

As of April 26:	
C FUND	+ 0.92 percent
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## Kosciuszko ceremony

The Junior Chorus #24 of the Polish Singers Alliance of America from the Saint Frances de Chantal Parish in Brooklyn, N.Y., withstand the rain while singing the U.S. and Polish national anthems Saturday at the wreath laying ceremony honoring the Polish-American engineer Thaddeus Kosciuszko. The wet weather didn't ward off the Polish-American community from gathering at the foot of the Kosciuszko statue here to celebrate his 260th birthday. (See related photo on page 9.)

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# Installation standardization

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

The Army has always strived for unity in things like the way Soldiers' look and the way regulations read. Now Army officials are looking to standardize how installations operate.

The new catch phrase by Fiscal Year 2008 will be "Common Levels of Support." It is, according to West Point's garrison commander, Col. Brian Crawford, the Army's way of creating seamless moves for its Soldiers.

"It's an attempt by the Army to get predictable," Crawford said. "So when you move to Baumholder, Germany your gymnasium should offer the same equipment and programs you had at West Point, Fort Stewart or Fort Shafter in Hawaii."

Spearheading the transformation is the Installation Management Agency, which oversees the funds provided to Army garrisons. They'll determine what services and facilities upkeep to fund.

"In a macro sense, CLS is a systematic approach to figuring out what it is we're going to do and how much it costs," Crawford said. "It's a methodology to help Army senior leaders make decisions about what services will be performed."

The West Point garrison received \$155 million from IMA last year and \$157 million this year to execute base operations, services and maintenance. Crawford said the Army is collecting data on how each installation uses those funds.

"The Army provides 95 services and within those services are different sub components," Crawford explained. "It helps to be able to give Congress the exact amount needed to maintain the same level of service at every installation."

Garrison commanders, Department of the Army staffers, IMA headquarters and functional component experts will break everything down, he said, from ammunition needs to child care to dining facilities and come up with an order of importance.

"For example, if we get 80 percent of the funds we need to operate a Central Issue Facility, we would already know what parts of that service we could -- and could not -- provide," Crawford said.

West Point will eventually see major changes in budget requirements because of the Residential Community Initiative and the impending move of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory

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## '97 grad Weikel killed

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Captain Ian P. Weikel, 31, of Fountain, Colo., died April 18 in Balad, Iraq, from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in Baghdad, according to Department of Defense officials.

Weikel, a 1997 U.S. Military Academy graduate, was assigned to the 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Food, Texas. It was his second tour in Iraq.

A standout high school basketball and football athlete, he played rugby at West Point.

He did great things with his unit in Iraq, which included teaming with a Colorado radio station to collect 5,000 soccer balls to give to Iraqi children.

Weikel is survived by his wife of eight years, Wendy, who is also a West Point graduate, and their eight-month old son, Jonathan.

His funeral service is tentatively scheduled for Monday at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.



Capt. Ian Weikel

## School budget going down, taxes going up

HIGHLAND FALLS (News of the Highlands) -- Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery property owners will be asked to pay 16.7 percent more in taxes when they go to the polls May 16 to vote for or against the proposed 2006-07 Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School district budget.

But, while the tax rate is going up, the actual budget they will vote on is \$772,164 less than the one currently in place.

The local Board of Education was forced to slash the proposed budget because of an expected \$2.1 million decrease in federal Impact Aid.

The smaller budget calls for increasing class sizes, trimming extra-curricular and sports programs

and eliminating some employee positions.

"Belt-tightening is expected in every department in the district under the proposed budget," board members said during a meeting April 11 to adopt the budget.

During that meeting, board members also discussed what they would do if the taxpayers vote the budget down.

"This budget is less than we had last year," board members explained. "An austerity budget could actually be higher."

**Editor's note:** The above information was taken from an article by reporter Mary Jane Pitt that ran in the April 21 edition of the *News of the Highlands*.

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## Paying too much at the pump? Stop sitting idly by!

Commentary by  
**Capt. Mindy Kimball**  
**G&EnE**

Did you know that Saturday was Earth Day? The day came and went with relatively little fanfare. There were a few news stories that were in the headlines last week, though. Gas prices are averaging more than \$3 per gallon and the price of oil is now steadily above \$70 per barrel. What better time than now to talk about what we can do to help the earth and keep a few dollars in our own pocket books?

I'm talking about wasting gas. I see it literally every day on West Point in the form of idling vehicles. Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

If you care about how much you spend at the pump, and if you are even mildly concerned about preserving the environment, then here is one simple thing you can do to "be the change" and make it a little bit better for everyone -- Stop idling your car!

The Canada Office of Energy Efficiency has an official campaign to reduce the amount of idling done by drivers in their country. Their campaign focuses mainly on reducing the use of natural resources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Canada's data shows that idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than stopping and restarting the engine.

The state of Maine published

a study from the Office of Energy Independence and Security (a state agency that is part of the Energy Resources Council) that says idling a vehicle uses between one half to one gallon of gas per hour (depending on make and model). If you are paying \$3 per gallon on gas, idling costs you anywhere from 2.5 cents to 5 cents per minute. If you have a 6-cylinder SUV, or an 8-cylinder hemi truck, then you may actually be paying more than 5 cents per minute to idle.

The bottom line is that an idling car gets no miles per gallon and is just plain wasteful.

There are two more issues with idling your car. Many people believe that cold-starts damage your car. This is a fallacy. Both the Canada and Maine studies show that modern cars are made to operate on a cold-start. In reality it adds maintenance costs to your vehicle if you idle for more than 30 seconds before moving. When you start your car and idle, the gas undergoes incomplete combustion. That fuel residue coats other parts of your engine (like spark plugs) and contaminates engine oil. Also, many other parts of your car (tires, transmission, wheel bearings) are still cold and can only be warmed by moving.

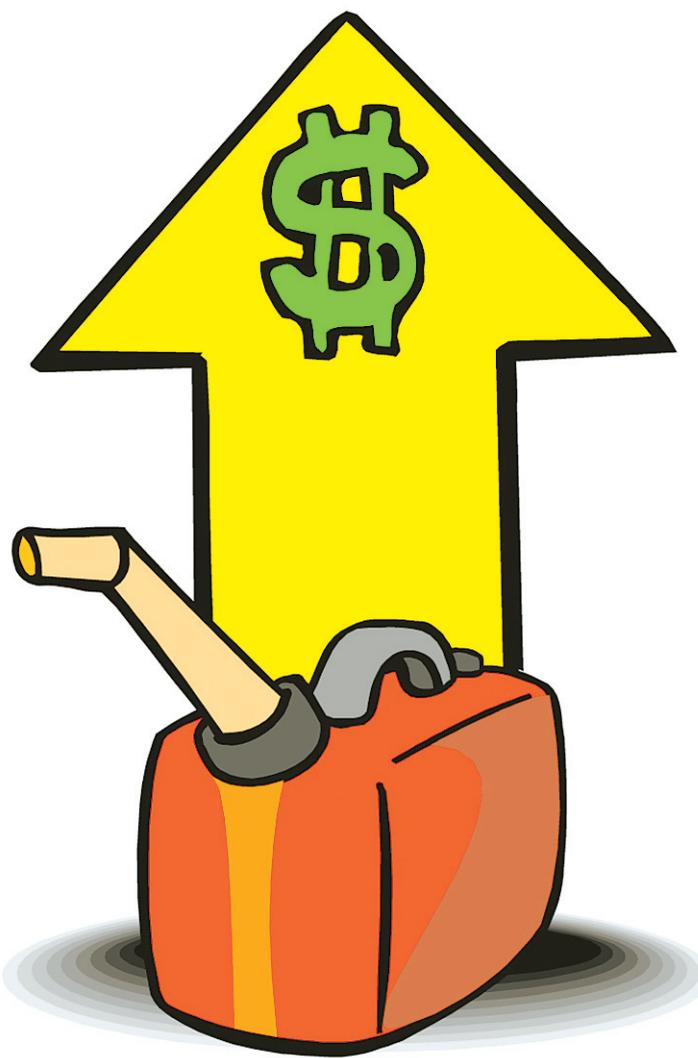
Lastly, leaving a vehicle idling and unattended is against New York State Vehicle and Traffic laws. Article 33, Section 1210 of N.Y. State VAT Law states that

"No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the vehicle and effectively setting the brake thereon . . ."

