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Crandall Pool open to community July 17

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

West Point residents will soon have another reason to welcome the warm summer weather: Crandall Pool at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will open to the community July 17 as part of the new Morale, Welfare, Recreation's Indoor Recreational Swimming Program.

For the last five summers community members had to swim at Delafield and Round Ponds while Arvin was being renovated. Now their pleas have been answered.

"There's been an outcry for indoor swimming since Arvin closed and they started rebuilding it," said Thane Kelley, MWR Recreation Division chief. "Both MWR swim areas are ponds and a

lot of folks don't like swimming in them, so Crandall provides a good solution."

The pool hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

"There may be days that we can't open due to staff availability, but we don't know that right now," Kelley said. "We're hoping we can honor all these hours.

"We don't expect there to be any problems because we have quite a number of guards on the staff right now," he added.

There will be a minimum of two certified lifeguards at pool side all the time and this could be a great job opportunity for local high school students to get jobs, especially beyond the summer, Kelley said.

"We'll need anywhere from 6-to-8 lifeguards this winter to maintain these hours," he explained. "We'll have 24-to-26 lifeguards during the summer months to guard Delafield and Round Ponds and we'll draw from that pool of guards to operate Crandall."

To use the pool, community members should enter through the Arvin main door in the back of the superintendent's quarters. Then show their Common Access Cards at the front desk, sign in and have a lifeguard punch their swim cards.

Just like for Delafield and Round Ponds, swim cards are available for a nominal fee. It's \$20 for cadets, ranks E-1 through E-6 and children ages 3-13 and \$30 for ranks E-7 and above. That's good for 12 punches, or visits, per card.

Punch cards are available at Delafield and Round Ponds and at ITR, building 695. Community members must purchase and present their punch cards to use the facility. No money will be collected at the pool.

Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Youths under the age of 14 must take a swimming proficiency **SWIMMING, cont. on 3**



R-Day for Class of 2010

A new cadet learns to salute Monday from a cadet sergeant during the U.S. Military Academy's Reception Day for the Class of 2010. Thirteen hundred and eleven new cadets made it to the end of the day to take the oath ceremony at Trophy Point.

(See story on Pages 8-9.)

Spc. Benjamin Gruver/PV

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Call 938-2985
to see if pool is open.

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NASA assigns '83 grad to shuttle flight

Story and photo submitted by NASA

NASA has assigned crew members to the space shuttle flight that will launch an Italian-built U.S. module for the International Space Station.

Air Force Col. Pamela A. Melroy will command the STS-120 mission to take the Node 2 connecting module to the station. Melroy, a veteran shuttle pilot, is the second woman to command a shuttle.

Marine Corps Col. George D. Zamka will serve as pilot. The flight's mission specialists will be Scott E. Parazynski, Army Col. Douglas H. Wheelock, Navy Capt. Michael J. Foreman and Paolo A. Nespoli, a European

Space Agency astronaut from Italy. Zamka, Wheelock, Foreman and Nespoli will be making their first spaceflight.

STS-120 will be Melroy's third shuttle flight. Melroy considers Rochester, N.Y., to be her hometown and served as pilot of missions STS-92 in 2000 and STS-112 in 2002, both flights to the space station. Zamka, a native of Jersey City, N.J., has a bachelor's from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and a master's from the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla.

Parazynski, who also considers Palo Alto, Calif., his hometown along with Evergreen, Colo., will be making his fifth shuttle flight and is a veteran spacewalker.

Wheelock, a native of Windsor,

N.Y., is a 1983 West Point graduate with a master's from Georgia Tech, Atlanta. Foreman is a Wadsworth, Ohio, native with a bachelor's and a master's from the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. Nespoli is a native of Milan, Italy. He has a bachelor's and a master's from the Polytechnic University of New York.

This crew announcement reflects reassignments of other astronauts to other missions and to technical and management positions within NASA.



Col. Douglas H. Wheelock

GC asks community for input in RCI focus groups

**Commentary by
Col. Brian Crawford
West Point Garrison Commander**

I recently held two Residential Communities Initiative informational briefings for the community and one thing that became quite clear is that RCI is a complicated process that not everyone understands.

Under RCI, the Army "partners" with a private-sector firm to manage and operate family housing. The partnership agreement will be for a 50-year period with an option to extend an additional 28 years. Residents pay basic rent and utilities -- equal to their BAH.

RCI uses a request for qualifications process to attract quality developers. The process evaluates and awards on the basis that the firm selected is the most highly qualified to meet the requirements of the West Point community.

Once a partner is selected, one of the most important parts of the RCI process begins: the Community Development and Management Plan. This is the document that will outline what the community wants and what the partner will provide.

The CDMP has three components:

- Development (construction, renovations and demolition)
- Financial/transactional (the partner's fees and rates)
- Operations and property management (services that will be provided)

The benefit of the process is that it allows West Point and the partner to work together to create a "master plan" that best satisfies the community and the partner.

Before we begin the CDMP process (scheduled to begin in November) we are asking for Community focus groups to work with us to collect the wants, needs

and wishes from the community and pass it on to our CDMP representative. West Point RCI officials will review all requests and suggestions and decide what will be included in the CDMP.

The bottom line is the whole process is a joint effort. The partner, once selected, doesn't take over and create a plan that suits only them. The process is set up to allow the installation and the partner firm to work together to ensure that major issues are identified and addressed before execution of the plan.

The CDMP process takes roughly seven months. During the

first six months, the partner and West Point crafts the CDMP. West Point then staffs the CDMP and submits it to Congress. If Congress does not object, the operations start to transition. Housing management and operations are scheduled to be turned over to the RCI partner in March 2008.

It's important for the community to get involved now. We are establishing the focus groups so we can start discussing what we want and need to see in the CDMP.

Total participation by the community is so important to the success of this process. Without

it, the CDMP will not reflect what the community desires out of the partnership.

I am asking everyone who is interested in this initiative to get involved because RCI will, in a relatively short time, be a reality for all Soldiers and families assigned to West Point.

Working together as a community will help us to achieve the ultimate goal of this initiative: to improve the quality of life on the installation.

For more information on getting involved in this process or joining a focus group, call Mike Colacicco, RCI Program and Asset Manager at 938-5948 or e-mail at michael.colacicco@usma.edu.

