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Army-Navy spirit

The Army Black Knights (3-8) take on the Meineke Car Care Bowl-bound Navy Midshipmen (8-3) Saturday in Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field at 2:35 p.m. The Black Knights are looking to snap the Mids four-game Army-Navy winning streak. The game can be seen on CBS. (See related Army-Navy info on pages 16-19.)

Photo by JOHN PELLINO/DOIM

Total of 6 cadets, grad named scholars

By Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

Five cadets from the Class of 2007 and one member of the Class of 2005 were awarded scholarships over the Thanksgiving break. One received a Rhodes scholarship, three were named Marshall scholars and two were named Mitchell scholars.

The Rhodes Scholarship Committee announced Nov. 18 that Cadet 1st Class Timothy F. Simmons was one of the 32 Americans chosen this year.

Simmons, 21, of Cedar Park, Texas, is the 86th cadet to be selected for a Rhodes since the academy began competing in 1923.

The economics major plans on working toward his Masters of Philosophy in development studies at Oxford.

"I was shocked that the committee didn't select one of the other finalists," the future Aviation officer said. "The other finalists were so well-qualified and several of them had incredible stories. I suppose I didn't give myself enough credit."

Simmons will begin his studies in October 2007.

The Rhodes scholarship is given annually for two years of post-graduate study at Cambridge University in Oxford, England.

Cadets 1st Class Charlie Eadie, Matthew Martel and Ethan Orwin were named 2007 Marshall scholars over the holiday break. They are the 31st, 32nd and 33rd cadets to earn Marshall's since the academy began competing in 1982.

Eadie, 25, of Santa Cruz, Calif., is an economics major who will study toward his Masters of Science in econometrics and mathematical economics at the London School of Economics beginning in October 2007.

"I was surprised," Eadie said, "and frankly, it was the first time that I reflected on how much this would change my future in the short



Rhodes scholar Cadet 1st Class Timothy F. Simmons

and long term. It is quite humbling when you begin to think about how great the opportunity is and the responsibility that comes with it."

Eadie earned a Truman scholarship in the spring and can defer that indefinitely due to his military obligation. He said he may use it for his doctorate in the future.

Martel, 21, of Lincoln, N.H., is majoring in international history and will branch Aviation.

He will study international relations at Cambridge, beginning in October 2007, for one year and then work toward another Master's in intelligence and international security from King's College in

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Army Family Action Plan wrap-up

By Sgt. 1st Class
Roger Jones
PAO NCOIC

Ideas focused on how to make West Point even better flowed in abundance Nov. 14-15 during the 2006 Army Family Action Plan symposium.

Though only five groups participated in this year's AFAP, the ground they covered and the issues they addressed were extremely important, according to Christine Knight, AFAP Coordinator.

"The groups did an excellent job," Knight said. "They had some challenges and I think they really worked to get to the root of the issues."

Before the participants briefed their latest issues, symposium attendees heard from Garrison Commander Col. Brian Crawford being worked at the Department of the Army level.

"I just returned from

Headquarters, DA where I witnessed members diligently working to solve at least 24 issues," he said.

"The groups at the DA level addressed issues that were unresolved last year at the local level and submitted up the chain. Additionally, the groups were scheduled to tackle another 58 issues, just in case the first 24 were not enough," Crawford explained.

While members of the AFAP at the DA level were currently working on more than 80 issues, they were about to get a few more, according to Knight.

"Our work groups each have at least three issues to present," she said.

With work groups addressing issues in categories such as Child Youth Education, Consumer and Family Support to include medical and dental care, Housing Relocation and Public Works, Military and Civilian Work Force, as well as the Teen Group who convened at

the Youth Services the weekend before, the West Point community issues were in good hands.

"Though we have services of great value here at West Point, we have some that could use improvement," said Capt. Kevin Bouren, spokesperson for the Child, Youth and Education group.

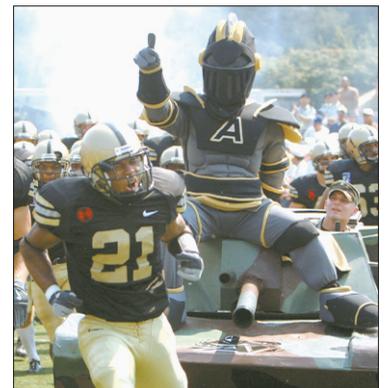
"Our Child Development Center is not growing with the needs of West Point," he added.

"There is not enough physical space at the CDC to offer enough slots to accommodate hourly care needs. Additionally, there are long waiting lists for full-time care. We think that the CDC should be expanded to provide space in order to manage the current and projected needs of our growing community," Bouren said.

Though all of the groups presented significant solutions to their work group problems, the teen group offered unique and

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Remembering lasting contributions

Commentary by Chaplain
Cynthia Lindenmeyer
USMA 1990

Somewhere on West Point's landscape of relics rests a cannon whose treasured story time remembers, but memory has buried. A cadet once explained to me that this "lost" cannon was the famous experimental one used by Jared Mansfield, who was one of the first professors to teach cadets.

In the summer of 2000, one of the first lessons I learned upon coming to West Point to "teach" cadets is that cadets are the ones who continually instruct me. One

such teacher was David Fraser, who educated me about gracious gratitude. In July of 2000, Dave was one of at least 500 new cadets enjoying soda and cookies during a Wednesday night chaplain's time outside the Cadet Chapel. As cadre rushed the new cadets into company formations, a new cadet ran up to me and thanked me for the food provided, then scurried off disappearing into the sea of white over gray. I remember thinking to myself that I probably was so focused on enduring cadet basic training that thanking someone was off my radar screen. That was my first encounter with Dave, though I did not yet know his name.

The following Sunday, this same new cadet came forward for prayer during the Sunday Trophy Point worship service -- he missed home and was thinking about leaving. There was something extraordinary about this young man and, for whatever reason, I scribbled on a 3 x 5 card the words from the Old Testament, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," and gave it to him.

Now, no matter our role here at West Point, from serving meals to teaching physics, we all invest our time into cadets. And it can be tiring, draining and in some ways, giving to a black hole. Maybe thoughts of "Do I even make a

difference?" shroud your passion for giving.

That's about the point I was at in the winter of 2003. Over Martin Luther King weekend, I was on a retreat with cadets as a blizzard changed our ski plans. The cadets were talking about some struggles they were having when one of the firsties asked the group to share a Scripture that encouraged them. One by one, cadets connected a verse from Scripture to how it pulled them through difficulties. When it was Dave's turn, he reached into his back pocket, brought out his wallet and pulled out a worn and tattered 3 x 5 card and read the verse aloud to everyone, then looked at me and smiled.

Again, Dave was teaching me.

Fast forward to Grad Week for the Class of 2004. While most soon-to-be Lts. were out celebrating with friends and family, two cadets were busy finishing their senior capstone project. Their senior project was the result of concern for children near the Youth Center who would

could be brisk.

Engineers at heart, Dave and Seth Chappell set out to build a bridge for the West Point community. Due to weather and logistical issues with the required building materials, it was April before the two could transform their design into reality. April was also when NCAA track invitationals occurred, and both Seth and Dave were varsity track athletes. So, the week prior to graduation, Dave and Seth's families, friends and track teammates were helping build that arch timber bridge that may have prevented tragedy for one of our children.

When my daughter and I walk home from the Youth Center, she directs me to the "bridge that Dave built." A plaque that read "Arched Timber Bridge designed and built for the West Point Community by cadets Dave Fraser and Seth Chappell" once marked the story of the bridge, but it is now gone. I write all this because I hope that the story of the bridge doesn't become

lost like Mansfield's cannon.

From the Mayor of Highland Falls

To the Corps of Cadets and the Army football team:

Since the first Army-Navy game in 1890, the tradition and excitement of this annual football classic has captured America's imagination. Played on neutral turf, it symbolizes the greatness of our armed forces.

For four quarters of play, cadets and midshipmen battle "on the fields of friendly strife." In the end, you stand side by side for the playing of the alma mater of each academy, realizing you will be comrades in the more serious battles that lie ahead.

The Highland Falls community is very excited about your team. We know you have the talent and the heart to win this game and we are rooting for you. We are proud of the team and the entire Corps of Cadets. And you have much to be proud of too, not only your victories, but your winning attitudes. Duty, Honor and Country are exemplified on the field, at the academy and throughout our community. You are great examples for the rest of our young people to follow.

To those who are watching the game, it will hit you in the heart. Army, Navy and those who play in it are national treasures.

Have fun, you deserve it. And, of course,

GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY!

Sincerely,
Joseph E. D'Onofrio



USMA 2004 grads Seth Chappell, left, and David Fraser hold up the thank you they received for helping design and build a bridge over the creek near the West Point Youth Center in the spring of 2004.

PHOTO BY CYNTHIA LINDENMEYER

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 Lt. Col. Robbie Williams (Dean). Community members can e-mail McMahon at 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

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

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Difficulty: Easy

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

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Local and National News

Army ups referral bonus to \$2,000

By Daisy Bueno

Washington (Army News Service) -- Bonuses have doubled to \$2K for Soldiers and retirees referring future Soldiers to the Referral Bonus Pilot Program.

Active-duty and reserve-component Soldiers and Army retirees are eligible for the referral bonus.

Soldiers working in the Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program, Special Recruiter Assistance Program, Active Duty for Special Work Program or the Future Soldier Training Program are also eligible if the prospective Soldier has not already met with a recruiter.

The bonus is not paid to Soldiers referring members of their immediate families, to include spouses, children, parents, stepparents and siblings.

Referrals should be made through the Army Referral System - Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team Web site at www.usarec.army.mil/smart. An Army Knowledge Online user name and password are required to use the site, at which Soldiers must first establish a user account to make a referral. Users will be asked to submit such personal information as their social security number to facilitate payment.

