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Cadets design training tool

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
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The "Command Post of the Future" is a system that allows commanders from the battalion level and higher to feed real-time situational awareness of the current battlefield into a computer to have information available in text and graphic representation immediately so that fellow commanders and operational officers at all levels can discuss their ideas without assembling in one place.

With the War on Terrorism and the continual change of personnel in operational areas and time constraints, training with the CPoF system may not be as simple as an instructor and a textbook.

As a part of their course work in Engineering Psychology, Cadets 1st Class Brandon Kennedy, Seth Gulsby and James Grossman studied the system and found the paper-based training system to be cumbersome and slow.

According to Lt. Col. John Graham, Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, assistant professor, the cadets devised a training solution, a computer-based instructional program, which allows a novice user to watch an embedded video of instruction to immediately follow a practice session on the CPoF workstation. So now the new

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**Cadet 1st Class
Seth Gulsby**

user no longer has to sit through classroom instruction away from his or her unit. Instead, the new user can complete training at his or her's assigned CPoF workstation.

Cadets Kennedy, Gulsby and Grossman did a computer-assisted instruction study between different training techniques such as having an instructor versus learning from a computer and they found that a CPoF CAI program is at least as productive as a teacher in most areas.

"(With the CPoF training program) you'll have an infinitely patient teacher who's always available and can go anywhere that you are," Kennedy said. "It can be done in the middle of the night or early in the morning, you can eliminate a lot of problems of trying to schedule or coordinate

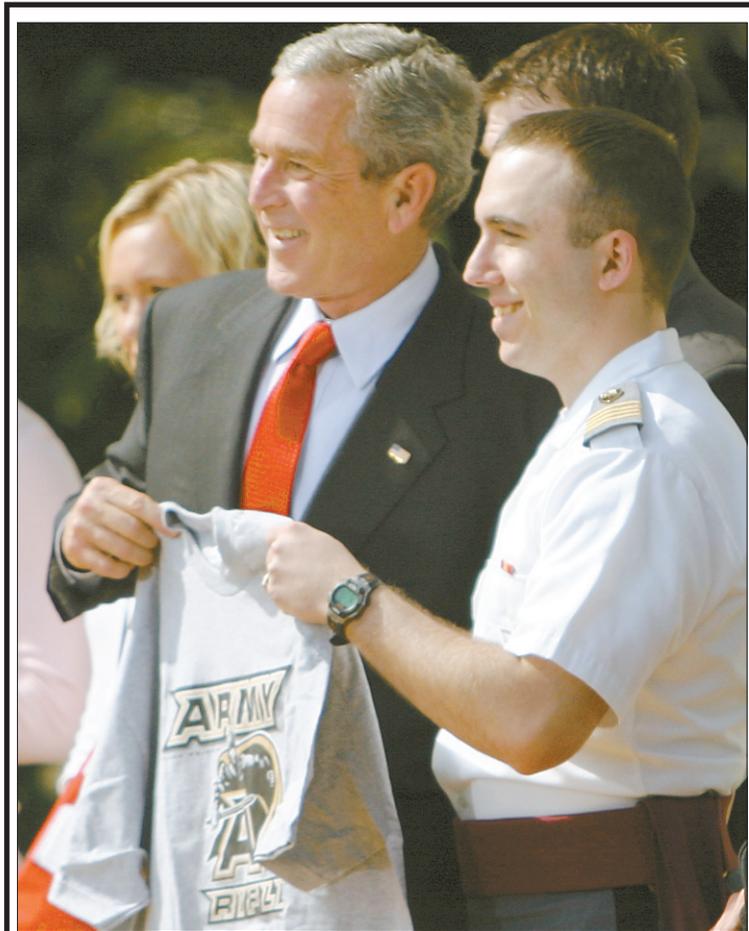
with actual people due to limited resources of time and manpower.

"It's a matter of pulling it off the network and you're ready to learn at anytime," Kennedy added. "In the world that we're in where we're fighting a new war, we had to come up with brand new ways to train people."

Although it's ideal to have a human instructor for more integral details, the computer-based training method may someday also include a 24/7 feedback help desk to answer the appropriate questions in a timely manner.

"There are some concepts that are more in-depth and sometimes requires the user to ask a question that the computer program can't directly answer," said Gulsby, who demonstrated his group's research at a CPoF Workshop April 6. "We're trying to get feedback from people at the demonstration to make the trainer as robust as possible, so we could hit every angle such as a feedback 24/7 help desk where you can type in a question saying you're stuck and someone real time in the U.S. or Iraq can tell you in real time the information to complete the task."

The cadets have been working on this project since the beginning
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Rifle team visits White House

The Army Rifle team visits the White House April 6 along with 11 other 2005 and 2006 NCAA collegiate national champions. Here team captain Cadet 1st Class Lucas Leinberger gives President George W. Bush an Army Rifle T-shirt. (See related story on page 15)

FRANK DEMARO/PAO

Recruiting, retention rates high for 10th month

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Recruiting and retention rates released Monday demonstrate that young people see military service as a viable career option and, once they join, they want to continue serving, Defense Department officials said.

Active-duty statistics for March reflect continued across-the-board success for the 10th consecutive month, Air Force Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke, a Pentagon spokesperson, told American Forces Press Service.

Krenke said the numbers prove that recruitment-age men and women aren't dissuaded by the possibility of combat duty and want

to serve in the U.S. armed forces.

More than 13,000 people joined the active services during March alone, almost 5,400 of them in the Army, the service with the most members deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Meanwhile, retention remains high among troops already serving who choose to re-enlist in the active as well as reserve force, Krenke said.

The Army achieved 104 percent of its active-duty recruiting goal for March, and the Marine Corps attained 102 percent, with almost 1,700 new members. The Navy and Air Force both met their monthly goals, recruiting more than 2,800 sailors and almost 3,200 airmen, respectively.

Reserve and National Guard

recruiting remained strong too, particularly for the Army, which represents 80 percent of the entire reserve-component force. The Army National Guard exceeded its March goal by 2 percent, recruiting almost 6,700 members, and the Army Reserve attracted almost 2,300 Soldiers, 89 percent of its goal.