Many states even have laws against idling for prolonged periods of time in an attended vehicle (in

New York, buses and diesel trucks cannot idle longer than 5 minutes and in New York City all vehicles are prohibited from idling for longer than 3 minutes).

Please stop the excuses, think about your pocket book, think about the environment, think about taking care of your car, and stop sitting "idly" by wasting gasoline.



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

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

Difficulty: Hard

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## Soul Force protests 'Don't ask, Don't tell'

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

West Point Military Police cited 21 people with "entering the academy for an unlawful purpose," Wednesday during a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" protest at Thayer Gate.

They were part of a group of roughly 50 protestors from Soul Force, a Virginia-based gay rights group.

The group initially protested in a designated area outside Thayer Gate. However, MPs were forced to intervene when some protestors crossed over onto federal grounds.

"It is against the law to engage in demonstrations, picketing or protesting here," said Lt. Col. Kent Cassella, U.S. Military Academy spokesman. "Federal law states that military installations are not public forums and must remain politically neutral."

After the protestors were cited, MPs escorted them off academy property. Cassella said academy

personnel were simply complying with the law.

"The freedom to express personal opinion is a hallmark of our democracy," he explained. "However, that right doesn't circumvent the federal law that states military installations cannot serve as forums for political debate or expression.

"We treated Soul Force members the same way we would treat any group seeking to protest on the grounds of the U.S. Military Academy," Cassella added.

Soul Force members visited the Naval Academy in Oct., 2005 and the Air Force Academy earlier this month. Cassella said events like this require the cooperation of everyone.

"The MPs conducted themselves in a professional manner and West Point community members avoided the main gate area so as not to cause any traffic problems," he explained. "We also worked very closely with local law enforcement and business people to minimize the impact on surrounding communities."

## TRICARE co-pay to increase for six brand-name drugs

Compiled by Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

Tricare beneficiaries will have to pay more for some brand-name drugs this summer.

Department of Defense officials announced Wednesday that the costs for six drugs will jump to \$22 in July.

Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr.,

the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said he made the decision to move the medications to "non-formulary" status to encourage beneficiaries to use more generic drugs.

The co-pay increase for these medications will take effect July 26. The drugs affected include: Detrol, Oxytrol and Sanctura, used to treat

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School, Crawford said.

"When we bring the Prep School here there will be new requirements," Crawford said. "We've got to account for everything from laundry for the cadet candidates to operating their dining facility. So we would have to articulate new requirements that will be needed years down the road."

A board of directors of four-star generals meets about three times a year to make decisions about the services needed at each installation, he explained.

"They have knowledge and a certain level of fidelity that allows them to agree on what they are willing to accept for Soldiers, families and government employees that live and work on

the installations and what types of facilities and services are offered," Crawford said.

The Department of Defense is also looking for uniformity throughout, so the Army isn't the only service expected to conform. In the end, said Jose Roman, the chief of West Point's Plans, Analysis and Integration office, it will provide a better quality of life for service members and their families.

"The services provided by the garrison will be clearly identified for the customer," he explained. "That way when Soldiers and their families rotate from installation to installation they will get the same high quality, consistent and predictable service no matter where they are stationed."

# Lawmaker plans to gut TRICARE fee-hike proposal

By Megan Scully  
Congress Daily

House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee Chairman John McHugh, R-N.Y., plans to gut an unpopular Defense Department cost-saving proposal to raise fees for many of the 1.9 million military retirees eligible for TRICARE healthcare coverage.

During a markup Wednesday of his panel's portion of the fiscal 2007 defense authorization bill, McHugh will propose barring any increases to premiums and enrollment fees until at least Dec. 31, 2007, buying Congress time to study the effects and savings generated by the Pentagon plan.

McHugh also wants to create a commission, possibly consisting of defense health officials and outside experts, to review the military's healthcare structure, costs and benefits, he said in a telephone interview Monday. And

he will recommend Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office studies on the matter.

"We're not going to burn retirees with more costs at this time," McHugh said.

But McHugh also acknowledged Congress needs to begin to "take a hard look" at how to preserve the TRICARE system for future beneficiaries.

"None of what I'm proposing is intended to say there's not a challenge here," he added. "There is a very serious one."

Healthcare costs are quickly becoming a dominant portion of the Pentagon budget. In fiscal 2006, the military will pay \$37 billion for healthcare programs, which amounts to 8 percent of the Defense budget and \$18 billion more than the department paid in 2001.

Without any major changes to the program, the military is on track to spend \$64 billion annually

on health care by 2015 -- nearly twice this year's entire Homeland Security Department budget.

The Pentagon's TRICARE proposal, which would affect retirees under age 65, would save \$735 million in fiscal 2007 and \$11 billion over the next five years, defense officials say. And it would be the first increase in TRICARE cost shares in more than a decade.

But Republicans and Democrats alike have battled the Pentagon over the proposal at public hearings and private meetings since the plan for higher fees was disclosed with the Bush administration's fiscal 2007 defense budget request in February.

Lawmakers have been joined by a vocal and persistent coalition of military organizations that has protested increased fees as an undeserved financial burden on some recent veterans of U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Higher fees,

distributed on a sliding scale based on rank at retirements, could cost some families an additional \$100 a month, opponents say.

While he wants to punt most of the Pentagon plan during the subcommittee markup, McHugh said he will defer debate on proposed increases to retail pharmacy co-payments to the full committee markup scheduled for next week. Those increases are considered mandatory spending and would require offsets.

The full committee likely will keep intact Pentagon plans to increase pharmacy co-pays to encourage retirees to use cost-saving mail-order prescription services, congressional aides said. Mail-order prescriptions would be free under plans now being developed by committee aides and lawmakers.

That proposal would be easier to swallow for affected retirees, but military organizations still will

oppose any increases to pharmacy co-payments. They prefer keeping pharmacy fees static, while decreasing the cost of mail-order prescriptions.

"The best way to do that is to make people happy about shifting rather than driving them toward it with higher co-pays," said Steve Strobridge director of government relations at the Military Officers Association of America. "The real key is the behavior change."

Strobridge estimates that using mail-order services can save the department \$58 to \$157 per prescription, largely because of better pricing and lower overhead costs.

Last year, the Defense Department's drug expenditures were slightly more than \$5 billion, up from \$798 million in 1995, according to January 2006 Defense Department briefing slides. Roughly 6 percent of prescriptions were ordered by mail last year.

## New recruits filling critical specialties may receive matching TSP funds

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The Army announced April 14 that new recruits who are willing to fill critical specialties may receive matching funds when enrolling in the Thrift Savings Plan. The pilot program runs through Sept. 30.

At the end of the test period, officials will study the results of the recruitment incentive to determine whether the program should become a permanent part of the Army's recruiting policies.

The incentive is available to all non-prior service enlistees electing to serve five or more years on active duty in critical specialties. Critical specialties are determined by the Secretary of the Army based on the services' needs and is subject to change, officials said.

Matching funds will be made on the first five percent of pay contributed each pay period of the Soldier's initial term. The first three percent of contributions will be matched dollar for dollar, the remaining two percent will be matched 50 cents on the dollar.

The Thrift Savings Plan is a government sponsored savings and investment program. It provides Soldiers a vehicle to invest their salary while offering tax deferred advantages similar to 401 (k) plans in the civilian sector.

"It's never too late to start saving, but when you have time on your side, you have the ability to take that time and use it to

your advantage. That's where you truly reap the significant benefits of compounding interest," said Giselle Goethe, education program manager for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

Currently, Soldiers may contribute any percentage of their basic pay, incentives, special or bonus pay up to the IRS annual tax-

deferred limit of \$15,000. Soldiers pay no taxes on the money until it is withdrawn.

A special feature of TSP is that money contributed while in a combat zone will never be taxed, even if it is withdrawn early. Additionally, the only taxes paid on combat zone contributions are on the earnings rather than the

balance.