SARP INFO

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

Community members can e-mail McMahan at Jeanette.McMahan@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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Difficulty: Hard

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

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Iraqi new cadet helps break down barriers

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Most incoming plebes sweat the unknown of Beast Barracks, but imagine growing up in the shadow of Saddam Hussein's regime which in itself would make Beast Barracks a blue-sky holiday.

Cadet Jameel, one of 15 international cadets in the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2010, is the first Iraqi cadet to try to take his place along the Long Gray Line and, at the same time, begin a new democratic era in Iraq.

Years of oppression under Saddam's Baath Party and then the ongoing insurgency after his ousting made the first 19 years of Jameel's life grueling living in Baghdad.

"All Iraqis went through a difficult time under Saddam," Jameel said. "No matter what your qualifications, no matter what you studied or whatever you did, it was about who you were and where you were from (that mattered).

"(Saddam's Baath Party) had been killing Iraqis for the last 30 years, so they're not Iraqis they're like the Nazis," Jameel added.

Jameel arrived in the United States for the first time June 21 on a trek that started nearly a year ago for him.

The process began through the Iraqi Ministry of Defense with 20 applicants for the coveted slot to come the academy. Jameel scored strongly in the SATs and the Test of English as a Foreign Language, or TOEFL, which all foreign applicants must take to know how strong their English skills are to succeed at the academy.

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test and those who pass will be given a swim ankle tag to wear. Youths who don't pass the test will not be allowed in the pool unless accompanied by an adult or a swim instructor.

The pool will be available for lane swimming only and the diving boards are off limits, Kelley added.

"The pool is for swimming only and the diving boards are to be used for the diving team only," he explained. "This is for a recreational swimming opportunity, it's not a place where kids can come and go splash with mom, dad or friends.

"If they're swimming or want to learn how to swim there will be instructional opportunities, but

"All the indicators point to the fact that Cadet Jameel does have what it takes to do well," said Maj. Robert Romans, Admissions Southeast Regional commander here. "Will he struggle, sure, but so does every kid that comes here going through Beast Barracks in his or her plebe year."

Jameel had to take many precautions just to get himself prepared for academy life while still in Iraq. He would have to do a daily routine of walking great distances and then taking a taxi to make sure no one was spying on him as he would train with American officers every day to prepare for the academy.

"He took a big step in coming here and put himself at personal risk every time he went to the compound for training," Romans said. "Somebody could have identified him as a friend of America and he didn't let that stop his plans to become an officer, or at least come to West Point."

However, risks have been a part of Jameel's life as his school, Baghdad College, was bombed by an improvised explosive device and he knows he needs to make a difference rather than let the terrorists reign free.

"(I was) at risk while walking down the street, so I (would) rather die holding a rifle than die walking down the street as a civilian ... I'd rather die fighting," said Jameel, whose father, brother and grandfather all served in the Iraqi military.

Jameel plans to major in engineering and his long-term ambition is to one day become the president of Iraq. But, of course,

with those ambitions will also come great pressure, the pressure of being the future of the Iraqi Army.

"It's a big responsibility. I'm the first Iraqi here (at West Point), and I have to go through a lot of stuff," Jameel said. "But, if you lived in Iraq, you'll get this determination with everyone you (have) seen

die in front of your eyes, every child slaughtered and everything that happens -- you will get this determination (to succeed)."

Jameel's role here is as important as the other 14 international cadets that arrived here for the next four years. In the end, the four years here builds the foundation of a

lifetime of friendship needed to avoid possible future strife.

"For as important as it is for America, the government, to have great ties with Iraq and the Arab world, it's more important that this one Iraqi citizen and his counterpart

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Combat veterans add their experience to Class of 2010

Story and photo
by Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Twenty-nine combat veterans joined the 1,311 new cadets Monday for Reception Day at West Point for the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2010.

While most new cadets are green around the gills about the military, new cadets Samuel Aidoo and Tyler Gordy have already gotten down and dirty in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

Aidoo and Gordy both were Army sergeants and in the military for three years before they went to the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, N.J., last year.

Aidoo served with the 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment and jumped into Iraq during the initial 'Shock and Awe' phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We were the ones that seized Haditha and that was our claim to glory," Aidoo said. "We led the initial raid to Haditha and the platoon got a valorous unit citation for it and that was pretty cool."

He spent two months in Iraq and then would serve three months in Afghanistan where he did reconnaissance missions.

"Afghanistan was a lot of fun," said Aidoo, who credits West Point officers from his Ranger squad for beginning his interest in West Point. "It was a lot less deadly and the people were much friendlier there than in Iraq."

Gordy served with 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division and spent 11 months in Iraq from the initial stages through the beginning stages of the insurgency.

"I was in a rifle platoon during the initial ground push and then I was a 240 Bravo machine gunner doing patrols and raids," Gordy said. "About three months into the deployment, I went to the scout platoon. I did some basic reconnaissance and watched intersections looking for IEDs."

Both Gordy and Aidoo had their mentally draining moments in Iraq and Afghanistan, but it was tougher for Gordy because of the change in focus for the Army during his time there.

"We went from being a fighting

force to peacekeepers then back to a fighting force again," Gordy explained. "We were always switching gears. It was kind of tough and exhausting. It was hard because we had this feeling of security that the war was over and the people loved us and viewed us as liberators, then all of a sudden, the insurgency kicked off and we weren't safe and needed to get our minds right again (for the fight)."

Gordy, a native of Sacramento, Calif., and Aidoo, a native of Las Vegas, are both excited to get a chance to come to West Point and also help the new plebes get through their first experiences at the academy. Both combat veterans offered a piece of advice for the new cadets to deal with their new surroundings.

"Everything's temporary and in time everything gets better no matter what it is, you will progress and move forward," Gordy said. "Take it one day at a time and put your best foot forward, give your best effort and tomorrow will be a better day."

Aidoo added, "It will only last so long. I remember when I was a private getting smoked and I would



New Cadets Samuel Aidoo, (left) and Tyler Gordy.

always tell myself this won't last forever. Every kind of training is meant for you to survive it, so don't worry about it."

Even the combat veterans used the Prep School to their advantage to hopefully one day succeed academically at the academy.

"I had been out of school for three years, so I was rusty," said Gordy, who credits Lt. Col. Alphonso Ahuja, his battalion commander at Fort Campbell, for his West Point opportunity. "When I was in high school I was focused on sports. The Prep School was absolutely necessary for me because I couldn't make it academically at West Point without it."