Referrals may also be made at (800) 223-3735, ext. 6-0473.

The bonus is paid in two lump sums. The first half is paid when the Soldier begins basic training, and the second half is paid after the Soldier graduates from One-Station Unit Training or Advanced Individual Training.

There are no retroactive provisions to the change. Sponsors who provided referrals before Nov. 13 are only eligible for the \$1K bonus.

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2003, 2004 grads killed in Iraq

Compiled by Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

Three graduates of the U.S. Military Academy were killed in Iraq last month.

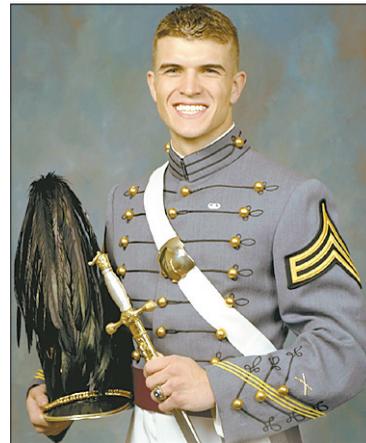
Capt. John R. Dennison, 24, of Ijamsville, Md., died Nov. 15 in Balad, Iraq, as a result of small arms fire.

Capt. Rhett W. Schiller, 26, of Waterford, Wis., died Nov. 16 in Balad Ruz, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations.

Both were assigned to the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

First Lt. David M. Fraser, 25, of Houston, died of injuries suffered Sunday in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

Fraser, USMA 2004, was



Capt. John R. Dennison

assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Dennison's funeral mass was held Wednesday in Frederick, Md. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery later that day.

Dennison, a USMA 2004 graduate, is survived by his wife 1st Lt. Haley (Edwards)



Capt. Rhett W. Schiller

Dennison, USMA 2004; his father John R. Dennison and his mother Shannon.

Funeral services and internment were held Tuesday in Waterford for Schiller, who was a USMA 2003 graduate.

Schiller is survived by his parents, William and Karla; his brother, Marine Capt. Ryan Schiller and sister-in-law, Martha; his sister



First Lt. David M. Fraser

Rhonda Sutaria and brother-in-law Raj; his sister Renee Ray and brother-in-law, Capt. Brian Ray and nephew, Kyle; and his grandmother, Augustine Evelyn Schiller.

Fraser is survived by his parents Helen and Richard of Houston; his brother, Patrick and sister-in-law, April and his grandmother Nona Fraser. Funeral arrangements were not available at press time.

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Cadet 1st Class Charlie Eadie

London the next year.

Martel admits that his reaction to earning the scholarship has been pretty mild so far.

"It still hasn't sunk in yet," the future Aviation officer said. "I view it not as an achievement, but as an opportunity to better prepare myself for my career in the Army."

Orwin, 21, of Toronto, holds dual citizenship in both the U.S. and Canada. The military history major plans on studying modern French history at the University of St. Andrews and then War Studies at King's College in London beginning in October 2007.

His immediate reaction upon hearing he had won was shock and awe.

"[I was shocked] that I had received such a great honor and that I would be studying history at one of the best schools in the UK," Orwin said, "and [awed] at the commitment and selflessness of all the teachers, friends and relatives who made this possible for me."

The Marshall Scholarship is given annually to at least 40 U.S. citizens for two years of academic study in the United Kingdom.

First Lt. Sean Healy, (USMA '05) and Cadet 1st Class Erin Stevens were named Mitchell



Cadet 1st Class Matthew Martel

scholars just before Thanksgiving.

Healy, 24, of Kingston, R.I., is currently a combat engineer platoon leader with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, in East Baghdad, Iraq.

The former environmental engineering major is hoping to focus his masters' studies on international security and conflict studies at Dublin City University.

"I'd like to combine my background in environmental engineering with my new-found passion for international security studies," Healy said.

He has been stationed in Iraq since late October. His unit is slated to rotate back home at the end of September 2007 at about the same time he is to report for classes in Dublin.

Healy is very excited about earning his scholarship, but realizes he must temper his enthusiasm until after his tour in Iraq is over.

"I haven't let it hit me yet, because of my current environment," Healy said Monday. "My responsibilities [are] to my Soldiers and [I] need to stay focused on our mission set. I think my family is more excited than I am right now. It will probably hit me when I leave Iraq, though."

Stevens, 21, of Manlius, N.Y.



Cadet 1st Class Ethan Orwin

is an art, philosophy and literature major who will branch military intelligence.

She will study for her master's in cultural policy and arts management at University College in Dublin beginning in the fall of 2007.

Stevens said that finding out she had earned a Mitchell was a relief.

"I spent a semester working on the applications, which made for a lot of late nights and early mornings, alone with my personal essay or working with my peers,"



First Lt. Sean Healy

Stevens said. "When I received the telephone call that I had been selected ... I was relieved and thrilled and felt a little bit lucky."

Healy and Stevens are the fourth and fifth cadets or graduates to earn Mitchell scholarships since the academy began competing in 2002.



Cadet 1st Class Erin Stevens

They will be only the second and third who will take the Mitchell. The other two declined it to take other scholarships.

Mitchell scholarships are chosen annually and allow a dozen Americans to pursue a year of post-graduate study at any university on the island of Ireland.

Insurance companies to pay refunds to GIs for deceptive sales

By Elaine Wilson
Special to American Forces
Press Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas -- Life insurance companies are being held accountable for their improper sales practices to military members.

Four companies in the past three months have agreed to a multi-state settlement agreement after Texas Department of Insurance investigators uncovered a pattern of deception to young troops.

Under the agreements, the companies will refund more than

\$70 million to more than 93,000 consumers, including about 71,000 servicemembers, according to Texas Department of Insurance news releases.

The first settlement, reached Aug. 3, came after a 20-month investigation by Texas and Georgia, together with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, into the sales practices of three Waco, Texas-based companies: American-Amicable Life Insurance Company of Texas, Pioneer American Insurance Company and Pioneer Security Life Insurance Company.

State regulators and federal agencies claim that the life insurance companies "targeted young recruits and misled them into believing they were buying an investment product." The servicemembers were actually purchasing an expensive term-life product that was coupled with a side fund called the "Wealth Builder" or "Horizon Life," according to the release.

The second settlement, reached Oct. 17, involves the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company.

In 2004, TDI investigators learned that several Boston Mutual agents were soliciting and selling life

insurance to low-ranking Soldiers in the Fort Hood, Texas, area by misrepresenting the insurance as a savings or investment plan, said Jim Hurley, TDI spokesman. The activity led to the multi-state examination of the company's sales to military personnel. The company will refund a total of \$427,529.57 to 1,784 military members who bought life insurance policies between Jan. 1, 2002, and April 30, 2005.

"Servicemembers need to be skeptical and shop around if interested in purchasing life insurance," said Tim Haight, acting

chief, Client Services Division, Fort Sam Houston Legal Assistance Office. "Educate yourself. The best place to start when considering investments or additional insurance is to get sound advice from a certified financial planner."

The companies are notifying servicemembers with current or lapsed policies affected by the agreements, Hurley said. Consumers who feel they are affected but have not received notification can call the companies' consumer service center at 800-736-7311. [Wilson is assigned to the Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office.]

Army takes proactive strides to manage combat stress

By Christa B. Thomas

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (Army News Service) -- When Sgt. Dartagnan Baker returned to Oahu in 2005 from his first deployment to Iraq, he remembered the unforgiving traffic on H-1, but he now finds it to be overwhelming and startling.

"Nobody likes traffic. But now I hate it," said Baker, who was deployed with 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment.

Baker's response, like that of many Soldiers who have experienced long, perhaps violent tours of duty, is a symptom of combat stress.

Combat stress is any type of mental stress or mental strain from being in combat, according to

Dr. (Capt.) Aika Gumboc, officer in charge of Schofield's Soldier Assistance Center.

"There may be depression, anxiety or exhaustion from the high-tempo environment, yet such strain does not meet the parameters of a full-blown diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder, which is a clinical diagnosis."

Stress is a natural, universal human experience. Combat stress, once known as battle fatigue or shell shock, is also natural.

It is the result of the heavy mental and emotional work required to face danger in combat conditions.

Combat situations may be so severe or so prolonged that a person may continue to be on "high-alert" long after the event, creating a

wide range of reactions that vary by Soldier.

"In combat, Soldiers must think and act quickly," Gumboc said. "Family or fellow Soldiers might notice extreme reactions to small stressors that, prior to deployment, would not have bothered them in the least."

The stress reactions may be physical (difficulty sleeping), mental (inability to concentrate, nightmares or flashbacks) or emotional (irritability, anger, depression).

Most Soldiers returning home grapple briefly with readjustment or experience mild stress symptoms, then move on. Some are plagued by subliminal reminders -- sights, smells, sounds -- that may trigger stress reactions for months, even years, after.

Every Soldier has a limit and is at risk of experiencing combat stress.

"Combat stress affects all Soldiers and in no way should be viewed as a negative or weakness," explained Lt. Col. Kenneth W. Stice, 25th Infantry Division chaplain. "It is not weakness. It's human nature and that's okay."

"We are not weak. U.S. Army Soldiers are very capable and resilient," Stice asserted, continuing, "We are also human and should expect to have normal emotional reactions to abnormal events."

Stice said he would be more concerned about the Soldier who claims to have not been affected at all.

"That's a sure sign that you were, and just don't recognize it," he said.

Though Soldiers may not serve on the front line, they are just as likely to have stress reactions.

The Army Medical Department cautions family members that

combat stress reactions can be caused by non-violent pressures like loneliness, boredom and discomfort during extended service in isolated, unpleasant places.