Soldiers who serve short terms may reinvest or transfer their TSP contributions and earnings to retirement programs offered by private sector employers.

"What TSP is really about is

taking care of Soldiers," said John P. McLaurin III, deputy assistant secretary for the Army for Human Resources.

**Editor's note:** Information provided by the Army G1 Public Affairs Office.

# Inaugural BS&L GatheRING promotes leadership discussion

By Yung Chen  
BS&L

The Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership kicked off its inaugural “GatheRING” April 7-9. This event was created as a venue to get together with past, present and future faculty and friends of the department (Return), share ideas and initiatives in leader development (Innovate), meet distinguished colleagues and invited guests of the department (Network) and to foster continued growth of the department and its members (Growth).

This year’s GatheRING featured presentation of BS&L’s first Distinguished Former Faculty Award to retired Brig. Gen. Howard T. Prince, II.

Prince was Professor and Head of BS&L from 1978 to 1990. While at West Point, he developed

both graduate and undergraduate leadership programs and was instrumental in shaping leader development throughout the U.S. Army. After serving for more than 28 years in the Army, Prince was promoted to brigadier general upon his retirement in 1990 and presented with the Army’s highest award for service, the Distinguished Service Medal. Prince is currently the director of the LBJ School’s Center for Ethical Leadership, the clinical professor and the Lloyd Hackler Endowed Chair in Ethical Leadership at the University of Texas at Austin.

Guest speaker for the GatheRING was Stephen D. Clement, founder and president of Organizational Design, Inc. The company offers focused services and products including restructuring existing organizations, designing and structuring new organizations,

mission and vision analysis and assessing management talent.

Clement, a 1965 USMA graduate, designed and developed the Army’s current leadership and human resource development program. He spoke to the group about the Secretary of the Army’s directives for the Army to be known as a “well managed organization,” and about the essential role of leader development in achieving this goal.

Invited guests and BS&L faculty members engaged in extensive conversations and discussions on a variety of topics throughout the event.

Other highlights included class visitation, best practice exchange and seminars. Some of BS&L’s cutting edge initiatives, such as the Black and Gold Forum, Task Force Bench, Leader to Leader and Negotiations were demonstrated

for and shared with interested participants.

BS&L’s current Class of 1951 Chair for Leadership Study –

retired General and Mrs. Erik K. Shinseki were also among some of the most active participants of the GatheRING.

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overactive bladder conditions; Lexxel and Tarka, used to treat hypertension; and Lyrica, used to treat nerve pain.

Tricare separates the medications in its list of drugs approved for use through the military medical system by price. Medications on the first tier are

generic drugs with a co-pay of \$3, on the second tier are brand-name drugs with a co-pay of \$9 and the third tier is non-formulary drugs with a co-pay of \$22. However, Winkenwerder said, not all drugs on the third tier will cost beneficiaries the highest rate.

“If a physician certifies that a third-tier drug is medically necessary to treat a specific individual, Tricare will drop the co-pay to \$9,” he explained.

**Editor’s note:** Some information from an April 26 Tricare news release.

# Projects Day showcases cadet capstones

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- First Class cadets will get an opportunity to showcase their capstone projects Thursday in the annual Projects Day.

The Cadets will present their topics/projects to their professors, department staff and faculty, fellow cadets and sponsors. Eleven of 13 academic departments, over 600 cadets and guest students, will showcase over 200 projects

throughout the central post area from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Air Force Academy, George Mason and Rutgers Universities will have student participants this year, courtesy of the Department of Systems Engineering. The capstone project is a major requirement that senior cadets complete before graduation to apply what they have learned in their major area of study.

Projects Day allows the presenters not only to display what they have learned academically, but also to apply theory and concepts in a practical project or vehicle. Simply put, the cadets demonstrate how they can put theory into application. Projects Day is a great forum to put into practice public communication and presentation skills. The cadets have to adapt their communication skills to different audiences including a range of high ranking staff and faculty, corporate executives, fellow cadets, visiting students and even local school children.

Many departments use Projects Day to showcase a project that fulfills the integrative experience. The integrative experience blends the academic and the military domains. These cadets demonstrate the integrative experience through

research projects such as "MAGIC," an autonomous ground vehicle. There are also opportunities for cadets in liberal arts majors to demonstrate their talents, as is the case with English majors in their theatrical presentation called "Death by Shakespeare."

Projects Day features a variety of subjects that can wet the academic appetite of many. Want to hear about some potential environmental impact considerations of moving the USMA Prep School to West Point? Come to Projects Day!

Projects Day is an important event for underclassmen who are still deciding on a major, and it can also help juniors and sophomores by giving them some examples of areas they may want to consider for their own final projects in subsequent years.

USMA graduate Chris Ericson,

an engineering major who worked on a feasibility study of the problems of a water tower built in the 1930s, said, "I learned a lot in this project. I am glad I did it. It was a lot of fun, [and] it is nice for cadets to show other cadets and anybody who wants to come and see what they have been doing here at the academy and some of the stuff that they have learned in their education." This year Reading Day (Term End Exam Prep Day) is combined with Projects Day, a day of non-scheduled class. We expect many more cadet observers out this year than ever before to witness the senior presentations.

More information on Projects Day can be found in a brochure online at the Academic Affairs Division Web site; <http://www-internal.dean.usma.edu/staff/aad/Publication1.pdf>.

## School Board elections May 10: Meet the candidates

During the School Board Meeting Thursday at 4:30 p.m. you will have an opportunity to meet the four individuals running for the three vacancies on the West Point School Board.

Please be sure to vote May 10. Voting will take place in the Lobby of the 6 Classroom Addition in the Elementary School.

The candidate statements are:

**GALATEA BADGER:** "I believe in making a contribution to my community through dedicated service to Soldiers and their families. Being a member of the West Point School Board will give me an opportunity to affect positive change and to advocate for all of the students in the West Point School system. I have a very well-rounded perspective of military life and I believe that my experiences, both professional and personal, make me an excellent candidate for this position."

**DUANE FAIRFAX:** "It would be an honor to serve on the West Point Education System School Board. As a parent, it is my duty to oversee the education of my children and prepare them for the future. As a school board member, I would like to represent parents who share the same common goal and pay service to our children in one of the most crucial periods of their education -- elementary and junior high school years. I pledge complete dedication to the forward progression of our educational system so that

the needs of our children are continually attained."

**MICHELLE STROM:** "I am running for a second term for the West Point School Board. It is important to me that our schools continue to meet the needs of all our children.

As a school board member, I want to support the principals and the teaching staff that are truly dedicated and give of themselves here at West Point. I have learned so much from my first term as a school board member and have worked with the other board members on achieving many accomplishments. I would like the opportunity to continue to work with the staff and faculty and the school board."

**ISAIAH WILSON:** "Samuel Clemens said it best -- 'never let your education get in the way of your schooling.' Twain was cleverly accurate in describing the challenge that befalls all parents and educators: finding ways to teach that preserve and foster in our children a lifelong love of learning.

As a professor and parent of three children currently attending West Point Schools, all who will be attending high school in the Highland Falls School system, I am devoted to partnering with teachers, the school system and the community for the long haul in ensuring we find that 'healthy mix' of schooling and education."

# Community Features and Photos



Many recyclables can be used again in such things as creative crafts. This intriguing bug was created using a plastic soda bottle, plastic eyes, fluffy balls and colorful yarn coated wires as legs, ears and antenna. Styrofoam can be used to provide drainage in planters or can be used for packaging needs for things like electronics. If you can't reuse recyclables, use special bins to throw them away.

## Recycling Center celebrates Earth Day

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The recycling plant here held their annual Earth Day celebration April 21 with environmental crafts for children, a demonstration of how we get ground water done by the Orange County Water Authority, a video presentation and T-shirts.

"We like to celebrate Earth Day to help remind people of the benefits of recycling," said John Dopler, recycling program manager for the Directorate of Public Works here. "When you think of how much waste we throw away each day and some of that waste, like plastic bottles, can take hundreds of years to decay, you realize how important it is to protect our planet."