Now the goal is toward the

future and succeeding over the next four years at West Point and one day returning to the fight against terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

"I want to lead Soldiers in combat," Gordy said. "I wasn't a leader when I was over there. I was a trigger puller and doing what I was told. I would like to go back over there with a group of guys and lead them in Iraq or wherever we'll be by then."

"But, there's still a part of me that wants to go back and see Iraq thrive as a democracy," Gordy added. "I would like to see what we did and worked hard for and see something good come from all the individual sacrifices."



New Commandant on board

New Commandant Brig. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr., (left), hands the guidon to U.S. Corps of Cadets command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Laidlaw, at the commandant change-of-command ceremony June 23 at Eisenhower Hall. Caslen, (USMA '75) succeeds Maj. Gen Curtis M. Scaparrotti as the 70th Commandant of Cadets, while Scaparrotti moves on to an assignment at U.S. Central Command.

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TRADOC: Morphing civilians into Soldiers

By J.D. Leipold

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- In a Pentagon briefing, Gen. William S. Wallace, commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, spoke with reporters about the command's campaign plan and how basic training has evolved over the last four years.

"Our campaign plan has two big deals from my perspective," said Wallace, who led V Corps into Baghdad in 2003. "First of all, the campaign plan recognizes that the center of gravity within TRADOC is our ability to learn and adapt in support of our operational forces. It also recognizes that the centerpiece of our adaptation is our people."

Changing civilians into Soldiers is what TRADOC does as the architect of the Army, and that involves changing with the times. Gone are the days when recruits arrived at basic training to learn just the fundamentals of weaponry, how to fight from a foxhole, how to march in parade formations and a mere three days in the field. In those days prior to 2003, TRADOC gave recruits nut-and-bolt basics, then sent the new Soldiers to their units where the real training started.

"Once upon a time we had this notion in the Army that when there wasn't a war going on we in the

training base would teach about 65-70 percent of the skills associated with being a Soldier. The rest of the burden was then placed on the operational Army," Wallace said.

"We now recognize that with the pace the operational Army is moving today, we need to produce new Soldiers who are capable upon arrival at their first unit to make immediate contributions because they're being asked and expected too," he said.

To achieve "Soldier" status, recruits now spend 21 days in the field during basic training. The training focus has changed dramatically from what was primarily a standards, discipline and soldierization process to one of intensive combat skills.

Recruits now undergo weapons immersion, through which they receive their weapon three days after arrival and keep it throughout training.

"They carry it to the dining facility, clear it before entering and do functions checks throughout the day," Wallace added. "Instead of locking the weapon up in an arms room at night, they put it in a weapons rack in the barracks."

Weapons qualification training

has changed as well.

"We've increased advanced rifle marksmanship training beyond just basic qualification with a weapon. We're teaching folks close-quarters marksmanship, reflex firing and muzzle awareness," Wallace pointed out. "They're learning how to do this, not from a foxhole because that is not how Soldiers fight today. Instead, the training is from alongside vehicles, in urban situations while wearing full battle-rattle to include body armor.

"The way a Soldier's weapon seats into his shoulder with body armor on is completely different from a foxhole position, so weapons training is now from the kneeling, unsupported position, which is very difficult because there's nothing to rest the butt stock and your front hand on," he said.

A major part of weapons immersion training involves a convoy operations live-fire to push Soldiers into the mindset that they may have to engage the enemy from a moving vehicle. How to maintain weapons orientation, distribute fire, maintain a reasonable volume of fire, dismount from a vehicle, and assault an objective are all being taught in basic and advanced



A Soldier trainee negotiates a log obstacle on the confidence course during her nine-week basic training program at Fort Jackson, S.C.

U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. STACY L. PEARSALL

individual training.

Wallace said the weapons immersion program has created Soldiers who are qualifying with their weapons quicker than in the past. Weapons maintenance problems have also decreased because Soldiers better understand their weapons and how to manipulate them.

"When you ask 100 young people how many of them have fired a weapon, you might get eight or 10 raised hands. They aren't familiar with weapons, which is good from a societal perspective but that's not necessarily a good thing from a military perspective," he said. "So we've got to teach them how to use their weapons and how to be comfortable with them, and that involves immersion."

Basic and advanced individual training also involve

counter-insurgency instruction and surroundings awareness, particularly as it applies to IEDs on convoy operations.

"Over time, you teach Soldiers to be extremely suspicious and very aware of their environment; so they're always thinking about what's different, what's new, what's going on around them that they haven't seen before, then reporting it up the chain of command," he said.

Though basic training has become much tougher, Wallace said it hasn't deterred people from joining the Army.

"We've found our recruits to be extraordinarily motivated," he said. "They'll tell you the toughness is why they came into the Army; they're expecting a challenge and appreciate the fact that we're giving them one."

Healthwatch: Prevent drunk and drugged driving

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Drunk and drugged driving affects us all. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, three in 10 people will become involved in an alcohol-related motor vehicle crash at some time in their lives.

During the summer months whether it be vacationing, moving or traveling to a summer destination, remember to take extra precautions to avoid unnecessary tragedy during this busy travel period.

One common misconception about alcohol impairment is that beer is less dangerous than liquor or wine. Don't be fooled. The contents of the typical bottle of beer, glass of wine or liquor drink (mixed or straight liquor) each contain virtually identical amounts of pure alcohol. In reality, a driver's judgment and reaction time becomes impaired with only one alcoholic drink, whether it is liquor, wine or beer.

According to Helen de Prado, Chief of the Army Substance Abuse

Program at West Point, you can help your guests get home safely this Fourth of July weekend by:

- Reminding them: Don't drink and drive.

- Never serve alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21.

- Offering non-alcoholic beverages, such as fruit juices or soft drinks.

- Always serving food with alcohol. High protein and carbohydrate foods, such as cheese and meats, are especially good, because they slow the rate at which the body absorbs alcohol.

- Control the amount of alcoholic beverages served -- no open bars.

- Stop serving alcohol about two hours before the party is over. Your guests will then have time for their bodies to absorb any alcohol they've consumed. Serve coffee or other non-alcoholic beverages, as well as food.

If you observe that one of your guests is impaired, don't hesitate to intervene. The Army Substance Abuse Program at Keller Army Community Hospital also suggests that you:

- Drive your friend home or ask another sober person to provide a ride.