AMEDD also acknowledges that combat stress is better prevented than cured. Leaders are encouraged to correct controllable stressors "in the unit or on the home front," so the Soldier can "face the unavoidable pressures of battle without other issues on their minds."

Changing Attitudes

Soldiers may be reluctant to seek help with stress reactions for fear of shame or loss of credibility. However, attitudes within the Army about getting help have changed dramatically.

One of the Army's more proactive approaches to managing combat stress reactions downrange is a critical-event debriefing.

Stice said certain events occur that require leadership to seek out affected Soldiers.

"A traumatic event, for instance

-- loss of a servicemember, a serious injury, friendly-fire accidents or mass casualties -- will trigger a critical-event debriefing within 36 hours," Stice added. "This debriefing keeps the unit healthy."

Further, each unit, down to the battalion level, is assigned a chaplain and an assistant.

"As chaplains, one of our tasks is to be a calming presence and deal with the Soldiers who are 'stunned,'" Stice said. "A Soldier may have to retrieve bodies from the fields, retrieve only body parts, or retrieve the bodies of children and women. We help guide them through the normal chain of emotions."

Gumboc affirmed that now more than any other time in the Army's history, Soldiers and leaders are more in tune with the importance of mental health.

"We have more resources available at home and in the theater of operations than ever before," she said. "I am very proud of what we provide our Soldiers."

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interesting perspectives to theirs.

"We need to have an event that can bring all ages and interest groups of the community together to build a stronger community bond," explained a member of the Teen Group. "In order to facilitate this idea, we propose to hold an annual fair at Buffalo Soldier Field. We feel that this will raise awareness in terms of what is currently happening in the community."

"Different organizations such as the fire department and Youth Services could have booths to raise money for their organizations. Additionally, we propose that 15 percent of all booth profits get donated to charitable organizations. This would enable all of us to have a good time and contribute to a good cause," added another representative from the

group.

Once all of the respective groups had presented their issues and suggested solutions, they received a response from USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck.

"Issues such as some of the ones presented here today are taken very seriously," he said. "If they can't be addressed at our level, they will be forwarded to the DA level. The thing we owe you is feedback over time."

"I honestly believe that we can get a number of the issues addressed here today on track. However, they will take time. Thank you for all of your hard work during the last two days. Again, I assure you that we will address all of the issues presented here today," Hagenbeck concluded.

Community Features and Photos

Army-Navy sibling rivalry year-round event

By Jim Fox
Assistant Editor

When it comes to the Army-Navy game, most people think about what is arguably college athletics' best rivalry in the weeks leading up to the annual football game. Of course, it means more to the respective services.

It would be hard to try to measure how much it means to each service academy and especially the Corps of Cadets and the Brigade of Midshipmen.

But how much would it mean to you if you were a cadet and had a sibling on the other side?

Cadet 1st Class Bryan Curran lives just that type of daily rivalry with not one, but two Navy siblings.

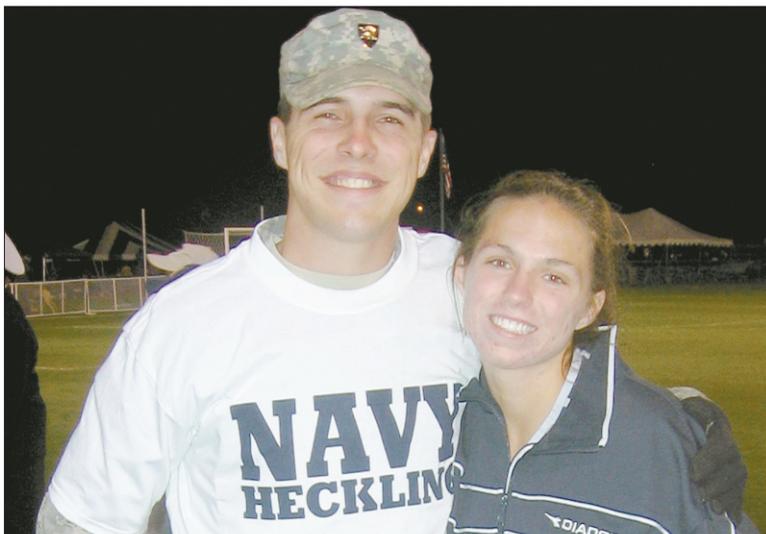
Bryan's sister, Meggie, is a senior on the Navy women's soccer team. His "little" brother Jack is a plebe on the Navy swim team.

Bryan is well on his way to becoming a third generation West Pointer. His father, Robert, is a member of the USMA Class of 1972 and his maternal grandfather is a USMA 1949 graduate.

How do the Curran's deal with the mixed rivalries? Well, it seems with a solid helping of good-natured ribbing.

Bryan's dad, rightly, refuses to ever wear anything with the Navy crest on it, but does submit to wearing sporting attire emblazoned with either "Navy Soccer" or "Navy Swimming" at the appropriate sporting event.

During the Army-Navy football game though, Molly, Bryan's mom, and Robert sit on the Army sideline,



Cadet 1st Class Bryan Curran with his sister, Meggie, who is a senior at Annapolis and was a member of the Navy women's soccer team.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY CADET 1ST CLASS BRYAN CURRAN

Bryan explained.

"The only time my parent's cheer on Navy is when Meggie is playing soccer, or when Jack is swimming," Bryan was quick to point out.

Bryan said that Army-Navy week is very important to his family and that there are always quarrels, and bets on whose team will win, but mostly it's about enjoying each other's company.

As far as spirit missions go, there is one in the family's past. Bryan admitted that he took part in a combined-arms adventure with Jack before his brother entered Annapolis along with an unnamed 2006 West Point grad. The three 'comrades-in-arms' snuck onto Annapolis and painted the Tecumseh statue Black and Gold.

Good luck explaining that one

to the Commandant, Jack.

Another family that has a bit of a sibling rivalry is the Randall family. Cadet 2nd Class Joseph Randall's sister, Sam, is a plebe at Annapolis.

Joseph, 21, came to West Point to become an officer in the U.S. Army and develop himself as a leader.

The electrical engineering major hopes to branch aviation. His sister lists naval aviation as her

branch choice at this early date.

Joseph's family has a decidedly Navy flavor to it. Both of Joseph's grandfathers served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict and his father and an uncle are proud members of the Naval Academy Class of 1980.

So how did he become the "Black Sheep" in his family?

He said that when he visited West Point during his junior year in high school, he was shocked by the history and culture of the institution.

"After looking at what I wanted to do in the military, the Army and West Point seemed like a better fit," Joseph said.

He admits that because he doesn't get to see his sister much, most of their "rivalry" consists of e-mail exchanges of spirit videos, jokes and banners back and forth between the two.

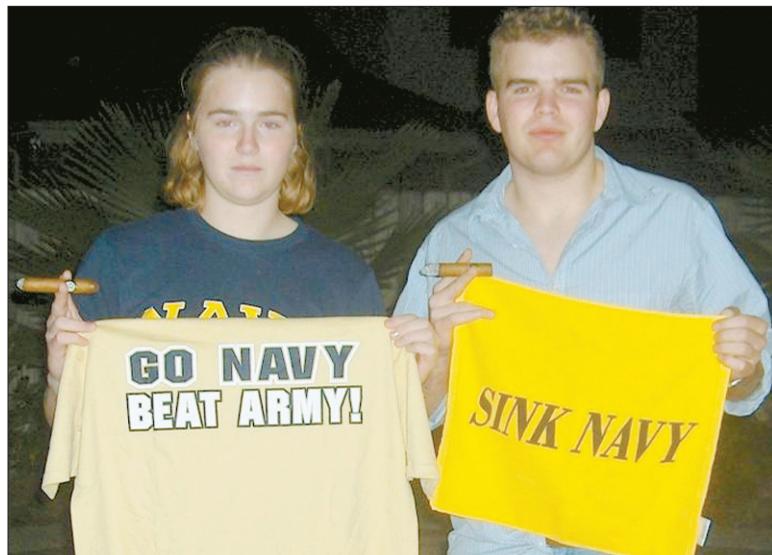
"Mom" Molly Curran seems to have the right attitude when trying to capture the zaniness of Army-Navy week. Bryan explained that she rubs it in a bit when she attends a sporting event. If she is at Annapolis, Molly makes sure she has on something that has Black and Gold in it. If she graces the banks of the Hudson, she wears a bit of Blue and Gold.

"She sees it as a fun jest," Bryan said. "She is just proud of her children"... even when they are indoctrinated as young children to "Go Army" and two of the three of them end up at Annapolis.



The Curran kids, Meggie, Bryan and Jack with their father, Robert, decked out in Army attire.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY CADET 1ST CLASS BRYAN CURRAN



Navy plebe Sam Randall and her brother Cadet 2nd Class Joseph Randall show off their spirit.

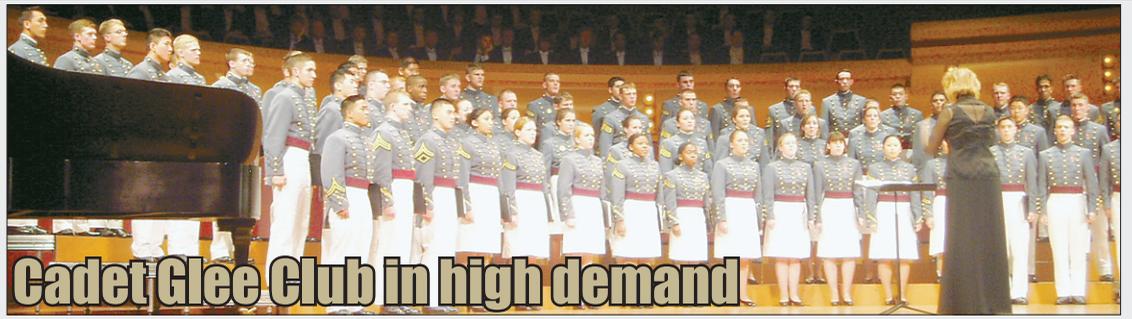
PHOTO PROVIDED BY CADET 2ND CLASS JOSEPH RANDALL

Fly Navy, Beat Navy, Go Army!