West Point Girl Scout Troop 189 manned the environmental craft table making bird feeders out of toilet paper rolls topped with peanut butter or honey and bird seed. The feeders are hung on trees



**Madeline Gibson won first prize for her Earth Day essay.**

or bushes providing a tasty treat to the feathered creatures.

"The scouts are working hard to recycle," said Haley Gilleran, a member of Troop 189. "We sent letters reminding people to put their recycling bins up and we put up posters."

Earth Day began April 22, 1970 with 20 million people celebrating. This was a time when rivers caught fire, cities were heavy with smog and animal species, like the bald

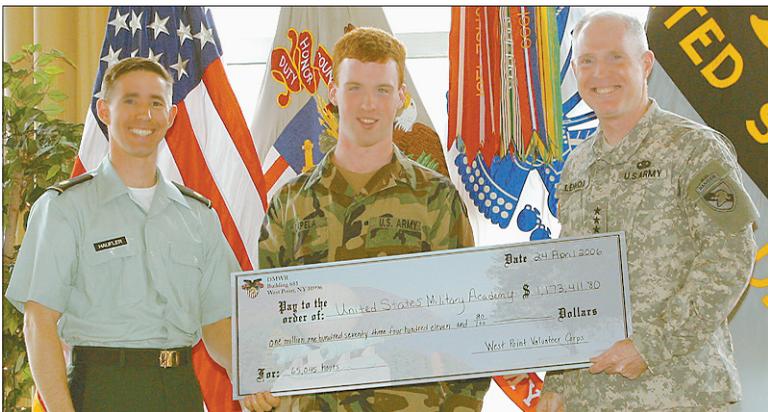


**Ben Lemansky also earned a first prize for his Earth Day essay.**

eagle, were fast disappearing, according to [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov). As of 1996, the bald eagle is no longer on the endangered list and that is due to the efforts of everyday people recycling their trash, using recycled products and the responsible use of pesticides.

"Everyone should understand how the Earth feels," said Girl Scout Kayla McGurk. "Everyone should be concerned about protecting the Earth for future generations."

## Volunteer recognition ceremony honors those who help others



Major Keith Haufler, (left), Cadet 3rd Class Scott Capela and Superintendent William J. Lennox Jr. with a symbolic check for over \$1.1 million for volunteer hours.

Story and photos by  
Kathy Eastwood  
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The U.S. Military Academy celebrated the work of nearly 1,000 volunteers here with the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the West Point Club Monday.

"Our volunteers have collectively put in more than 65,000 hours in areas such as the West Point Schools, Youth Services, athletics, scouting and blood donations," said Superintendent Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr. "We would not be able to function as well as we do without

their help."

Seven volunteers were recipients of the inaugural 'Helping Hands' award for those who have gone the extra mile. The recipients were: Mary Ann Fiaschetti, Tammy Hrinko, Patricia Bastianelli, Lyn Eagen, Anne Lennox, Heidi

Robbins and Kimberly Bourque.

Major Keith Haufler of the physics department and Cadet 3rd Class Scott Capela presented the annual 'check' for \$1,173,411.80 representing the amount that would be paid to the volunteers for the hours they have donated.



Recipients of the inaugural 'Helping Hands' award are (left to right), Mary Ann Fiaschetti, Tammy Hrinko, Patricia Bastianelli, Lyn Eagen, Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., Anne Lennox, Heidi Robbins and Kimberly Bourque. The 'Helping Hands' award was presented to those who go the extra mile in volunteering.

# Cadet Cavalry & Scout Club tours Petersburg

By Cadet 1st Class Chase Baker & Cadet 4th Class Timothy Newlin

SOUTH BOSTON, Va. -- During the weekend of April 13-16, the U.S. Military Academy Cavalry and Scout Club participated in the Capt. Andrew Houghton Memorial Staff Ride. During the staff ride, troopers of the club studied the Wilson-Kautz Raids, a unique Civil War Cavalry campaign that took place during the 1864 Siege of Petersburg.

Capitalizing on the skills developed during core-curriculum military science classes and preliminary club training exercises, the staff ride deepened the troop's understanding of the military application of past conflicts to current tactical situations.

The troop was fortunate enough to be afforded this opportunity, largely as the result of generous contributions by the parents of Houghton. Houghton, USMA Class of 2001, died in Aug. 2004 from injuries sustained during combat action as a Cavalry platoon leader in Iraq.

The staff ride extends the legacy of his honorable service and provides the cadets of the Cavalry Club with a model of dedicated service and officership to emulate. Houghton is buried in the West Point cemetery and the troop was privileged to meet his parents at his gravesite for a brief memorial service before beginning the ride.

Joined by several instructors from the Department of Military Instruction, the club began the bus ride down to Southern Virginia by discussing the purpose of a staff ride. Cadets focused their efforts in small groups, with each group specializing on one aspect of the various actions that constitute the Wilson-Kautz Raids.

The raids involved the efforts of Union cavalymen tasked to disrupt and destroy Confederate supply lines. Doing so would enable Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's armies to lay siege on the city of Petersburg and the Confederate capitol of Richmond, with the intent of forcing the South to surrender.

The troop's first stop was Petersburg National Battlefield, where they were joined by Chris Calkins, the National Park Historian of Petersburg National Battlefield. Calkins explained the importance of Petersburg to the Confederate Army and the Union's strategy of attempting to first seize and then

envelop the city by siege, hoping to starve the city out.

After finishing at Petersburg, the USMA troop began the series of briefings each group prepared on the early raids by the Union Brig. Gens. August Kautz and James Wilson.

The USMA troop traveled

west along the route of the raids and moved toward South Boston where the town demonstrated immense hospitality to the cadets and faculty, greeting the troop with their own police escort to the site of the Halifax County War Memorial. Doug Powell, a former Army officer and Halifax native,

joined the troop at the memorial and provided historical dialogue for the duration of the staff ride. Powell discussed the significance of the local area not only to the Civil War, but to the American Revolution as well.

South Boston held a banquet to welcome the USMA troop April 14; among those present were several D-Day veterans and the mayor of South Boston, who is a retired major general and former Adjutant General of the Virginia National Guard.

After a short briefing to the community on the purpose of the Cavalry Scout Club from Troop Commander Cadet 1st Class Keith Angwin, the troop listened to a first-hand account of the June 6, 1944 D-Day landings by a South Boston resident who was part of the first wave of troops that stormed

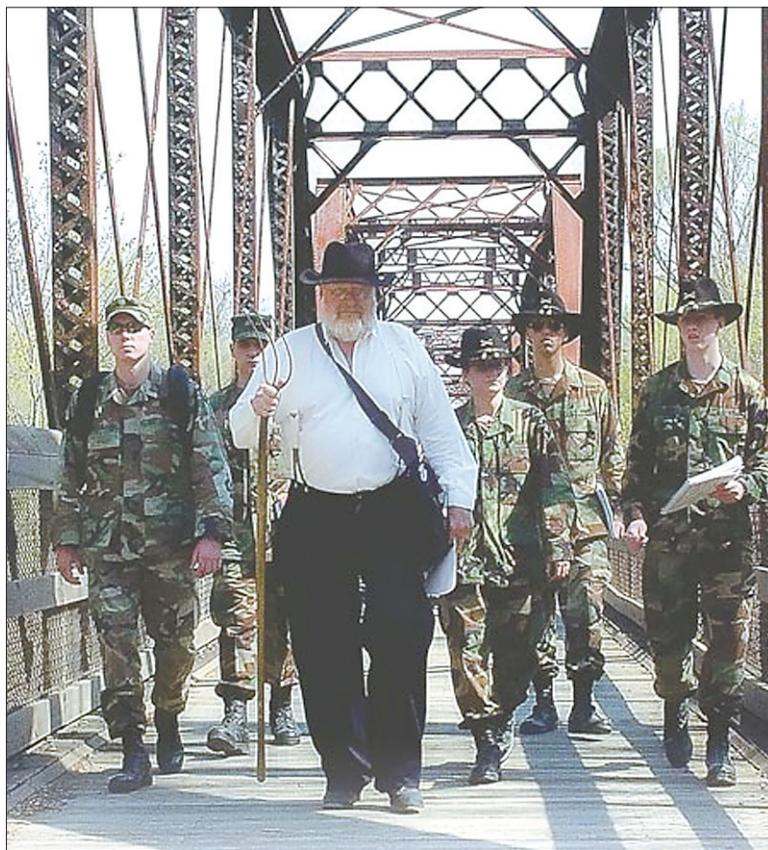
Omaha Beach.

