the boys division in 28.64 seconds and Jessie Price earned the silver for the girls in 31.74.

In the tightly contested 13-18 boys division, Tyler Christensen, another Junior Team alumnus and O'Neill varsity skier, narrowly missed the boys' bronze medal by a mere .06 seconds, with a time of 29.06 seconds.

Denali Johnson of West Point and the O'Neill Ski Team took home the girls' bronze medal (34.37 seconds).

In all, five of the West Point youth had podium finishes. Even more remarkable was the fact that 28 youth and adult skiers from West Point qualified for NASTAR medals based upon their handicaps in this NASTAR sanctioned ski race.

The success of these ski racers at home and away is a testament to the athletes' training and dedication and to the growing youth ski racing program at Victor Constant Ski Slope.