The Marine Corps Reserve exceeded its March goal by 22 percent, signing on 457 new members. The Air Force Reserve achieved 117 percent of its goal for the second consecutive month, recruiting 722 airmen in March, and the Air National Guard met its goal, with 834 new recruits. The Navy Reserve recruited 757 sailors, 87 percent of its goal.

Re-enlistments in the active as well as reserve components ran higher during March than for the same period last year, Krenke reported.

The Army reported Monday that it's 15 percent ahead of its year-to-date active-duty re-enlistment goal of nearly 35,000. Almost 40,000 Soldiers re-enlisted during the first six months of fiscal 2006.

This trend is reflected in the Army's officer corps too, with the percentage of officers leaving the military at the end of their obligations continuing to remain lower than before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, said Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty, an Army spokesman.

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A short but powerful life

Commentary by Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

I didn't know Maggie Dixon, I never met her.

Yet her death touched me as it touched thousands who recognize the tragedy of what the world lost.

You see, she was the type of person we all would like to be: successful, happy and outgoing, talented, strong and self-assured.

She came to West Point and stormed the looming gray walls with a ferocious enthusiasm that engulfed everyone. All of us were more than happy to hitch a ride with her on the road to victory as she took the women's basketball team to places they'd never been before.

Being a member of the public affairs office here, I read most of the stories about Maggie Dixon and saw most of the photos of her glorious romp. When she was taken ill, I was tasked with pulling together those very same stories and photos.

In the middle of wading through tons of pictures and newspaper clippings, I really started to think about the tragedy of her death and the joy of her life.

I could see, as I searched chronologically through the photos, the growing enthusiasm and joy on the faces of the cadets she coached. I saw unprecedented celebrations by the corps and



Maggie Dixon
PHOTO BY JOHN PELLINO/DOIM MMB

gleeful joy and pride throughout the entire community.

As I read the stories, I could tell the team members were gaining confidence with each game. As I looked at their faces, I could see they were once again enjoying the game they loved.

That should be Maggie Dixon's legacy here at West Point. She didn't come here with just excellent coaching skills and leadership ability. She brought with her a pocketful of fun, pride and passion.

When we think of her, we should think past the tragedy of her death and remember her life. Because she lived it up on the shoulders of young people, her finger pointing to the sky with her face beaming to the crowd.

I never met Maggie Dixon and the loss is mine.

Community Point-of-View

Awareness can help prevent sexual assaults

Commentary by Irene Brown
Chief, Command Information

She stumbles up the stairs and down the hallway. She makes sure she walks softly; she doesn't want anyone to see her in this condition.

She slowly opens the door to her room and looks around, but her roommate is fast asleep. Painfully she peels her clothing away from her body. It's a little difficult to do this without sound, because the material is matted to her skin with her own blood.

As she crawls into her bunk, battered and bruised, one thought keeps running through her head:

"I thought he was my friend, I thought he was my friend."

A dangerous misconception many people harbor is that evil-looking, sinister strangers are the

ones who commit sexual assaults. Statistics show that strangers account for only 15 percent of all sexual assaults in this country. Most are perpetrated by someone the victim knows and, sadly, trusts.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and an opportune time to heighten national awareness about a problem that raises its ugly head everywhere, even in the military.

According to a Department of Defense report on sexual assault in the military services there were 1,700 reported sexual assaults in 2004. Roughly 123 of these occurred in the Area of Responsibility.

"Sexual assault in an organization that depends on each individual in life and death situations is simply intolerable," one commander said. "Our most important obligation to our service people is to give them a safe and secure working, living and training environment."

That's especially important for people deployed or stationed far from home -- or those attending school far from family -- when the trauma and isolation of such an assault can be overwhelming.

Most of it goes back to the perpetrators. Because much of what we do here at West Point is based on honor and trust, we often ask ourselves, "How can a person sexually assault someone who considers them a friend, a teammate, a role model?"

Studies show that perpetrators often find ways to justify their behavior, to convince themselves, for example, that being highly intoxicated is an excuse for immoral, illegal or unethical behavior.

It is not. Sexual assault has many faces, most of them ugly, but all

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recognizable.

"Some assaults involve force, where one person overpowers the other with a weapon, strength or physically imposing size," explained Shelley J. Ariosto, West Point's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. "Use of force can also include coercion, such as using rank or authority."

The Department of Defense has taken numerous steps to prevent sexual assault. Under the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, reporting procedures have changed drastically. One of these changes involves the response coordinator position currently held by Ariosto.

"A SARC is responsible for advising the victim of the reporting options available, explaining the benefits and limitations of each option and documenting the option the victim selects," she said.

Sexual assault is one of the most under-reported crimes in the United States, Ariosto said, and the same holds true for the military. SARCs can help victims understand the process for accessing services and even go with them for medical appointments and investigator interviews.

"Many victims don't feel free to report sexual assaults because they often think they've done something

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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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of the school year and are quite pleased that the project has taken on a life of its own.

"We were really surprised and excited that it had this kind of effect because its original purpose was to be an in-class comparison (of training methods) as we were thinking small and then it blew up on us. It's exciting," Grossman said.

Kennedy, Gulsby and Grossman had plenty of help to make this all possible with the help of their plebe test subjects to C.J. Raymond of DOIM and Carl LaCascia of BS&L who helped in the Web-design development to help further the

presentation of the package.

"The feedback from the plebes in the computer training group thought it was pretty intuitive and that's indicative of our generation that has grown up use to a computer-based internet," Kennedy said.

The cadets were flattered that their cadet project was being looked at by general officers, such as division commanders, who've been asking to see their training program.

A copy has already been sent to Joint Forces Command and more copies are being packaged to be sent to other units around

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Meanwhile, the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force enlisted forces continued to meet or exceed their year-to-date active-duty re-enlistment goals, Krenke said.

Within the reserve components, the Army National Guard met 108 percent of its cumulative retention goal for March, re-enlisting almost 17,000 members, and the Air National Guard met its March goal for a cumulative of 5,100 re-enlistments. Both the Army and Air Guard are currently at 96 and 99 percent of their end strength,

respectively.

Losses within all six reserve components' enlisted ranks for February remained within acceptable limits and lower than last year's rates, Krenke said, noting that the trend is expected to continue into March.

