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KACH's Babb given 'surprise' send off

Keller Army community hospital OB/GYN physician Terrence Babb, (center), sits with his wife Kim (right) and daughter Hannah, with more than a dozen of the 90 babies he delivered during his time here since May. The families threw him a surprise going away party at KACH March 30. Babb is leaving West Point and has taken a position at an Indian reservation in South Dakota.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

No ID theft on myPay system

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- No cases of computer scamming or identity theft involving the Defense Department's computerized pay services system have been reported, a Defense Finance and Accounting Service spokeswoman said Tuesday.

"There has not been any identity theft and/or 'phishing' scams with the 'myPay' site," DFAS spokeswoman Carol Garcia said in a phone interview with American Forces Press Service from her office in Denver. DFAS provides pay services to members of the military and DOD civilians.

Phishing is sending e-mails

falsely claiming to be a legitimate enterprise as part of a scam. Information obtained this way is often used in identity-theft crimes.

Garcia said DFAS has received feedback from concerned customers about the security of financial information on the myPay Web site after the publication of a news release that offered tips on avoiding being scammed by con artists who cruise the Internet in search of the unwary. "I think they took that one message and misread it," Garcia said of the March 15 DFAS release.

The myPay system safeguards customers' financial information

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Soldiers prohibited from wearing non-standard body armor

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Soldiers deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq are prohibited from wearing non-standard-issue body armor, a senior Army officer told reporters here March 31.

Parents of Soldiers serving in overseas combat zones "ought to feel comfortable with the fact and know ... that we have provided the best body armor

that is available anywhere in the world," said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, the Army secretary's deputy assistant for acquisition and systems management.

Claims of superiority voiced by some manufacturers whose body armor isn't certified for Soldiers' use are just claims, Sorenson said at a Pentagon news conference. Such equipment, he said, hasn't been tested or evaluated. "They have not passed the rigor that we put into standards determining

whether something is safe, effective and suitable," Sorenson said. "And, until such time that they can do that, we will not give them, if you will, the 'Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.'"

Sorenson referred to an Army safety message dated March 17 that directs commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan to ensure their Soldiers wear only Army-tested and -approved body armor. Commanders have 30 days after receipt of the message to conduct

inspections to see that Soldiers are in compliance, according to the message.

The message also cautioned commanders that some Soldiers might be wearing a specific brand of non-Army-certified body armor that hasn't undergone standardized testing procedures, a commercial body armor called "Dragon Skin," made by Pinnacle Armor.

Sorenson confirmed that Dragon Skin currently is not authorized for Soldiers' wear. The manufacturer

has received Army funding to develop lighter-weight body armor. However, that system has yet to be subjected to Army certification tests.

Plenty of standard-issue body armor is available for Soldiers serving in overseas combat zones, Sorenson said. In fact, more than 200,000 sets of tested and authorized body armor, he said, have been forwarded to U.S. military theaters of operation.

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2002 grad Moshier killed in Iraq

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Captain Timothy J. Moshier, 25, of Delmar, N.Y., was killed Saturday during an air combat patrol when his AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter crashed southwest of Baghdad in Iraq.

Moshier, a 2002 U.S. Military Academy graduate, was one of two pilots killed in the crash and had been serving in Iraq since December.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael

L. Hartwick, of Orrick, Mo. was the other pilot killed.

Both Soldiers were assigned to the Army's 4th Bn., 4th Avn. Bde., 4th Inf. Div.

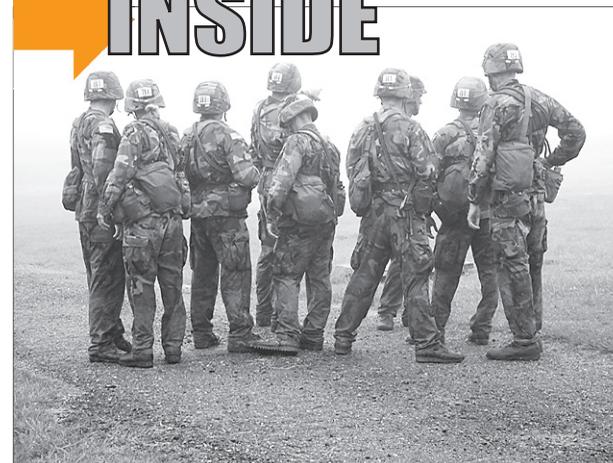
Moshier is survived by his wife, Katherine, and their 10-month old daughter, Natalie, who live in Killeen, Texas, and his parents Jim and Mary Ellen Moshier of Delmar, N.Y.

Memorial services will be held at Fort Hood, Texas April 20, with funeral services the following week in Delmar.



Capt. Timothy Moshier

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SECURITY BLANKET: Spring Break travel lessons learned

**Commentary by
Colette A. Drouin
West Point Security Manager**

The West Point Installation Security Office has been decisively involved in foreign travel this year. As the Installation Management Agency identifies support tasks for Garrison Directorates to complete, we have striven to complete these tasks assigned to the Security Office.

One responsibility of the Installation Security Office is Security Education, Training and Awareness. This task requires that country specific briefs be given to all personnel assigned to the installation who are traveling OCONUS.

This Spring Break, the U.S. Military Academy had over 1,000 individuals travel to 94 different countries, including cadets, civilians, staff and faculty.

Foreign travel guidance is dictated by the Department of Defense Foreign Clearance Guide. This guide directs requirements for all DOD personnel, including active duty military, civilians and contractors, traveling OCONUS, both on leave or on official travel orders.

Each country has specific guidance directed by the host country and coordinated by the American Embassy located in that country. For all personnel on TDY, country clearances are required prior to personnel arriving in the country.

Country clearances should not be confused with security clearances. Country clearances are requests to allow U.S. personnel in the foreign country. Country clearance allows the American Embassy to be aware of U.S. personnel in that country in case of crisis and assist if there is a crisis.

The ISO also advises personnel of specific requirements for the country they will be visiting. There are certain requirements for some countries even while on leave.

For instance, cadets traveling to Ireland on leave were required to notify the Defense Attaché Office of their dates of arrival and departure, address of stay, phone

information, etc. As the cadets were very close to departure, the Security Office faxed the travel forms the cadets had submitted. This satisfied the DAO's requirement.

With Spring Break over we closed the loop on the process by requesting that all personnel who traveled OCONUS share

lessons learned.

Sickness

■ Two cadets reported issues with drinking water in Mexico and Spain, which caused fever and stomach illness.

■ A cadet who traveled to Mexico reported being ill after

returning which put him in the hospital for two days.

■ A cadet became very ill and went to a hospital in Mexico. He paid \$1,300 out of pocket. He was advised by Matthew Cassidy of the Installation Security Office here to work the issue through his
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SARP INFO

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

Community members can e-mail McMahon at Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu 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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digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

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Local and National News

DOD pushing forward with new personnel system

Compiled by Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

Despite union lawsuits and employee concerns, Department of Defense officials said they are pushing forward with the implementation of the National Security Personnel System.

The first 11,000 civil servants, all non-union members, will automatically switch to the new system April 30. DOD officials said Tuesday they hope to hold back the labor relations part of the plan and just implement pay-for-performance for the rest of the workforce until they can resolve the labor dispute.