Lieutenant Cmdrs. Paul "Pooh" Campagna and Bobby "Beetle" Baker, USMA 1993, will fly two of the four F/A-18C single-seat Hornets for the flyby at the Army-Navy game Sat. They posed for a mini-spirit mission on the flight deck of the USS Enterprise (CVN65) on the day of their fly off, before they flew the jets off to their home station, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S.C., Nov. 17.

PHOTO PROVIDED



Cadet Glee Club in high demand

The USMA Glee Club, seen at a joint concert with the Notre Dame Glee Club Nov. 18, will join forces with the USNA Men's and Women's' Glee Clubs to sing the national anthem Sat.

MAJ. VINCENT PORTER/USCC



This is a "cleaned up" version of the front cover of a 1960s Army-Navy issue of Pointer Magazine.

BY JEFF ROGERS/USMA 1966

College drinking leads to many other problems

By Ingrid Walsh-Brown,
Alcohol and Drug
Control Office

Some college traditions are ageless -- eating pizza at midnight and pulling all-nighters before big tests. Recent national reports about other "traditions" -- guzzling cold beers with friends or getting so drunk you can barely find your dorm room -- are being seriously examined for the long-term damage they cause to drinkers and non-

drinkers alike.

Excessive drinking remains a major problem on college campuses nationwide. Despite increased public awareness about the strong relationship between substance abuse and other social problems like fatal car crashes, increased risk of HIV infection and date rape, students continue to binge drink. Today, nearly half of all college students drink at least four or five drinks at one time, according to the results of a landmark study on binge drinking published by Henry Wechsler in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

While many students do not see the harm in having "a few" beers, the truth is that risks of excessive alcohol consumption involve more than just a hangover the next day. Studies show that alcohol is a factor in 66 percent of

student suicides and 60 percent of all sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV. In addition, one out of four student deaths is related to alcohol use.

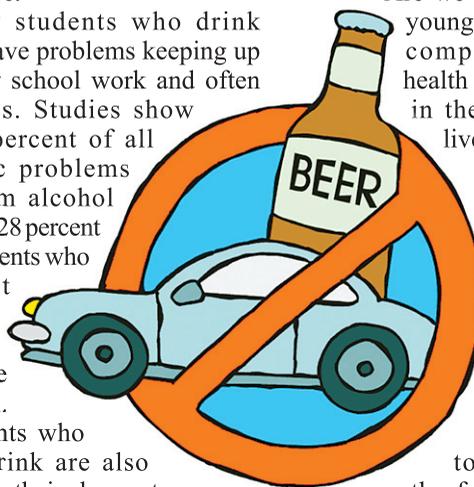
Many students who drink heavily have problems keeping up with their school work and often skip class. Studies show that 41 percent of all academic problems stem from alcohol abuse and 28 percent of the students who drop out of school may do so because of alcohol.

Students who do not drink are also affected by their classmates who do. Students at schools with high levels of binge drinking

are three times more likely to be pushed, hit or sexually assaulted by drunken peers than are students at schools with less drinking.

Are we graduating many young people who are compromising their health and effectiveness in the prime of their lives?

But college students do not have to remain the victims of beer manufacturers, who spend about \$15 to \$20 million each year to get them to drink, despite the fact that drinking alcohol is illegal for anyone under 21.



At campuses across the country, there is a growing movement of students who are taking charge by deciding to stay sober. Many colleges and universities have responded by implementing strong alcohol policies to keep drinking to a minimum. Some have also designated alcohol-free dorms and made alcohol-free social events a high priority.

Help us prepare for this holiday season by submitting your thoughts, ideas and solutions on ways to keep all students safe and healthy. If college officials, police, businesses, the media and students all work together to provide alternative activities, we can continue to make each school year safer than the one before.

Submit ideas to: ADCO, 606 Thayer Rd., West Point, N.Y. 10996 or e-mail Ingrid.walshbrown@usma.army.mil.

Tiger Teams

- Develop a strategic plan (Col. Steve Ressler/CME Department Deputy Head)

- Sustain the moral and ethical climate (Col. Kip Nygren/CME Dept. Head)

- Institutionalize the cadet leader development system (Col. Douglas Boone/SCPME director)

- Establish, publicize and enforce standards (Col. Patricia Dooley/C&LS Associate Professor)

- Enhance the military training program (Col. Michael Meese/Social Sciences Dept. Head)

- Enhance the physical program (Col. Peter Curry/DMI Dept. Head)

Anyone with suggestions for any of the Tiger Teams may contact the team leaders directly or contact the Office of Policy, Plans and Analysis at 938-3549.

Go Army, Beat Navy!

Father, Army quarterback son both wear 1st Cav. Div. patch

By Spc. L.B. Edgar
7th Mobile Public Affairs
Detachment

CAMPLIBERTY, Iraq -- While a father wears the 1st Cavalry Division combat patch on the battlefield in Iraq, on game day, half a world away, his son sports the same patch on the gridiron. Both father and son wear the same patch into their respective battles.

Capt. Frank Williams Jr., trial counsel, 1169th Engineer Group, has seen every one of his son's games until this season, he said.

That's because in July he mobilized for deployment to Iraq, just after his son left to attend the U.S. Military Academy and to play football, said the Cullman, Ala., native.

For Williams, it was his first time deploying and for his son it was his first time away from home, let alone exposure to military training, he said.

Now a plebe at West Point, Carson Riley Williams is a quarterback for the Black Knights. The 19-year-old has come a long way from home, his father said.

The West Point cadet and freshman faces more than the challenges on the field. He must balance scholastics with military training while being a Division I-A

athlete, Williams said.

Even though Williams has missed most of his son's games this season, he still takes comfort knowing that Carson wears the same patch for games as he puts on every morning to go to war, he said.

"We were shocked when they (West Point) placed the 1st Cavalry patch on his chest. Both of us thought it was ironic we'd both be wearing the same patch," Williams said. "He and I both liked the idea. It's like the icing on the cake. I think he wears it very proudly knowing I wear it over here too."

Before the season, Williams did not think he would even see his son

play as a freshman, let alone start.

"When he got to West Point he was fifth on the depth cart.

One player got injured and he worked his way up to the backup position. Then,

during the TCU game, Carson was called on to the field to lead the

West Point football troops down the field," Williams said. "We're just small time country boys. I was proud and shocked."

Though Carson is at the height of his football career, his father is unable to see much of him in action because of his deployment,

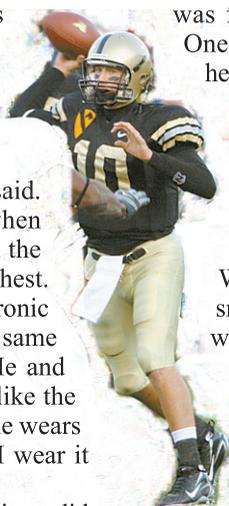
he said.

Instead of seeing his son's games, he now has a weekly phone call, which keeps the father and son close.

"We don't have a lot of time to talk on the phone. I just try to get

him ready for the next game. I talk to him once a week and give him a little advice," Williams said.

Despite the distance between father and son, they both take consolation in being able to wear the same patch on game day.



ERIC S.
BARTELT/PV



Capt. Frank Williams Jr., trial counsel, 1169th Engineer Group, is the father of Army freshman quarterback Carson Riley Williams. Frank is currently stationed at Camp Liberty, Iraq. He had never missed one of his son's games until he deployed to Iraq.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY 1ST CAV. DIV.

New veterinarian brings years of private practice experience to USMA

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Maj. Dan Wakefield's road to West Point is probably more unique than any servicemember who has ever served at the U.S. Military Academy.

His military service began during the Vietnam era as an enlisted Airman helicopter crew chief serving in Panama. After the Vietnam War ended, he cross-trained into computer maintenance associated with computerized communications systems and worked at the famed North American Aerospace Command (NORAD) at the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

During his last Air Force assignment at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, Wakefield got the itch to become a veterinarian.

"I got into reading James Herriot's books about 'all creatures great and small.' It was kind of intriguing and peaked my veterinarian interest," Wakefield said. "So I introduced myself to some veterinarians in a town nearby to volunteer to do odd-jobs when I wasn't on duty and ride around with them on farm calls.

"It was a three-man practice and it kind of tipped the scale for me," he added, "and that experience made it worth giving it a shot."

The Missouri native took a chance and left the Air Force after 10 1/2 years of service to go back to school full-time, even though he had not been accepted to vet school.

"There weren't any guarantees that I was going to get in because I had a full, hard year of college work before I would have all the prerequisites I needed to apply to vet school," Wakefield explained. "It was a bit of a gamble."

Wakefield undertook his venture with his wife, Pat, and two small children, so he had to tighten the belt to get through financially. His wife, who got her degree while he was in the Air Force, helped the family by teaching school during those years.

"She helped us through the hard times," Wakefield remarked.

Wakefield graduated from the University of Missouri in 1986 and then spent the next three years as an associate veterinarian in a private practice. He then owned his own private practice for 11 years in Carthage, Mo.

In 1997, he met a colleague who was in the Missouri National Guard and started looking into joining the

reserves and found a veterinary detachment in Kansas City, Mo.

"I realized more and more that I missed serving like I did in my Air Force days," Wakefield said. "There's just something special about being in the military for me. So my love of the military and the rigors of private practice, especially when you are the only veterinarian in a private practice and are constantly on call, made it an easy transition.