- Suggest that your impaired friend stay overnight in your home.

- Pay for a taxi ride home for your friend.

- Don't give in. Friends don't let friends drink and then drive.

Drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or other drugs are a danger to themselves and others. That is why the penalties for driving while intoxicated (DWI) are severe.

In the state of New York, the penalty for a first-time DWI conviction is revocation of your driver's license for at least six months. To obtain a new driver's license, you must re-apply to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles following the period of revocation.

It is estimated that attorney fees, fines, auto insurance surcharges and other expenses resulting from a DWI conviction can amount to \$8,000 or more.

The New York State Zero Tolerance Law makes it illegal for a person under 21 to operate a vehicle after consuming any alcohol.

The penalties for a first-time license suspension and a fine and violation include a six-month fee totaling \$225.

For more information on preventing drunk and drugged driving, call the Army Substance Abuse Program at (845) 938-7691 or the Orange County STOP DWI Program at (845) 294-9000.

Two WPYS youths test for their black belts in Tae kwon do

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood

Community member's 17-year-old Amelia Wetzel and 18-year-old Jason McFadden took their final



Jason McFadden (right) demonstrates a defensive move.

test for their black belt rank in the martial art of Tae kwon do at Youth Services here June 21.

The test for the black belt is given in two parts and they already passed the initial phase, earning the right to wear a red and black belt. The test was given by their martial arts instructor Jan Brown, who teaches here at Youth Services. The martial arts courses are part of the YS program 'Skies unlimited.'

"It generally takes an average of five to seven years of study to achieve black-belt status," Brown said. "The black belt means that one is ready for the opportunity to learn."

The test involved form, initiating the correct stances, and strength, enough to put your elbow or fist through wooden boards.

Brown said he is proud of McFadden and Wetzel because they have worked hard to come as far as they have.

Wetzel said she has been interested in martial arts since she was a child in Hawaii.

"My parents were gone a lot so I started hanging around the YS there

watching the martial arts classes and fell in love with it," she said.

Wetzel's mother Connie explained how she was a little reluctant to allow her daughter to take the class.

"I remember her as a kid with her nose pressed up against the window watching the class," she said. "That's when I knew she should take it."

Jason McFadden, who has been involved with martial arts for seven years, graduated from James I. O'Neill High School this year and will be heading off to Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta in the fall.

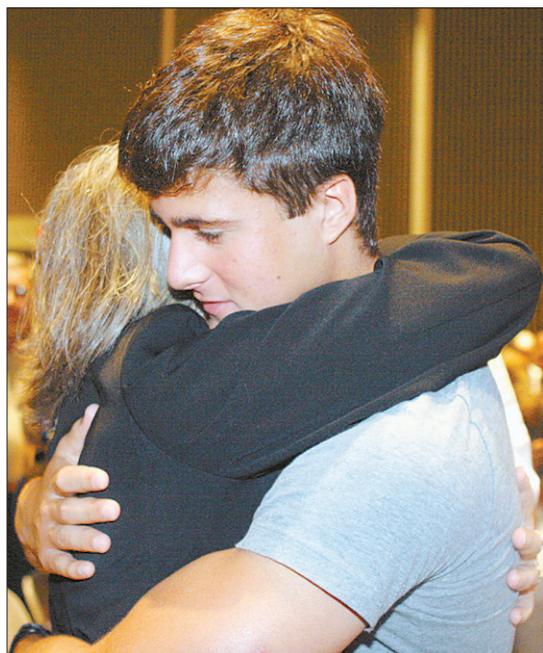
"I really enjoy it," he said. "It has definitely improved my focus and balance."

Brown said the martial art of Tae kwon do is about form, focus and balance and is for defense only.

"There is no first strike in Tae kwon do," he said.



Amelia Wetzel, (left) and Jason McFadden demonstrate their form June 21 while testing to become black belts.

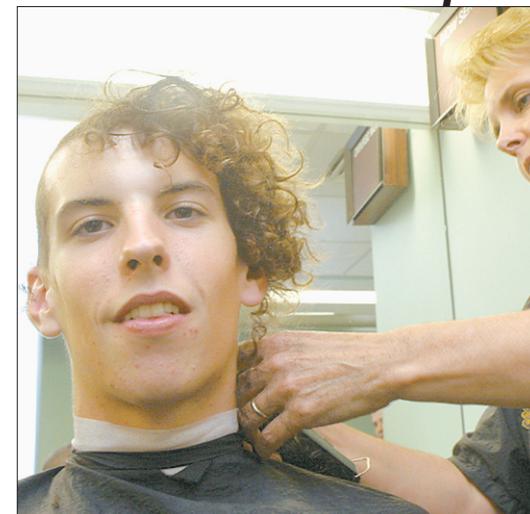


(Above) A family member gives a full embrace to a new cadet at Eisenhower Hall just before starting the long Reception Day.

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(Right) A cadet sergeant leads new members of his Beast Company to the Cadet Central Area for further inprocessing and instruction on saluting, reporting and drill and ceremony.

SPC. BENJAMIN GRUVER/PV



(Above) Barber Cindy DeMaro, who cut 8 Day, gets rid of this new cadet's shaggy hair - buzzed. SPC. BENJAMIN GRUVER/PV (Below) A new cadet receives a bag to be issued socks. While starting in processing the day they are fully outfitted in cadet uniforms.



'They've only just begun'

By Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

"Move up to my line." "Look straight ahead." "What are your four responses?" "I am not a sir."

A rare cool and cloudy late June day and the melodious sounds of upperclass cadets barking orders welcomed more than 1,300 new cadets to the U.S. Military Academy Monday for Reception Day.

For the cadet candidates, who gathered at Eisenhower Hall in the early morning hours, the time between arrival and the oath ceremony was a sometimes rude introduction to the West Point experience. The 266 Cadet Cadre members were behind those introductions and will spend the next three weeks guiding the new cadets through basic training.

Reception Day at the U.S. Military Academy is a practice in efficiency. As the new cadets left their family and friends behind at Ike Hall, they were bussed to Thayer Hall for inprocessing. There they found a maze of lines guiding them through station after station

where they took the oath, received medical examinations, gathered initial issue items, dropped off personal bags and got assigned to CBT companies.