Federal unions are not the only ones concerned about the new system. Managers and employees nationwide have expressed concerns about NSPS, particularly when it comes to funding and training.

Members of the Federal Managers Association, an organization of more than 200,000 federal managers, supervisors and executives, testified on the new personnel system several times during the last session of Congress.

"Two key components to any successful alternative personnel system are training and funding," said FMA national president Michael Styles during one of the congressional testimonies. "Training of managers and employees on their rights, responsibilities and expectations through a collaborative and transparent process will help to allay concerns and create an environment focused on the mission at hand."

Styles also told members of Congress that a manager or

supervisor cannot effectively assign duties to an employee, track, review and rate performance and then designate compensation for that employee without proper training.

"The better we equip managers to supervise their workforce, the more likely we are to ensure the accountability of the new system -- and the stronger the likelihood that managers will be able to carry out their non-supervisory responsibilities in support of the department's mission," he said. "Employees would be justified in having concerns about their manager's perception of their work product in any performance review if they felt that the manager was not adequately trained."

Recent studies also back up the need for adequate training. According to a report from the Merit Systems Protection Board fair pay-for-performance systems require two key elements: effective ways of evaluating job performance and well-trained supervisors.

"Pay for performance is a complex process that demands a large investment from those who seek to use it," the report stated. "The effectiveness of a pay for performance system can be undermined by flaws in the design, implementation and operational phases."

Although performance pay is fairly common in corporations, the federal government has limited experience using employee evaluations to make pay decisions and that's causing concern among all groups.

"We have resisted performance-based pay, primarily because the government hasn't come up with a way to prevent managers from

playing favorites when assigning job ratings to employees," said officials from the American Federation of Government Employees.

Those concerns and others were a hot topic of conversation during FMA's national convention in Washington, D.C., last week.

Everything points to supervisors and managers facing the greatest challenge in the NSPS, FMA national secretary Dick Oppedisano told convention participants. A former chief of human resources for Watervliet Arsenal in Watervliet, N.Y., Oppedisano said supervisors need training, tools and time to be able to function in the new system.

"Supervisors will be making decisions that directly affect employee pay," he explained. "That means they need to understand completely how the system works and how to use it correctly."

Oppedisano explained that funding will also play a big part in how well the system works.

"As it stands right now, managers can evaluate employees

and recommend what level and what pay increase they receive," he said. "But DOD doesn't plan to earmark the money for raises or bonuses and that gives them the right to reduce or eliminate them at will."

"That's unfair to everyone involved," Oppedisano added. "Federal managers and employees are willing to be paid for performance, but they want to know that after they give that performance, DOD won't drop the curtain on their heads."

Joyce Frank, an NSPS spokeswoman, said those concerns were not falling on deaf ears. The NSPS Web site, she explained, now offers an on-line training program to answer many of these questions. Called "HR Elements for Managers, Supervisors and Employees: A Guide to NSPS," it can help everyone understand the system better, she said.

"It gives employees an overview of the critical elements they need to understand as they convert to NSPS," Frank explained. "It covers

pay increases and bonuses, pay bands and job objectives, among other topics."

Communicating is another key to making NSPS work well, Frank said. For example, many employees were concerned they would lose money under a "pay-banding" system. In actuality, she explained, roughly 85 percent will see an initial bump in pay.

"No employees will lose pay by converting to NSPS," Frank said. "In fact most will receive a one-time increase to reflect any within-grade step increased they earned at the time of conversion."

DOD employees can find out how their jobs will convert and estimate their starting salaries by using an online tool set. The conversion tool, available at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps> as part of a Web-based course dubbed NSPS 101, will show employees what their new career group, pay schedule and pay band will be under NSPS based on their current occupational family, pay plan and grade under

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using up-to-date encryption methods and security firewalls, officials said. Customers access myPay using a personal identification number.

"DFAS continues to stress the security of our systems and the privacy measures we take in

protecting pay information," a DFAS statement released Tuesday said.

DFAS employs secure technology that "meets or exceeds security requirements in private industry worldwide," according to the statement.

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Some Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq have complained about the heavy weight of the body armor now being issued. Sorenson said the Army continues to address such Soldier concerns. Providing Soldiers more comfortable and effective body armor "is what everybody is interested in," he said.

Meanwhile, the Army continues to examine "all types of composites, all types of materials" in the search for better body armor, he said. "So, this is just a constant evolution. And, if someone finds the 'holy grail' (of body armor), then we'll be right there to back up the dump truck and buy it," Sorenson said.

'America's Army' game honored as top 50 government innovations for '06

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

The "America's Army" game was announced by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government -- in cooperation with the Council for Excellence in Government -- a top 50 government innovation for 2006 Mar. 22 in Washington D.C.

The award which represents governments at the federal, tribal, state, county and city levels for their creativity, effectiveness and novelty at addressing significant issues and the efforts to better society's development.

The process will be whittled down from 50 finalists to five, who will receive a monetary grant and award in July.

"America's Army" is a government-owned core technology, started by Col. Casey Wardynski, Office of Economic Manpower Analysis director here, which is a low cost, PC-based, Web-deployable, interactive training tool that helps as a recruiting tool and also supports training within the Army.

"The original concept of the game was to use technology to allow young folks to have a trial size Army experience," Wardynski said. "There's 212 ways to be a Soldier, but most people don't know what being a Soldier is or know the differences among the services.

"So for a kid who wants to make a decision to join the Army, we're trying to give them information like a car buying decision where you get to test drive," he added. "We're trying to provide them a way to test drive the Army."

Wardynski came up with the idea in Aug. 1999 when the Army was facing recruiting challenges after missing recruiting goals the two previous years. This was a

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the General Schedule.

Mary E. Lacey, program executive officer for the NSPS, said employees should work with their supervisors to establish job objectives and discuss evaluation criteria and how to improve their on-the-job performance.

"NSPS is a system that is good for the department and it is good for you," Lacey said. "It will strengthen our ability to accomplish our national security mission and provide opportunities to enhance personal growth and development."

modern way to touch the youth of America and spark their military interest.

Since its public release in July 2002 the game has had 25 million downloads from the Internet at a low-cost to the Army while it has taught many about the Army experience.

The new version of the game, which will also be available on Xbox and Playstation2 video game systems, allows kids to experience the Army from the recruiting station to unit operations.

"We're trying to show what a recruiting station looks like and what type of information you will get there and once you're done there you'll go off to basic training," Wardynski said. "When we released the game four years ago that was the first part that was there, but it was getting ancient so we're releasing it again and will include the rifle range, weapons recognition, an obstacle course, a MOUNT site and you can run into drill sergeants.

"If you screw up you'll find out how it is to be yelled at by a drill sergeant or if you do well you'll get a pat on the back and that's to give kids a sense of where the left or right bounds are in the basic training experience," he added. "After basic, you can go and do advanced training such as parachute school, Ranger School, medic school and then go to your units."

Currently units that are highlighted in the game are the 10th Mountain Division, 82nd Airborne Division, the Ranger Regiment and



Green Berets. Players can train with the unit using MILES gear with lasers or can do combat operations with units that are involved with the War on Terrorism.

The newer version will also include new enhancements to the technology such as better graphics and voiceovers.