The troop continued the staff ride April 15, joining Powell for a walk along the Richmond and Danville Railroad and a discussion of the Battle for the Staunton River Bridge.

The personal examination of the terrain upon which the engagement took place, brought to life the situation in which the Confederate militia and Union Cavalry troops found themselves.

The staff ride was a great success for the USMA Cavalry and Scout Club.

It provided a unique opportunity for an expanding club to take the tactical lessons they have learned in the classroom and on field training exercises over the course of the academic year and to apply that knowledge to actual battlefield events.



Douglas Powell leads cadets Cavalry and Scout Club across the Staunton River Bridge. The bridge was a key location on the Capt. Andrew Houghton Memorial Staff Ride from April 13-16.

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# Book by Army spouse helps families enjoy moving

By Fonda R. Bock

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- It can leave a person overwhelmed with stress and anxiety, but military families must endure it over and over -- moving.

One Army spouse claims she's developed techniques that relieve some of the stress and make moving enjoyable.

"It's time to take a different look at PCSing," said Sandee Payne, a freelance organizer and decorator who has relocated seven times in 10 years to follow her husband's military career. "From now on,

think of it as your 'positive change of surroundings.'"

Payne has compiled her hard-earned knowledge into "That Military House: Move it, Organize it & Decorate It."

The how-to guide contains decorating tips and techniques for dealing with the specific challenges military families face when moving. It's these ideas that helped Payne look forward to moving rather than dreading it, she said, adding that she hopes the book will do the same for readers.

Among the obstacles Payne addresses is the lack of storage

space families often find in their new homes. She suggests using closets, cabinets and furniture to hold items frequently used so they're quickly accessible when needed.

Decorative pieces -- such as baskets -- placed throughout the house can double up as storage space, and articles put away in additional storage areas should be in labeled containers, she added.

Payne also recommends purchasing furniture and decorative accessories that are modular and can fit in a variety of spaces, and that are also neutral and traditional.

"Character and style can be easily introduced to a home's décor through the use of accents like pillows, vases and artwork," says Payne. "When the desire for a new look or trend arises, a rather small element can be purchased to achieve it."

For window treatments, Payne suggests curtains that work in a variety of rooms. She also offers instructions for creating tiebacks, making longer curtains shorter and shorter curtains longer.

"I like to approach every move as a blank canvas, to experiment with other decorating techniques that I may want to use in my retirement home someday. These moves are a good opportunity to be refreshed, to regroup and begin again in a new community," she said.

Payne said making moving more efficient and less stressful comes down to four simple concepts: being prepared, organized, clutter-free and open-minded.

"An open mind helps movers get creative when using household and decorative items for something other than their intended purpose," she said. "For example, cloth napkins can be neatly folded over a curtain rod as a decorative valance."

Being clutter-free also helps. "If you've gone through, organized and purged down to the things you really need, then you're not going to be overwhelmed with piles and piles of things and no where to put them," she said.

The book is available at [www.thatmilitaryhouse.com](http://www.thatmilitaryhouse.com).

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Sandee Payne COURTESY PHOTO



## Kosciuszko ceremony

Cadet 3rd Class Alison Simmons, Cadet 1st Class Lukasz Derda and Cadet 4th Class Jon Chachula of the Kosciuszko Squadron of West Point (left) salute during the U.S. and Polish national anthems Saturday at the wreath laying ceremony honoring Thaddeus Kosciuszko's 260th birthday. Polish Brig. Gen. Kazimer Sikorski (right), the Defense and Air Attaché at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, D.C., spoke.

## Cadets conduct mini-Bridge design seminar

By Aaron Ferguson  
EE&CS

Cadet 2nd Class Tanja Dueter and Cadet 4th Class Lynn Jones, conducted a mini-West Point Bridge Building seminar and contest for high school students from around the country at the National Society of Black Engineers National Convention in Pittsburgh March 30.

The purpose of the bridge building contest is to build the cheapest computer simulated bridge that will carry a minimum simulated and animated load. Students used the West Point Bridge Design Contest software program to design their bridges.

While over 80 students and parents attended the workshop, only 20 of these students were lucky enough to be randomly selected to participate in the contest.

Each two-person team was provided with a laptop with the bridge design software pre-loaded. Dueter and Jones spent the first half of the session showing various bridges from around the world and describing the design methodology of each bridge.

During the next half of the session, Dueter and Jones trained each team on how to use and navigate the bridge building software.

Erica Cheek, a high school senior from Greensboro, N.C. remarked how "Cadets Dueter and Jones made civil engineering concepts like trusses and joints easy to understand."



## APRIL/MAY MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at [www.usma.edu/mwr](http://www.usma.edu/mwr)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 ♦ 938-4621 AEC, bldg. 683 ♦ 938-3762 Arts &amp; 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 Hollender 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 <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>		<p><b>West Point Bowling Center</b> <b>Open Bowling:</b> Sun.-1300-1800 Mon. 1600-2100 Tue. Closed Wed. &amp; Thur. 1130-1900 Fri. 1130-2300 Sat. 0900-2300 <b>Galactic Bowling:</b> Every Fri. &amp; Sat. 1700-2300 <b>Home of Lil' Skeeters BBQ</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> Mongolian BBQ, WP Club, 1700-2100</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>Month of the Military Child Picnic at the Ski Lodge, 1000-1400</b></p>	
<p><b>30</b> Tour NYC, ITR, 0900-1700</p>	<p><b>MAY 1</b>  Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100</p>	<p><b>2</b>  Brooklyn Botanic Garden, ITR, 0900-1530 Graduate Recognition Ceremony, WP Club, 1500-1630 Defensive Driving, Register at ITR, 0800-1500 (day 1)</p>	<p><b>3</b> Defensive Driving, Register at ITR, 0800-1500 (day 2)  Newcomers Welcome Brief, 0930, Re-Entry Workshop, 1030, Anger Management, 1130, ACS</p>	<p><b>4</b> WPS School Board Meeting, MS Conference Room, B-10, 1630 Targeting Stress, ACS, 1130-1300 </p>	<p><b>5</b>  Open Bowling, 1130-2300, Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300 every Friday at the WP Bowling Center YS Team Job Shop &amp; Technology Time, Customer Service, 1800-1900 Scout Jamboree, Lake Frederick (Mar. 5-7)</p>	<p><b>6</b> Youth Bowling, 0900-1130, Galactic Bowling, 1700-2300 every Saturday at the WP Bowling Center Historical Cafes &amp; Taverns in NYC, ITR, 1000-1700 </p>
<p><b>7</b> Dollar Night, 1800-2100 every Sunday at the WP Bowling Center </p>	<p><b>8</b>  Video Teleconference w/ Your Deployed Soldier, ACS, 0800-1630 Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100</p>	<p><b>9</b> Volunteer Advisory Mtg., 1300, Volunteer Related Issues in Risk Management, 1130, AVC  Preparation Briefing, ACS, 1400-1500</p>	<p><b>10</b>  Financial Readiness Training for 1st term Soldiers, ACS, 0830-1200 Bronx Zoo/Botanic Garden, ITR, 0900 From Hearts to Dollars- Volunteers into Paid Employees, ACS, 0830-1030</p>	<p><b>11</b> Targeting Stress, ACS, 1130-1300 Dinner in Little Italy/ Chinatown, ITR, 1700-2300  Total Army Sponsorship Training, 0930, ACS</p>	<p><b>12</b> Targeting Stress, 1130, Financial Readiness Training for 1st Term Soldiers, 0830, ACS </p>	<p><b>13</b>  Morgan Farm Open House, 1000-1400 Registration Begins for Summer Riding Camp, Morgan Farm, 1000-1400</p>

### NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

- Friday -- She's the Man, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday -- Failure to Launch, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday -- V for Vendetta, R, 9:30 p.m.
- May 5 -- The Shaggy Dog, PG, 7:30 p.m.
- May 6 -- Stay Alive, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- May 6 -- Ultraviolet, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
- May 12 -- Eight Below, PG, 7:30 p.m.
- May 13 -- ATL, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- May 13 -- The Inside Man, R, 9:30 p.m.
- May 19 -- Ice Age 2: The Meltdown, PG, 7:30 p.m.
- May 20 -- Take the Lead, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
- May 20 -- Lucky Number Slevin, R, 9:30 p.m.

