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Arbor Day Tree planting

Bob Jones, management agronomist at DPW here assists Malyk Williamson in planting a Bosnian Pine Tree at the CDC Wednesday in honor of Arbor Day. The tree is a hardy pine that is capable of growing in drought conditions and disturbed earth. **KATHY EASTWOOD/PAO**

SE's Wong named NASA Fellow

Submitted by
Systems Engineering

Major Ernest Wong was named a NASA Faculty Fellow April 14 by the American Society for Engineering Education and the Universities Space Research Association.

NASA will provide over \$12,000 in funding for the 10-week summer residency that Wong will spend at the Marshall Space Flight Center. As part of his selection to the 2006 Exploration Systems Summer Research Opportunities program, Wong will collaborate with about 20 other promising university faculty and students throughout our nation.

"I'm going to be putting into practice much of what we've been teaching to our cadets here in the Systems Engineering program," Wong said. "I'll be leveraging tools such as probability, statistics, simulation and the engineering design process to help advance the way NASA thinks about risk mitigation and fault management.

"I hope to get more cadets excited about math, science and engineering," he added, "to show them that their education at USMA



System Engineering's
Maj. Ernest Wong

really does prepare them for the future -- including those thinking of becoming rocket scientists."

Wong is a '94 USMA graduate who earned both a M.S. and M.A. from Stanford University prior to returning to West Point as an instructor. He is the second instructor from the Department of Systems Engineering to be named a NASA Fellow.

NASA has supported summer research fellowships for engineering and science faculty since 1964. The research experience helps to expose college faculty to NASA's Space Exploration Vision for America's Civil Space Program -- a return to the Moon, missions to Mars, and journeys beyond, including NASA's Exploration Systems, Science, Space Operations and Aeronautics research missions.

Pentagon online travel system moves forward

By Daniel Pullman
Govexec.com

The Pentagon's end-to-end online travel booking system is expected to be used department wide by the end of September, bringing to a close the development phase of the \$474 million system.

The Defense Travel System contract, awarded in May 1998, has survived several controversies including a congressional attempt to end the program last October. But with less than a year remaining on a final contract with Northrop Grumman Corp., the system is starting to churn out results.

Each day the system processes an average of 6,000 travel reservations, and that number is

increasing by about 10 percent each month, said Rich Fabbre, the DTS program manager.

During the first three months of 2006, DTS set a record for usage by processing more than 700,000 travel documents, more than double the number over the same three months last year, according to Northrop. On March 27, the system logged a record 41,000 users.

DTS has been deployed at 235 of 279 major Defense Department sites; by September, the remaining 44 sites are expected to have it, Fabbre said. Of the 11,000 minor department sites, which include, for example, a two-man recruiting station in Chicago, 7,289 have the system, he said.

Once DTS is up and running, it

is expected to save the department \$178 million annually through increased productivity and \$56 million in direct costs.

A February 2006 restructuring of DTS moved the program out of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and into the newly established Business Transformation Agency, a move that Fabbre said he views as helpful.

"I believe now there is a champion for business transformation, and that is a lot of what DTS is about," Fabbre said. "There's more collaboration than in the past with the business systems."

At the same time as the BTA move, the contracting side of the DTS was separated from the

program management office and placed in the Defense Travel Management Office.

Paul Joyce, chief of the commercial travel division in the travel management office, said the consolidation and management of commercial travel through DTS has created a helpful tool for delivering travel services across the department.

In January, the Government Accountability Office found critical flaws and incomplete testing of DTS, resulting in massive delays, but Fabbre said those problems have been corrected.

The DTS program management office has expanded and created more rigorous testing of the systems' **ONLINE TRAVEL cont. on 3**

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Garrison Commander's Corner: Keeping kids safe



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



It's the Month of the Military Child and one way to honor our children is to keep them safe.

Studies have shown that communication is the key to keeping our children safe. We should all encourage open communication in our families. We should make time to talk -- and listen -- to our kids and ensure they know they can tell us anything.

There was an incident here at West Point recently where one family showed how important it is to teach children about safety.

Approximately three weeks ago, a young female student was walking through the parking lot behind the middle school when a contract employee allegedly reached out and grabbed the strap of her bookbag. The student became frightened, went home and told her parents and the parents immediately contacted the proper authorities.

The contract employee was escorted to the military police station, cited and barred from post. The subject will be tried in U.S. Magistrate Court.

The fact that this child was comfortable enough to report what happened demonstrates the importance of having an open and trusting relationship with our children. That the parents did not just dismiss the story and took immediate action is critical to fostering that trust.

We must realize, however, that although we should prepare our children to deal with possible problems, we don't want to make them think they should be afraid of anyone who is nice to them. We must strike a balance between protecting our children and encouraging growth and trust. That begins by building awareness and trust into our relationships with our children.

As parents we must teach them how to respond if a threat occurs, to feel comfortable telling us about an incident and to know, whatever happened, they did nothing to cause it.

The following are some tips to help keep children safe:

- Encourage them to talk about

their day, every day.

- Teach them to tell you if an older person ever asks them to keep a secret.

- Make sure they know the difference between good touching (like a pat on the back or a quick hug for something done well) and bad touching, which is any touching that makes a child uncomfortable.

- Be sure they know it is okay to say "no" to an older person -- even if that person is someone they know and trust.

Above all, whether you're a parent, family member, neighbor or friend, the best way to protect a child from abuse is to have a good, open relationship with them. That means spending time with them, letting them know you care and

listening to what they have to say.

Remember, it's important that children understand they can talk to us about anything -- no matter how disturbing or uncomfortable.

Here at West Point, our Family

Advocacy and Law Enforcement personnel work closely together on education, prevention, assessment and intervention.

For more information, call Shelley Ariosto at 938-3369.

Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting regarding the recent incident at the West Point Middle School. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. in the West Point Middle School auditorium. All parents, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

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For Pointer View home delivery problems contact Valerie Mullane at the Poughkeepsie Journal at (845) 437-4730 or by e-mail at vmullane@poughkeepsiejournal.com.

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.

Correction

The headline in the April 14 story on page 4 of the *Pointer View*® incorrectly stated that "SOSH cadets and faculty were inducted" into the Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society April 7. In fact, they were Behavioral Sciences and Leadership cadets and faculty.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

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2006 West Point women's conference: 30-year celebration, here April 27-29

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- U. S. Military Academy and Association of Graduates are hosting the 30-Year Celebration - 2006 West Point Women's Conference here April 27-29.

The first USMA class to include women entered in 1976. Since then, women have continued to join the Long Gray Line as cadets and West Point graduates have been serving the Nation as leaders in and out of military uniform.

As of Dec. 31, 2005, West Point has graduated 2,815 women.

For more information about the conference, go to the conference Web site, www.west-point.org/usmawomen.

Registration is closed, however.

USMA Staff and Faculty and their guests who are not registered

for the entire conference may attend the events Thursday -- the social hours and review -- and April 28 -- the morning and afternoon sessions in Eisenhower Hall and the luncheon and dinner.

However, you must purchase tickets for each individual meal that you plan to attend. To do so, go to <https://www.aogusma.org/secure/as/wpwc/wpwc.cfm> and complete the form, including your credit card number. Availability of meal tickets is limited, so please place your orders as soon as possible.

At the events, you must pick up a nametag from the registration table. This is your meal ticket.

The conference Web site listed above gives you all the locations of the events.



David Rudy named new West Point Middle School principal

PEACHTREE CITY, Ga. -- Elaine Beraza, Director, Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools and Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Cuba, announced Monday that David Rudy has been named principal of West Point Middle School in the Virginia/New York/Puerto Rico District.

Rudy is currently the principal of Menwith Hill Elementary/High School, a Department of Defense Dependent School in Harrogate, United Kingdom. Rudy earned his bachelor's of science degree and his master's of education degree in educational leadership, both from the University of Central Florida.

"David Rudy will bring the stability to West Point Middle School that will allow the students

to flourish under his leadership," said District Superintendent Bruce Jeter. "He is the right fit for the job and comes with an excellent working knowledge of middle school education and DODEA."

Rudy began teaching as a middle school English teacher in Winter Springs, Fla. He joined DODEA in 1999 as a middle school math and English teacher at Naval Air Station, Sigonella, on the island of Sicily, Italy. He also taught at Darmstadt Middle School, Germany.

In January 2002, he was named assistant principal of Vicenza Middle/High School. In 2004 he was appointed to his current position.