According to Wardynski, with all the costs that Army spends in recruiting, an estimated \$1.5 billion a year, this definitely has made a difference in the recruiting goal as 20 percent of cadets from a plebe survey played "America's Army" before they came to West Point.

Wardynski said his expectations of the game were surpassed two years ago when the game began to be used in training for not only Army units, but for the Secret Service, the JFK Special Warfare School, the Air Defense School, the AMEDD NCO Academy and project managers for missiles (such as the Patriot and Javelin) who use it in some fashion for basic skills training.

"The governmental side is growing by leaps and bounds because this technology and "America's Army" is doing with the use of simulation within the

government what Microsoft did for office automation," Wardynski said. "And, "America's Army" is pretty timely that it is squad and platoon focused as it now creates a virtual classroom and explores the battlefield before Soldiers go out and get sweaty and dirty."

The public version of the game that is available through Xbox and Playstation is also available with a real hero action figure set that is patterned after real Soldiers and their real experiences.

"We licensed the real heroes' concept to give the idea of (people) who surpasses human limitations to do great things for their country and give kids a tangible likeness of (Soldiers) who (are) alive today who they can emulate," Wardynski explained. "It models the Soldier's life who has performed in a meritorious way in the War on Terrorism. This is a great way to help the Army tell stories of Soldiers who are pretty neat guys."

The innovation of this game also received top billing from Billboard Magazine, which reviews all sorts of media and entertainment

in various categories, as 2005 Advergame of the Year, which is the most successful game used in advertising a product.

With all the accolades the game is receiving, Wardynski is happy that the game has its roots stemming from West Point.

"America's Army is a microcosm of what West Point contributes to the Army and the country every day," Wardynski said. "These kinds of projects aren't easy because they are new and different and we operate in the Army in a bureaucratic structure, a structure that is good for yesterday, but innovation is typically not something they're known for ... having a hotbed of excellence like West Point is critical to innovating in an outfit like the Army or government.

"I don't think "America's Army" could have happened if it wasn't for being at West Point and having the bright faculty we have here," he added. "We have the scope to innovate the process of recruiting and talking to kids about being Soldiers and that wouldn't have happened elsewhere."

Model UN Team wins 4th straight

**By Cadet 1st Class
Jason Davis
Model UN Team**

This past week, the West Point Model United Nations Team won its unprecedented fourth straight World Championship in Beijing, China.

The 12-cadet team competed against 1,400 delegates from 37 countries around the world.

This year, the team was chosen to represent Brazil and Georgia throughout the simulation.

Among the West Point Team's competition were teams from the College of William and Mary, Oxford University, the University of Pennsylvania, MIT and Lahore University.

The World Model United Nations Conference is an annual event hosted by Harvard's Model UN program at a rotating international city.

The previous three West Point victories came in Edinburgh, Scotland; Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt; and Heidelberg, Germany.

Six members of the West Point team won individual awards that contributed heavily to the overall team victory.

Cadets 1st Class Vito Errico, Jason Davis and Andy Webb and Cadets 2nd Class Dias Assanov, Bill Nordlund and Pablo Valerin received the Diplomacy Award for their work in committee sessions.

With the 2006 World Championships over, the team has concluded an undefeated string of victories dating back to Nov. 2004, covering 11 straight conferences.

The experience was the first of its kind to take place in Asia as cadets were able to meet students from throughout the eastern hemisphere for the first time.

One student from Lahore University in Pakistan remarked that he had never met anyone from the American military before and was "surprisingly reassured" when he realized how "open-

minded and considerate" the West Point delegate in his committee was.

Each year the Model UN World Championship has served as not only a venue for cadets to test their diplomacy and public speaking skills, but more importantly to foster increased cultural understanding with our international undergraduate counterparts.

Cadet 1st Class Will Denn, Cadet 2nd Class Kerney Scott, Cadets 3rd Class Sunny Menozzi, Zachary Furst and Chris Mahre and Cadet 4th Class Andrew Gregory worked diligently and contributed greatly to the team's victory.

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Chain of Command. Cassidy's experience is that it will take a while, but TRICARE will eventually reimburse the cadet.

Crime Activity:

■A group of cadets reported that the radio from their rental car was stolen during the night in Costa Rica. The cadets filed a police report with local authorities and settled the issue with the car rental company. They also notified the American Embassy of the incident. The cadets stated that they had not gotten the car insured, which they regretted after the break in, but it turns out that the replacement of the window and head unit was cheaper than purchasing the insurance.

■A cadet had his digital camera stolen from his luggage before arriving in Shannon, Ireland. He filed a report with the airline and will be refunded the cost of the camera. Lesson learned-don't check anything you would not terribly miss.

■A cadet traveling to Mexico, received his luggage after it was several days late (missing), and reported it had been rummaged through and several items stolen.

■A cadet traveling to Grand Cayman and Jamaica lost or had his ID stolen while in port.

■A cadet traveling in Costa Rica had his rental car broken into and his wallet stolen.

Security Issues

■A cadet took pictures outside a Colombian Military Base. He had been a guest of a Colombian Sergeant Major. After being spotted taking pictures, he and the cadet who was with him, were detained by the guards. Once it was ascertained that they had been guests of the Sergeant Major, they were promptly released. Do Not Take Pictures of Foreign Military Bases.

■A Lt. Col. traveling in France noted there were a few student protests near his hotel and at the Louvre Museum, but he avoided them, and there were no problems. There were several signs in most congested areas of Paris warning of pick-pockets, but he never saw anything out of the ordinary.

■A civilian traveling in Europe shared new security procedures when staying at the Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg, Germany. These procedures require military ID holders to register (photo and fingerprints) regardless of the ID card being carried.

Identification Issues

■ The cadet in Costa Rica

whose wallet was stolen also lost his passport the day of his departure. He used his Military ID and a copy of his DA 31, Leave Authorization, to reenter the U.S. He was told a copy of his passport would have sufficed.

■Cadets traveling to Barbados needed a passport. A raised seal birth certificate was not an acceptable substitute.

■A cadet traveling to New Zealand was rejected because his passport had gotten wet and looked as if it could have been tampered with, this making it invalid. The cadet had wisely purchased travel insurance and is now filing a claim.

Airline Travel Issues

■A cadet traveling back from Mexico, using Delta, operated by their affiliate, Aeromexico. The cadet was shuffled around, and ended up having to pay an additional fee for a ticket on a later flight. Lesson learned-know the airline affiliates and go to correct documentation area.

■An OIC traveling with a group to the Bahamas recommends allowing more time than the two hours recommended. For spring break, there are huge surges in travelers on certain days of travel, which impacts custom screenings, etc.

This same OIC recommends properly identifying and tagging checked baggage with up to date names, address and phone/contact information.

Fiduciary Issues

■The OIC who took the group to the Bahamas noted that the hotel had hidden costs, such as charges for energy costs (\$6 USD) and mandated maid fees (\$3.95 USD per day).

■A cadet who traveled to Brazil mentioned that many of the children on the streets of Rio tried to get money for various scams.

Summer is coming and with it the customary surge in leave and TDY OCONUS travel. The Installation Security Office has already started to receive Foreign Travel Forms and AIAD information.