"It was wearing me out because I was on the go all the time and if you weren't on the go then you weren't making money ... it was almost like you had to forget everything else in your life to feed and shelter the family," Wakefield added. "I saw older colleagues who continued to work way past the time they should have retired to maintain an income and I thought there had to be a better way. The Army offered me a new challenge and my only regret is that I didn't think of it sooner."

After nearly a 20-year break in active duty service, the then 49-year-old veterinarian came back to active duty in the Army after 2 1/2 years of reserve time.

Being an Army veterinarian is much different than private practice because Army veterinarian service involves more food safety inspections than dealing with animals on a day-to-day basis.

"When I do sanitary audits, which is an inspection of food manufacturers who sell food to the U.S. government, I inspect the facility for the manufacturing processes used for sanitation and hygiene from the time they receive raw goods through the process of making it, packing it, storing and shipping the goods," Wakefield explained. "The veterinarian, by using federal guidelines, inspects those facilities and, if they pass, they are eligible for a contract to sell food to the government."

Now, as the West Point veterinarian, he has 14 facilities in a region encompassing New York, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, where he does about 36 audits a year. His other mission here, as a part of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, is to take care of government-owned animals.

"We provide animal health care for all government-owned animals, which is mostly military working dogs," Wakefield said. "But, there are still horses and the mules, of course, and MWR has a number of horses here they rent out for trail rides, so we provide some of the care for those animals."



U.S. Military Academy veterinarian Maj. Dan Wakefield is flanked by Cadet 4th Class Jacob Haag, left, on Ranger II and Cadet 2nd Class Trevor Shirk on Gen. Scott. As the vet Wakefield is responsible for government-owned animals and food safety inspections.

Wakefield came to West Point in August after receiving his master's degree in Veterinary Public Health. Before that, he spent three years in Germany with the 72nd Medical Detachment, where in 2003 he was deployed to Iraq during the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"During the buildup in Kuwait, in preparation for Operation Iraqi Freedom, we tracked and monitored the safety of the food that was being shipped into Kuwait. It was good training for us before we were in Iraq," Wakefield said.

Wakefield spent a couple days in Balad, Iraq, before he moved to Tikrit for the rest of his five-month tour in country.

"We went up to an abandoned Iraqi air force base near Tikrit where

we were starting from scratch and set up a base of operations," Wakefield said. "At first, we really didn't have a big mission there, but once the fresh fruit, produce, ice, bottled water and meat started showing up and we started setting up the dining facilities, we transitioned from inspecting an occasional truck that came in with ice and water to a full-scale operation."

Of course to go from enlisted airman to private practice veterinarian to his Iraq experience to get where he is today at West Point, Wakefield took the road less traveled, as many people in his position are more or less thinking about retirement.

"I've had a little different career progression than most Army veterinarians," Wakefield said.

"Most veterinarians my age (55) are either retired or are full-bird colonels on the verge of retirement. I came in as a 49-year-old captain while most contemporary captains are in their late 20s.

"There are a lot of different perspectives because I came in with 14 years of private practice and what I see is a lot of veterinarians coming into the Army out of veterinary college wanting to have that experience of private practice," he added. "I understand that and that's what drives many to leave the service ... but even though there are long days here, I don't have to go home and worry about the phone ringing at midnight to sew up a horse or something like that in private practice. I enjoy this experience much more."

Community Leisure



DECEMBER MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at www.usma.edu/mwr

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 w 938-4621 AEC, bldg. 683 w 938-3762 Arts & Crafts, bldg. 648 w 938-4812 Auto Crafts, bldg. 648 w 938-2074 BSP/BOSS, bldg. 628 w 938-6497 Bowling Ctr., bldg. 622 w 938-2140 CDC, bldg. 1207 w 938-4798/4523 CDS, bldg. 1207 w 938-2092/2035 Community Rec Div w 938-2401 Delafield Pond w 938-5139/5158 Fitness Center, bldg. 683 w 938-6490 Golf Course w 938-2435/2327 Holleder Center w 938-4236</p>			<p>ITR, bldg. 695 w 938-3601/2401 AVC, bldg. 2104 w 938-3655 Morgan Farm, bldg. 2036 w 938-3926 Outdoor Rec w 938-2503 Post Library, bldg. 622 w 938-2974 Round Pond w 938-2503/3860 School Age Services, bldg. 1207 w 938-8530 West Point Club, bldg. 603 w 938-5120, 446-5506 Ski Lodge w 938-3726/3727 Youth Center, bldg. 500 w 938-3727 Veterinary Clinic, bldg. 630 w 938-3817 PLEASE NOTE: For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>				<p>50% OFF 1 hour bay time at the MWR Auto Shop with this coupon Expires 12/31/06 Limit 1 per person</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Golf End of Season Sale, 9am-5pm, Golf Pro Shop (Dec 1- Dec 20)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Talent Show, 6-9pm, YC (grades 6-12)</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Sunday Brunch with Santa, 10am-2pm, WP Club Public Skate, 3:30pm-5pm, Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, 8:45pm-10:15pm, Tate Rink</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6pm, Buffalo Soldier Field</p> <p>Recreational Basketball, 5:30pm, YC Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Fall Story Hour, 10am & 1:30pm, Post Library (Last Session) Radio City Christmas Spectacular, 1pm-7:15pm, ITR Stained Glass Seasonal Ornament/Suncatcher, 6pm-8pm, MWR Crafts (3 day class, Dec 5, 12 & 19)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Re-Entry Workshop, 10:30am, Newcomer's Welcome Brief, 9:30am, ACS Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 9:15pm-10:45pm (Wednesdays in December)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Budgeting, 8:30am, Insurance, 9:45am, Targeting Stress, 11:30am, ACS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Holiday Party with Music, 7pm-12 Midnight, WP Club's Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Activities for Children of Deployed Soldiers, 5pm-7pm, YC, Hosted by ACS</p>			
<p>10</p> <p>Big Game Hunting Season Ends, 5pm Public Skate, 3:30pm-5pm, Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, 8:45pm-10:15pm, Tate Rink</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Video Teleconference with Deployed Soldiers, 8am-4:30pm, ACS Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30am-11am, ACS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Waiting Families Support Group, 6:30pm, Preseparaton Briefing, 2pm, ACS</p> <p>Radio City Christmas Spectacular, 1pm-7:15pm, ITR</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Financial Readiness Training for 1st Term Soldiers, 8:30am, Initial PCS Move, 1:30pm, Checking Accounts, 2:45pm, ACS</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Radio City Christmas Spectacular, 4pm-10:15pm, ITR</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Cardio Kickboxing, 9am, Butts & Guts, 4:30pm, MWR Fitness Center Every Friday</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Holiday Shopping in NYC, 9am-4pm, ITR Teen Ice Skating Trip, 1pm-4pm, YC</p>			

What's Happening

Book signing

Brian Turner will be signing his book, "Here, Bullet" at the U.S. Military Academy bookstore Wed., which is located on Thayer Hall's fourth floor, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

AG & ID card section closure

The Adjutant General including the ID card facility will be closed from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8 for an official function.

Waiting Families Support Group holiday celebration

Army Community Service is hosting a holiday celebration for the families of deployed Soldier's and recently returned Soldier's Dec. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the West Point Youth Center.

The Nanuet Rotary is donating pizza, a face painter and a moon bounce. There will also be cadet volunteers to help with the kids.

AFTB Day is Dec. 16

December 16 has been designated as Army Family Team Building Day by the Chief of Staff and Sgt. Maj. of the Army. The AFTB is a program designed to educate and empower members of the military community to develop skills and encourage behaviors that strengthen self-reliance, promote retention and enhance readiness.

For additional information, or to volunteer or participate in the AFTB program at West Point contact Galatea Badger at (845) 938-5654.

Engineer Memorial

The Army Engineer Officers' Wives announces the availability of the Army Engineer Memorial Awards for graduating high school seniors.

The Geraldine K. Morris Award, a new AEMA scholarship, was established this year to honor the service and memory of Gerladine K. Morris, a former Army nurse, and the wife of the 44th Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) John Morris. This award is available to a high school senior who intends to enroll in an accredited program leading to a nursing degree or certification that can be renewed for up to three years.

Applications are available and must be postmarked by Feb. 16, 2007.

For an application or more information on eligibility, contact the AEMA Chairman, Janice Smith at (703) 383-3970 or e-mail aema.scholarship@gmail.com or visit the Web site at www.aeowc.com.

DUSA job opportunity

The West Point chapter of DUSA is hiring an interim business manager for the Museum and Thayer Hotel Gift Shops. It is a full-time, 40-hour-per-week position.

For more information, call Charlene at 446-1290 or e-mail her at miselijc@hotmail.com.

Christmas Tree sales

The Fort Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department's annual fundraiser is now open. Trees and wreaths are available weekdays from 2 to 9 p.m. and on Sat. and Sun. from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

They have a new supplier and the trees are fresh cut.

Sales are located four miles south of West Point on Route 9W at the Fort Montgomery Firehouse.

For more information, call 446-3542.

West Point Women's Club

The WPWC Gift Shop, located next to the MWR Fitness Center, is open on the Web at www.shopthepoint.com and is open

every Wed. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the shop location.

For more information call 446-2950.

The WPWC is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Craft Bazaar Dec. 9 and 10.

Contact Amy at 446-2634. Volunteers get in free.

Craft Fair and Dinner Dance

The Highland Falls Fire Department is hosting a Craft Fair, Sat., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the HFFD.

For more information, call 446-2187/2847, or e-mail hffdcraftfair@yahoo.com.

There will also be a Holiday Dinner Dance at the HFFD, Dec. 9 from 6 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call 446-7136.

Upcoming Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross Life Guard certification course will be offered Sunday.