It is the first part of their metamorphosis from civilian to military, according to Cadet 1st Class Aaron McKenney, CBT company commander for Foxtrot Company.

Once the new cadets find their company they are quickly indoctrinated into their company's culture, he explained.

"They learn about the company motto and greeting, their four responses, what is expected of them as a cadet, all the basic stuff for cadets," McKenney said. "It really is the starting point of their R-Day experience at West Point."

That experience continued outside the doors of Thayer Hall and into the company areas of the academy where new cadets learned how to report to the cadet in the red sash, the subtleties of saluting and how to march for the first time.

It is a day that will impact

them for the rest of their time at the academy and through their Army careers, said McKenney, who recalled hearing the commandant relay how he still remembers his R-Day and Beast experiences.

"Leading [new cadets] is an awesome responsibility and a great honor," he added.

At the end of the day, the new cadets marched out to Trophy Point to take the oath from the commandant of U.S. Corps of Cadets.

Now the new cadets get six weeks of training before being accepted into the corps.

According to the first detail CBT Commander, Cadet 1st Class Jonathan Nielsen, the CBT mission is to provide the new cadets with the training they will need to succeed at West Point.

"By no means will CBT be an easy experience for new cadets, but it will be definitely challenging physically and mentally," Nielsen said. "It is intended to prepare them for what they will face during the academic year as well as in the Army as a leader."



New cadets receive instruction on how to report to the cadet. Cadet lieutenants will not let their new arrivals pass through the line precisely as instructed.



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cadet in the red sash Monday.
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KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



The eyes of a cadet sergeant keep a close watch on this new cadet. Reception Day marked the beginning of the cadet cadre's process of instilling the proper way a cadet should act during the 47-month learning experience.

SPC. BENJAMIN GRUVER/PV



At the end of the day 1,311 new cadets marched out to Trophy Point in full view of family and friends and raised their right hands to take the Oath of Allegiance.

LESLIE GORDNIER/PAO



JULY MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at www.usma.edu/mwr

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 • 938-4621 AEC, bldg. 683 • 938-3762 Arts & 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 Holleder 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 PLEASE NOTE: For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>				<p>West Point Bowling Center</p> <p>Open Bowling: Sun.-1300-1800 Mon. 1600-2100 Tue. Closed Wed. & Thur. 1130-1900 Fri. 1130-2300 Sat. 0900-2300</p> <p>Galactic Bowling: Every Fri. & Sat. 1700-2300</p> <p>Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ & Primo's Pizza</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Mongolian BBQ, WP Club, 1700-2100</p>	<p>JULY 1</p> <p>Bosu & Core, 0900, Spinning, 1000, MWR Fitness Center</p> <p>Open Bowling, 1130-2300, Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300, WP Bowl</p>
<p>2</p> <p>4th July Fireworks & USMA Band Concert at Trophy Point, 2000</p> <p>Bosu Strength, 1600, Butts & Guts, 1700, MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Wee Ones Play Group, 0930-1100, ACS, Mondays in July</p> <p>Dollar Night, 1600-2100, WP Bowl</p> <p>Independence Day Collage, 1600, YS</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4th of July Holiday</p> <p>All MWR activities closed except for Round Pond, Morgan Farm, Delafield Pond & Bowling</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Newcomer's Welcome, 0930, Re-Entry Workshop, 1030, ACS</p> <p>Teen Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 9-12)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Theater Van to Broadway, 1700-2330, ITR</p> <p>School Age Night, 1800-2000, YS (grades 3-5)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300, Fridays at the Bowling Center</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Creative Movement, 0900, Jazz & Tap Combo, 1000, Ballet, 1115, YS</p> <p>Bosu & Core, 0900, Spinning, 1000, MWR Fitness Center</p>		
<p>9</p> <p>Bosu Strength, 1600, Butts & Guts, 1700, MWR Fitness Center</p> <p>Family Night Bowling, 1800-2100, WP Bowl</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Golf Course Closed for Outside Event</p> <p>Beginner Western Riding Camp, 0900-1500, M Farm, Jul 10-14</p> <p>Video Teleconference, 0800-1630, ACS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg., 1300-1400, AVC</p> <p>Middle School Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 6-8)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bronx Zoo/NY Botanical Gardens, 0900-1530, ITR</p> <p>Teen Night, 1800-2100, YS (grades 9-12)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>BOSS Community Service/VA Hospital Visit, 0900</p> <p>Targeting Stress, 1130, ACS</p> <p>School Age Night, 1800-2000, YS (grades 3-5)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Dinner in Little Italy/Chinatown, 1700-2300, ITR</p> <p>BBQ at YS, 1600 (grades 6-12)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Creative Movement, 0900, Jazz & Tap Combo, 1000, Ballet, 1115, YS</p> <p>Annual Two Person Team Championship, 0630-1300, WP Golf (day 1)</p>		

DPW Notes

Office closures

All offices and shops of the Directorate of Public Works will be minimally staffed Monday in celebration of America's Independence. This includes the DPW Service Order Desk.

The Housing Division Office, Building 626, will be closed Monday. Normal operations will resume Wednesday.

Keller Corner

KACH Closures

All Outpatient Clinics, Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

The Emergency Room will remain open.

MWR Blurbs

Post Library

The Post Library has some additional spaces available in their Summer Reading Safari. All West Point community children ages 3 to 12 are eligible.

Call 938-2974 or stop by building 622 for more info.

Command Channel 8/23

June 30 - July 7

FRIDAY	9 a.m. Army Newswatch	TUESDAY	No programming (Fourth of July holiday)
	6 p.m. Army Newswatch		
MONDAY	9 a.m. Army Newswatch	WED. - JULY 7	9 a.m. Army Newswatch
	6 p.m. Army Newswatch		6 p.m. Army Newswatch

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- RV, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Mission Impossible 3, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

July 7 -- The Da Vinci Code, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

July 8 -- Over the Hedge, PG, 2:30 p.m.

July 8 -- X-Men: The Last Stand, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

July 14 -- The Break Up, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

July 15 -- Over the Hedge, PG, 7:30 p.m.

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

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

What's Happening

Summer playground fun

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host weekly summer playground fun Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Lee Road playground.

Call 859-4182/446-5307 for more information.

Fourth of July volunteers needed

The Town of Highlands Ambulance Corp is looking for dedicated and responsible volunteers on the Fourth of July to help at their fundraiser booths.