If you are traveling OCONUS, please contact this office for guidance at 938-2717. Also keep in mind that for some countries immunizations are extremely important.

This office can advise on requirements for countries with regards to identification, uniforms, etc., but you must also contact MEDDAC for information on immunizations.

Local and National News

AER scholarships for AD spouses

By **Mary Ellen Olivia**
Army Community Services

For the first time ever, Army Emergency Relief is providing scholarships for spouses of active duty Army Soldiers and widow(ers) of Army Soldiers who died while on active duty, and are residing in the United States.

These scholarships are based on financial need and are awarded annually for up to four academic years to attend post secondary school full time as undergraduate level students.

The actual application and instructions are available at Army

Community Service located at 622 Swift Road, or may be downloaded from the AER Web site **www.aerhq.org**.

Hardcopy scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be mailed to HQ AER, postmarked no later than May 22, 2006.

In June award letters will be mailed to scholarship recipients. By July 17 scholarship recipients must complete and return the AER Scholarship Agreement and provide a copy of final spring grades.

In August HQ AER will distribute the scholarship funds to schools.

Contact Diann Evans, (703) 325-2091 (diann@erhq.org) at HQ AER for additional information.

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ACES launches virtual gateway

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The Army Continuing Education System launched the new GoArmyEd portal at www.GoArmyEd.com Saturday.

The virtual gateway is a one-stop location where Soldiers can process tuition assistance and sign up for college courses 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The portal can also link Soldiers to technical support.

"We now provide Soldiers much greater access to their education benefits. We're especially excited about how this will help our Soldiers who are deployed," said Kelley Mustion, program manager for the new gateway.

Previously, Soldiers were required to visit an Army Education Center in order to enroll in classes

and process paperwork for TA. The new system saves Soldiers' time and makes seeking a higher education easier. It also enables AEC personnel to focus on providing education counseling instead of processing hundreds of TA invoices each month.

More than 150 schools that have historically processed TA with ACES are listed in the GoArmyEd portal. These schools typically support 90 percent of the Army's TA-funded enrollments.

GoArmyEd is also now the portal for eArmyU, an online academic program offering more than 145 degree and certificate programs from 28 colleges and universities. Developed in 2001, more than 65,000 Soldiers are currently enrolled in eArmyU.

Editor's note: Information provided by Mustion, program manager for GoArmyEd.

Community Features and Photos

Foreign cadet host phase wraps up Saturday

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

U.S. Military Academy cadets involved in the Foreign Academy Exchange Program are now hosting 60 cadets from foreign military academies for 10 days until Saturday. The USMA cadets visited foreign academies during spring break.

The international cadets went to classes, toured the academy and visited Washington, D.C., Kings Dominion and New York City.

Many of the cadets commented on the biggest difference between their academy and the USMA, the size.

“The USMA is a lot bigger than our military college,” said Kuwaiti cadet Abdullah Ali. “There are roughly 4,000 cadets here and in Kuwait, there are 300.”

“I will become a warrant officer when I finish but will go to officer’s school,” said Ali, who already has 10 years in the Kuwaiti army. “I’d like to retire as an officer.”

Ali said another difference is there is no commissioning as an officer once they complete their studies at their military college. The Kuwaiti military commitment

“Our cadets’ visit to foreign academies gives the cadets a chance to interact and learn different cultures and helps create close ties and understanding,”

**Carol Miller
Foreign Academy
Exchange Program
manager**

is three years as opposed to five at the USMA.

Third class cadets Zachary Watson and E. Blaine Decker stayed with the Kuwaiti cadets Ali and Alaradah Khaled at Ali-Sabah military college in Kuwait and are reciprocating during the visiting phase here.

The Foreign Academy Exchange Program began in 1958 and allows USMA cadets to visit foreign academies and then host



Kuwaiti cadet Alaradah Khaled, (left) Cadets 3rd Class Zachary Watson and E. Blaine Decker with Kuwaiti cadet Abdullah Ali during the visit stage of the Foreign Academy Exchange Program. Watson and Decker visited Khaled and Ali during spring break in Kuwait. Sixty international cadets arrived here March 30 and went to classes, toured West Point and visited the eastern U.S.

international cadets. The program is run in two phases, the visiting stage when USMA cadets travel to foreign military academies and the hosting phase when international cadets visit the USMA for 10 days.

“Our cadets’ visit to foreign academies gives the cadets a chance to interact and learn different cultures and helps create close ties and understanding,” said Carol

Miller, FAEP manager. “This will be necessary when they become leaders because chances are, they could run into each other in the course of their military careers.”

History Dept. screens latest Ken Burns documentary

Story and photo by Jim Fox
Editor

More than a hundred cadets and history department faculty gathered Tuesday evening in Thayer Hall to screen an hour's worth of select segments from documentary filmmaker Ken Burns' current work, *The War*.

The War "will examine the myriad ways in which the Second World War touched the lives of every family on every street in every town in America," Burns said.

The entire film is expected to be released in the fall of 2007 as a seven-episode series stretching 14-and-a-half hours in length.

Burns hopes to premiere an entire episode here at Eisenhower Hall next spring.

He explained that another war-themed movie was never the plan after the success of 1990's PBS documentary *The Civil War*.

That was until two statistics came to the attention of Burns and his staff near the turn of the century.

The first was that WWII veterans were dying at a clip of 1,000 per day. The irreplaceable first-person resource needed to make his type of film. That resource was dwindling by the day.

The other was that a national survey found that 40 percent of American high school students thought that the U.S. and Germany fought WWII against the Russians.

"Frankly, that frightened us," Burns said.

His company, Florentine Films, began work on *The War* soon after in early 2001.

"Our intention was to make a film where we could all be together," he said, "Experiencing it the way we were in the Second World War when everybody read the newspaper. Everybody knew what was going on.

"Right now," he continued, "we are in a war in which 99 percent of the time the country is oblivious to it. The military class is a separate one that suffers its losses alone and apart and we don't think that's right."

The release of the film was delayed for a year so that he can make a 'grass-roots' appeal to segments of America that he feels have "fallen away from the whole."

He came to West Point so that the military community can have a say in whether or not they have gotten it right.

"The ones who do the fighting and the dying ought to be the ones that have the first chance to be engaged with what we have done to give us the first feedback on it," he said.

Burns went on to explain his 'bottom up' approach to making the film.

"A theme that we've come to understand from this film is that there are no ordinary lives," he said. "So this film has no experts, no historians. If you weren't with that rifle, laying on that beach ... we're not really interested in speaking with you, unless you happen to be married to, or are related to someone who is, and (were) back home worrying about them.

"That's what we've done," Burns explained, "We've picked four geographically Americans towns ... and followed their sons into hell."

The video and audio of combat scenes and its aftermath in *The War* jump off the screen. The story is woven together by the first-person interviews with veterans like Earl Burke from Sacramento, Calif.

Burke explains the terror of life as a B-17 ball turret gunner in the U.S. Eighth Air Force on a bombing mission over Schweinfurt, Germany in Oct. 1943.

The emotion and feeling from segments like these were not lost

on the audience.

After the viewing the audience asked questions and got to meet Burns and his staff.

Cadet 1st Class Sara Smith, a Chemistry and Life Sciences major, has had a life-long interest in history that began at home.