To register go to www.nyredcross.org, or call 1-800-514-5103.

Special Needs Parent Toolkit

Register now to participate in the "Special Needs Parent Toolkit" webinar offered through Military OneSource Wednesday at 9 a.m., noon, or 9 p.m.

The DOD toolkit has information needed for families navigating through the maze of medical and special education services, community support, benefits and entitlements.

Register at www.militaryonesource.com.

Washington Gate closure

Washington Gate will be closed to inbound traffic only from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily.

Craft Bazaar

The West Point Women's Club will hold their annual Craft Bazaar Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 10 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

Over 90 vendors will sell their arts and crafts.

Also, the U.S. Military Academy Band will perform their concert "A Hudson Valley Holiday" Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. in the Eisenhower Hall Theater.

Please bring photo ID for entry into West Point.

For more info., go online to www.shopthepoint.com.

DPW Notes

Retaining wall repair delayed

Due to unforeseen site conditions involving the base of the retaining wall along Clinton Place, behind Kosciuszko Statue, the scheduled repairs have been delayed. Because of this delay, Clinton Place remains unsafe for traffic and parking. With the onset of winter weather, we do not anticipate completion of the repairs and the reopening of Clinton Place until Spring 2007.

Housing office closure

The Housing Division Office, Bldg. 626, will be closed for all customer service Monday through Dec. 8 for mandatory training of all personnel.

During this time inspection appointments will continue during the afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m.

If you need to schedule an inspection or change one already made for that time period call 938-6201, no later than 3 p.m. today.

Yard waste collection for Fall Clean up

The DPW Solid Waste Collection contractor will make a special pick up of properly prepared yard waste (leaves in brown bags available at Self Help and branches cut to 4' lengths and bundled) Saturday morning.

Yard waste will also be picked up by the contractor on Wednesday as normally scheduled.

For information, contact DPW Solid Waste Management at 938-4074.

Disconnect your garden hoses

All residents are reminded to disconnect and safely store all garden hoses for the winter season.

Leaving hoses attached, in addition to the possibility of splitting the hoses, can also cause damage to the exterior piping for the faucet.

For information, call DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Snow guides being installed on post

Personnel from DPW Land Maintenance Branch are installing snow guides throughout post.

The snow guides are 48" fluorescent stakes used to mark features of the area so that during snow removal operations, equipment operators are aware of conditions in the area.

The guides mark features such as dangerous spots and dips in surface, fire hydrants, manhole covers and road/sidewalk edges.

They prevent unnecessary turf damage caused when a snowplow leaves paved areas and crosses into a turf area. Additionally, and more importantly, they allow our equipment operators to avoid potentially dangerous areas and increase their safety.

In the past, most of the guides "disappeared" before the first snowfall. Not only does the absence of the guides create a safety hazard, they are also very expensive.

Residents are asked not to remove the guides and to instruct children of their importance. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

For information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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



Pet of the Week

Licorice, a two-year old spayed female, is available for adoption at the West Point Veterinarian Clinic. She is very affectionate. Call the Vet Clinic at 938-3817 for more information.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Command Channel 8/23

Dec. 1 - Dec. 8

Friday

On the hour from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Army-Navy Spirit Videos

Monday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Dec. 8

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Dec. 1 -- **The Prestige**, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2 -- **Everyone's Hero**, G, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 -- **The Grudge 2**, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 -- **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause**, G, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 -- **The Departed**, R, 9:30 p.m.

Dec. 15 -- **Employee of the Month**, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 16 -- **Flushed Away**, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Starting Jan. 6 there will be a 9:30 p.m. late show on Fridays.

The theater schedule can also be found at www.aafes.com.

MWR Blurbs

Brunch with Santa

Bring your kids to the annual brunch with Santa Sunday at the West Point Club. Seatings are at 10 a.m. and at noon.

Visits and pictures with Santa are from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Early reservations are recommended. Call 938-5120 for more information.

Santa Paws

Have your pet's digital photo taken with Santa Wed. from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Santa Paws photo shoot at the Vet Clinic.

For more info., call 938-3817.

Army Photo Contest

The 2006 Army Photo Contest is back. Enter your favorite digital photos for the chance to compete against some of the best photographers in the Army. Categories include people, place, object, military life and experimental.

For contest rules, information and to download an application, go to www.usma.edu/mwr and select the event hotlink, or call 938-4915.

All entries must be submitted to the MWR Craft Shop no later than Dec. 9.

Crandall Pool holiday hours

The MWR community swim program holiday hours from Dec. 16 to Jan. 2 are Dec. 16, 23 and 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hours for Dec. 17, 24 and 31 are 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 938-8249/2985.

FCC training

The Child Development Center

will conduct a new family child care provider training class from Dec. 11 through 19. If interested, call 938-3921.

Auto Craft Shop

Don't get stuck in the cold -- winterize your car at the MWR Auto Craft Shop. We offer everything your car needs to be ready for winter at affordable prices. Do it yourself or schedule an appointment by calling 938-2074.

Craft Shop

The MWR Craft Shop is now accepting orders for the holiday season ... custom framing, engraving, screen printing and more. Choose from a variety of Christmas ornaments and we will personalize them for you.

Place your order three weeks out to ensure you have it in time for the holidays.

For more information, call 938-4812.

Christmas Tree lighting

Spread some holiday cheer at the West Point Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. at Buffalo Soldier Field. Refreshments and visits with Santa at The Thayer Hotel follow the ceremony.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Golf

Save on holiday shopping at the West Point Golf Course's End of Season Sale, Dec. 1 through 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Golf Course Pro Shop. Great buys on clothing, shoes, clubs, bags and more. Shop early for the best selection.

Call 938-2435 for more info.

RCI survey teams in housing areas



Nick Jackson, of TVGA Consultants, of Buffalo, N.Y., surveys the boundaries around several housing areas in anticipation of the upcoming Residential Community Initiative. Boundaries will be established and marked. Contractors may be seen in and around housing areas for the next several weeks. For more information call 938-4407.

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Keller Corner

KACH closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratories, the pharmacy and radiology will be closed Dec. 25, 26, 29 and Jan. 1. KACH will be closing at noon Dec. 15.

The emergency room will remain open.

Childbirth preparation classes

[Three-week series] Classes start Jan. 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in KACH's second floor classroom.

Call OBU at 938-3210.

If you are expecting a baby

before mid-April, sign up now because the next series begins in March.

Safety at KACH

For your safety, wheeled sneakers, scooters and skateboards are prohibited at KACH.

Did you know ...

A medical appointment is a terrible thing to waste?

Keller had a total of 941 "no shows" for July, August and Sept. 2006. "No shows" occur when patients arrive more than 10 minutes after the appointed time

or miss appointments entirely.

You can help Keller save these valuable appointments for your and others by having your calendar handy when you make your appointment, allowing enough travel and parking time to arrive at your appointments 15 minutes early and by calling the Appointment Center at (845) 938-7992 or (800) 552-2907 to cancel your appointment as soon as you know you can't keep it.

Except for federal holidays, the Keller Appointment Center is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Army and Community Sports

Army looking to halt four-game streak

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

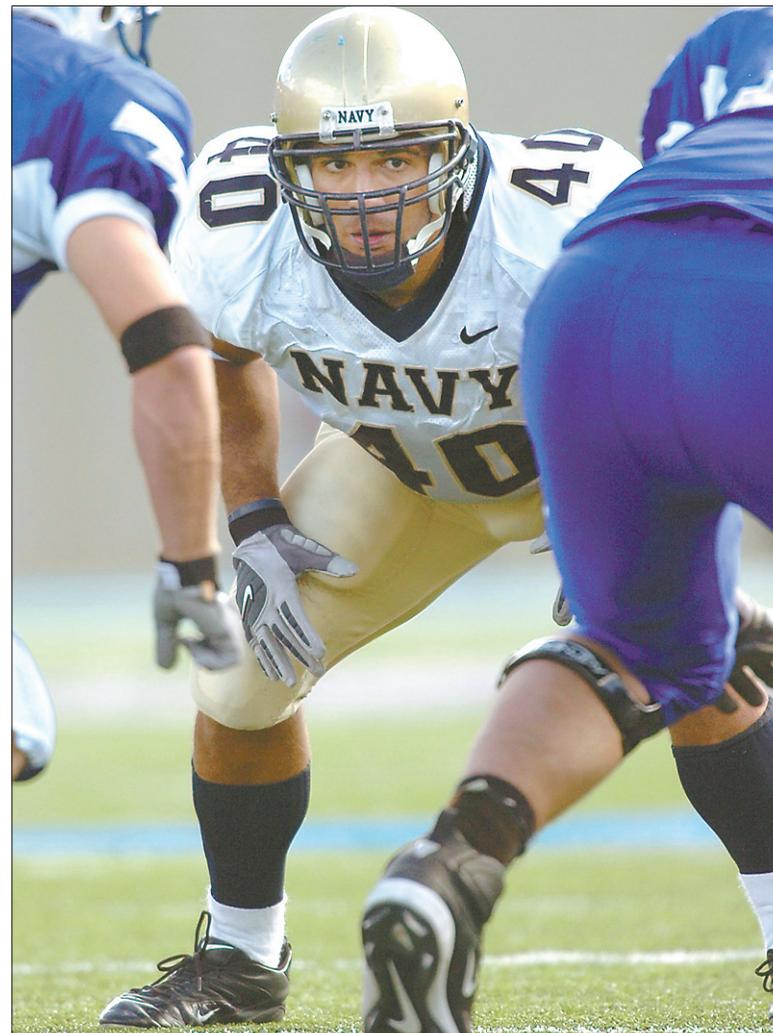
The 107th edition of the Army-Navy game takes place Saturday at 2:35 p.m. at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

Navy (8-3) will be looking for their fourth straight Commander-In-Chief's Trophy and their senior class would go a remarkable 8-0 versus Army and Air Force with the victory over its academy rival.