Rudy and his wife, Mary Ann, have four young children, ages four to 11.

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qualifications, Fabbre said.

A major challenge in implementing DTS is connecting it with the department's complex and numerous business systems. While 33 have been connected,

another five are expected to be connected in the next few months, Fabbre said.

Three final systems may end up not being connected to DTS, Fabbre said.

Cadet ethics team wins national intercollegiate ethics competition

Submitted by
USMA Ethics Team

A cadet ethics team won the Cordova Biathlon Award at Loyola Marymount University's annual National Intercollegiate Business Ethics Competition in Los Angeles April 8.

The U.S. Military Academy team of Cadets 2nd Class Joe DiFrancesco, Adam Harmon and Erin Morgan and Cadets 3rd Class Kimberly Jung and Robert Rose won the biathlon event, a combination of a 30-minute prepared ethics presentation and a 10K run.

The focus of the competition is the ethics presentation. Each team must identify and research an ethical dilemma that impacts private citizens, then present and defend its solution.

All presentations include the legal, financial and ethical dimensions of the case. This year, 16 undergraduate teams and six

graduate teams from universities across the nation presented arguments on topics ranging from Yahoo! censorship in China to eminent domain in Philadelphia.

The USMA team chose as its topic, the Posse Comitatus Act, which ensures civil-military separation and forbids federal military personnel from conducting domestic law enforcement, except under specific circumstances.

To train for the competition, the cadets gave their presentation to members of the Department of English and Department of Law who provided feedback and helped the team refine its argument.

The Army team clinched the Cordova Biathlon Award April 9 by beating all its competitors in the 10K run. The Cordova award included \$500 in prize money that was divided equally among all the team members.

In addition, three members of the Army team received individual medals for their performance in the



The cadet ethics team of Cadets 2nd Class Joe DiFrancesco, (left), and Adam Harmon, Cadet 3rd Class Kimberly Jung, Cadet 2nd Class Erin Morgan and Cadet 3rd Class Robert Rose, under the guidance of officer in charge Lt. Col. Karen Thoms, won the Cordova Biathlon Award April 8.

JIM FOX/PV

10K run: DiFrancesco took 4th place overall in the race (which included the general public) and 1st place in his age group; Rose took 2nd place in his age group among men; and Jung took 2nd place in her age group among women.

The victory was a combined effort their coach said.

"All of the team members did a great job," said Team Coach Lt. Col. Karen Thoms of the Department of English. "This particular competition is a terrific

fit for USMA cadets because it combines academic skills, such as research analysis and ethical decision-making, with physical fitness. Plus, the cadets enjoy it. They are already contemplating their topic for next year."

46 teams gearing up for 40th Sandhurst competition April 29

By Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

Forty-six teams from both U.S. and foreign military academies will compete in the 40th annual Sandhurst competition April 29 at West Point.

The competition, meant to test the military skills of cadets, will feature 33 teams from the U.S. Military Academy including the brigade team. Three teams from foreign academies will compete including two from the United Kingdoms Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and one from Canada's Royal Military College. The U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy and U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School will also have representative teams along with six R.O.T.C. teams.

Each team comprised of eight men and one woman has the ability to earn a maximum of 1,000 points as they maneuver through the timed course and accumulate points at each station. Some of the highlighted events of the competition for spectators to see include the boat movement, grenade throwing, first aid, the Ranger wall, communication site and commandant's challenge at the finish line.

The competition begins at 5:30 a.m. on USMA's Normandy Range 11 and ends at 6 p.m. on Jefferson Road in front of Quarters 100.

A visitor center will be set up

on the Plain near the finish line to provide spectators with information on the whole day event and will also include a concession stand and gift shop.

A shuttle bus will be available for those wanting to view the competition beginning at 6 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The buses will make a continuous loop between the following stops: Buffalo Soldier Field, Superintendent's Box, Washington Gate, Site 1, Site 5, Stony Lonesome Gate, Site 7, Site

8 and the finish line area.

All spectators are encouraged to support their team, but are reminded that no form of physical support or interference with any squad is permitted. Running with, but not amongst, the squad is allowed.

More information on the competition is available at the Sandhurst Web site http://www.usma.edu/dmi/sandhurst_competition.htm.

The annual competition began in 1967 when the Royal Military

Academy Sandhurst presented West Point with a sword with the inscription: "To provide the Corps of Cadets with a challenging and rewarding regimental skills competition, which will enhance professional development and military excellence in selected Soldier skills." The sword was meant to be the prize for a competition

with the aim to promote military excellence among the Corps as a whole, and has done so since.

Senior leader conference helps firsties learn about the Army

Story and photo by
Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

Developing character in cadets is a key part of the U.S. Military Academy mission, and nothing may impress that on the Army's future leaders more than hearing it from 68 Army leaders, all with combat experience, here to talk with cadets during the ninth Senior Leader Conference Mon. and Tues.

"These are our versions of our rock stars coming back here to West Point, guys with a combat patch from the Ranger regiment, combat patch from the 3rd ID," said Lt. Col. Brian Mennes, deputy director of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic.

Over the course of the two days the leaders, called mentors, were given a variety of opportunities to speak with cadets during a panel session, classroom seminar and for the first time an informal mixer to give them their insight and advice on being a professional military officer.

The group not only included everyone from the rank of first lieutenant to lieutenant general, but for the first time also included senior noncommissioned officers between the ranks of master sergeant to command sergeant major. It was also the first time for

the evening panel to be broken into four regimental panels with eight panelists on each.

"We are trying to get more personable," Mennes said. "We have actually done a lot more communication with the mentors ahead of time."

Prior to arriving each mentor was paired up with a tactical officer to discuss where the cadets are in the leadership process, including sharing essays written by the cadets about themselves and their leadership philosophy. The idea, according to Mennes, is to give the mentors a feel for where the cadets are in the developmental process.

Another change in the conference this year was the wearing BDU's or ACU's instead of Class A's, which, according to Mennes, changes the mindset of the event from being so formal.

For one colonel the conference was a great opportunity to give back after 22 years of military service.

"I was sitting here in these cadets shoes 22-and-a-half years ago not knowing what the Army was going to be like and what I was going to be doing," said Col. Richard D. Clarke, currently in command of the 1st Ranger Battalion. "This program wasn't offered then, so hopefully the things that all the mentors here are giving them -- some advice and some council -- will help them a little bit going into their first real job in the Army."

Ultimately, Clarke explained, he hopes by talking with the mentors at the conference the cadets will have less anxiety about serving as a leader in the Army.

"They really have gotten a great training experience here and they will continue their training as they go to their specific branch basic course," Clarke said. "As long as they are working hard and

trying to do everything right that they have been taught they will be successful."

After listening to cadets questions and reading their essays Sgt. Major Curtis L. Regan had some similar advice to give.

"If the optimism is there and they are positive and they've got a good boss who helps them stay positive -- it is gravy," Regan said.

According to Regan the only way to go wrong is to get caught complaining because it is easy to do and considered it a cancer to the organization.

"I can't tell you how easy it is. Just show up," Regan said. "You are smart, educated and motivated, and you've not only been to this school, but will spend much of a year learning how to do the job (you) know more than the squad leaders do (you) just don't know it. (You) don't trust it because (you've) never applied it."

One cadet said she enjoyed the comments from Regan during the evening panel for 1st Regiment.

"It was kind of what everybody was thinking, but nobody wanted to say," said Cadet 1st Class Myra Markey. "I thought it was pretty good to have a variety from the lieutenant to the generals. Generally it is more pointed, but they all had something to chip in so I thought that was pretty good."

Markey along with Cadet

1st Class Cory Wroblewski both appreciated the comments of Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck about staying in past five years and how important it is at his age to look back on life knowing you have done something worthwhile.

"I think it forces each cadet

to think about the reality of the profession we are about to join and forces you to think about a lot of situations that we might face if we get out in five years or stay in and take company command and go past the 20-year mark," Wroblewski said.



Sergeant Maj. Curtis L. Regan told it like it is Monday.

**Superintendent's
semi-annual
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**Thursday
12:45 p.m.**

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Fire warning

Submitted by DEC

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced Wednesday that the danger of fires is high in areas across the State and is expected to continue over the next several days. The State's warning comes on the heels of "Red Flag Warnings" issued Wed. by the National Weather Service that include most of Eastern New York and Long Island.