"I grew up with Ken Burns," she said. "My mom is a history teacher, so I'd watched (*The Civil War*) as a little kid as she was preparing for classes.

"I really appreciate that he took the time to see what we thought. It was kind of amazing that an internationally renowned filmmaker would ask 18-, 19- and 20-year olds what they think."

Burns said he did just that because the people in the film were that age when they took part in what he calls "the greatest cataclysm in human history."

Some of the history department's students were drawn by their recent studies and came away impressed by what they saw.

"I'm encouraged to see that he is continuing to pursue this great effort in making America more conscious of its heritage," said Cadet 4th Class Spencer Garrison. "*The Civil War* did wonders for the American people in terms of better understanding their history. (*The War*) falls right in line. I'm certainly looking forward to it."



Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, (left), talks with History Dept. head Col. Lance Betros Tuesday after the screening. Burns was here to get feedback on his latest film, *The War*.

Cadet 2nd Class Derric Grimes, a military history major, can't wait to see the film in its entirety.

"I'm excited to see it," he said, "because I fully understand his point of view in trying to approach the personal aspect of war ... that will pique interest. I know my interest is piqued."

The faculty saw the opportunity to show cadets the power of history in a cadets' professional life.

"It's inspiring for the cadets," said Col. Lance Betros, the head of the U.S. Military Academy's department of history. "We saw

tonight that the power of the audio and video images that Ken Burns can provide are very inspiring. I think the cadets got a very great experience out of it."

Burns spent over an hour talking with cadets after the viewing, answering questions and gleaning from them the feedback that was his reason for returning to the academy.

"I got more than I could possibly expect," he said. "They asked intelligent questions and ... showed us that we are at least on the right track."

Six West Point community members honored

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation department and the US Army Community and Family Support Center sponsored the annual All-Army photography contest for 2005 and the results are in.

Three U.S. Military Academy cadets, two civilians and Master Sgt Gregory Alley of the USMA Concert Band placed first, second and third in the competition respectively.

Cadet 3rd Class Kyle Jerichow placed second in the category monochrome-object and first in the category color-people. Cadet 2nd Class Antony Vargas placed third in the category monochrome-military life and cadet 2nd Class Amie Foster placed second in the monochrome-experimental category.

Alley placed third in the category monochrome-place and third in the monochrome-object category.

Mike Knaggs, an electrical worker for the Department of Public Works here and community member Kaitlyn Fox placed third in the civilian division for military life and short film category, respectively.

"It seems like it was such a long time ago since I entered," said Jerichow. "I knew I had placed only because I did a search of my

name on Google."

The other entrants had no idea their photos were among the 63 winners.

"I just thought I wasn't one of the winners because it has been a few months since I entered and I hadn't heard anything," said Vargas.

All photos for the contest had to be in by Oct. 31, 2005. The results were released March 20.

The All-Army Photography contest is an annual juried competition of photographic prints and short films and held in two separate divisions: Active duty participants and other eligible entrants to include civilians.

Army arts and crafts shops assisted patrons with their submissions to local, regional and All-Army contests.

The Arts and Craft shop here collected the art work and submitted them to the local, regional and the All-Army Photo contests.

Prizes awarded were \$300; \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third place.

Cadet 2nd Class Amie Foster won second place for her experimental composite entry title "Under Brush," not shown.



Cadet 3rd Class Kyle Jerichow won first place for this photo titled "Every victim of the holocaust has a face." PHOTO BY CADET 3RD CLASS KYLE JERICHOW



Directorate of Public Works electrical worker Mike Knaggs, (right), earned a third place with his photo of snow covered Hummers, (left). PHOTO BY MIKE KNAGGS



Community member Kaitlyn Fox, not shown, came in third place for her short film titled "Unemployment."



Cadet 3rd Class Kyle Jerichow, (right), earned a second place with this photo "Some holocaust survivors." PHOTO BY CADET 3RD CLASS KYLE JERICHOW



Cadet 2nd Class Anthony Vargas, (left), placed third in the monochrome-military life. The above photo is titled "Into the unknown" taken during last year's Sandhurst competition.

PHOTO BY CADET 2ND CLASS ANTHONY VARGAS

hored in 2005 All-Army photo contest



The Band's Master Sgt. Gregory Alley, (left), earned a third place for the above photo titled "Beat Navy House" and another third place for "Self Portrait," (right) which was submitted in black and white.

PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. GREGORY ALLEY



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Spring Cleanup April 1-30

Spring clean up runs until April 30. The date for housing area and family quarters clean up is April 20 with a rain date of April 27. Do not plan your clean up during these times.

Directorate of Public Works Roads and Grounds assistance can be requested to pick up large volumes of leaves or bundles of cut branches and limbs by calling Steve Morgan at 938-4522/4074 or Leon Grable at 938-3318/8479.

To request a dump truck from Solid Waste and Recycling call 938-4074.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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West Point Yard Sale Saturday

The West Point Post Wide Spring Yard Sale is Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The rain date is May 13.

Many housing areas will have one-way traffic flow. Do not affix advertisements to trees or street signs. All signage must be removed within 24 hours of the yard sale. Sale items and set up can not impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

The local VFW is asking families to donate shoes, games and books to those in need. The collection point will be near the Red Cross Center. Call Bob Maher at (845) 268-7262 for more info.

Thayer gate delays today West Point Security Training exercise

Due to West Point security training today near Thayer gate, traffic will be delayed between 4 and 5 p.m.

The community is advised to use other gates due to congestion and periodic traffic stoppages for both inbound and outbound traffic throughout the duration of the exercise.

Keller Corner

Pharmacy construction

The pharmacy will be under construction from April 28 to May 2 and from May 9 to 12.

Please plan on the possibility of extended wait times during the construction.

Laser Refractive Center open

The Ophthalmology Clinic at KACH officially opened March 29.

The first refractive surgeries at West Point were performed March 8.

Keller Army Community Hospital's Dept. of Ophthalmology is holding a refractive surgery seminar April 27 at 7 p.m. in the KACH, 2nd floor classroom for active duty Soldiers only.

Call Staff Sgt. Anthony Gore at 938-3769 for more info.

TRICARE Prime

TRICARE Prime enrollees are guaranteed certain standards for care.

■ For emergency care, our emergency room is open 24 hours every day.

■ For urgent care, you should be seen within 24 hours of your call.

■ For routine care, your appointment should be within seven days.

■ For wellness visits, you should be seen within four weeks.

Correct information

Do we have your correct address and telephone number?

Report any address changes, or new telephone numbers to the A&D office located in the PSC.

Youth Services

Does your teen need to learn more about the employment process and money management? West Point Youth Services is now offering a Teen Job Shop on Friday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. for eighth to 12th graders.

Teens will learn the basics of job application, resume writing, budgeting, stocks and more.

A scholarship opportunity will be available to participants 16- to 18-years old.

Call Youth Services at 938-3727 for more info.

Garden plot sign ups

Garden plot sign ups in Lee Housing area will begin Sat. and run through April 15 for last year occupants.

MWR Blurbs

April 15 to May 1 for all others and after May 1 for those who wish to have a second plot, if available.

Call 938-2503 for more information.