The theater schedule can also be found at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

### Command Channel 8/23

April 28 - May 5

- FRIDAY**  
9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9:30 a.m. Command Interest Brief  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. Command Interest Brief
- MONDAY**  
9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9:30 a.m. Command Interest Brief  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. Command Interest Brief
- TUESDAY - THURSDAY**  
9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch
- MAY 5**  
9 a.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

### 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.

# West Point re-enlistees



**Sgt. 1st Class Carolyn Y. Zila**

Zila, an Equal Opportunity advisor for the academy, re-enlisted March 17 and is now part of the indefinite program. An MP, she will return to her branch in July when she reports to the 89th Military Police Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas.



**Sgt. 1st Class Michael S. Heberer**

Heberer, the operations sergeant for the Provost Marshal's Office, re-enlisted Feb. 10 into the indefinite program. He leaves for Officer Candidate School in September.



**Staff Sgt. Juan M. Medina**

Medina, a USMA Engineer Platoon Squad Leader, re-enlisted Jan. 31 for four years.

He will report to Fort Stewart, Ga. in August.



**Sgt. Michael A. Davis**

Davis, a chaplain's assistant, re-enlisted March 17 for four years. His new duty station will be in Hawaii.



**Sgt. Henry J. Weinburg, II**

Weinburg, a Military policeman, re-enlisted Feb. 10, for four years. He will report to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii this summer.



**Sgt. Nicole O. Inchingolo**

Inchingolo, a Military policewoman, re-enlisted March 2, for four years to stay at the academy.

The Command Retention Team's Master Sgt. Ronald A. Jones can be reached at (845) 938-4751/3023.

## Relocation Readiness Program

### Newcomers welcome orientation

**Wednesday, June 7, July 5  
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

The first Wednesday of every month.

Come join us for an orientation on your new community. Learn about the U.S. Military Academy, the local area, things to do and points of interest.

Receive a free guided tour of West Point, AAFES coupons and a MWR coupon booklet.

Call 938-4621/2519.

### Re-entry workshop

**Wednesday, June 7, July 5  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Immediately following the Newcomers Welcome Orientation. Just returned from an overseas tour? Having difficulty adjusting? This workshop is designed to address the effects of Reverse Culture Shock.

Registration is required. Call 938-4621/2519.

**Overseas orientation brief  
May 31, June 28, July 26**

Last Wednesday of every month.

Korea -- 1:30 p.m.

Germany- 3 p.m.

This mandatory briefing is required for Soldiers departing West Point for an OCONUS assignment. Adult family members are welcome.

Registration is required.

Call 938-4621/2519.

All other destinations by appointment.

### Cultural adaptation/ESL

Classes will begin in Sept.

Designed for foreign-born spouses, this program includes a comprehensive multi-level language program, cross-cultural training and cultural mediation services.

Call 938-4621/2519 for more information.

### Army sponsorship training

**May 8  
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

Quarterly, Unit & Youth Sponsorship Training also available upon request. Come learn what it takes to be an Army sponsor. Develop the basic skills and framework necessary for sponsoring a newcomer to West Point. Receive helpful tips and tools necessary to be an effective sponsor.

This quarterly training is not affiliated with the Cadet Fourth Class Sponsorship Program.

Advance sign up is required.

Call 938-4621/2519

## West Point Yard Sale 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 damp conditions April 8 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.

## 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 Sunday

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- The 26th annual Tattoo will be held at the U.S. Military Academy, Trophy Point Amphitheater, Sunday, 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.

# Keller Corner

## Channel 23 programming

Help create TRICARE programming for West Point's Channel 23. In order to present programs that meet the TRICARE needs of our beneficiaries, Keller has established a special e-mail account. Please send your TRICARE questions or topic suggestions to [tricare1F6258@amedd.army.mil](mailto:tricare1F6258@amedd.army.mil).

We will use your input to determine what the hot topics are and devise programs to address them.

If you need a personal response, call our Health Benefits Advisors at (845) 938-4838.

## KACH celebrates Lab Week

The week of April 23-29 Keller's Dept. of Pathology celebrated the contributions of its laboratory professionals during National Laboratory Professionals Week.

This year's theme, "Laboratory Professionals: Providing Answers, Guiding Cures" highlights the medical laboratory's role as a key element of patient care.

Laboratory medicine provides a crucial thread that runs through the entire patient care spectrum. These results from the laboratory drive a significant portion of clinical decisions and form diagnosis to therapy.

National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week provides an opportunity to honor the contributions of pathologist, laboratory technologist and technicians in the maintenance of wellness, the diagnosis of illness and treatment of disease.

More than 10 billion laboratory tests are performed in the United States each year to confirm diagnoses, rule out suspected conditions or monitor treatment. Medical laboratory professionals are dedicated to preventing serious illness and disability from before a child is born and throughout the golden years of life.

Using state-of-the-art technology and instrumentation, they perform and supervise tests that not only search for potential health problems in the hope of identifying the disease early when it is most treatable, but also guide and assess the ongoing care of patients. Laboratories also play a critical, front-line role in the detection of infectious agents such as those that might be employed in a bioterrorist attack.

Please take the time to thank these professionals for a job well done.

# Spring flower issue rules

The Spring Flower Issue will be May 16 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at the Self Help Center, Building 695.

Flowers are available to residents of Army housing at West Point upon presentation of proper identification. The initial flower issue will be for one flat of flowers.

Access to the flower issue will be controlled with entrance and exit monitored.

The flowers were pre-ordered by DPW keeping in mind the local growing season and conditions, whether or not they attract deer or other animals and other factors. Every effort has been made to



provide a wide variety of species and colors for selection.

If a resident is unable to pick up the flowers for their quarters, a neighbor may select and pick them up with written authorization. The authorization must include: quarters number, name, rank, duty phone number, home phone number and the name of the person authorized to pick them up. The authorizations must be legible and signed by the military member or spouse. Authorizations that do not comply with the above instructions will not be accepted.

Manpower is limited at the issue, therefore, if a resident is picking up more than one flat of flowers, they should bring along help to transport flowers to POV. Additionally, it would be helpful and safer for everyone, if young children were supervised by one neighbor, while you take turns selecting your flowers.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m., all remaining flowers will be distributed to Army Housing residents on a first come, first served basis by military member or spouse only. During this second issue, flowers will be selected one flat at a time. Residents may return to the line to pick up additional flowers as many times as desired. It is very

important at the second issue, that children be supervised by an older child or adult. The Center is in close proximity to Washington Road where there is a chance that a child at play that is not closely supervised could be injured.

Residents of quarters, other than Stony II and Gray Ghost, should keep in mind that it is probable that there is lead in the soil, particularly when planting near the drip line of the building. All residents should exercise caution when digging in the drip line and thoroughly clean up upon completion of your gardening activity.

It is recommended that vegetables not be planted in the drip line of your quarters.

Mulch will be available for pickup, however, you will be



required to load your own vehicles. Please bring extra helping hands should you need it.

Traffic control is important to us and for your own safety, please be very careful when in the area designated for Mulch pick-up.

The maximum number of bags of mulch per quarters is five.

This allotment will allow all residents an equal opportunity to obtain mulch at this time.

On the day of the Flower Issue, the Self Help Center will be closed for all other business. Normal operations will resume May 17.

Also the road behind Building 695 to the Fitness Center will be closed to ensure the safety of flower issue participants.