"These numbers show that there's a solid interest in military service and that the programs and incentives being offered to enhance that interest are working," Krenke said. "And we're optimistic that this trend will continue."

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wrong," Ariosto said. "Often, they feel guilty about having been in the situation in which the assault occurred, so they choose not to report it.

"They also feel embarrassed or that their careers may be negatively impacted, so they suffer in silence and try to handle the situation on their own," she added.

The SARP program represents fundamental changes for the military services, Ariosto said.

"The confidentiality and restricted reporting aspects of the program are strong steps forward and should help convince more victims to come forward," she explained.

Lieutenant Colonel Carla Reed, a former program branch chief, recently returned from a tour of duty that studied this program in action, including in the OIF and OEF theaters.

"As we took the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program's policies and messages to the commanders and Soldiers in the field, we conveyed the message that one sexual assault is too many and that this crime has no place in the Army," she said.

She said Army leaders are being

trained about their responsibilities and to ensure they are fostering organizational climates that encourage service members to treat each other with dignity and respect.

"Within the Sexual Assault Prevention Response Program, our goal is to provide a safe haven, and foster an environment that encourages more victims to come forward to seek the help they need and deserve," Reed said.

Fundamental change and prevention is up to all of us, both here at West Point and out in the field.

Perhaps with more awareness of the problem, the story might end differently:

As she crawls into her bunk, battered and bruised, one thought keeps running through her head:

"I thought he was my friend, I thought he was my friend."

Just then her roommate rolls over, takes a long look and jumps from the bunk.

"No, he was not your friend. He needs help," she said. "You just have to keep telling yourself that it's his problem, not yours."

"Now let's go call the victim hotline and get you some help."

the Army.

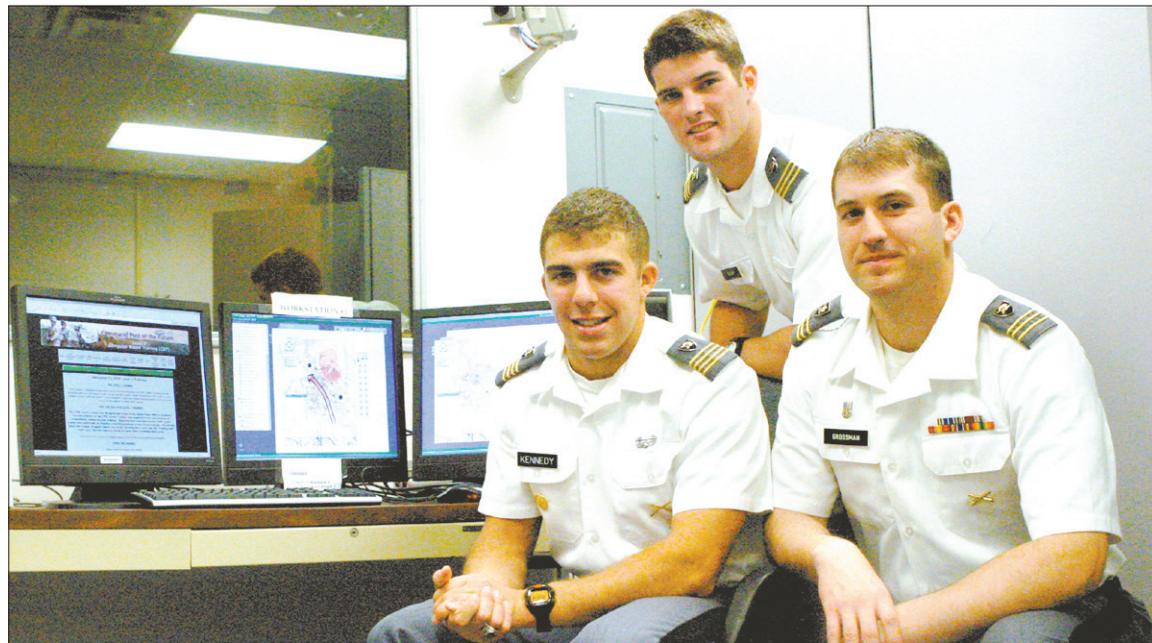
"The bottom line is CPoF is a wonderful tool with a ton of assets and we take pride in it," Gulsby said. "I didn't expect it to go anywhere short of a grade and a semester class, but now we have divisions asking for it and they

need it."

Kennedy credits the engineering psychology department for letting the cadets tackle relevant Army issues that can help Soldiers out in the field.

"The department has taken a new role of tackling Armywide

issues and guys like Lt. Col. Graham and (BS&L professor) Dr. Mike Matthews who've helped give us the latitude and opportunities to succeed on these projects," Kennedy said. "I just think it's great that we are cadets at West Point and we're effecting the Army at large."



Cadets 1st Class Brandon Kennedy, (left), Seth Gulsby and James Grossman.

Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army hold 50th annual conference

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr. hosted the Secretary of the Army's 50th annual Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army conference and spouse program at the Hotel Thayer Sunday through Wednesday.

"CASA's are business and community leaders appointed by the Secretary of the Army, to advise and support Army leaders across the nation," said Shannon Hughes, conference specialist for the protocol office here. "This conference provides the CASAs a venue to discuss critical Army issues."

Civilian Aides are generally appointed for a two-year term and the appointment is honorary and voluntary. But many serve longer. The Secretary may give

an honorary lifetime designation of Civilian Aide Emeritus to truly outstanding individuals.

Civilian Aide Emeritus John E. Spisso from Pa. has been an aide for 11 years and started out as a buck private. He has been involved with the Army ever since.

"I love doing this," he said. "It gives me a chance to meet and talk with young Soldiers coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan and to work with them through the family readiness programs."

Telling the Army story by getting involved with his community is what keeps him going, Spisso said.

"I have a group of 50 WWII, Korean and Vietnam vets who help me keep involved by participating in community events or helping with military funerals," Spisso said. "We keep in contact nearly every day."

Civilian Aide Larry Deibert

from Oregon is a retired U.S. Army Reserve Major and owner of a real estate investment firm and internet service provider. Deibert spent half his life involved in the military and continues to do so.

"This is my third year and I'm enjoying every moment of it," the Vietnam vet said. "The Global War on Terrorism came to us and it's important to be a conduit between

the people and the Army because no matter how you feel about the war, it's important to support our Soldiers."