Hunter education classes

Hunter education classes will be held tonight from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bonneville cabin at Round Pond. Attendees must attend both days for certification.

Bull Pond lottery April 15

The Bull Pond Lottery for summer cottages will be held April 15 at Round Pond's Bonneville Cabin beginning at 9 a.m.

Call the Round Pond office at 938-2503 to sign up.

Easter Brunch at WPC

Tickets are now on sale for Easter Sunday Brunch at the West Point Club April 16.

Seatings will be at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A cash bar will be available and children 6 and under eat free.

There will be Easter Egg hunts at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Call 938-5120 or 446-5504 for info and to make a reservation.

BOSS Poker Tournament

BOSS is hosting a Poker and Spades tournament April 21 at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

The event is free and open to the entire West Point community.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with play beginning at 7 p.m.

Call 938-8063/6497 to register.

TRICARE Service Center

The Highland Falls TRICARE Service Center will undergo extensive renovations beginning today and continuing until April 14.

Disruption of services will be minimal, however the TSC will have to close at 12:30 p.m. today and April 14.

A TSC representative will be available in the Keller front lobby from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 3 p.m.

Command Channel 8/23

April 7 - 14

FRIDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch

6 p.m. Army Newswatch

MONDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch

6 p.m. Army Newswatch

TUESDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch

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WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. Army Newswatch

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9 a.m. Army Newswatch

6 p.m. Army Newswatch

APRIL 14

9 a.m. Army Newswatch

6 p.m. Army Newswatch



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| <p>9</p> <p>Open Bowling, WP Bowl, 1200-1800</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Video Teleconference w/ Your Deployed Soldier, ACS, 0800-1630</p> <p>Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Volunteer Advisory Council Mtg., 1300, Impact of Volunteer Involvement Training, 1130, AVC</p> <p>International Food Shopping Tour, ITR, 0900</p> <p>Spring Story Hour, Post Library, 1000 & 1300</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Financial Readiness for 1st Term Soldiers, 0830, Spouse's Guide to Employment, 0830, ACS</p> | <p>13</p> <p>CYS Parent Advisory Meeting, CDC, 1200</p> | <p>14</p> <p>YS Team Job Shop & Galactic Bowling, Resume Writing, 1800-1900</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Bull Pond Lottery, Bonneville Cabin @ Round Pond, 0900 (Active Duty Military Only)</p> <p>NY International Car Show, ITR, 1000-1700</p> | | | |
| <p>16</p> <p>Easter Sunday Holiday</p> <p>Easter Sunday Brunch, WP Club, Seatings at 1100 & 1300</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Spring Story Hour, Post Library, 1000 & 1300</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Bronx Zoo, ITR, 0900-1530</p> <p>Checking Accounts Refresher, 1445, Initial PCS Move, 1330, ACS</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Theater Van to Broadway, ITR, 1700-2330</p> <p>Financial Institutions, 0945, Overview of ACS, 0830, Targeting Stress, 1130, ACS</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Museums in NYC, ITR, 0900-1600</p> <p>YS Team Job Shop & Movie & Popcorn Night, Interviewing, 1800-1900</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Tour, ITR, 0900-1600</p> <p>Defensive Driving, Register at ITR, 0800-1500</p> | | | |

Community athletic fields at H Lot

The Directorate of Public Works is in the process of creating community softball and Little League fields at H Lot, located between the Post Exchange and the Child Development Center.

This project entails a rock crushing operation and use of heavy construction equipment.

These operations have begun and may create some nuisance noise and dust during the month

of April.

DPW requests your patience and understanding, while we create these athletic fields to further enhance the post's community recreation areas.

For more information contact Mark Judson at 938-3460.

Earth Day -- Recycle Center Open House

DPW will be conducting a "kid's special" Earth Day Open House April 21 from 10 a.m. until

DPW Notes

2 p.m. at the USMA Recycling Center, across Route 293 from the Round Pond entrance.

Not only will our children learn about USMA's recycling effort,

there will be opportunities to create new "treasures" using recycled materials.

The West Point Women's Club will award prizes to the winners of the Earth Day poster contest and essay contest at about 11:15 a.m.

Free giveaways will be available

for all who stop by.

Come by and help us celebrate our Earth.

For more information contact USMA Recycling Coordinator John Dopler at 938-4281 or DPW Customer Relations representative Martha Hinote 938-4407.

What's Happening

WPWC

The WPWC Shoppe is open every Wed. from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information, call 446-8798.

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

For your Easter Party needs we now have an adult size bunny outfit. Call 446-1187 for a complete list of rental items.

WPES cutoff date change

Revised cutoff date for West Point Elementary School Preschool and kindergarten students.

The cutoff date for children entering WPES's preschool or kindergarten in school year 2006-2007 is: students entering preschool must be four by Oct. 31, 2006 and entering kindergarteners must be 5 by Oct. 31, 2006.

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

Christian Fellowship Revival

The 2006 West Point Christian Fellowship Spring Revival with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland will be tonight and Saturday in Thayer Hall's Robinson Auditorium.

Call Chaplain Downing at (845) 938-3412 for more info.

Courtesy transportation will be provided from BSF.

Pancake Breakfast

The Highland Falls Fire Dept. is hosting a buffet style pancake breakfast Sunday from 7:30 a.m. until noon.

For more info., call 446-2040.

BS&L diversity lecture

The Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership is hosting a diversity lecture on Islamic-American relations Tues. from 12:45 to 1:40 p.m. at Robinson Auditorium.

The guest speaker will be Ahmad Al-Ahkas, the president of the Ohio Council on American-Islamic Relations.

The event, which is mandatory for the Class of 2009 is free and open to the public.

Red Cross seminar

The American Red Cross is holding a "Disaster Volunteer" recruitment seminar Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 622.

The West Point community is invited. Pre-registration is required. Call (845) 938-4100 or (914) 382-3881.

Living Last Supper

Before there was the DaVinci Code, there was the Living Last Supper. Please join us for a powerful communion service Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Cadet Chapel when the Class of 2006 presents the Living Last Supper.

Families are highly encouraged to attend to experience how each of the disciples react to the words Jesus speaks before the Last Supper, "one of you will betray me."

DUSA Easter Egg Hunt

2006 DUSA sponsored Easter Egg Hunt April 15 at 2 p.m. at Trophy Point, in front of the amphitheater.

For children 10 and younger. Bring your own basket or bag. No rain date. Call Jessica Kirby, 446-1385 for more info.

Philosophy lecture

The Dept. of English will host a lecture by Noam Chomsky on "Just War Theory and the Responsibility

to Protect" April 20 at 7:45 p.m. in Robinson Auditorium.

The lecture is mandatory for all cadets enrolled in PY201, (Introduction to Philosophy), but is open to anyone in the West Point community.

There will be a small reception afterwards where attendees can ask questions.

Combat stress panel

The Dept. of History is sponsoring a symposium on Combat Stress April 21 from 12:45 to 1:40 p.m. in Bartlett Hall, Room 211.

The history of combat stress

in the American Army will be the topic.

The panel will consist of a clinical psychologist from the 4th ID, a VA Physician and History's own Lt. Col. Ty Seidule. The event is free and open to the public.