Traffic will be routed through the Fitness Center parking lot.

All community members are urged to drive carefully while in the area.

## Watering your lawn

Water is important to all living things, including your grass.

Did you know that grass plants consist of about 90 percent water by weight and water moves all nutrients from roots to leaves in solution.

Also, the evaporation of the water cools the turf and it's micro-environment.

A good rule of thumb for when to water is early in the morning (7 to 10 a.m.), when humidity is high and temperatures are lower.

If that's impossible, the next best time to water is late in the day (4 to 9 p.m.). Avoid the middle of the day, when evaporation of the water is greater. No matter when you water, it is important not to over-water.

If water is ponding or running off on the surface, you are over-watering.

Remember, not only does prolonged watering deplete an important natural resource; it is also bad for your grass. Prolonged watering on the leaf surface increases the problems of disease fungi ruining your grass.

Questions on lawn care may be directed to Bob Jones, DPW Agronomist, 938-6789.

## Construction site dangers

All personnel are reminded that construction sites and staging areas are restricted areas and should not be entered by automobile or pedestrians.

These areas are under the control of the contractor during construction activities and is not considered to be operated and maintained by the Army.

Construction activities seem to capture the interest of all, especially children. Dangers in the site include holes, uneven surfaces, dangerous materials and heavy construction equipment in operation.

While trespassing has occurred in most of our constructions sites, it has been particularly prevalent in the New Brick Renovation Site.

Please do not enter the area for any reason without prior permission to do so.

Only authorized personnel, properly attired, should enter a construction site.

All other personnel should obey

construction signs and barricades, even if site appears to be shutdown for non-duty hours and avoid vehicular or pedestrian activity in the site.

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

## Energy conservation matters

West Point's energy use and costs are rising.

In the last six months, our community has used energy costing over \$12 million. What that number really means is that \$12 million are not available to support other facility, utility and infrastructure needs of the community.

Since Army funding is getting more and more strained by the need to support our Soldiers in the Middle East, the need to conserve money becomes even more imperative.

What is "good" about energy costs is that to a great degree, the amount is within the control of each and every community member.

All community members whether you are a civilian employee or a resident in one of West Point's housing areas need to help reduce these costs.

You can do your part by following these tips:

Keep your building exterior doors closed. Propping open doors allows a tremendous amount of energy escape. The same is true for windows. Windows should be kept shut when heat or air conditioning is in operation.

When leaving a room whether it is at the office or at home, turn off the lights. You'd be surprised by the significant reduction in costs that even turning off lights for a few extra minutes a day can make.

Enlist your children or a member of the office staff to check that all lights are out when leaving the facility.

Check to make sure that all appliances are shut off when not in use or at the end of the duty day. Computer monitors, printers and fax machines use energy even while not in use. Office workers should follow the guidance provided by DOIM about how to leave your computer at the end of the day.

For additional information on USMA's Energy Program contact the DPW Energy Branch, 938-6873/6238.

# MWR Blurbs

## PJ Party postponed

The Youth Services PJ Party scheduled for today 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 until Monday for all others and after Monday for those who wish to have a second plot, if available.

Call 938-2503 for more information.

## MOTMC Picnic Saturday

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

Tickets are on sale at the Child

Development Center.

Call 938-3921 for more information.

## Garrison Golf Scramble

The Garrison Gold Scramble is May 5. Registration runs until Thursday at 5 p.m.

The event begins at noon with a shotgun start.

Call 938-2435 for more information.

## CVSG

ACS hosts the Combat Veterans Support Group for all service members at West Point who are veterans of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

The group meets on the third Thurs. each month at the ACS, Bldg. 622, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

For more info. call Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Persaud at 938-4114 or Capt. Bobby Sidell at 938-3441.

## Mother's Day Brunch

The West Point Club will have a Mother's Day Brunch May 14 with seatings at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Call 938-5120 or 446-5504 for reservations and more info.

## Morgan Farm Open House

Morgan Farm and Kennel is having an Open House May 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event is open to the public. Call 938-3926 for more info.

Morgan Farm is located at Bldg. 2026 behind O'Neill High School in Highland Falls.

## ACS needs your feedback

Army Community Service wants to hear from you. Log on to the ACS homepage <http://www.usma.edu/mwr/ACTIVITY/ACS/Wpacs.htm>, by today and click the "ACS Needs Assessment" link, or stop by the center in Building 622 to pick up a copy.

West Point ACS will use the information gathered from the survey to evaluate current services and to assist in future programming initiatives.

# What's Happening

## La Leche League

The La Leche League of Highland Falls meets Thursday at 7 p.m. in New Windsor.

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

## Ladies Golf Clinic

The West Point Ladies Golf Club will host a women's golf clinic today 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 Sat. and Sun.

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](http://www.eu.dodea.edu/schoolregister.htm).

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

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

## Geography lecture

The Dept. of Geography and Environmental Engineering has invited the University of Nebraska at Omaha's John Shroder to lecture Wednesday on the topic "Geoscience Adventures in Afghanistan and Pakistan: Tectonic to Terrorist Terranes" to cadets in EV482, Military Geography.

The lecture will be in Washington Hall's, Room 5300 from 12:45 to 1:40 p.m.

Contact Maj. Michael Senn at 938-2679 for more info.

## American Red Cross events

The American Red Cross is having their volunteer recognition ceremony Thursday in Cullum Hall from 4 to 6 p.m.

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

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 Wednesday 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.

There will be Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese cuisine along with dancing, exciting performances, cultural awareness, martial arts demonstrations and a Chinese dragon from New York City.

The event is free. The duty uniform for military is civilian casual and for cadets is cadet casual.

Call 938-7082/2621 for more information.

## Family Fun Day

The Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at WestChester Medical Center in Valhalla, N.Y. invites the West Point community to their 2nd Annual Family Fun Day May 7 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

A non-competitive walk begins at 9:30 a.m. with registration opening at 8 a.m.

There will be fun and games, arts & crafts, face painting, clowns, educational displays, vehicles and musical entertainment.

## Book signing

Author Mark Bowden will sign copies of his new book "Guests of the Ayatollah" May 10 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. at the U.S. Military Academy Bookstore located on Thayer Hall's fourth floor.

## MOMS Club

The MOMS 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.

## DUSA scholarship applications

DUSA scholarship applications for graduating high school seniors are now available at the O'Neill H.S. guidance office, DUSA's West Point Museum Gift Shop or

by contacting Amanda Molinari at 446-1262.

Applicants must be a family member of an active, retired or deceased U.S. service member whose family is living at or within a 35-mile radius of West Point at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Applications are due Monday.

## Dinner Dance fundraiser

The Highland Falls Fire Dept. is holding a Spring Dinner Dance fundraiser May 6 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the HFFD.

Tables can be reserved. The evening will include a buffet dinner, dessert, beer, wine and soda.

Call 446-9481 for more information.

## Sacred Heart Golf Tournament

Sacred Heart School will host a gold tournament at the West Point Golf Course May 15.

Call 446-2674 for information.

## 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.

## Quarters 100 tours

The Superintendent's Quarters will be available for tours during each Graduation Reception May 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m.; and also on May 25 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Shuttle transportation will be available between Quarters 100 and Eisenhower Hall where the graduation receptions are.

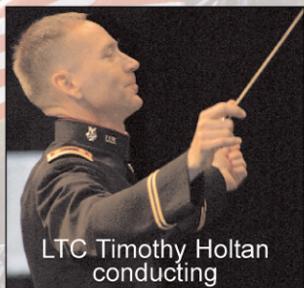
## Organ Recital

Paul Jacobs will present an organ recital May 7 at 3 p.m. at the West Point Cadet Chapel.

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# Army and Community Sports

## Pevoto hits bump, defense strong as Gold wins

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Rising senior running back Michael Herndon broke the plain of the goal to give the Gold a 6-0 victory in the second overtime against the Black in the Army football team's annual Black/Gold spring scrimmage Saturday at Michie Stadium.

The offensive play during the scrimmage was as sloppy as the weather conditions, and head coach Bobby Ross was unhappy at that fact because he thought the offense would have showed better on the afternoon.