Civilian Aides act as advisers and explain Army programs, positions and problems to key local, state and national leaders through personal contact and correspondence.

The Civilian Aides Program

has a solid foundation of volunteer service that began in the 1920s with a framework of private sector support that continues today. There is at least one Aide position in each of the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and the surrounding areas of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands.

SOSH cadets, faculty inducted in honor society

Submitted by BS&L

The Sociology Program in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership inducted its newest members into the Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society April 7 in Thayer Hall.

Assistant Prof. Ryan Kelty, Maj. Bill White, Cadet 1st Class Daniel Hwang, along with Cadets 2nd Class Michael Chen, Alexander Clamon, Chelsea Cunningham, Sarah Dreyfus, Daniel Harrison, Melanie Kwan and Heather Rau became members of the West Point chapter of AKD.

AKD is a democratic and international society of scholars dedicated to the ideal "to investigate humanity for the purpose of service."

The purpose of AKD according to its constitution is "... to promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, research of social problems and such other social and intellectual activities

as will lead to improvement of the human condition."

This is the sixth charter membership year for the Sociology Program in AKD. Morten Ender, Assoc. Prof. of Sociology and AKD member since 1986, is USMA's faculty representative for AKD.

Texas A&M University professor James Burk was the invited guest speaker. His presentation titled "Democratic Peace and Accountability," examined the social historical impact of war on democracy.

Ender had nothing, but high praise for the ceremony.

"Alpha Kappa Delta gives the Sociology Program an opportunity to showcase the talent of our faculty and students, while also allowing us to bring in guest speakers to lecture on topics relevant to cadets and sociology at West Point," Ender said. "Everyone had a great time and we generated interest in the program from cadets, staff and faculty outside of the department."

AER campaign underway

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The annual Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign kicked off March 1 and continues through May 15 with the slogan, "Soldiers Helping Fellow Soldiers."

Army Emergency Relief

provides no-interest loans and grants to active-duty and retired Soldiers, and National Guard and Reserve members who are active under Title 10 for 30 days or more, and their qualifying family

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Managers' groups unite in effort to influence NSPS debate

By Karen Rutzick
Govexec.com

Personnel changes underway within the federal government prompted five federal management groups last week to form a coalition to strengthen their voice on the issues.

The Government Managers Coalition -- made up of the Senior Executives Association, Federal Managers Association, Professional Managers Association, Federal Aviation Administration Managers Association and National Council of Social Security Management Associations -- represents about

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members, for any emergency that results in a financial need.

Examples include death or serious illness of an immediate family member, vehicle repair, utility or rent assistance.

AER was founded in 1942 as a nonprofit organization by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff.

For more info. go to www.aerhq.org.

200,000 federal managers across government.

As the Defense and Homeland Security departments undertake vast personnel reforms, shedding the General Schedule in favor of performance- and market-based pay schemes, managers need a say, according to coalition members. The Bush administration also is floating draft legislation to extend the changes to the remaining federal agencies.

"It is quite apparent that the administration and Congress are not satisfied with the current General Schedule and Wage Grade system," said Darryl Perkinson, FMA's

president. "The managers are going to be the folks in the end, when you talk about pay-for-performance, making a key transitional change in how we have done business in the past. We are going to have to sit down with our employees and develop personal development plans."

Organizations representing rank-and-file employees have been vocal on the issue of personnel reforms; a coalition of unions filed lawsuits against DHS and the Pentagon over labor relations aspects of the reforms and said they will likely sue over pay-related provisions once they are implemented. But management groups do not engage in collective bargaining on behalf of their employees and have not participated in any lawsuits.

"The manager seems to get pushed aside," said William Bransford, SEA's general counsel. "You listen to the unions; you

listen to the political leadership because it has power. [Managers] are just supposed to go out there and do their job and approve sick leave requests and do performance appraisals, and they are sort of expected to just kind of go out there and keep their mouth shut."

But while the personnel overhaul served as an impetus for the five groups to begin discussions last spring, it is not included among the four specific issues the coalition chose to address in its first joint lobbying effort.

"That's not one of the issues that we've identified at this point because we don't see it as immediate," said Rick Warsinskey, president of the Social Security group. Some of the groups in the coalition do not represent any managers in DHS or Defense. But, Warsinskey said, the coalition will monitor the draft legislation to extend the reforms, and may weigh in later.

The four topics that the coalition will start with are: sick leave compensation for employees in the Federal Employee Retirement System, mandatory supervisor training, the status and treatment of managers whose employees file complaints with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and extension of probationary periods for new employees.

"By coming together as a group, hopefully [we will have] some additional clout on the Hill," Bransford said. "It's the collective wisdom of five different management organizations."

Coalition members will meet monthly via teleconferences and also host occasional in-person meetings. For the coalition to take an official stance on an issue, each member group must approve the position with its membership.

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Class of 2009 crest unveiling

Story and photo by
Spc. Benjamin Gruver
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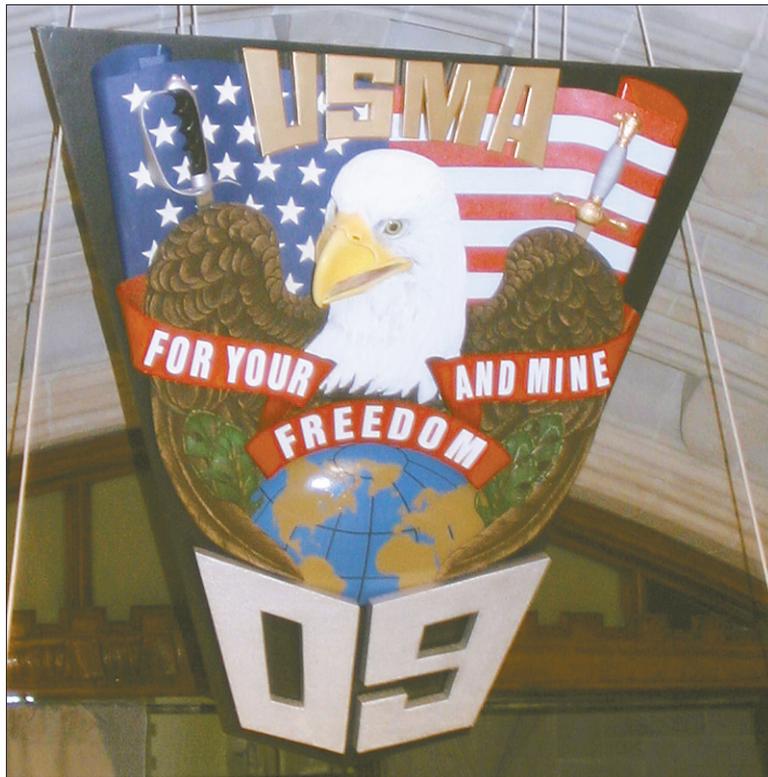
The crest of the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2009 was unveiled April 7 at a thank you dinner for their sponsors in the Cadet Mess Hall.