The Red Flag Warnings were issued for the counties of Albany, Bronx, Columbia, Dutchess, Fulton, Greene, Kings, Montgomery, Nassau, New York, Orange, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Saratoga, Schoharie, Suffolk, Ulster, Warren and Washington.

A Red Flag Warning event means critical weather conditions exist or are about to exist that may lead to the occurrence of extreme and dangerous fire behavior.

Lower than normal precipitation during the late winter and early spring have made conditions drier than typical for this time of the year. Fire danger is High over most of New York State and Very High in the lower Hudson Valley and Long Island areas.

DEC's Division of Forest Protection and Fire Management advises to not conduct any open burning over the next few days, until the area receives substantial precipitation. Also be very careful with backyard barbecues and campfires and dispose of used barbecue coals and ensure the coals are completely cold and out before disposal.

Report all suspected wildfires to your local fire department or 911 dispatch center.

DOD, OPM to appeal NSPS ruling

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service) -- The Department of Defense will appeal a federal judge's decision to block portions of the new civilian personnel system, according to an announcement Wednesday by a National Security Personnel System official.

The Justice Department filed a notice of appeal earlier this week with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on behalf of DOD and the Office of Personnel Management, Andy Ames, a Justice Department press assistant, confirmed.

The notice signals DOD's and OPM's intention to file a formal appeal to overturn a previous court decision blocking NSPS, Ames said. The two organizations are partnering to establish the system, which eventually will affect more than 650,000 DOD civilian employees.

U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan ruled in late February that provisions of the new system would fail to protect civilian employees' ability to bargain collectively. These provisions pertain to labor relations, collective bargaining, independent third-party review, adverse actions and the National Security Labor Relations Board, DOD's proposed

internal labor relations panel, the 77-page decision noted.

The American Federation of Government Employees and 12 other labor unions filed a lawsuit in November 2005 challenging the proposed system.

Joyce Frank, NSPS spokeswoman, said DOD is working closely with the Justice Department and looks forward to presenting its position before the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The appeal process will not affect the first phase of the system's implementation, scheduled for April 30, she said. About 11,000 DOD civilians will convert to the new civilian personnel system that day in "Spiral 1.1" of the phase-in process.

NSPS is one of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's key initiatives designed to transform the defense department operations to better meet 21st-century needs. The new program, in development since 2003, replaces the current general-schedule personnel system with broad pay bands.

Rumsfeld said Wednesday that the new civilian personnel system is an example of the many sweeping changes within DOD that are causing discomfort among people resistant to change.

"We have passed a National Security Personnel System so that we could begin to get a grip on how we manage the Department of Defense and the civilian population, the work force, which is so important," Rumsfeld told Pentagon reporters.

"And it's tied up in the courts, and it'll take time. It's been three years, I think, that we've been struggling with it, so far. And that's hard for people, that change," Rumsfeld said. "The idea of paying for performance is stunning for some people."

However, according the Federal Managers Association, an organization representing more than 200,000 federal managers nationwide, change is not the issue.

"The Pentagon hasn't come forth with any plans for the proper development, funding and training of managers and employees or even with how the new system will be funded overall," said FMA National Secretary Richard

Oppedisano during testimony to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

He said managers have been given additional authorities under the final regulations in the areas of performance review and "pay-for-performance," and need to be trained and compensated.

"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," he explained.

He explained that because employees will now be subject in a much more direct way to their manager's objective determination of their performance, they would be justified in having concerns about whether that manager was adequately trained.

"That concern creates an environment of mistrust and conflict in opposition to the intended efforts of the proposed regulations," Oppedisano said.

Protest expected Wednesday

WEST POINT (Public Affairs) -- Soulforce, a group supporting gay rights, announced via their Web site (www.soulforce.org) that they plan to hold a protest demonstration here Wednesday.

Soulforce has held similar events at colleges and universities nationwide, including the Naval and Air Force Academies.

The protest is scheduled to begin outside Thayer Gate at roughly 11 a.m. and could impact traffic arriving and departing by that gate.

Healthwatch: Eye infections linked to soft contact lens use

By Capt. Kyle A. Smith, OD
KACH Optometry Clinic

A recent outbreak of a serious fungal eye infection has raised concern for contact lens wearers. The infection is called fungal keratitis, caused by the *Fusarium* fungus.

This type of infection can cause a permanent loss of vision. Beginning in March, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention received 109 reports of suspected fungal infections in the U.S.

The investigation of the cause of these infections is ongoing, but appears to be related to soft contact lens use with the contact lens solution Bausch & Lomb ReNu® with MoistureLoc®. Bausch & Lomb has recalled this product and asked U.S. retailers to remove the product from their shelves.

The CDC, American Optometric Association, and American Academy of Ophthalmology have the following recommendations for

all soft contact lens users.

- Discontinue use of all ReNu® with MoistureLoc® solution. Acceptable alternatives include ReNu Multiplus® and other multipurpose soft contact lens solutions.

- Wash your hands with soap and water and dry them before handling lenses.

- Wear and replace your lenses according to the schedule prescribed by your doctor.

- Follow instructions from your doctor for cleaning and storing your lenses. Only fresh solution should be used to clean and store contact lenses. Never re-use old solution. If the contact lenses are not worn regularly, the solution must be changed at minimum once a week.

- Store lenses in the proper lens storage case and replace the case every month. Clean the case after each use, and keep it open and dry between cleanings.

- Remove the lenses and

consult your doctor immediately if your eye becomes painful, red, irritated, sensitive to light or your vision changes.

Additionally, lenses should be cleaned immediately upon removal from the eye. The lens should be rubbed and rinsed with solution

before placing the lens in its case (for all types of multipurpose solution).

Although this outbreak is a serious concern, please remember this is a rare occurrence. Only 109 cases have been reported out of 30 million contact lens wearers in

the U.S. No cases of fungal eye infection have been reported here at West Point to date.

The latest information from the CDC, FDA and American Optometric Association regarding fungal keratitis can be found on the AOA site www.aoa.org.

Alcohol Awareness Month: a call to action

Submitted by ADCO

Alcohol is the most commonly used and widely abused psychoactive drug in the world.

Some short term effects may include impaired judgment, coordination, dizziness, talkativeness, slurred speech, nausea or vomiting and increased verbal or physical aggression.

Some long term effects may include alcohol dependence, permanent damage to vital organs, gastrointestinal irritations such as diarrhea and ulcers; high blood pressure, malnutrition or nutritional deficiencies; lowered resistance to disease and sexual dysfunctions.

Alcohol consumption during pregnancy may attribute to fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants may suffer from mental retardation and other irreversible physical abnormalities.

Alcohol Statistics

- More than 100,000 U.S. deaths are caused by excessive alcohol consumption each year.

- Direct and indirect causes of death include drunken driving, cirrhosis of the liver, falls, cancer and stroke.

- Across people of all ages, males are four times as likely as females to be heavy drinkers.

- Traffic crashes are the greatest single cause of death for persons ages 6 to 33.

- About 45 percent of these fatalities are in alcohol-related crashes.

- Underage drinking costs the United States more than \$58 billion every year -- enough to buy every public school student a state-of-the-art computer.

- Alcohol is the most commonly used drug among young people.

CAGE Assessment

The CAGE is a well-established and simple method of screening for alcohol problems. It was designed in 1970 for use by people such as doctors to quickly identify whether a patient may have a drinking problem. The questions are designed to be put to anyone whose overall level of consumption is at a level considered risky or harmful.

The four questions are:

1-Have you ever thought you ought to cut down your drinking?

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RCI Director brings housing experience to WP

Story and photo by
Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

One would hardly know a new office has opened on the fourth floor of Spellman Hall, with only a desk, computer and two chairs huddled in the corner of one of many uncarpeted, white walled rooms. The only real evidence is a post-it-note on the door that says, "RCI Director Office."

This is the place retired Col. Michael Colacicco now inhabits as he has recently taken on the job as the director of the Residential Communities Initiative program at West Point. He said he looks forward to preparing West Point to take part in the Army's housing privatization initiative.

"It is going to be an exciting next two years, or so, as we go through the process of selecting the partner," said the 1969 U.S. Military Academy graduate.

The RCI program is not the same as contracting out, Colacicco

explained. It is, he said, a partnership between the Army and a private developer.

"This is not a simple task and we are not the first installation to do it," Colacicco said. "One of the things I will be doing is picking the brains of the people who have gone before us to find out what has worked and what has not worked and adapt those into the military academy environment."