While the Midshipmen have a Dec. 30 Meineke Car Care Bowl game awaiting them after this matchup, Army (3-8) will look to end its season on a winning note after losing its last five games.

The Black Knight team comes into the game having lost its last four games to Navy. Army head coach Bobby Ross sees stopping Navy's option offense as the key to winning the game.

"[Navy head coach] Paul Johnson has done an outstanding job with the offense," Ross said.



Senior outside linebacker David Mahoney (above) is tied for the Navy lead in sacks (6) with senior defensive end John Chan in 2006. He was second on the team in sacks last year with eight (behind senior LB Tyler Tidwell's 10) and lead the team in 2004 with five.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY NAVY SID

"They have the speed to make it work. Their scat backs are not big, but they can run.

"We're going to have to execute very well and have to have a good tackling game," Ross added. "I want to make them go a long way with the ball every time, which means that we can't turn the ball over and our offense has to move the ball some. We have to stop [the big plays] and keep those out of the game."

Army, which has dealt with its own inexperience at quarterback, will face Navy sophomore quarterback Kaipō-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada.

Navy lost senior quarterback Brian Hampton to a devastating knee injury versus Rutgers Oct. 14, and Kaheaku-Enhada has filled in nicely, winning his last three starts.

"We're behind him 100 percent," said Navy senior center James Rossi. "After Hampton was hurt, it was a rough patch for

[Kaheaku-Enhada] against Rutgers and Notre Dame, but he's been solid the last three weeks and he's very confident right now."

The Midshipmen have averaged 43 points per game in Kaheaku-Enhada's last three starts, and he's complemented by a pair of good runners in juniors Adam Ballard and Reggie Campbell.

Ballard leads Navy with 782 yards rushing and Campbell has added another 629 yards on the ground while scoring four touchdowns.

In order for Army to stop their vaunted option running attack, which ranks first in the nation, they'll need to contain Navy and keep them from finding the holes in the Army defense.

"When you face an option team, the key is for each person out there to do his assignment," said Army senior defensive end Cameron Craig. "We have to win 11 small battles on every play in order to stop them."

While the offense continues to roll for Navy, it's the defense that keeps the team going in close ball games.

Navy's defense fields eight seniors and is led by team co-captain, senior linebacker Rob Caldwell, who leads the team with 95 tackles, and senior linebacker David Mahoney, who is tied for the team lead in sacks with six.

The key for Army is to help take the load off of its quarterbacks, junior David Pevoto and freshman Carson Williams, with a strong running game, which has been absent in recent weeks.

"We haven't run the ball as well as we've been able to in the past," Ross said. "We've had some trouble in our offensive line, and that's been a bit of a nemesis to us as well. We are playing a freshman at running back [Tony Moore], so we're a young football team in some positions and that has some effect on us."

Army's youth will match Navy's veteran presence and recent history may lead many to conclude that this game is a foregone conclusion in favor of the Midshipmen. But the team in the underdog role in this series hasn't always bowed down to the favorite, and Army wants to put its best game face on against its fiercest rival.

"When I'm the underdog or when someone says I can't do something, it drives me that much



Senior defensive end Cameron Craig leads Army with 3 1/2 sacks and 16 tackles for loss in 2006 despite missing parts of three games due to injury.

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, more to get the job done," said Army senior center Pete Bier. "A win over Navy would really help the program and end the season on a high note."

Navy leads the series after 106 games at 50-49-7, and Ross is licking his chops to get his first victory against Navy after losing his first two meetings as Army coach.

"I'm anxious to play [the game]. I'm looking forward to it," Ross said. "Navy is very good. To me, personally, it would mean an awful lot to get that win and walk off the field with a positive feeling. It's awfully hard to walk off [the field] having lost."

Ross' anxiousness comes from wanting to leave the field with his first victory against Navy while trying to halt the Navy seniors' chance at a perfect 8-0 record against both academies.

"Our biggest thing is that we just need to think about winning," Ross said. "We can't think about what's there for Navy as much as what's there for us. We're not trying to take anything away from them. We're just trying to win a football game."

And to the football players, especially the seniors, this is as big a football game as it gets.

"They are our biggest rivals and you can't over-emphasize the importance of this game or the magnitude that it carries," Bier said. "I think the rivalry itself and the competitiveness is second to

none. After the game, there's a ton of mutual respect, but during the game we're all business."

Saturday's game will be televised nationally on CBS at 2:35 p.m. by announcers Ian Eagle, Boomer Esiason and Sam Ryan. The game can also be heard on the Army Sports Network through affiliates WABC (770-AM, New York), WBNR (1260-AM, Beacon, N.Y.) and WLNA (1420-AM, Peekskill, N.Y.). It will be available to eligible users of the Army Knowledge Web site at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/login/welcome.html>.



Freshman quarterback Carson Williams will most likely share quarterbacking duties with junior David Pevoto Saturday during the 107th Army-Navy game.

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ARMY VS. NAVY

FOUR PLAYERS TO WATCH ON SATURDAY

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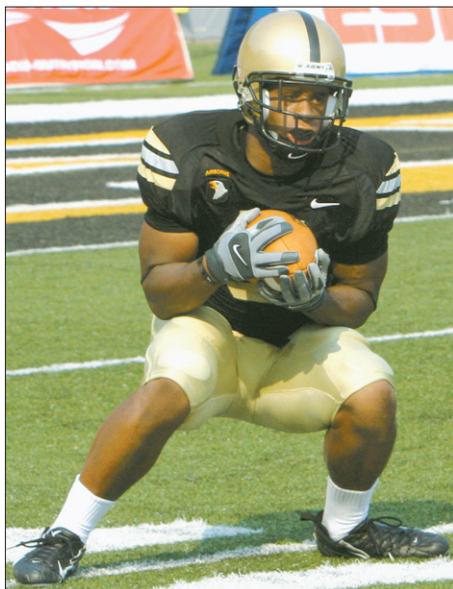
Junior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble

Senior wide receiver Walter Hill is a nice complement to junior wideout Jeremy Trimble, but Trimble is Army's only true vertical threat in the passing game.

Trimble currently leads Army in receptions with 47 for 486 yards and two touchdowns. With three receptions against Navy Saturday, Trimble would become only the fourth Army receiver to catch 50 balls in one season.

Trimble had a career-day last Dec. 3 against Navy when he caught six passes for 81 yards and two touchdowns.

Besides being a vertical threat, Trimble has been a dependable punt returner as well. He has returned 18 punts this season for a remarkable 18.1 average, which currently ranks fourth all-time in an



Junior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble

Army season and also includes two touchdowns.

He joined Aris Comeaux (2002) and Omari Thompson (2000) as the only Army players since 1982 to return two punts for touchdowns in a season.

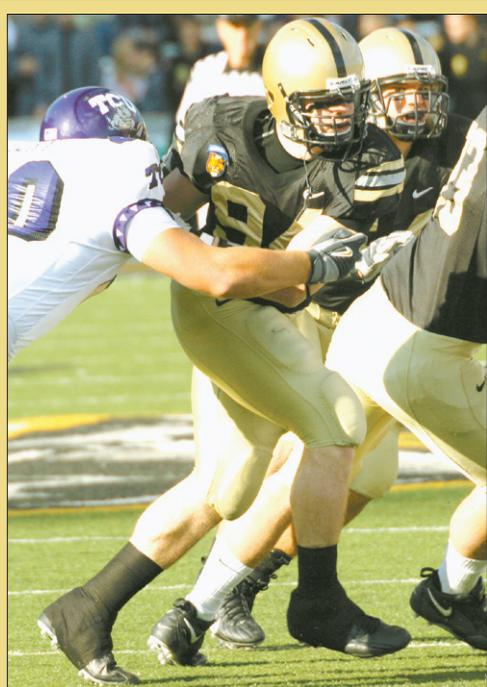
Senior defensive end Cameron Craig

With the season-ending knee injury to junior strong safety Caleb Campbell, senior defensive end Cameron Craig is the most talented and stat-producing defender still left on the field heading into the Army-Navy game.

Craig has also fought through some injuries this season that cost him parts of three games. Still, he has produced 55 tackles, which rank fifth on the team, and leads the team in sacks [3 1/2] and tackles for a loss [16].

He currently ranks as the all-time career sack leader for Army with 13 1/2 and is third all-time in tackles for a loss with 35.

Craig will make his third career start versus Navy having



Senior defensive end Cameron Craig

made five tackles in each of the past two games he played.

He also got his first career fumble recovery against the Midshipmen in the 2004 Army-Navy game.

Navy Sophomore quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada

The names of Craig Candeto, Aaron Polanco and Lamar Owens have been nightmarish in the Army vernacular as those three quarterbacks played a major part in Navy's last four decisive wins against Army. Just when Army thought it might have dodged a bullet with the knee injury to senior quarterback Brian Hampton comes another Navy quarterback ready to put his mark on the Army-Navy series -- Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada.