Call Gen at (845) 446-3101 to sign up or e-mail THACVolunteer@gmail.com.

ID card facility closure

The ID card facility at 622 Swift Road will be closed July 11 and 12 for an upgrade of their software and

equipment.

Call Earl Vass at (845) 938-8474 for more information.

Civilian ID card renewal

All civilian employees whose Common Access Cards will expire in 2006 can renew them no earlier than two weeks prior to the expiration date. Issue will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 622.

Family Day in the Park

The local chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. are sponsoring their 7th annual Family Day in the Park July 8 from noon to 8 p.m. at Downing Park in Newburgh, N.Y. There will be live music, games, races, arts and crafts, vendors and food. For more info. call

(845) 838-7848.

New Cadet Visitation Day

The U.S. Corps of Cadets will conduct New Cadet Visitation Day July 16 from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Sing-ups for staff and faculty sponsors is now open on the USCC Web page at www-internal.uscc.usma.edu.

Sponsors should report to the bleachers on the Plain no later than 1 p.m. and should look for seating in the sections according to their last names.

Call 938-8804/8145 for more info.

WPES cutoff date change

The cutoff date for West Point Elementary School preschool and kindergarten students has been revised.

The cutoff date for children entering WPES's preschool or kindergarten in school year 2006-

2007 are students entering preschool who must be four by Oct. 31, 2006 and entering kindergarteners who must be 5 by Oct. 31, 2006.

For more information call Phyllis Caputo at 938-3827/2313.

Pet of the Week



The U.S. Military Academy's veterinarian has Emmitt, a two-year old male cat, for adoption. He has been neutered and his front claws have been declawed. Call the Vet Clinic at 938-3817 for more info.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

U.S. Military Academy Band
West Point, New York

Music Under the Stars

Free and Open to the Public

Concert Band, Fireworks and Cannon, *Happy Birthday USA!*, July 2 (Rain date: July 3), 8:00 p.m.

Jazz Knights, *Jazz Americana: Diverse and Popular*, July 16, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Knights "Little Big Band," *Legends of American Music*, July 9, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Knights, *Homage to the Big Bands*, July 23, 7:30 p.m.

Trophy Point Amphitheatre
845-938-2617 www.usma.edu/band

Veterinarian Clinic does more than take care of animals

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The U.S. Military Academy's veterinary services here offer immunizations, including rabies, distemper, Lyme's disease for dogs and feline leukemia for cats. Animals can be treated for flea and tick prevention and for those who are leaving; health certificates for travel can also be obtained.

"As part of the duties of those

processing out, they must come to the clinic to ensure that they are not leaving pets behind or to pick up their pet's medical records," said Colleen Roche, veterinary office manager. "Any animal that is left behind is taken to the veterinary office and offered for adoption after about a week."

Roche said that all animals residing on post must have a microchip, which can be implanted at the veterinary clinic.

West Point Veterinarian Maj.

Anne Hessinger wears a couple of different hats here. She not only cares for animals, but she and her staff also inspect all food coming into West Point.

"Food inspection is for quality assurance," said Sgt. Jason Bergman, one of four food inspectors here. "We need to ensure the contractors stay within their contract as we are responsible for the health and welfare of the people here as well as the financial aspect in ensuring we are receiving the correct portions."

Bergman said the place of the inspections depend on the site managers.

"As an example, the Mess Hall here prefers that inspections are done on delivery," he said. "Food going to the Cadet Basic Training site is inspected again on delivery to the site."

Hessinger also inspects the commissary here as well as a few civilian stores for sanitation.

A community event that the staff at the veterinary clinic puts on is the annual pet fair, which is held in conjunction with 'National Pet Week.' The clinic held their fifth pet fair Saturday. This year's theme



West Point Veterinarian Clinic Animal Technician, Pvt. 2 Tami Blair, checks Booboo's teeth and gums. The Vet Clinic is closed beginning today through Tuesday for inventory.

was 'Fitness Unleashed.' Although rain and the threat of storms kept many away, participants enjoyed watching the Orange County Sheriff's Department's German Shepherds, Max and Hunter, display many of their abilities as part of their duties in the canine police.

"Max finds people who are lost, is excellent at evidence recovery and

is trained to sniff out illegal drugs," said Sgt. Dave Campbell of the O.C. Sheriff department. "Hunter is trained to find explosives."

Children enjoyed playing with the dogs and feeding carrots to the Army mules including the 'senior' mule, Raider.

For more info. on the veterinary clinic, call 938-3817.



Three-year-old Logan Moore feeds the senior Mule, Raider, at the West Point Veterinarian Clinic's annual Pet Fair.

Local communities gearing up to celebrate Independence Day holiday

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The U. S. Military Academy Concert Band, under the direction of Lt. Col. Timothy Holtan, will present its annual Independence Day Concert Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Trophy Point Amphitheatre.

The rain date is Monday.

The concert will open with *The Fort McHenry Suite* by Julie Giroux, a three-movement work with each movement based around the text from the verses of the national anthem *The Star Spangled Banner*.

The concert will include patriotic music, Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* and cannon fire and fireworks.

Please allow extra travel time for the 100 percent vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates.

Due to changing security requirements at West Point, call the Academy Band's hotline at 845-938-2617 or check www.usma.edu/special before leaving for the concert.

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call the academy Band's 24-hour hotline at 938-2617.

Highland Falls

Highland Falls starts Tuesday off at 8:30 a.m. with a 5K Race at Memorial Park. Registration is at 7 a.m. at the park.

A Pee Wee Race will start at 9:30 a.m. at Memorial Park followed by a decorated bicycle contest at 10 a.m.

The Church bells will ring at 2 p.m. as our symbol of liberty.

At 3:30 p.m., the Grand Parade will begin with four divisions participating.

From 5 to 9 p.m. there will be a variety of family activities at Roe Park including a D.J., music, games and food booths.

Fireworks will be displayed at 9:15 p.m. at Roe Park.

For more info., call 446-3400.

City of Newburgh

Festivities will begin Tuesday with an art show on the river at UNICO Park at Newburgh Landing from 1 to 6 p.m. Dancing to the sounds of Dr. Magneto will start at 7 p.m. at the Landing while waiting for the fireworks.

Fireworks will be set off from a barge on the Hudson at dusk.

Participants can watch the fireworks at Washington

Headquarters.

For more info., call 569-7354/7370.