Colacicco has spent the last six-and-a-half years working for a church organization in the New York area. He thought it would be satisfying to help his alma mater.

"I wanted something else to do, so I came back to work full-time here," Colacicco said. "I am a West Point guy. I wear the ring proudly. I always have worn my ring and don't mind letting people know that I am a West Pointer."

Doing what is best for West Point within the Army context is what Colacicco said he is going to do.

"The Army has said it is going

to embark on the Residential Communities Initiative and I am going to make it work at West Point," he said.

Everyone will have an opportunity to give input into the process, Colacicco explained, and he will ensure that the final community development master plan meets the needs of USMA and the private partner.

"The private partner needs to make money because it is a business," he said. "The academy needs to have quality housing for staff and faculty. If we have both of those goals met we will be very successful."

The Vietnam vet said he plans to stay in his new position at least until the transition into RCI is complete. He brings with him six years of experience as the engineer at West Point and 11 years total working as a director of engineering and housing in the Army.

"I served 14 out of 30 years of service in the engineering and housing business," Colacicco said.

"I found out as a captain, when I was in the Berlin Brigade, that I was good at it and I liked it.

"In 1988 when I was offered the opportunity to become director of engineering and housing in Germany I took it and did it for the next 11 years (in Germany, Fort Riley and West Point)," he added.

West Point has been a big part of Colacicco's personal history as well. He is the son of a 1940 USMA graduate and the father of a 2004 graduate. He also spent time as an instructor here teaching military history from 1975 to 1978. However, as much as West Point is a part of him, he said the most gratifying part of his career was his service in Vietnam.

"Didn't like being shot at, didn't like living in the mud and all of this stuff, but in terms of rewarding professional experience, that was it," Colacicco said.

A graduate of the U.S. Command and Staff College and the Army War College, the retired colonel said he spent an entire Army career



**New RCI Director
Michael Colacicco**

taking care of troops.

"I spent my career supporting the people who are fighting in combat by taking care of their families," Colacicco said.

The new RCI director said this job gives him a chance to continue to serve Soldiers and their families by making sure they get the quality of life they deserve.

DUSA Easter egg hunt draws huge crowd

Story and photo by
Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

In one fell swoop several hundred eager youths despoiled the grassy slope of the Trophy Point Amphitheater of yellow, pink, green, blue and purple Easter eggs Saturday, pouncing on one after the other as they descended toward the band shell.

Within a matter of minutes the sticker, eraser and candy filled plastic eggs were off the lawn and into the baskets of egg-hunters ages

10 and under.

It was the second year that the Daughters of the U.S. Army sponsored an Easter egg hunt for the West Point community.

"We started the event last year as a way to reach out to the entire West Point community, most especially the children," said Melissa Rowse, DUSA president. "It was such a huge success. We just had to do the event again."

DUSA began the event, according to Rowse, after noticing the lack of an Easter egg hunt for

the community in recent years.

"Our mission as an organization is to provide social and educational activities to the surrounding community," Rowse explained. "This is one way for us to accomplish that."

Prior to the egg hunt, children and their families aligned the perimeter of the amphitheater waiting for the signal to go. Once the countdown reached one the concave shaped hill was flooded

with kids filling their baskets with the 4,200 eggs.

"The Egg Hunt allows families to get outside and have family time together -- even if the hunt only lasts 15 minutes," Rowse said. "It truly is about having fun."

To ensure no child was left out an area was set aside for kids under the age of 4. For the second year Rowse also brought her pet rabbits down for kids to touch, and, for the

first time, the Easter bunny made an appearance handing out candy to the youngsters.

DUSA, a not-for-profit organization, is open to all women affiliated with West Point and sponsors many community events. The organization, which runs two gift shops, is also able to give back over \$100,000 in profits into the community in the form of grants and scholarships.



Egg-hunters charge down the slope of the Trophy Point Amphitheater Saturday scooping up as many of the 4,200 plastic eggs as possible into their baskets.



Jackson McInvale takes candy out of the Easter Bunny's basket, played by community member Jessica Kirby. There was also a petting area for live rabbits.

AOG's Jean Hoey marks 60 years of service, keeps going

Story and photo by
Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

One would think after 60 years of working for the same organization it would be time to retire, but not for Jean Hoey, who is still going strong as the executive assistant to the president of the Association of Graduates for the U.S. Military Academy.

Sixty years ago on April 8, 1946, at age 22, Hoey stepped into Cullum Hall to start her first day of work at West Point. Her intentions were to work three months in a temporary research position for AOG.

"After the end of the three months Mrs. Kingsley, who then had the job that I have now, said there was an opening if I was interested and I said yes," Hoey said.

With that, Hoey never looked back, and now in 2006 she still has no intentions to call it quits just yet.

"I enjoy the work here I really do," Hoey said. "I not only really enjoy the work, but I have had very happy experiences here with the people I work for and the people who work here. I really enjoy who I work with and I think that is three-quarters why a person stays. I don't have any regrets."

Hoey remembers doing just about every kind of administrative task when she first started her career including using an old graphic type to change addresses and doing packing for the gift shop.

"Mrs. Kingsley was the head secretary here for a while after I came," Hoey said, "and I did any kind of work, typing, letters, etc., until she left. Then I took over her job running the organization for the executive vice president."

Over the years Hoey has seen a great deal of the changes and events of AOG at West Point from the start of the Sylvanus Thayer Award in 1958 to moving into the new AOG building, Herbert Hall, in 1995. Over the course of her tenure she has worked for 12 heads of AOG and seen the academy reach both its sesquicentennial and bicentennial years.

"I remember the sesquicentennial as a great occasion," said Hoey, "but remember the bicentennial celebration with a great deal of fondness because I was privileged and honored to attend the concert at Carnegie Hall and dinner at the Russian Tea Room."

Hoey remembers fondly of the many high profile people that

have crossed her path over the years including former President George Bush Sr., astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Frank Borman, the 12th Philippine President Fidel Ramos and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf. But for Hoey it is many of the board of directors for AOG, whom she works more closely with, that mean so much to her.

"I have made a lot of friends, many friends, and whatever they need or have a question about they call me," she said.

It is her responsibility, among other things, to organize the three major meetings a year between AOG's board of directors.

"There is nobody who doesn't know Jean Hoey," said retired Col. Seth F. Hudgins Jr., AOG president. "Wherever I go and see these folks they always say, 'Please tell Jean I said Hello.' They have great respect for her; great deference to her and Jean Hoey will probably accommodate probably any request that comes in that we can possibly do to assist our graduates."

One thing Hudgins has found unique about Hoey is her ability to adapt to all of the changing technology.

"When she started off we didn't have computers, you couldn't spell computer around here," Hudgins said. "When I came on board in 1990 we had a big ole main frame computer, but now everybody has personal computers and she has picked it right up. It is just the nature of business, the nature of communicating and Jean has just adapted to it all through the years."

At the time Hoey went to work for AOG it was a time of new hope for many Americans, just after the end of World War II, which for her was the end of a lot of worry.

"My biggest concern during the time of WWII was for my three brothers who were all overseas -- two in Europe and one in the South Pacific -- and making sure I wrote to each of them every day," Hoey said. "My youngest brother, a paratrooper, was severely wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, but we were fortunate in that after a long hospital stay he came home to us again."

Family is one of the three things Hoey said are very important to her.

"I always say the three Fs: my faith, my family and my friends," Hoey said. "Those are very important to me."

The native of Garnerville, N.Y., is still living in the Rockland County home she grew up in with

"The people who work here are very close and there is no conflict. It is really great and that is the reason I am here,"

Jean Hoey
Association of Graduates
Executive Assistant

two of her older sisters. Hoey remembered growing up in the home with her 10 siblings where she learned the love of the Irish. She says she still celebrates Saint Patrick's Day and recalled her favorite trip was to Ireland and Scotland where her grandparents were from before they immigrated to America in 1886.

"How my mother raised 11 children must have been a difficult job," said Hoey, "but I don't remember growing up and

thinking that she was unhappy or that anybody was unhappy. I just remember very happy things all my life."

April 6 Hoey's colleagues celebrated her life and career with a surprise party to honor her service to the organization. She said the party was a complete surprise.

"It made me feel very good because the reason I am here is because of the people," Hoey said.

According to Hudgins, Hoey epitomizes the strength of AOG whose employees have a tendency to stay for a long time.

"Jean, obviously 60 years, others have been here 25, 30 years," Hudgins said. "You don't stay unless you are good."