Refractive Surgery Seminar

Keller Army Community Hospital's Dept. of Ophthalmology is holding a refractive surgery seminar April 27 at 7 p.m. in the KACH, 2nd floor classroom for active duty Soldiers only. Call Staff Sgt. Anthony Gore at 938-3769 for more info.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater
at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- 8 Below, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Curious George, G, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Firewall, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

April 14 -- Date Movie, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

April 15 -- Maeda's Family Reunion, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

April 21 -- Aquamarine, PG, 7:30 p.m.,

April 22 -- The Shaggy Dog, PG, 7:30 p.m.

April 22 -- 16 Blocks, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

April 28 -- She's the Man, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

April 29 -- Failure to Launch, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

April 29 -- V for Vendetta, R, 9:30 p.m.

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

WAR blanks Dartmouth

By Cadet 3rd Class
Anshwa Pennington
WAR PAO

Women's Rugby shutout Dartmouth, 24-0, Saturday at Daly Field through strong winds and showers. Women's Rugby proved they are ready, willing and more than able to take on any opponent, regardless of weather.

With muddy boots and a slippery rugby ball, the players provided some much needed aggression in their efforts to tackle, ruck, maul, scrum and score tries against Dartmouth.

The opponent proved to be just as intense in tackling as they tried with all their might to protect their try zone. But when all was said and done, Army proved to be more proficient in guarding theirs.

Even with the wind changing direction constantly during the first half, Army maintained possession of the ball. At any given moment in the first forty minutes, the W.A.R.iors were attacking from behind Dartmouth's 22. Game highlights include awesome runs by centers Amiee Feliz and Mary

Klavin, a near try from center field brought in by Prop Lauren Riley, and the try-scoring power of Lock Jeralee Hartman.

The game was made much more exciting by the appearances of Prop, Allison Newman, Josie Hix and Lock, team captain, as this symbolized the final home game of their cadet careers. Other Firsties on the pitch included: Stephanie Jenkins-Vogel, Sara Smith, Jayana Gross and two aggressive Flankers, currently recovering from knee injuries, Jolene Ayres and Kristina Allen.

Though Dartmouth did not have enough members to fill an entire B-Side, they were still generous enough to give Army's B-Side an opportunity to gain some more experience with one twenty minute half.

Lock Alexis McLaughlin is steadily making a name for herself as she scored the only try of the game (5-0). The team's next stop will be Ohio State. This will represent the final A-Side game before the Sweet 16. So, Ohio State, get ready because WE DECLARE WAR!

Army Rugby toured New Zealand

By Richard Pohlidal
Army Rugby Coach

The Army Rugby team traveled to New Zealand for their Spring Break March 9-20. The tour started in Wellington, and the team was housed in barracks at Trentham Military Base in the northern part of town.

Taking advantage of the beautiful weather and training facilities, the team practiced Saturday evening and twice on Sunday. Following the second practice on Sunday, the team was invited to a BBQ with the New Zealand Army team at the house of the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand, Mr. William P. McCormick. It was a great opportunity to visit with the NZ Army team and share experiences regarding rugby all while learning about their culture. Dinner was

followed by an impromptu touch rugby game between the coaches for both teams on the front lawn. While there was not a great deal of athletic ability or skills shown by the New Zealand coaches, it was good entertainment, and, yes, the USMA coaching staff finished on top.

Army's first game was against the New Zealand Defense Forces Army team. Undaunted by the challenge, the Army Black Knights held strong for 60 minutes going blow for blow with the Maori (native islander) dominated team. A penalty kick in the first half by junior Brendan McCarthy and a try by junior Andy Locke in the beginning of the second half forced the Kiwi's to bear down and put on some serious defensive pressure. With a score of 15-10 with little time left, two turnover possessions

and subsequent tries put the NZ defense forces team in the winner circle, winning the game 29-10.

There is nothing but positive things to say about the hospitality afforded our team by the New Zealand Army. Winger Rob Zargan was named as the "Man of the Match" for our first test on tour.

Saturday was game two as Army met the NZ Navy. Led by a forceful front row, with junior Scott Haran getting a start, the Black Knights took the lessons learned from the Army match and put together a complete performance winning the contest 30-7 against a stunned NZ-Navy team. McCarthy was perfect on 3 penalty kicks and 3 conversions. Junior wing Robert Zargan, sophomore scrum-half Sean Flachs and senior captain, open-side flanker Nathan Pototschnik all

SEE MEN'S RUGBY ON PAGE 19

Rugby Championship Playoff tickets on sale

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- West Point hosts the Men's USA Rugby Championship Playoff Pools C & D at Clinton and Daly Fields Apr. 21-23.

All-session tickets priced at \$25 each are now on sale. Tickets are required for all matches played at Clinton Field.

All-session tickets can be

purchased by calling the Army Ticket Office at 1-877-TIX-ARMY, in person at the Holleder Center Box Office or by logging onto www.goARMYsports.com.

Participating teams include Army, Tennessee, Utah, Penn State, Washington State, Dartmouth and Ohio State.

Alberici sees lax team coming together

Obringer's move from midfield has sparked Black Knight offense

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

When the lacrosse team stormed the field after an 11-10 overtime victory over Air Force Saturday, it was a release of unbridled joy from a group that has been through a roller coaster ride of a season.

Army (5-4) has made three straight NCAA Tournament appearances and they are big-game hardened, but many of the pieces of the team puzzle have been slow to come together this season.

First-year head coach Joe Alberici, the former Duke associate coach who has taken over for coaching legend Jack Emmer, is finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel with his three starting attackmen.

Seniors John Walker and Mike Obringer and sophomore Matt Scheel, all battled injuries before the season including surgeries for Walker (fusing two vertebrae) and Obringer (right shoulder) that have kept their practice time to a minimum.

"One of the things that hindered us early was that we had seven boys that were injured, so we didn't have the benefit of seeing them in the fall," Alberici said. "We missed some key components of our offense and in the pre-season we were trying to work some guys together and then it was

further hampered with Matt Scheel missing half the pre-season with a hamstring injury.

"So finding the right chemistry and finding the right people for the right positions took a lot longer this year because of (the injuries)," he added.

Alberici's first big decision was to move Obringer from midfield, where he was first-team All-Patriot League last year, to the attack position where he hasn't played since high school.

"We made the decision after two scrimmages to move Mike back to his high school position as an attackman," Alberici said. "He certainly has paid some dividends in some pretty big games against Colgate (with) four goals and two assists and against Air Force (with) six goals in six shots. That's pretty impressive."

Obringer, who leads the team with 16 goals this season, has made an easy transition back to the attack position and said his fellow attackmen have helped in his success.