The dinner gave formal appreciation to the West Point community members who took the plebes into their homes and supported them during their first year at the academy, but the highlight of the event was the unveiling of the crest that will eventually be enshrined on the class ring they will wear for the rest of their lives.

The crest unveiling, according to Crest Committee Historian Cadet 4th Class Michael Robinson, allowed the class an opportunity to unify, not just because everyone was now involved, but saying, "Because in one moment we now had a single image around which we can build our legacy."

"It finally gives us an image to rally around -- an identity," Robinson added. "Before the crest was unveiled I'm sure many people still felt they were guests here at USMA, not really a member of anything special. Now the Class of 2009 has created an identity for itself, and we can now proudly say we are part of something within the academy."

One of the most significant symbols in the crest are the eagles wings wrapped around the globe, explained Cadet 4th Class Lucas Gebhart, crest committee chairman.



The Class of 2009's crest was unveiled April 7.

"To us, this was a good way to show our class motto, and the inherent duty to protect the world," Gebhart said. "It represents our commitment to protect the freedom of all of those around the world, as well as our own here in America."

The three-dimensional crest that was revealed at the dinner was made by artist Warren Miller who worked at the academy for over 30 years, working in the art department and as a television producer and director, before he left seven years ago. He has made every crest since 1990.

"It is their crest, their design.

I just try to do the best job I can," said Miller.

"I have to do it well or I won't do it at all," added Miller, who also sculpts crests for both the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Merchant Marine Academy.

The tradition of the Ring and Crest Committee began in 1869 to decide on a formal design for the rings, 34 years after the first class decided to wear rings in 1835, and the first class crest began with the class of 1917. Since then each class ring has borne the class crest on one side with the academy crest on the other.

Diversity Leadership Conference lets alumni help Corps

Story and Photo by
Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

The recruiting of minorities for the U.S. Military Academy was the focus of approximately 65 alumni who returned to their alma mater for the seventh Diversity Leadership Conference held April 7 through Saturday.

The theme, Building a Diverse Strategy: Past, Present and Future, was a continuation of last year's conference where the graduates' ideas were sought after on how to bring more minorities into the Corps of Cadets. This year the Association of Graduates Diversity Leadership Council's aim was to get the alumni to take on the initiatives generated

by those ideas.

"Last year the focus was really on identifying themes that alumni could do to help, and we had break out sessions and we came up with a whole list of suggestions," said Bill Perry, chairman of the Diversity Leadership Council and 1973 graduate of USMA. "This year it is more on implementation, so we are looking at several different things that we are going to ask the alumni to volunteer to deploy throughout the country."

The initiatives include helping candidates to improve their SAT and ACT scores, alumni support of recruiting minorities in specific metro areas, helping admissions develop a strategic plan and working with the Congressional

Black Caucus to nominate more minority cadets in their districts.

"There are some metro areas that have really good programs to identify and encourage minority candidates to come here," Perry said. "We want to identify what those are and get volunteers to deploy those in other cities where we don't have those in place."

The alumni were asked to volunteer to take on the initiatives that were described during the conference as well as their continuing support of the cadet minority activities at USMA.

"Part of the proceeds from the conference goes toward supporting the minority cadet activities and then we invite cadets to the various

DIVERSITY, cont. on 7

STOMP training helps families with exceptional children

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program hosted the annual two-day specialized training of military parents at a workshop here April 6-7.

The STOMP training is a federally-funded program designed to empower and educate military parents, individuals with disabilities and service providers with the knowledge and skills to access resources and services for military

parents with exceptional family members.

"The training was given by Heather Hebdon, founder and director of STOMP and Luz Adriana Martinez, parent education coordinator," said Judy Graham, exceptional family member program manager for ACS here. "They have a wealth of knowledge of the laws governing issues for special needs family members and all the practical information."

Graham said STOMP is the only national parent training and information center for military

families that provide support and advice to military parents without regard to the type of medical condition their child has.

"The staff of the STOMP project are parents of children with disabilities and have experience in raising their children in military communities as well as traveling with their spouses to different locations," she said.

The challenges of parents with special needs children are compounded when parents are in the military due to the realities of military life of frequent moves and

deployments.

"The STOMP training is designed to provide information on legal rights, education, records and wills to assist in easing the process of providing services to exceptional children," Graham said. "The workshop here included basic education rights, communication skills, home files, records, networking techniques and individualized education programs."

Twenty-two parents from ACS, Keller Army Community Hospital, West Point schools and parents from

Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.; Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.; and Fort McCoy, Wis. attended.

For info. on the exceptional family member program call Judy Graham at 938-4621.

School Board elections

Interested community members should submit petitions for the three vacancies on the West Point School Board for the May election.

For info., contact Eileen Ellingsen at 938-3506. Petitions are due by COB April 24.

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events," Perry said.

There were several opportunities for the cadets to interact with the returning alumni throughout the two days of the conference which included the time to sit down and talk with the graduates during a luncheon and banquet.

"(It) provides them with role models who look like them," Perry said. "Role models that they can look up to and say, 'Yeah I could do that. I can be a two-star general. I can be a three-star general. I could be assistant secretary of education or whatever I want to be.' I think

it says that there are good options while you are in the Army for a career and when you leave the Army there are still good options -- that you have a good future."

Throughout the two-day conference attendees heard from guest speakers Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commander of U.S. Army Recruiting, and Donald Knauss, president of Coca Cola, North America; received an update from the superintendent; were given a report from cadets on minority activities; were given a presentation by Brian Shellum, a

USMA 1976 graduate and author of "Black Cadet in a White Bastion;" and taken on a new facilities tour.