If it wasn't for the people, Hoey said, she wouldn't have stuck around so long, but because of her good relationships with people she



AOG's Jean Hoey keeps going.

"I have worked for people who have been so cooperative and whom I've had good relationships with," Hoey said. "The people that work here are very close and there is no conflict. It is really great, and that is the reason I am here."

Soldiers blown away by breathalyzer results

By Staff Sgt. Osvaldo Sanchez
Special to the Pointer View

SCHWETZINGEN, Germany (Army News Service) -- A recent stand-down at the 7th Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) gave Soldiers a clear understanding of the effects of alcohol.

"I realized just how much one German beer affects you and puts you way over the limit," said Lt. Col. Mark W. Rabenstein, the assistant G-3 with the 7th ARCOM.

Rabenstein demonstrated the effects of alcohol consumption when he drank a half liter of German dark beer, then submitted to a breathalyzer field sobriety test and a physical coordination test administered by military police.

Five minutes after Rabenstein's last sip of beer, the Lion Alcolmeter breathalyzer read a surprisingly high alcohol content of 1.9.

"We found out that one beer can put you way over the limit. Not by a little bit, but by a lot,"

*"I will be more careful
when I drink and
definitely think twice,"*

**Spc. Francisco F. Muniz
7th ARCOM
Schwetzingen, Germany**

Rabenstein said. "For years and years I believed -- I passed it along and it was passed along to me -- that if you're so tall and weigh so much that you can drink one beer, one glass of wine or one shot, and still be ok."

According to the Provost Marshal's Office, there were 1,231 alcohol related incidents involving Soldiers in U. S. Army, Europe, last year. Drug and alcohol prevention experts are using April, which is Alcohol Awareness Month, to inform Soldiers of the effects of even small quantities of alcohol. Col. Stephen M. Allen, the deputy commander of the 7th ARCOM, said he has personally suffered from drunk drivers, "I had an uncle who was killed by a drunk driver

and a grandmother who was almost killed by a drunk driver. I have no pity for drunk drivers who get into accidents."

"I'm not against drinking, but I am against people who make the wrong decisions when it comes to driving and drinking," Allen said.

According to Article 111e(1) from the Manual of Courts-Martial, the maximum punishment for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and causing personal injury is a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for 18 months.

Staff Sgt. Gary D. Boatner, the acting secretary general staff for the 7th ARCOM, said having the military police professionally administer the field sobriety test and the physical coordination test

made the event realistic, and not a game.

"We got to see how the alcohol affected him (Rabenstein) when he couldn't announce everything he was trying to say while trying to walk the line," Boatner said, referring to the physical coordination test.

Another Soldier who attended the event said he was also surprised with the results from the tests and it changed the way he thinks about drinking alcohol.

"I will be more careful when I drink and definitely think twice," said Spc. Francisco F. Muniz, a paralegal specialist at the 7th ARCOM.

It took Rabenstein nearly four hours to blow into the breathalyzer and not show any trace of alcohol on his breath.

With a serious look on his face, Rabenstein exclaimed, "One is too many. If alcohol touches your lips don't drive!"

Editor's note: Sanchez writes for the 7th Army Reserve Command Public Affairs Office.



Boy Scout takes lead in community Eagle Scout project

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Boy Scout Justin Bourque, from West Point Troop 23 here knows that it takes hard work and dedication on his quest to become an Eagle Scout. To that end, Bourque chose a community

project, recruited volunteers and scrubbed tombstones at the West Point cemetery Saturday.

Bourque was able to recruit 130 volunteers from the Corps of Cadets and Troop 23. All were hard at work, with support from parents, scoutmasters and a warm spring day.

"I started planning this project

in December," Bourque said. "I had to get approval from the cemetery staff, the Corps of Cadets to ask for volunteers and troop approval."

The class of 1966 and the Association of Graduates here funded the event with roughly \$800 for cleaning materials such as buckets, soap and brushes.

"We are using dish detergent and water to wash the tombstones because harsher chemicals could damage some of the stones," Bourque said. "I figured the project would take two or three hours to

complete because we are doing the entire cemetery."

Eagle Scout projects should be helpful to any religious institution, school or community and helping to wash years of dirt off tombstones at a historical cemetery is one way of doing just that.

Boy Scout Austin LaChance volunteered for the project because he enjoys being involved with service projects and it's a way to earn patches.

"Helping with scout projects like this is a great way to get involved in a community service

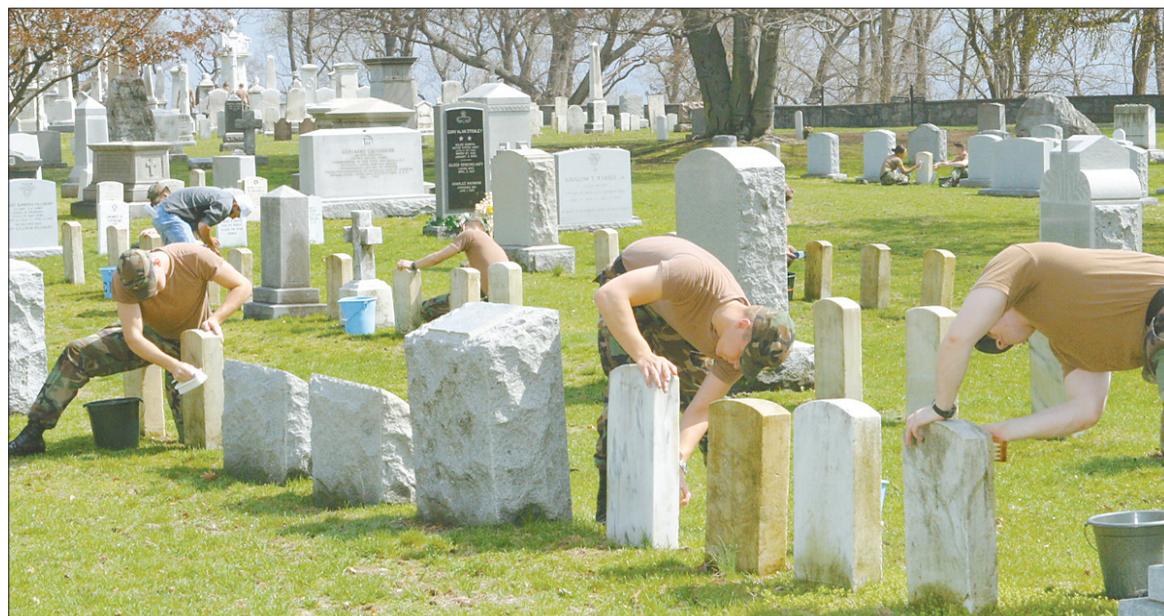
and you get to learn stuff, earn patches and increase rank," he said.

Projects like this are not only beneficial to boy scouts because of patches earned, it is the idea of helping a fellow scout become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in boy scouting and, according to **Scouting.Org scouting fact sheet**, a rank that less than five percent of scouts achieve.

For information on West Point Boy Scouts, call Col. John Smith at 938-2231, or Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen at 938-5330.



Boy Scout Justin Bourque, (left), briefs fellow Troop 23 scouts Mike Theroux and Austin LaChance Saturday.



One hundred and thirty cadets and fellow scouts from Troop 23 volunteered to help Bourque complete his service project to clean tombstones at the West Point cemetery.

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Yes/No

2-Has anyone ever annoyed you by criticizing your drinking? Yes/No

3-Have you ever felt guilty about your drinking? Yes/No

4-Have you ever had to have an eye-opener - a drink first thing in the morning? Yes/No

How to score CAGE

Add up the number of Yes answers.

Two or more positive answers suggest that your drinking may be causing you problems.

If you think you may have a problem with alcohol or you would like to know more about alcohol and its effects contact the West Point Alcohol and Drug Control Program (845) 938-2462, or the Army Substance Abuse Program (845) 938-7691.