"It definitely helps to have a good supporting cast with Johnny (Walker) being an All-America last year and Matt (Scheel) being Rookie of the Year in the Patriot League. That makes it that much easier for me," Obringer said. "I was tentative at first, because it's a big change going back to attack because you constantly have a long



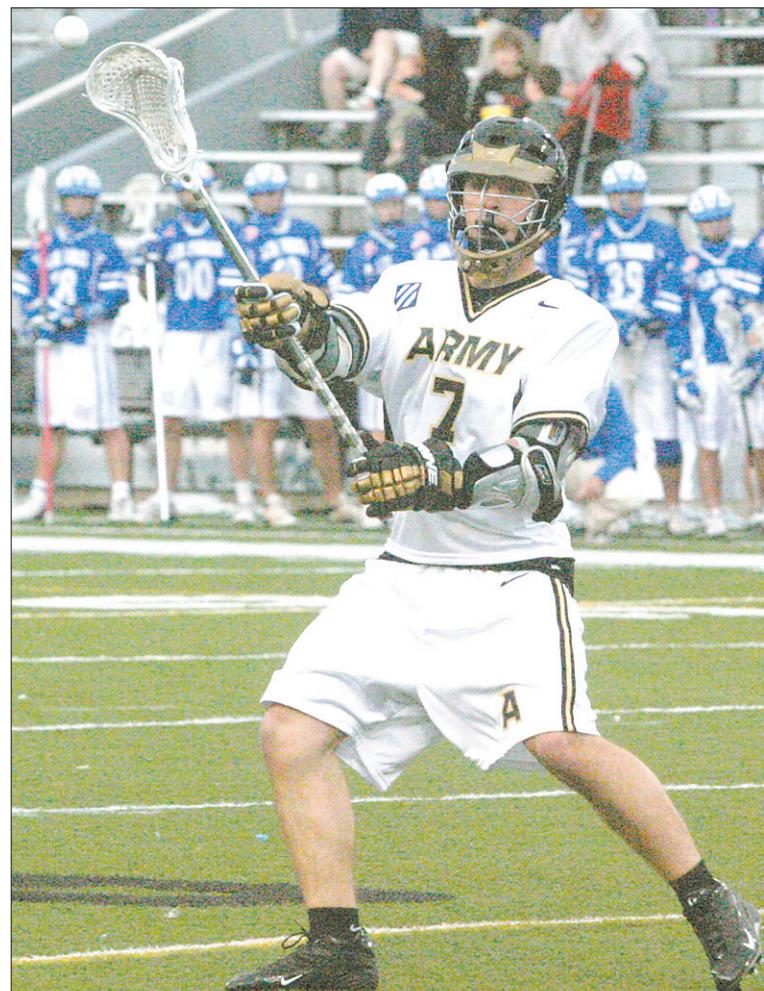
Joe Alberici returns to West Point where he was an assistant under Jack Emmer in 1995-96. He spent the last nine years at Duke where he had many duties and was an associate coach since 1999.

pole (defenseman) on you.

"It's a different role because you do a lot of initiating, but it's good to be on the field a lot instead of midfield where you're coming on and off the field more frequently," Obringer added.

Obringer has fought back from a dislocated shoulder that he hurt in plebe boxing and re-injured again after his first surgery and had surgically repaired again before this season.

"Before I had my second surgery I was wearing a brace around it, it was pretty restrictive so I tried a different brace from the full girder and found it wasn't giving me the full protection I needed," Obringer said. "I couldn't lift my arm and it



Senior attack Mike Orbringer has overcome a position change and a shoulder injury to lead the team with 16 goals this season, including six goals and the game winner in overtime versus Air Force Saturday.

was difficult to adapt and play with it. I had to change my shot a little bit because I knew I couldn't get the overhead shot the way I wanted too and passing was difficult.

"It was definitely not ideal to play with that injury, but I made it work," he added.

With adjusting and making things work a common theme for Obringer, the change from Emmer to Alberici was an easy adjustment to take.

"(Alberici) definitely brings a lot of energy to the program. He hasn't really changed that much from the philosophy of Coach Emmer and how he treated us, but practice may be more intense and I think we're definitely prepared condition-wise coming into the season," Obringer explained. "He's great with the basics and the foundation of the game and hammers that home. By establishing that it allows us to build on our game that much more ... I think he should have some pretty good years to come."

Alberici's adjustment to the

top lacrosse job at Army may have had its ups and downs early, but his 11 years as an assistant under Duke head coach Mike Pressler (1997-2005) and Emmer (1995-96) helped shape his ability to adapt under pressure.

"I think I had a great mentor in Mike Pressler as I did with Coach Emmer in the two years prior to my Duke time," Alberici said. "I felt it prepared me to be a head coach. There's more to do as a head coach on game day, but having been close to two very good coaches like them has prepared me well for this job, at least I hope."

Alberici says that the team has been receptive to some of the changes that he has made this season and credits his seniors for their leadership, but more importantly, he credits the team's youth in the midfield and veterans in the defensive zone for succeeding through the rough times.

"We had only four returning goals in our first two midfield, so

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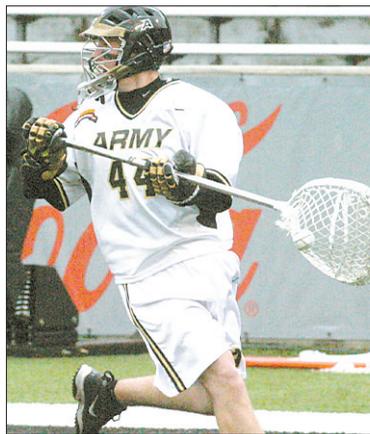
Senior attack John Walker currently ranks tied for fourth on the Army lacrosse goal list with 118 and is 10 points from becoming only the third Black Knight lax player to reach 200 career points.

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there's not a lot of scoring punch there and we lost Jim Wagner (to graduation), but we did have some veterans coming back on defense who had played roles and I felt that was a team strength and having (sophomore goaltender) Adam Fullerton back in the cage is a strength," he added.

Although Alberici would like to be better than 5-4 and feels the team could be better at this point, he is focused on improving from here and is always looking forward to the next game.

"Our most important game is our next one and that's how we'll approach each game," Alberici said. "Right now after nine games, the rest of the season is out in front of us as I've been telling the guys, 5-4, we liked to have been better, but the main part of our season is in front of us. That being the



Sophomore goalie Adam Fullerton has been a strength in the net for Army. He nearly got the first Army lax shutout in 36 years earlier in the season with a 4-1 win over Lafayette.

Patriot League and other key games that can help us get to the NCAA Tournament."

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had tries on the day. Defensively, the Black knights contained the Navy team to 2 or 3 phases, and cover-tackled well on the rare break through.

Following the game, both teams joined each other for a reception and presentations. Army's Nate Pototschnik was named "Man of the Match." The New Zealand Navy coach had been impressed with the Army skill level and effort in the second half and applauded both teams for their efforts.

The team traveled to famous Eden Park to watch the Auckland Blues play the ACT Brumbies from

Australia in Super 14 action. It was the first live professional rugby match for most of the players and everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and play.

The flights back gave the players a chance to rest and recuperate and get focused for going back to school and preparing for Sweet 16. Every player admitted to learning something new about rugby and themselves and will be better rugby players for the experience.

Junior Black Knights Football

Junior Black Knights Football, once known as the Falcons, will hold registration for the upcoming 2006 season Apr. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Youth Activities Center here.

All divisions will be registered at that time.

Last year, Division 3 (12-14 year olds) team won the Orange County championship.

All home games are played at Michie Stadium or Shea Stadium, while all practices are in the Town of Highlands.

For more information, call Town of Highlands/West Point Youth Football Association president Ben Liotta at 446-5363 or go to their Web site at www.jrblackknights.com.