"We like to have the opportunity to bring the minority alumni together to network, to learn what is going on and to get more involved in the academy activities," Perry said. "That is really what we are trying to accomplish."



Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commander of U.S. Army Recruiting, was one of the many guest speakers in attendance during the two-day Diversity Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Association of Graduates. Bostick spoke on the challenges of Army recruiting during the luncheon on the first day of the conference and was one of roughly 65 returning alumni in attendance that continue to support the Directorate of Admissions in recruiting a more diverse Corps of Cadets.

Protest exercise prepares WP security forces



Cadets, part of a fictitious group called the "Peoples Animal Liberation Movement," pose for a picture in front of West Point's military police at Thayer Gate while protesting the maltreatment of the Army Mules during a West Point April 7 force protection exercise.

Story and photos by
Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

Chants of "free the mules" could be heard at the Thayer Gate April 7 as cadets, acting as protestors, heckled the contract security guards and military police while trying to gain access at West Point's main gate.

The raucous demonstration was a force protection exercise for the installation to prepare for potential upcoming protests at the U.S. Military Academy.

"There are a number of times that West Point could face protest," said Lt. Col. Paul S. Sarat, commander of the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment. "Both the Air Force and Naval (academies) have had to deal with protests. We've also had to train our Soldiers because there is a group that has been protesting military funerals, an anti-war group. Anytime that any of this comes up we've got to go back through these drills."

As 20 role-playing cadets urged drivers coming on West Point to honk their horns to save the Army mules, MPs and security guards followed step by step procedures to secure the post, inform the protestors of their rights and ensure the safety of bystanders and protestors alike.

It was also an opportunity to take training for protests a step further than it has been taken before with a collective exercise, explained Sarat. Not only did it

"... they did a really good job of following the rules, following what they have trained to do,"

Lt. Col. Paul S. Sarat
1st Bn., 1st Inf.

test the response of security guards and MPs, but the response from the command and from other post agencies such as the staff judge advocate and public affairs office.

"What you didn't see while all of this was going on was up here at the headquarters," Sarat said. "The Installation Operations Center had representatives from all the (major activity directorates) and they were talking through what we could do to help the situation as well as advising the garrison commander on options or courses of action that he may have to take and updating the superintendent through (the Directorate of Operations) representative."

The exercise was divided into two scenarios, one at Thayer Gate and one next to the superintendent's reviewing stands on the Plain. Cadets acted out as members of a group fictitiously called the 'People's Animal Liberation Movement' who disapproved of the Army Mules treatment at football games. The next scenario took the group to the reviewing stands where some of them chained themselves to the stands and others sat on the field in a human chain. MPs then read protestors their rights and removed them from the Plain.

"We want to make sure that all of our Soldiers, as well as the contract security guards, are trained on how to handle a protest from the vantage point of what we can do legally," Sarat said, "at what point they are trespassing on West Point property, the warnings that we should give them, how we should handle folks who violate those borders as well as working with the local police force because obviously there is a tie in when there is a line that they can't cross."

The Highland Falls Police



MPs wrestle a protestor to the ground during a protest scenario on the Plain.

Department and New York State Police also took part in observing the exercise, and members of public affairs also participated, acting as media covering the protest.

"They got the feeling that it isn't just simply this Soldier dealing with this protestor, but there is everything else around them that they need to deal with," Sarat said of the MPs and security guards. "I thought from that point of view they did a really good job of following the rules, following what they have been trained to do."



A protestor lays in front of traffic at Thayer Gate.



MPs are forced to remove protestors sitting on the Plain in a human chain. The protest exercise April 7 was done in two scenarios, one at Thayer Gate and the second at the superintendent's reviewing stand on the Plain.

Chemistry dept. makes science fun for WPES 4th graders

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

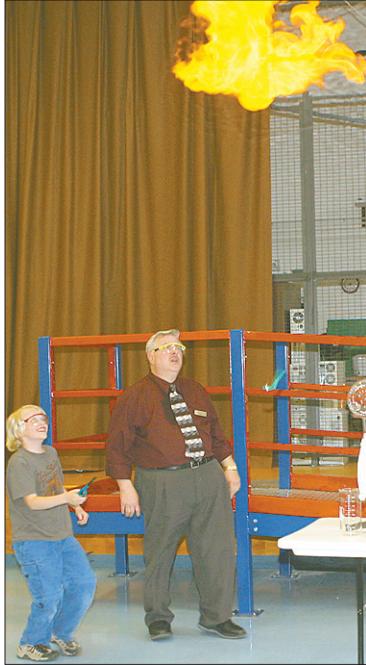
Major Kimberly Bennett, instructor for the Department of Chemistry and Life Sciences and Keith Lewis, a C&LS chemist, put on a display of chemical wizardry April 7 for fourth-graders at the elementary school here.

Experiments that exploded, burned and changed color were showcased, as were liquids that changed into solids or gels. All these kept the children amazed, while they learned about chemistry in everyday life at the same time.

"These demonstrations are great," said fourth-grade teacher Cindy Uhorchak. "It peaks their

Torsten Rowell, (left), and Chemistry's Keith Lewis watch their balloon gas experiment.

interest and reinforces what we



talked about in class."

Bennett explained about molecules and density while heating up soda cans, then cooling them in cold water, which made the cans collapse.

"This is what happens when there are temperature changes," she explained. "It has an affect on the gas molecules and the density changes."

Bennett used several chemical

compounds that were set on fire to observe the different colors, while explaining to the children about light, color and wavelengths.

"It's like the colors of a rainbow," Bennett said. "You can see different colors because of the light that is reflected on the rain drops."

It was obvious that one child learned a lot about safety as he was concerned about the explosions

and fire, exclaiming that they were dangerous. After Uhorchak assured him that the demonstration was safe, he like all the children, were eager to answer questions and participate.

Explosions, fire and freezing an apple with liquid nitrogen didn't impress class member Kenneth Magana much. He enjoyed making slime, as seen on the popular children's television show 'Slime Time Live' on Nickelodeon.