Community Leisure



APRIL/MAY MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at www.usma.edu/mwr

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 ♦ 938-4621 AEC, bldg.683 ♦ 938-3762 Arts & Crafts, bldg. 648 ♦ 938-4812 Auto Crafts, bldg. 648 ♦ 938-2074 BSP/BOSS, bldg. 628 ♦ 938-6497 Bowling Ctr., bldg. 622 ♦ 938-2140 CDC, bldg. 1207 ♦ 938-4798/4523 CDS, bldg. 1207 ♦ 938-2092/2035 Community Rec Div ♦ 938-2401 Delafield Pond ♦ 938-5139/5158 Fitness Center, bldg. 683 ♦ 938-6490 Golf Course ♦ 938-2435/2327 Holleder Center ♦ 938-4236</p>	<p>ITR, bldg. 695 ♦ 938-3601/2401 AVC, bldg. 2104 ♦ 938-3655 Morgan Farm, bldg. 2036 ♦ 938-3926 Outdoor Rec ♦ 938-2503 Post Library, bldg. 622 ♦ 938-2974 Round Pond ♦ 938-2503/3860 School-Age Services, bldg. 1207 ♦ 938-8530 West Point Club, bldg. 603 ♦ 938-5120, 446-5506 Ski Lodge ♦ 938-3726/3727 Youth Services, bldg. 500 ♦ 938-3727 Veterinary Clinic, bldg. 630 ♦ 938-3817 PLEASE NOTE: For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>		<p>West Point Bowling Center Open Bowling: Sun.-1300-1800 Mon. 1600-2100 Tue. Closed Wed. & Thur. 1130-1900 Fri. 1130-2300 Sat. 0900-2300 Galactic Bowling: Every Fri. & Sat. 1700-2300 Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ</p>	<p>21 Museums in NYC, ITR, 0900-1600 YS Team Job Shop & Movie & Popcorn Night, Interviewing, 1800-1900</p>	<p>22 Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Tour, ITR,0900-1600 Defensive Driving, Register at ITR, 0800-1500</p>	
<p>23 Open Bowling, WP Bowling Center, 1300-1800 </p>	<p>24 Volunteer Services Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the WP Club, AVC, 1140-1340 Part-Day Pre-School Sign-Up, CDC, 0900-1500 (Apr. 24-28)</p>	<p>25 Spring Story Hour, Post Library, 1000 & 1330 Family Readiness Group Session, 1900, Preeparation Briefing, 1400, ACS</p>	<p>26 Overseas Briefing, Korea, 1330, Germany, 1500, ACS Administrative Professional Day Lunch, WP Club, 1130-1330</p>	<p>27 Targeting Stress, ACS, 1130, General Parenting Overview, 1130, ACS NY Yankees vs Tampa Bay Devil Rays, ITR, 1700</p>	<p>28 Mongolian BBQ, WP Club, 1700-2100 </p>	<p>29 Month of the Military Child Picnic at the Ski Lodge, CDC, 1000-1400</p>
<p>30 Tour NYC, ITR, 0900-1700 </p>	<p>MAY 1 Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100</p>	<p>2 Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, ITR, 0900-1530 Graduate Recognition Ceremony, WP Club, 1500-1630 Defensive Driving, Register at ITR, 0800-1500 (day 1)</p>	<p>3 Defensive Driving, Register at ITR, 0800-1500 (day 2) Newcomers Welcome Brief, 0930, Re-Entry Workshop, 1030, Anger Management, 1130, ACS</p>	<p>4 WPS School Board Meeting, MS Conference Room, B-10, 1630 Targeting Stress, ACS, 1130-1300 </p>	<p>5 Open Bowling, 1130-2300, Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300 every Friday at the WP Bowling Center Scout Jamboree, Lake Frederick (Mar. 5-7)</p>	<p>6 Youth Bowling, 0900-1130, Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300 every Saturday at the WP Bowling Center Historical Cafes & Taverns in NYC, ITR, 1000-1700 </p>

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FRIDAY

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

MONDAY - THURSDAY

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

APRIL 28

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

YS grants

The Department of Education has announced two new grants for the 2006-2007 school year. The Academic Competitiveness and National SMART grants will provide high performing college students with up to \$4,000 a year for maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA. For more info., call 938-8899.

Days of Remembrance events

By Maj. Chris Capozzi
EO Program Manager

The West Point Equal Opportunity Office is holding the following events as part of the observance of Days of Remembrance, April 23 to 30.

Days of Remembrance is the Jewish commemoration of victims

of the Holocaust.

As part of the Sabbath service at the Jewish Chapel, candles will be lit in memory of those who perished in the Holocaust today at 7 p.m.

The Jewish Chapel will host a film about the Holocaust Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The film that will be shown is yet to be determined.

Those interested can contact the Jewish Chapel at 938-2710.

Poster exhibits commemorating the Holocaust will be located in the Jewish Chapel and in Grant Hall.

Members of the community with questions about any of the events listed may contact the West Point Equal Opportunity Office at 938-2621 or 938-7082.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

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

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

Saturday -- 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

Correction

The surprise send off for OB/GYN physician Terrence Babb March 30 was thrown by the KACH Obstetrics Unit not the families as stated in the April 7 issue of the *Pointer View*.

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.

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.

Orange County college night May 11

The 52nd annual Orange County College Night is May 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall's Ballroom and Crest Hall.

The Orange County Counselor's Association will promote diversified opportunities available through secondary education. Representatives from 220 colleges nation wide will meet with interested students from the surrounding communities.

Contact Tony Scully, Newburgh Free Academy guidance counselor at (845) 563-5506.

Annual Tattoo April 30

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The 26th annual Tattoo will be held at the U.S. Military Academy, Trophy Point Amphitheater, April 30, from noon until 6 p.m.

The Tattoo will feature over 20 pipe and drum bands, the Cadet Pipes and Drums and the West Point Band.

The event is open to the general public. Guests should enter the academy through security checkpoints at Thayer and Stony Lonesome Gates.

All adult visitors will be required to show valid photo identification upon entrance to academy grounds.

At Your Leisure

Earth Day -- Recycle Center Open House

DPW will be conducting a "kid's special" Earth Day Open House today 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 Martha Hinote 938-4407.

Flower Issue volunteers

DPW is seeking volunteers

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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 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 and Tuesday -- 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.

Wednesday -- (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.

Work on Clinton Field

A DPW contractor will begin work on Monday to remove existing sod, install new sod and make improvements to the sprinkler system on Clinton Field. In order to ensure contractor access to the field, while allowing for the safety and security of personnel and property, we will be blocking off 10 parking spaces along Cullum Road on the west side of Clinton Field.

Specifically the spaces being blocked are the first 10, pull-in spaces, on the left side of Cullum Road, just past the WP Club and Lincoln Hall. There are no handicap designated parking spaces being blocked.

Work is expect to continue until approximately May 12, weather permitting.

Expect possible traffic delays in the area.

MWR Blurbs

PJ Party postponed

The Youth Services PJ Party scheduled for April 28 has been postponed until further notice due to a conflict with WPS events.

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 run through Saturday for last year occupants.

Until 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.

BOSS Poker Tournament

BOSS is hosting a Poker and Spades tournament today 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.

National Volunteer Week

April 23-29 is National

Volunteer Week. The volunteer Recognition Ceremony is Monday from 11:40 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Contact Christine Knight at 938-3655 for more information about the event or volunteering.

CDC registration

Part day preschool registrations will take place April 24-28 at the West Point Child Development Center.

Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2006.

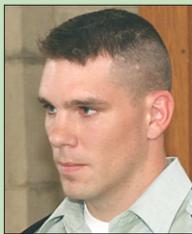
Call Tara Balfe at 938-4458 to

sign up.

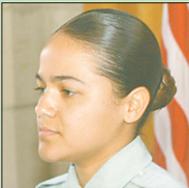
MOTMC Picnic April 29

The Month of the Military Child Picnic is April 29 at Victor Constant Ski Slope from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event is free for families of a deployed spouse.

Soldier/NCO of 3rd Qtr.



Sgt. Jeremy L. Samsel



Spc. Melanie E. Cintron

Samsel and Cintron were named the NCO and Soldier of the 3rd Quarter April 13. Samsel is a Military Police investigator with the Provost Marshal's Office. Cintron is a certified nurse at Keller Army Community Hospital.

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What's Happening

Combat stress panel

The Dept. of History is sponsoring a symposium on Combat Stress today 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.

La Leche League

The La Leche League of Highland Falls meets Thursday at 1 p.m. on West Point and May 4 at 7 p.m. in New Windsor.

For more info call Shelly at (845) 691-1375 or e-mail her at sjs@mail2usa.com.

Refractive Surgery Seminar

Keller Army Community Hospital's Dept. of Ophthalmology is holding a refractive surgery seminar Thursday at 7 p.m. in Thayer Room 144 for active duty

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

Ladies Golf Clinic

The West Point Ladies Golf Club will host a women's golf clinic April 28 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Golf Course.