A fireworks cruise aboard the 'Pride of the Hudson' departs at 8 p.m. from Torches landing in Newburgh.

Call 220-2120 for more info.

Town of Newburgh

There will be a Community Day celebration Monday beginning at 6 p.m. at Cronomer Park with fireworks at 9 p.m.

There will be vendors, food, fun and games.

Call 564-7815 for more info.

New Windsor

A Revolutionary celebration with weapons firing and tours will be held at Knox Headquarters from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Call 561-5498 for more info.

A Declaration of Independence with pomp and games will be held at the New Windsor Cantonment, route 300 in Vails Gate at 10 a.m.

Call 561-1765 for more info.

Highland Mills and Monroe

Independence Day fireworks will be held Saturday starting at dusk on the Monroe-Woodbury School District's athletic field's

complex.

Parking will be available on all school lots except for the lot next to the tennis courts at Central Valley Elementary, which is reserved for emergency services.

The fireworks will be launched from the northern end of the fields.

The Village and Town of Monroe will have their fireworks Monday at the Millponds.

The rain date is Tuesday.

Call 782-8341 for more information.

Cornwall

Festivities start at 7 a.m.

Tuesday with breakfast at the Highland Engine Company and finish with a fireworks display at 10 p.m.

There is something for everyone, especially children with the Americas Pet Show, games, a pie-eating contest, face painting, pony rides and Frisby the Clown.

The Crafts Fair will present the wares of roughly 40 craftspeople all day.

The parade will begin at 5 p.m. and the rock band 'The Big Smoothies' will take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

For more info., call 534-4780.

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at Air Force get here, learn about America by living with Americans for the next four years," Romans explained. "Living with Americans from all walks of life, they're going to see different viewpoints, different religions, different political backgrounds, but regardless, they believe in a common thing -- leadership and a desire to serve the nation."

Jameel is now a part of the academy and to him it's a start

toward a greater future beyond the Saddam years and will one day turn Iraq into a paradise, just like his thoughts of West Point on his first day here.

"I was talking to Maj. (Stephen) Ruth and he took me around to meet people at his work, and I told him that this place is like a piece of paradise," Jameel said.

"He told me, 'keep thinking that during Beast Barracks.'"

Army and Community Sports

Abalo earns junior men's air rifle championship

FORT BENNING, Ga. -- A day after Army's Chris Abalo finished first in the air rifle tryouts, which earned him a spot in his third event to compete at the World Junior Championships, the rising junior was crowned the junior men's air rifle champion June 15 at the 2006 USA Shooting Rifle and Pistol National Championships held at Fort Benning's International Shooting Complex.

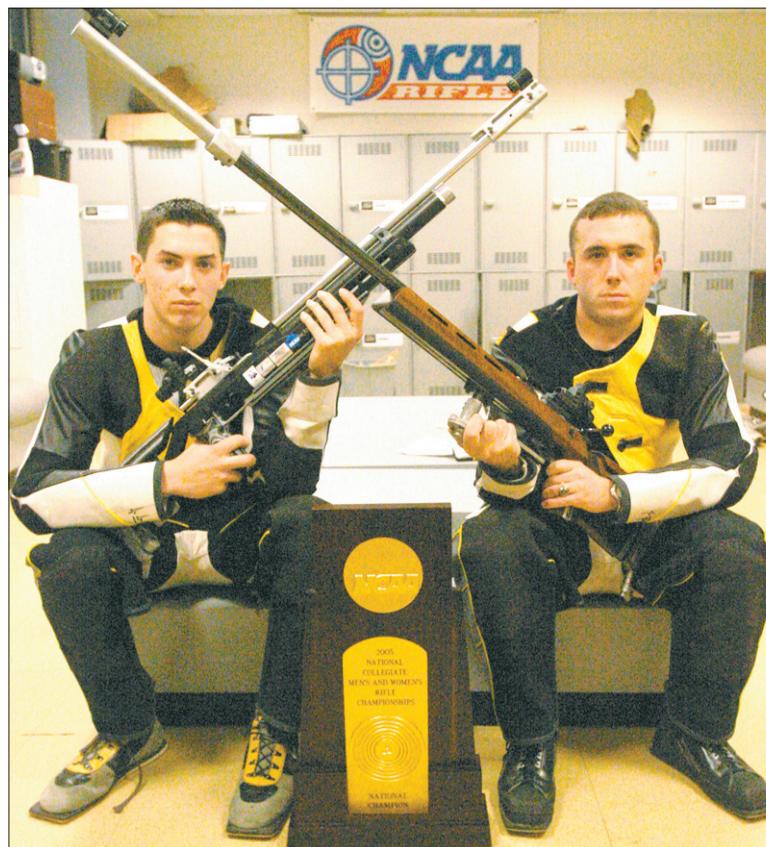
Abalo fired a two-day qualifying score of 1173, then posted a 101.6 in the shoot-off for a 1274.6 composite in besting his nearest opponent, Jonathan Hall, by 5.8 points for a first-place junior finish.

His mark ranked seventh overall in the men's competition, which Army Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker captured with a score of 1293.9.

The native of Glendora, Calif., turned in a strong performance in the tryouts for the World Junior Championships, to be held next month in Zagreb, Croatia, meeting the standard in all three disciplines.

The four-time first team All-American was first in smallbore prone (592) and air rifle (586) along with finishing third in smallbore three-position (1142).

In the two-day qualifier in smallbore prone in the junior



Army rising junior Chris Abalo, (left), earned the junior men's air rifle championship June 15 at the 2006 USA Shooting Rifle and Pistol National Championships. The Glendora, Calif., native shot a 1274.6 composite to best his nearest opponent by 5.8 points. He also finished seventh overall in the men's competition, which was won by Army Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker with a score of 1293.9.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

event, Abalo fired a 9.9 in the shoot-off to snap a 1279.5 tie to edge Navy's Alex Karacsonyi's (9.1) for runner-up honors.

Hill invited to Team USA Baseball tryouts

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- As he continues to author one of the finest baseball resumes in West Point history, Army starting pitcher Nick Hill was invited to participate for the 2006 USA Baseball National Team Trials, it was announced by USA Baseball June 15.

The standout southpaw hurler was one of 15 players invited to the USA Baseball National Team Trials, joining a group of 20 competitors that gained similar invitations last month. The USA Baseball National Team will be selected from that pool of 35 players at the trials with the official 22-man team roster scheduled to be announced Sunday.