APRIL 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</p> <p>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</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 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>
<p>23</p> <p>Open Bowling, WP Bowling Center, 1300-1800</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Volunteer Services</p> <p>Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the WP Club, AVC, 1140-1340</p> <p>Part-Day Pre-School Sign-Up, CDC, 0900-1500 (Apr. 24-28)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Spring Story Hour, Post Library, 1000 & 1300</p> <p>Family Readiness Group Session, 1900, Preparation Briefing, 1400, ACS</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Overseas Briefing, Korea, 1330, Germany, 1500, ACS</p> <p>Administrative Professional Day Lunch, WP Club, 1130-1330</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Targeting Stress, ACS, 1130, General Parenting Overview, 1130, ACS</p> <p>NY Yankees vs Tampa Bay Devil Rays, ITR, 1700</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mongolian BBQ, WP Club, 1700-2100</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Month of the Military Child Picnic at the Ski Lodge, CDC, 1000-1400</p>

Command Channel 8/23

April 14 - 21

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

MONDAY - THURSDAY
 9 a.m. Army Newswatch
 6 p.m. Army Newswatch

APRIL 21
 9 a.m. Army Newswatch
 6 p.m. Army Newswatch

West Point Yard Sale, Part II, May 13

The West Point Post Wide Spring Yard Sale will be held again May 13 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. after Saturday's damp conditions caused the event to be muted.

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.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

What's Happening

Free alcohol screening

As part of Alcohol Awareness Month the Alcohol and Drug Control office is presenting free alcohol screening assessments at the Commissary from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.

DUSA Easter Egg Hunt

2006 DUSA sponsored Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 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.

Teen retreat

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to an overnight retreat at Sacred Heart Church in Highland Falls April 29-30.

The free event begins at 10 p.m. and ends at 8 a.m. the next day.

The retreat will be conducted by the National Evangelization Team, a group of young adults that travels the nation.

Call 446-4601/2071 for more info. Sign up by April 23.

WPWC

The WPWC Shoppe is open every Wed. from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The WPWC Gift Shop will be

closed May 24.

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.

The WPWC invited the community to the Community Farewell for Anne Lennox, May 17 at 6:30 p.m., at Kimsey Athletic Center's 4th floor.

Call 446-5708 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" Thursday at 7:45 p.m. in Robinson Auditorium.

The lecture is mandatory for all cadets enrolled in PY201, (Intro. 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 Thayer Room 144 for active duty Soldiers only. Call Staff Sgt. Anthony Gore at 938-3769 for more info.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help run the Superintendent's reception for graduating cadets, families and guests in the Grand Ballroom of Eisenhower Hall May 24 and 25.

Call Karen Wood at 938-5698 by May 12 to sign up.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

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

Saturday -- 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.

Keller Corner

School and sport physicals

DOD schools require a physical for sports, Scouts and other activities.

New York State education laws require that the following students receive a physical exam:

■ Those entering K, 1st, 3rd, 7th and 10th grades.

■ Those who are new to a school district, including children transferring from West Point schools to a public or parochial school.

■ Those who participate in interscholastic sports, including cheerleading.

■ 14-year olds who want a work card.

To be acceptable, exams must be within one calendar year of the start of school or the sport. If a physical expires before the beginning of a new sport, a new exam is required.

Contact your school's nurse to determine if a physical is required and to obtain the appropriate

forms.

To schedule an appointment call the KACH appointment center at (845) 938-7992 or 800-552-2907.

Ask for a physical exam appointment and be sure to bring the school's forms to the appointment.

CARE awardee named

Linda Terrible, a licensed practical nurse in the KACH immunization clinic, is the recipient of the Caring, Attentive, Responsive and Enthusiastic (CARE) customer service recognition program award for the 2nd quarter.

The award recognizes KACH employees who go "above and beyond."

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.

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 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

DPW Notes

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Flower Issue volunteers

DPW is seeking volunteers to serve at the Annual Self Help Flower Issue, currently scheduled for May 16, pending the delivery of the flowers.

For information contact Patty Bastianelli at 446-6684 or the Self Help Center at 938-5262/5310.

Fire hydrant flushing

DPW, Utilities and Facilities Division, will be flushing fire hydrants on post beginning Monday until April 28, except on Fri., Sat. and Sun.

Hydrant flushing clears sediment build-up out of the main water lines.

The hydrants in all areas of post will be flushed.

Monday -- Stony I & II, PX, Commissary and CDC area.

Tuesday -- Lusk housing, Fenton and Eichelberger Road, Michie Stadium and Holleder Center.

Wednesday -- (during overnight hours) Central Area, Thayer Road, Washington Road, Wilson Road, Buffalo Soldier Field, and Ruger Road. All areas from BSF to the entrance to the cemetery and down to the Hudson River.

April 24&25 -- New Brick, Gray Ghost, West Point Schools, Band Area, KACH, Lee Road, Dunover Court, Pershing Center, Lee Area, the MWR Fitness Center and Self Help Center.

April 26 -- (during overnight hours) Laundry, TMP, maintenance and the U.S. Mint.

Hydrant flushing will not occur between 6 and 9 a.m. or from 4 to 9 p.m.

During flushing, water may not be suitable for washing clothes.

Army and Community Sports

Groves Golf Center dedicated

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

The Richard N. Groves Golf Center was dedicated Friday bearing the name of the 1958 U.S. Military Academy graduate who was the lead donor of the project.

Groves passed away March 6, but family, friends, academy officials and the Army Golf team celebrated his lasting gift to future generations of Army golfers.

"I'm sorry Dick couldn't be here with us today, but it is a great day and it gives this academy a tremendous facility to make the cadets better," said Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., USMA Superintendent. "(Dick) bled Duty, Honor, Country and he believed in this academy and its mission. His loyalty to his alma mater remained strong throughout the years."

The \$675,000 project is a 5,000-square-foot complex that will consist of a 67x43-foot instructional area where the golfers can practice chipping from the rough, fringe shots and putting.

The golf center, which is located just off Route 9W between Washington and Stony Lonesome gates, will also feature a driving range, a locker room for the intercollegiate team to include showers, a laundry facility and a kitchen area.

Groves, who lettered in golf and hockey while a cadet, was a passionate contributor to the golf program over the years by providing uniforms, gear and travel funds to the team. Army golf coach Jimmy Ray Clevenger was thankful for all the things that Groves did for the team and the team will never forget his legacy.