Contact Anne Marie Schoonhoven at 561-5679 for more information.

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.

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

The WPWC end of year luncheon is May 9 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the West Point Club's Hudson Room.

Call 446-1448 to R.S.V.P. 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.

DOD Schools Europe Pre-Reg

If you are moving to Europe with your family this year, you can pre-register your children by going through the DODDS Europe Web site at: www.eu.dodea.edu/schoolregister.htm.

Cadets to perform play May 7

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Theatre Arts Guild, a cadet club dedicated to the performing arts here will perform monologues from Ron Carlson's book "Big Foot Stole My Wife," May 7 at Eisenhower Hall.

"Big Foot is a compilation of short stories or monologues inspired by the strange headlines from tabloid newspapers," said George Plank, Directorate of Cadet Activities manager of stage services at Eisenhower Hall. "Carlson thought what it would be like if people really believed this stuff and how they would convince others and turned them into stories."

There are six monologues with titles such as 'The Tablecloth of Turin' about an insurance investigator's analysis of a tablecloth taken from the last supper and 'I Ate My Best Friend's Brain'.

"The monologues are our first entry in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival," Plank said.

Author Ron Carlson is a professor of English at Arizona State University and lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. Carlson has written several short stories and has been published in *Esquire*, *Harper's*, the *New Yorker* and

Gentlemen's Quarterly.

"Big Foot was performed in the Green Zone in Iraq in Feb. for the Soldiers," said Plank. "I thought we would stage it here because of the humor and to salute our Soldiers."

Plank said the monologues prove that you can always take theater arts with you no matter where one ends up.

The monologues will be

performed by an all cadet staff and is free of charge. Two performances are tentatively scheduled for May 7 at 1 and 2 p.m.

For information on the performance call 938-5848.

Cadet 3rd Class Malvis Conde, (left), and Cadet 4th Class Moriah McConnell rehearse lines for 'Big Foot Stole My Wife' monologues to be performed May 7 at Ike Hall.

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.

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.

American Red Cross events

The American Red Cross is

having their volunteer recognition ceremony May 4 in Cullum Hall from 4 to 6 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to Michelle Strom at 938-4100 by April 28.

The American Red Cross is offering a Babysitter Training Course May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact Michelle Strom at 938-4100 by May 3 to register.

Asian-Pacific Islander festival

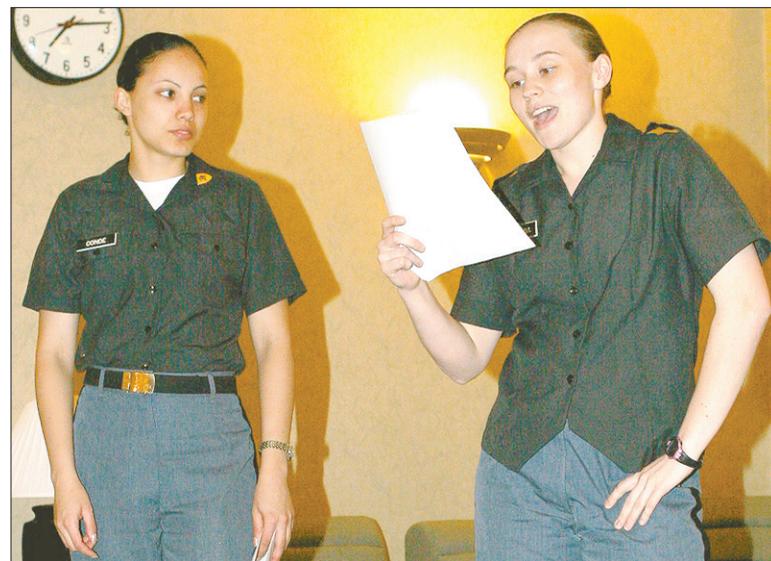
The Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Festival is May 5 at Trophy Point from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Call 938-7082/2621 for more information.

Moms Club

The Mom's Club of West Point end of year banquet is May 18 at 7 p.m. at Pineapple's Steakhouse in Highland Falls.

Call 446-3634 by May 12 to R.S.V.P.



Softball looks to get back into NCAAs

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Three innings. Three innings from the Patriot League softball championship last season before the twist of fate of weather delayed a 1-0 lead against Lehigh. Army eventually lost 4-1 three days later, but the mission is clear to get back and achieve the goal that eluded them in 2005.

Although the team has started 13-26, their play has improved in the Patriot League with a 6-6 record as the youthful Black Knights continue to hit their way to prominence.

"Despite our 13-26 record, we've got to be the most feared 13-26 team in the nation because we're hitting .296 as a team. We're still very aggressive. We make some physical mistakes, but we have opportunities to win every game," said Army softball head coach Jim Flowers. "What's been special about this group is unlike some of the winning teams we had in the

past is we have not been blown out. We haven't been eight-runned even against the ranked teams we've played."

The team is full of contributors and is shouldered by sophomore pitcher Veronica Barth, who has been a strong presence on the mound.

"(Barth) is our workhorse and has a great heart," Flowers said. "Everything she does in life is with plenty of gusto."

Barth's intensity isn't missed by team captain senior third baseman Darcy Wilson, who sees her as a motivation when she comes to practice.

"Her intensity that she brings to practice and game night is amazing, not that everyone else lacks it, but you can just see it in her face," Wilson said. "She's a great contributor to our team."

Barth loves being the team's pitching ace and has found more of a niche this year as she has gained more experience.

"I have a little better composure now and know what to expect

where last year everything was new and I didn't know how good the batters would be," said Barth, who is 5-13 with a 3.56 earned run average.

Barth also credits her teammates as being a steady influence on her wanting to be the best pitcher she can be.

"(The team) motivates me to do well and I want to do well for them," Barth said.

Wilson is a main offensive cog on a team filled with great hitters. Wilson has accumulated some stellar numbers as she ranks 2nd on the all-time Army doubles list (44), she is also 2nd in runs batted in (91) and third in home runs (13).

She has great power and production numbers, but she is also humble and takes a team-first approach to those numbers.

"It means more to see my teammate at second base and to hit her home," Wilson said. "Bringing in runs is very important to me and not so much in the numbers, but really it's about coming through for the team and knowing I can get that run home."

Wilson is one of three seniors, which includes outfielder Nikki Posey and catcher Jamie Gjurjevich, who have made the Patriot League championship game all three years, but have yet to make the NCAA Tournament field.

"After coming close three times with second place finishes (in the Patriot League Tournament), it's time to end the Patriot League season with a win," said Wilson, who will branch military intelligence. "We're young and we're trying to keep focused. It's a matter of maturity and the team as a whole needs to start feeling like



Senior third baseman and team captain Darcy Wilson, one of three seniors on this year's squad, has been a source of power and production throughout her career at the academy ranking in the top three all-time list in doubles (44), home runs (13) and runs batted in (91).

(it's been there and done that) and know it can go either way when we get a couple of runs down.

"Once we get a couple of wins under our belts and feel like we can comeback at any time, it changes the mindset of the team," Wilson added.

Flowers sees his team on the upswing and doesn't want to put too much pressure on them because he knows they can play championship softball.

"It's important to allow young people to play the game and to be very careful of the kind of pressure that we as coaches place on them to win more," said Flowers, who went to the NCAA Tournament in 2000 and 2002 during his 16-year tenure as coach. "If we allow them just to play the game and give them the right guidance and direction you'll be surprised at how successful they can be."

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Sophomore pitcher Veronica Barth finished last season 9-6 with a 2.83 earned run average and first-team All-Patriot League honors. She is currently 5-13 with a 3.56 earned run average this season as Army's top pitcher.

USMA Orienteering team captures intercollegiate title

Story and photo by

Cadet 2nd Class

Sarah Klaben

USMA Orienteering Team PAO

The U.S. Military Academy orienteering team competed in the 2006 Orienteering Intercollegiate Championships in Sturbridge, Mass., April 8 and 9.

The cadet's three teams, Black, Gold and Gray, swept the competition and allowed West Point to retain its title as the Intercollegiate Orienteering Champions.

The sport of orienteering requires competitors to navigate over the land using only a detailed large scale map and compass.

Competitors begin at a start point and receive a map annotated with locations they must visit in a specific order.

The winner is the runner who

navigates the course in the shortest period of time.

Varsity level courses this year consisted of a 4.7-km short course and 9-km relay April 8 and an 8.7-classic course April 9.