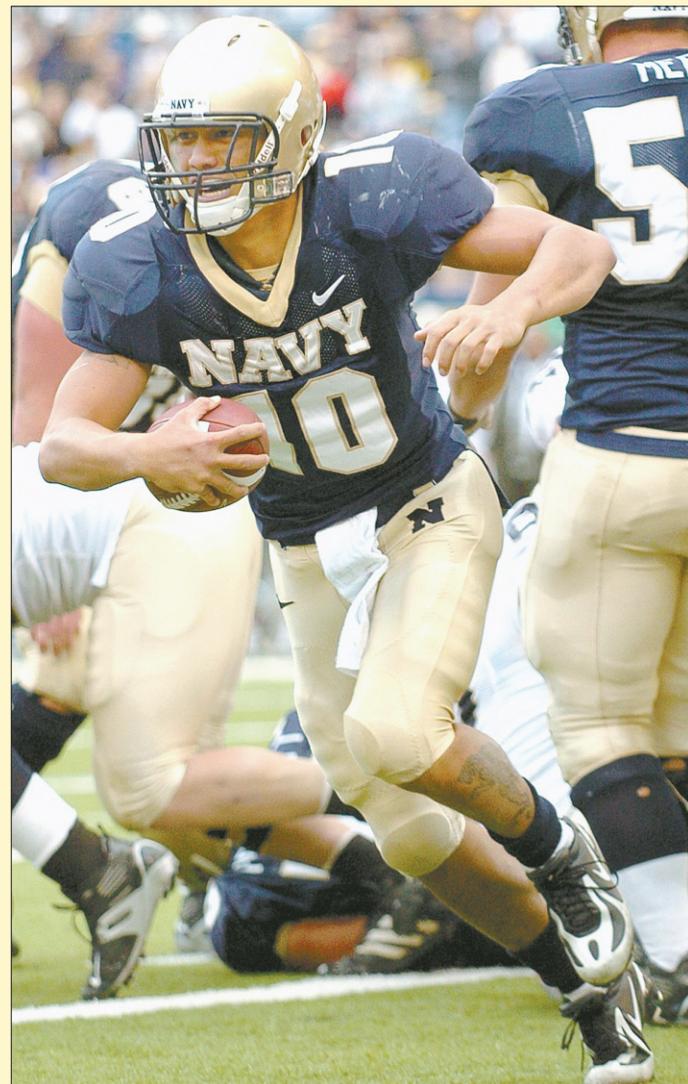
Kaheaku-Enhada doesn't roll off the tongue as easy as Candeto, Polanco or Owens, but his roll outs on the option are just as smooth as his predecessors.

In fact, in only his second start against Duke Nov. 4, Kaheaku-Enhada rushed for four touchdowns, which tied him for fifth-most in school history.

For the season, Kaheaku-Enhada has rushed for 482 yards and 10 touchdowns, while completing a better percentage of passes than Hampton at 50 percent. He also has thrown three touchdown passes to only one interception in his 36 attempts.

After a rough start, when he replaced Hampton in the Rutgers game that included only 11 yards on 22 rushes, he's improved every game, including two touchdown runs versus Notre Dame.

The 5'11", 186-pound sophomore could be the most talented and versatile Navy quarterback in recent years as he played special teams and wide receiver as a freshman.



Sophomore quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada

Senior Linebacker Rob Caldwell

Senior co-captain Rob Caldwell is a rock on the inside of Navy's strong linebacking corps. Along with seniors David Mahoney and Tyler Tidwell, Caldwell and his crew have done a great job solidifying the senior-laden Midshipmen defense.

Caldwell currently leads Navy's defense in tackles with 95. He led last year's Navy squad with 140 tackles, which at the time was the most by a Navy defender since Javier Zuluaga's 144 in 1993.

He has added one quarterback sack and three forced fumbles this season while making six tackles for losses.

He had 10 tackles in last year's Army-Navy game and posted 21 in a game against Air Force last season as well.



Senior linebacker Rob Caldwell

Army Marathon Team leads way to Philadelphia

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

It's a near 150-mile trek from West Point to Philadelphia which, depending on many variables such as traffic and weather, will usually end up being a three-hour drive.

Most people from the West Point area will make the trek down to Philadelphia for Saturday's Army-Navy game by vehicle, but a select 24 individuals will take a different path to the game.

Since the mid-1980s, the Army Marathon Team has been traveling to the Army-Navy game in a unique fashion -- by van and by foot.

This year will see the tradition continue as the Army will escort the ceremonial game ball to Philadelphia and present it to the on-field officials prior to the 107th kickoff of the Army-Navy game.

Split into three different legs, or vans, within a 24-hour period which started Thursday night, each of the 24 members of the team will get a chance to run one leg and the seniors will run the final portion, about 50 miles, to Philadelphia.

The journey is a thrill for all the cadets who are involved, but the goosebumps are really felt when these 24 form up on the field to present the game ball in front of the 68,000-plus at Lincoln Financial Field.

"It's an honor that we actually can run the ceremonial game ball out onto the field while the entire Corps of Cadets and Brigade of Midshipmen are in the stands watching us," said marathon team member and senior Erin Jensen. "We feel a part of it [the game] by bringing the ball to the game. It feels good doing it."

The team sees this as a great bonding event for them, but they also see it as a chance for people to recognize West Point and the Marathon Team.

"It's a good opportunity for the Army Marathon Team and West Point to be noticed," said team member and senior Bryan Bhark. "While we are running the ball down there, people will shout out, 'Go Army,' especially when we are on the final leg going into Philadelphia and people recognize that we're running with the game ball.

"It means a lot to the people in Philadelphia and means a lot to the Marathon Team and the Corps of Cadets because it's a good tradition," Bhark added.

The team receives a State Police

escort as they run the game ball, predominantly down US Route 202 and PA Route 32, to Philadelphia; however, that doesn't stop the unusual, intriguing situations that can pop up from year-to-year.

"We've had people in past years, sometimes at about 2 a.m., start following us," said senior Brandon Corbin. "Some will just park their car and just start running with us.

"Last year, somebody gave our van a box of thin mints randomly after we had been running 10-to-15 miles," Corbin added. "The car pulled up next to us and handed us the box of Girl Scout cookies and said, 'Go Army.'"

Saturday will be the second time in two weeks the Marathon Team has been in Philadelphia. They competed Nov. 19 in the Philadelphia Marathon and did quite well, as 12 members of the team ran their personal best run times.

Bhark, a native of Westchester, Pa., got his chance to run in his second Philadelphia Marathon while recording a personal-best 2:45 run in 26.2 miles.

"The Philadelphia Marathon was the first marathon I ran during my senior year in high school," Bhark said. "It was good to finally go back and run the course again. We get a lot of support from the crowd when they see the Army Marathon Team running with Army (shirts) representing West Point and the Army."

The team runs two marathons per academic year and several buildup 15K, 20K, 25K, 30K races to lead up to a marathon in the fall and spring.

The Boston Marathon is always on the cadets' schedule for the spring time, but this was the first time since 2002 that the cadet team participated in Philadelphia as it has taken part in the Richmond Marathon in Richmond, Va., in recent years.

Corbin was excited to get a chance to run the streets of Philadelphia and take in the scenery of the historic city.

"Philadelphia has so much history, it's cool to see it," Corbin explained. "I saw the Rocky Statue, how cool is that ... when I was growing up watching the 'Rocky' movies, I dreamed of being the underdog guy."

Corbin didn't finish like an underdog as he completed the marathon in 2:37 and, although it wasn't his personal best it was still

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(From left to right) Seniors Heather Kaiser, Erin Jensen, Brandon Corbin and Bryan Bhark are four of 24 Army marathoners who will run the Army-Navy game ball to Philadelphia.

Rugby sinks Navy 26-18

By Army Rugby

After a perfect 10-0 season that was full of dominant play and resounding victories, the fate of the Army Rugby Team's fall season rested on the result of one game.

The game had no playoff implications, but to any former or current Army and Navy rucker it is a game that means so much more. It can either completely validate or spoil either team's season.

Recently, Army has had the upper hand in the series by winning the past two years. The venue for this year's battle would be the Naval Academy's Farragut Field located in Annapolis, Md., Nov. 19.

Navy entered the game with a record of 6-1 with their sole loss this season at the hands of Penn State in what was a very close match. Both teams looked to use this game as a great base to build off of in the all important national tournament in April.

Both teams looked tense and a bit apprehensive as the initial whistle blew. Army kicked deep into the Navy end and forced Navy to kick into touch immediately.

After winning the lineout, Army strung together several well-coordinated phases resulting

in a penalty.

Army senior fullback Brendan McCarthy slotted the uprights to put Army up by three within the first minute of the game.

Army continued its dominance and showcased excellent ball possession as they put together beautiful multiphase rugby. This resulted in a try by senior outside center Robert Small.

Soon thereafter, senior flanker Jay Berger put the ball down in the try zone. Another penalty kick by McCarthy put Army up 16-0 before Navy finally got three on the board with a penalty kick right in front of the posts.

The score at halftime was 16-3 and Army felt confident in their ability to play a successful brand of rugby.

Army came out strong early in the second half, pinning Navy deep in their own territory. Right away, senior 8-man Nate Peper blocked a Navy kick, which was scooped up and run in to the try zone by senior hooker Tony Fatula.

However, the second half proved to be more troublesome for Army than the first. About 10 minutes into the second half, senior flyhalf Andrew Locke was sin-binned for diving over the ruck. This gave Navy the player advantage that they needed to find

the try zone for the first time in the game off a strong side overload.

Army found the try zone later after Locke dished to McCarthy on a tight pass and McCarthy found a gap and touched it down for five points. At this point Army made several substitutions to inject fresh legs into the game. As the final whistle blew, the scoreboard read Army 26 - Navy 18.

Army Rugby head coach Richard Pohlidal with coaches Gerry Himes, Chip Colbert, and Lt. Col. Paul Stoneman presented team captain Peper with the man of the match award after the game.

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good for 33rd overall out of 6,100-plus competitors who finished the marathon.

But as the team descends on Philadelphia for the second time in two weeks, the mission of running the football to the game is more than just about a football or the game itself, it's about bringing together two rival service academies.

"The Army-Navy game

represents something on a much larger spectrum by combining the Army and Navy as a whole," Bhark said.

Jensen added, "They're all our brothers and sisters in arms when deployed in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. It's a great way to bring both service academies together for one day to have fun."