The trials are from June 24 through Saturday in conjunction with the New England Collegiate Baseball League.

In early June, Hill became the third Army baseball player selected in Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft when he was chosen by the Boston Red Sox in the 47th round.

Though ineligible to sign with the club at this time due to his military obligations, Hill's name will be returned to the list of eligible draft candidates next spring and will be permitted to sign with a professional team following his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy as part



Nick Hill. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV of the U.S. Army's Alternative Service Option.

A two-time All-America selection, Hill settled in nicely following a slow start to his junior campaign. The native of Bluff City, Tenn. (Sullivan East H.S.), closed the year with an overall record of 6-4 with a 3.34 earned run average, this after opening the season at 0-2 with a 7.20 ERA following his first two starts of the season.

He allowed just 54 base hits in 67.1 innings of work, while **HILL, see page 14**

ESPNU features Army sports July 4

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- What can be more patriotic than a full day of televised athletic events involving "America's Team" on Independence Day?

Between parades, cookouts and fireworks shows, Army athletics followers will get a chance to relive some of the top moments in West Point sports from this past academic year July 4 when ESPNU airs its "USA/Armed Forces Cram Session."

In observance of Independence Day, ESPNU will dedicate an entire day of programming, covering 24 consecutive hours, to top athletic events involving Army, Navy and Air Force from this past year.

The ESPNU Cram Session will begin at midnight on July 4 and continue through 11:59 p.m. During 17 of the 24 hours, events involving

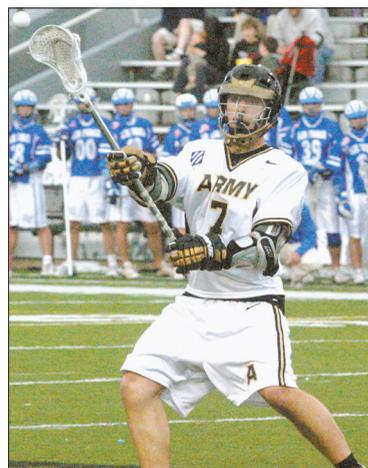
Army athletics will be featured.

While the San Diego State at Air Force football game from Sept. 10, 2005, will kick off the programming block, Army teams will be featured for 12 straight hours from 3 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 2006 USMA Brigade Boxing Open, held at West Point Feb. 28, will air from 5-7 p.m. before Army's thrilling football victory over Air Force from Nov. 5, 2005, in Colorado Springs closes out the "Cram Session" from 9-11:59 p.m.

Other Army events featured during the day include the Army versus Air Force lacrosse game held at West Point (3-5 a.m.); Army versus Navy sprint football game held at West Point; Army versus Massachusetts football game held at West Point; Army

versus Navy lacrosse game held at West Point; and the Army versus Navy women's basketball game held at West Point.



Mike Obringer scored the winning goal against Air Force April 1. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

USMA 5K/10K

The USMA 5K/10K takes place Aug. 26 at West Point. The 5K race starts at 8 a.m. while the 10K race starts at 8:30 a.m. A kids' one-mile fun race will take place at 7:45 a.m.

To register, go to active.com and type in keywords "West Point" or "USMA 5K/10K."

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striking out 65 and walking 24. He also limited opponents to a .223 batting average en route to capturing his third consecutive first team All-Patriot League citation.

Already recognized as one of the top pitchers in Army history, the standout southpaw boasts a 26-9 career pitching record with a sterling 2.30 career ERA. He has struck out 236 and walked 67 during his West Point tenure.

Team USA will participate in the 35th Annual USA versus Japan Collegiate Championship Series this summer as well as the International Friendship series versus Chinese Taipei, Germany and Korea. The summer slate concludes in Havana, Cuba, at the III FISU World University Championship, where Team USA will be looking to successfully defend its gold medal.

Riley brings in five recruits, including Wisconsin transfer

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The newest members of Army's hockey program were officially welcomed to the squad Monday as head coach Brian Riley announced the names of the Black Knights' 2006 recruiting class. The talented five-man group includes Ken Rowe, Joey Spracklen, John Kearns, Eric Sefchik and Owen Meyer.

"Although this class is small in number, we are excited about the five young men who will become members of the Army hockey family," Riley said. "It is our belief that each one of these players will be able to come right in and make an immediate impact for our team on the ice."

Rowe, who transferred into the academy from NCAA hockey power Wisconsin, registered one goal and three assists in 24 games over two years as a Badger.

Before arriving in Madison, Wis., Rowe starred for two years on the powerful Shattuck-St. Mary's team. In 2003, Rowe helped lead the squad to the USA Hockey Tier I Under-17 national championship. He finished fifth on the team in scoring with 28 goals and 68 points in all 58 games. The team ended the year on a 17-game winning streak en route to a 47-10-1 record.

This past year, Rowe played for the Des Moines Buccaneers of the USHL. The Faribault, Minn., native finished fourth on the team in goals (18) and points (37).

Army hockey's Class of 2010 also features Spracklen, a standout goaltender, who backstopped the Minnesota Ice Hawks to the 2005-06 Minnesota Junior Hockey League (MJHL) regular-season and playoff championships.

A native of Kennewick, Wash., Spracklen posted an impressive 26-6-1 record in 33 games for the Ice Hawks, recording a .926 save percentage and a stingy 2.49 goals against average.

For his superior efforts between the pipes, Spracklen was named to the All-MJHL first team and also shared the Ice Hawk's most valuable player honors.

A defenseman who played for the Eastern Junior Hockey League's Bay State Breakers last year, Kearns arrives at Army following a productive 2005-06 campaign during which he amassed 20 assists in 45 games.

The Park Ridge, Ill., product has some international experience under his belt, having played for the 2003 United States Under-17

national team that captured the gold medal at the Five Nations Cup.

A high-scoring forward, Sefchik racked up 56 points in 53 games last season for the Cornwall Colts of the Central Junior Hockey League (CJHL). The Brooklyn, Ohio, native tallied 22 goals and dished out 34 assists en route to leading the Colts to a 26-24-3 mark.

An accomplished forward from Littleton, Colo., Meyer rounds out Army's 2006 class. Meyer accumulated 19 goals and 19 assists in 57 games last season for the Mahoning Valley Phantoms of the North American Hockey League (NAHL).