The best orienteers blend both speed and effective route choice. Routes are chosen based on distance, runnability, ease of navigation and other factors. The best route, in most cases, is not the shortest route, but the route that takes advantage of the terrain.

USMA Black lead the team to victory by winning 1st place Varsity, and also winning the 1st place club competition. The team consisted of seniors Brian Shepard, Allen Griffith and Nate Pritchard and juniors Andrew Komm and Brad Hutchison.

Individual winners for the weekend were junior Chelsea Cunningham who won 3rd place



U.S. Military Academy Orienteering team members (from left to right) seniors Brian Shepard, Allen Griffith, junior Brad Hutchison, senior Nate Pritchard and junior Andrew Komm display their trophies for winning the intercollegiate orienteering championship.

female varsity champion; freshman Michelle Alderson who captured the 1st place female junior varsity champion award, sophomore Zach Furst who achieved the 1st place men's junior varsity champion

award; and freshman Paul Freeman who won the 2nd place men's junior varsity champion award.

West Point orienteering meet May 6-7 at Camp Buckner. Come compete against elite orienteering

athletes from around the world, or traverse the basic recreation course either day between 9 and 11 a.m.

To compete, contact Lt. Col. Michael Hendricks at (845) 938-2472 or by e-mail to Michael.hendricks@usma.edu by Saturday, or go online to www.dean.usma.edu/geo/clubs/o_team.

Patriot League Tennis

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- West Point hosts the Patriot League Women's Tennis Tournament Saturday and Sunday at the Malek Tennis Center.

Army is the #1 seed and faces #4 Colgate Saturday at 10 a.m. and will face the winner of Lehigh and Bucknell.

The championship match is Sunday at noon with the winner advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

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His team has seen its fair share of disappointments, but it always keeps coming back and that is no different with junior designated player Veronica Lauzon.

Lauzon herniated disks in her lower back during off-season workouts before last spring season that some feared would end her softball career. But she has overcome her injury, and in a big way, as she lead the team last season with a .420 batting average and leads the team in hits (44) and is second in average (.383) this season.

"I'm a perfectionist. I'm focused and intense and without that mindset I wouldn't be able to get the job done," said Lauzon, whose injury doesn't allow her to bend over fully, but she can twist without pain. "It's a source of pride knowing my teammates can count on me to get the job done. I've been taking batting lessons since I was 10 and it is something I always have loved to do.

"I could go into a cage all day and hit ball after ball," Lauzon added. "I'm having fun when I'm hitting the ball and getting on base."

With a bright future and strong recruiting class on the horizon, it helps quell the disappointment of last season, Flowers knows these girls are on track to getting him back to the NAAs in the future.

"When you miss (the NAAs) it's very disappointing, but in the same token it also sets you up for wanting more the next year," he



Junior DP Veronica Lauzon has overcome herniated disks in her back that at one point was feared to have finished her softball career to be one of the more feared hitters in the Patriot League. She batted .420 last season while earning first-team All-Patriot League honors and has continued solid numbers this year with a .383 batting average and leads the team with 44 hits.

said. "That's where we are right now and why I'm positive about the next couple of weeks.

"Going to the big dance in today's athletics at the college level is very special," Flowers added. "We've got to keep being positive and see the opportunity we have in front of us, recognize it and take advantage of it."

Juice bar offers cadets nutrition after workouts

Story and photo by
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Nutrition is vital to maintaining a healthy body and strong mind, and cadets can now replenish themselves further after a hard workout by going to the Freshens Smoothie Company Juice Bar.

The Directorate of Cadet Activities and the Department of Physical Education have partnered to make the juice bar available to cadets and other patrons of the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

Freshens, the company that is providing the service, juice bar opened Monday on the second floor of Arvin next to the Army Wrestling room and it will be the cornerstone of healthy nutrition.

“We wanted to ensure that cadets not only had the best physical fitness center that we could provide them, but also the nutritional products that would help supplement their physical fitness program,” said Lt. Col. Craig Flowers, DCA director. “We looked at all of our options with the juice bar and what company would fit nicely with our nutritional goals and we have it in place now and we feel it’s going to answer that need.”

DPE director Col. Gregory Daniels, USCC nutritionist Kelli Kidd, restaurant manager Kevin D’Onofrio, Arvin facilities manager Ken Kerst and DPE director of resources Maj. Artie Coughlin all played important roles to getting the juice bar ready for operation. Kidd’s importance played a role in getting the right menu offered to cadets after a workout.

“Kelli has been an absolute lynchpin of this whole process because we didn’t want to put

any product in there that she, an educated nutritionist, wouldn’t approve for the Corps,” Flowers said. “We wanted nutritional value in the juice bar.”

Another important aspect is the revenues from the juice bar will be put back into, according to Flowers, the most robust extracurricular activities program in the country as said by Princeton Review in 2005.

“Profits from this will go directly back to support the 116 clubs we currently have at West Point,” Flowers said. “We support all three pillars of cadet life here: academic, physical and military and it’s important to re-enforce our message ‘All for the Corps’”

The juice bar will be open Monday through Fridays from 4 to 9:30 p.m. and as time goes on, and as lessons are learned, the bar hours could be expanded.

“We’re taking a hard look at having it open during the lunch hour,” Daniels said. “Although there might not be many cadets in there then, in terms of generating business there will be a lot of staff and faculty (and DOD civilians) in there especially once they realize they can get a workout and grab a bite to eat all in the same facility.”

The juice bar will offer many flavors of smoothies on its menu as well as power bars, water, salads, yogurt and a variety of healthy sandwiches. With the menu and the possibility of expanding that menu, the area may turn into ‘the place’ to be after a workout.

“It’s going to be a social hub, I think, and it could be another Grant Hall type experience where you can come over, get a workout, then you can converse with some colleagues, cadets or faculty and get a bite to eat in a healthy way,” Daniels said. “It will have common area furniture

like tables and sofas.”

The concept of the juice bar was in the planning stages since Arvin was in pre-construction, but it’s something that is popular among

the millennial generation much like the climbing wall and spin bikes are to physical fitness.

“We heard the Corps and know what’s popular and we’re trying

to bring in the latest and greatest technology to this facility,” Daniels said. “I believe (the juice bar) has the potential to be popular with the patrons of the facility.”



Cadet 3rd Class Reagan Rafferty enjoys a Jamaican Jammer from the Freshens Smoothie Company Juice Bar at Arvin Gym.



National parachute safety award

Commandant Brig. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti presents Sgt. 1st Class James Halterman, the safety and training advisor for the U.S. Military Academy Sport Parachute team, with the Chesley A. Judy Award for parachuting safety. The award was given by the U.S. Parachute Association to recognize Halterman's success in establishing a climate and practice of safety in parachuting activities at the academy. Team malfunction and injury rates here rank far below the national average for sport parachute drop zones.

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WAR beats Coasties

By Cadet 4th Class
Kelly Ashton
WAR PAO

Under bright skies and near perfect Easter Weekend weather, Women's Army Rugby B-side took on Coast Guard's Division IV team at Daly Field Saturday.

With the usual inter-branch rivalry, both teams supplied a cheering crowd, which nearly drowned out the calls on the pitch. The B-side W.A.R.riors pulled out in a close 17-14 win over Coast Guard.

Maintaining possession of the ball for most of the first half, Army made its way toward Coast Guard's try line where newcomer freshman Theresa Todd put the first points on the board with a field goal. Junior Tracey Morel confirmed Army's lead with a try later in the half. Still scoreless after the half, Coast Guard came back with a vengeance at the beginning of the second half.

Army maintained its lead with an early advantage in Coast Guard's 22. Led by the mauling ability

of Army's forward back, and the efforts of Freshmen Amanda Fort, Chardette James, Erin McConaghey and sophomore Anshwa Pennington grabbed the ball from the maul and made a beeline for the try, padding Army's score to 13. Coast Guard returned with points, but Army held out on defense, securing their 17-14 win.

This week both Army A-side and B-side are busy preparing for the team's first appearance at the NCAA Division I national tournament. Set to play the Pacific Coast's number 2 team, Chico State, Army plans to repeat what happened in San Diego, where it beat Chico State 34-10.

If successful this Saturday, Army will play the winner of the Ohio State-Iowa State game this Sunday, where the winner will head to Palo Alto Calif. May 6.

Army's B-side plays its home finale April 29 against Western Connecticut.

Army encourages all fans to attend and cheer on our W.A.R.riors one last time!