"Nothing is more deserved than to have a building that will represent his service to our program than having the name of Dick Groves attached to it," Clevenger said. "The Long Gray Line of Army golfers will come through these doors everyday and they'll be



An artist's rendition of the Richard N. Groves Golf Center, which was dedicated April 7. Groves, who died March 6, was lead donor of the \$675,000 project to house the Army golf team in a 5,000-square-foot complex.

passing a plaque in honor of Dick Groves and he'll be whispering to us.

"We'll take pride in looking at this building because it represents a solid, all-pro grad, a great man and a great team," Clevenger added.

The state-of-the-art facility began construction in October 2005 and should be completed sometime in late summer before the next golf season. It's an exciting time for the team's golfers knowing there's going to be a place for them to continue their skills during the winter months.

"It's going to take the weather factor out of the golf season," said senior Austin Luher. "We're going to be able to practice all year round now, which in golf you can't ask for anything more."

"When we go down to tournaments in Florida or San Diego, we're already a month behind other teams who've been practicing all year round," Luher added. "It's going to make this program better and put us on a level playing field with those schools now."

Although Luher will not get to enjoy what his underclass teammates will, he is still thankful that Groves has dedicated his money and energy to the golf team.

"It's tough to put into words what he did for us," Luher explained. "For him to see this project through is

awesome because this is something that we don't necessarily have to have, but the fact that we do have this now will make our program even better. For him to want us to have this is amazing."

Fencing earns National titles

By Col. Gary Tocchet
Army Fencing Team

Last weekend the Army Fencing team traveled to Clemson University in South Carolina, for the U.S. Association of Collegiate Fencing Clubs' National Championships.

Men's and women's fencing separately earned five trophies and 12 medals.

The men's team, defending its national title from 2005, dominated the field with the epee squad taking fourth, the saber squad taking second and the foil squad of senior Jeff Agnew, junior Charlie Shin and sophomore Tim O'Hara taking first giving the men's team first place overall in the nation and repeating as the national champions for 2006.

The women placed third overall as a team, with the epee squad earning 10th, the saber squad earning 6th and the women's foil team of senior Sophia Obamije, junior Emily Hannenberg and sophomore Amanda Molyneux defended its national championship from 2005 by again placing first in the nation.

The team performed phenomenally and with these combined men's and women's



2006 Army Fencing squad

PHOTO BY JON MALINOWSKI/G&ENE

results brought home second place overall as a combined women's and men's club destroying Navy 9-3 in head to head competition in the team rounds.

Following the team events, the Army team had eight fencers move up into the individual finals.

Sophomore Danni Hellman, a first year rookie fencer, finished in the top 12 for women's saber. Obamije, the women's team captain, also made top 12 in women's foil. Hannenberg successfully defended her national title and finished first in women's foil again.

In men's saber, Shin and Agnew, the men's team captain and Club CIC, advanced to the finals, finishing ninth and third in the nation, respectively.

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, Colorado, Tennessee, Utah, Penn State, UC Davis, Dartmouth and Ohio State.

Rifle team meets Bush

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Army's rifle team visited the Washington, D.C., area April 6 where the Black Knights, among a dozen NCAA championship teams, met with President George Bush during a special ceremony at the White House. The Black Knights captured the 2005 National Collegiate Men's and Women's Rifle Championship, the first NCAA title in program history.

Army, who turned in another strong NCAA showing this past spring, copping third-place honors at the national tournament, was part of the afternoon gathering held in the Rose Garden.

"Everything went well and we had a nice time," commented Army

coach Ron Wigger. "The President spoke about all 12 NCAA teams that won national titles during the 2005 and 2006 seasons. He said some nice words about Army. He shook everyone's hand and we took a team photo."

Prior to attending the ceremony and tour at the White House, the Black Knights visited the Pentagon where they met with Lt. Gen. Clyde A. Vaughn, the Director of the Army National Guard. He oversees Wigger, who is the National Guard Liaison for the Academy's Department of Military Instruction.

Wigger and the team also visited Gen. Richard A. Cody, the Vice Chief of Staff, United States

Army, prior to their audience with the President.

Army snapped six-time defending national champion Alaska Fairbanks' streak en route to winning the 2005 NCAA title in the closest meet in the history of the championship as only three points separated the top four finishers.

The Black Knights, who captured the school's first NCAA championship in any sport in 59 years, edged Jacksonville State by one point with an overall score of 4659. Nebraska finished third followed by Alaska Fairbanks. Five Black Knights earned All-America honors and Wigger was named the 2005 Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association "Coach of the Year."

Spring Bike Classic April 22-23

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Army cycling team is hosting the 22nd annual Army Spring Classic bike race April 22-23 beginning at Harriman State Park, with a 14-mile moderately hilly loop.

Check-in for teams is at 7 a.m. April 22. Roads will be open to vehicles, but marshals and police will be positioned throughout the race course.

"This year's event is expected to draw more than 60 schools from the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference and roughly 350 competitors," said Lt. Col. Michael Stoneham, officer representative for the Cadet Cycling Club here.

The action switches to the

1-kilometer criterium at Shea Stadium here April 23 beginning at 7 a.m. for team check-in. Racing begins at 10:15 a.m. for women and 11 a.m. for men.

"On the 23rd at West Point, racers will compete in a criterium around Shea Stadium, a tough individual time trial up Stony Lonesome Hill here, and two Lance Armstrong Junior Olympic Races for cyclists between the ages of 10 and 18, which will be contiguous with the criterium," Stoneham said.

Stoneham said the first LAJOR race will begin at 9:45 a.m. and the second will start at 10:15 a.m.

The course will run counter clockwise around the roads surrounding Shea Stadium and the North Athletic Field.

"The roads around Shea will be closed to traffic from the start of the race to the finish," said Marianne Franklin, plans officer at the Directorate of Emergency Services here.

Franklin said no roads will be closed for the other races.

"The roads surrounding Shea Stadium will be closed for most of the day on the 23rd, but parking for the softball game at 1 p.m. will be available on the east side of Gillis Field House via the tunnel underneath Ike Hall," said junior cycling member Mike Campbell.