"I wasn't particularly pleased offensively," Ross said. "I'll look at the film and see what went wrong or why we weren't moving the ball as I thought we could move the ball. Defensively we're better and that has something to do with it, but I did expect us to do a little better offensively."

Rising junior quarterback David Pevoto, the number one quarterback on the depth chart, finished the day completing 16 of 26 passes for 90 yards and an interception.

"Pevoto's performance was average," Ross said. "I'm expecting better and I think he would come out saying the same thing that he expects more. (But) the quarterback is David Pevoto. That's not a

discussion point."

The 6'5", 229-pound signal caller may not have had a great day, but overall, his spring was used to make step-by-step improvements to succeed graduating senior Zac Dahman at quarterback.

"I feel comfortable under center," Pevoto said. "I've been making my reads and doing everything I need to do. I've felt comfortable since the first day and I'm trying to get better every day."

Herndon had the only touchdown of the day, but rising sophomore running back Jamal Robinson and rising senior Tony Dace led the way on the ground with 40 and 68 yards, respectively.

Robinson is currently in the running to replace graduating senior Carlton Jones as the team's top runner for the upcoming 2006 season.

"Robinson is still in the lead and he came out of the game with a slight hamstring (injury), but he did do some things decently and I wasn't displeased with him," Ross said.

Ross was disappointed in the play of the offensive line, although the team was without a few players along the line including returning senior center Pete Bier.

"The center that was with our first line today was our fourth center," Ross said. "Bier will

make a big difference. He's a big, strong 6'3", 295-pounder, who's experienced."

What will make or break the season is the defense and the defense showed much promise as both the starters and the backups made big plays all day, especially along the line.

"I thought our defensive line was physical (Saturday), I liked that," Ross said. "I saw (rising senior linebacker Cason) Shrode move around a lot. He's got to be a big time player for us and he can be.

"We have two really good safeties (in rising juniors Caleb Campbell and Jordan Murray)," Ross added. "We have a chance to be much improved. We're bigger, stronger and have a little more speed. I like all the things I see there."

Murray gave the Gold squad a chance to win late in regulation with an interception of a Pevoto pass, however, the opportunity at that point was squandered away by a missed field goal.

Defensive co-captain, rising senior linebacker Barrett Scruggs, sees Murray as a big asset, as well as others who will have to step it up in the secondary.

"I feel confident that Jordan is going to make a lot of plays because he showed us throughout the spring he can do it," Scruggs said. "That's the same with (rising sophomore cornerback) Darren Newson, (who) played a lot of nickel last year, so we have a lot of faith in him too and (rising senior cornerback) Sean Grevious stepped up and became a better player this spring."

Scruggs, who is co-captain with rising seniors Cameron Craig, wide receiver Walter Hill and Bier, has made big strides this off-season



Rising junior quarterback David Pevoto finished the Black/Gold game completing 16 of 26 passes for 90 yards and an interception.

to improve himself as Army will face many clubs who are bigger, stronger and faster.

"I've been working on my size and speed," Scruggs said. "I needed to gain a few pounds because the teams we will play are obviously bigger than us, so I tried to put on some pounds and get faster.

"I think I accomplished (my goals) for the most part," Scruggs added. "I put on 10 pounds and dropped my 40 by a few hundreds of a second."

All the hard work paid off as he also received the honor of being selected captain by his teammates.

"For me, that's the biggest honor I could have received knowing my teammates respect me enough to vote me to represent them for

the entire world to see," Scruggs explained. "It's a credit to them to respect me enough to vote for me and all I can do is thank them."

Scruggs believes the team has made a lot of improvements on both sides of the ball and Ross is in agreement on the defensive side of the ball and is happy with that fact.

"If I had my druthers, I'd rather be where we are defensively right now because that's the most important part of the ball club," Ross said. "I did (think we were much further offensively), but when I think back on the spring I knew we had some work to do and we had a couple of kids hurt on the offensive line that hurt us a little bit. We've got time and we've got a lot of work to get done offensively."



Rising senior linebacker Barrett Scruggs improved his size and speed this off-season to counter future opponents.



Rising senior running back Michael Herndon plunges into the end zone for the only score during the Black/Gold game Saturday.

# Women's Tennis reaches NCAAs with PL championship

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Assistant Editor

Army women's tennis will make a return engagement to the NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championships as they defeated Bucknell, 4-0, Sunday at the Lichtenberg Tennis Center to claim its second consecutive Patriot League Championship title.

The Black Knights (15-12) jumped out in front by taking the doubles point from the Bison. Freshman Sarah Giles-Madden and senior Amanda Paluch won the No. 3 doubles, 8-1, over Bucknell's JoAnn Grossman and Ashley Globberman.

Bucknell won the No. 1 doubles and Army depended on a couple of freshmen, Jessica Shurtz and Kristin Flach, who won their last 11 matches, to win 8-6 after falling behind 6-3 during their match.

In singles, Shurtz would end up being the deciding victory point as she eased passed Caitie Baffa, 6-1 and 6-0.

Shurtz and Giles-Madden, who won her singles match 6-2, 6-2 over Paulina Gamboa, were both named co-Most Valuable Player's for the PL Championships.

"(This is) a great honor," Giles-Madden said. "We both went out

there and played our best and that is what helped us win (Sunday)."

The team came back strong after dealing with many injuries throughout the season that took out a couple of key players from the team's rotation and lead the team to lean on the plebes.

"This was sweet because the team overcame a lot of adversity," said Army women's tennis head coach Paul Peck. "(Losing key players) in the fall forced our freshmen to step up and they did. I think it made the team a stronger unit and they came together and were cohesive the whole year.

"Along with Jess and Sarah ... Nikki Flach was a very key player and with that nucleus we'll hopefully build and continue to keep our program strong (for years to come)."

It didn't matter if they were seniors or freshmen, or enjoying the taste of the championship for a second or first occasion, all the women on the team had a special sense of the moment.

"It's great to do this (a second year in a row) especially since I'm a senior and it felt better as a captain," Paluch said.

"You always dream about it when you're a little kid. If you didn't go pro that you would go to an NCAA Tournament," Giles-



The 2006 Army women's tennis team celebrates with their trophies after a 4-0 sweep of Bucknell to capture the Patriot League championship and a berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Madden said. "Thankfully, we get to do that."

With the freshmen having such a strong influence on the outcome this season, Peck believed the affect of the seniors played a role in the team's ultimate success.

"The seniors really stepped up and led by example," Peck said. "They are always the hardest workers in practice and they set the standard for other players to follow.

"Amanda is a great team captain and was able to keep everyone calm and cool and (senior) Megan (Noble) with her experience was able to give advice to the younger players," Peck added. "The firsties definitely had a big part of (winning the tournament)."



Senior Megan Noble was lauded by women's head coach Paul Peck for giving advice to the younger players on the team as they went through early adversity when the team lost key veteran players and had to insert more plebes in the lineup in the fall.



Freshman Nikki Flach teamed with fellow freshman Jessica Shurtz to give Army the doubles point with their 8-6 comeback win. They came back from a 6-3 deficit to give Army an edge.



Freshman Jessica Shurtz was named co-MVP of the Patriot League championship with fellow freshman Sarah Giles-Madden. She won her singles and doubles matches in the finals.

# Army Rugby splits weekend, misses Final 4

By Cadet 2nd Class  
Andrew Locke  
Rugby PAO

Army Rugby hosted the first round of the playoffs April 21-23 at Clinton and Daly fields. It was to be the first step on the road to the national championship.

However, with a win on Friday and then a loss on Saturday, Army ends the season as one of the top eight teams in the nation.

Army opened up the playoffs against University of Colorado. They came in as an average size team who focused on being in better shape than their opponents. They train at altitude and wanted to come in and wear teams down by playing a fast-paced game. They were successful early on and jumped out to a 12-0 lead. Army was committing a lot of self imposed errors and had trouble

settling down. It wasn't until the end of the first half that Army took the lead 15-12.

They would not look back in the second half as they took control for good. With 47 more unanswered points in the second, Army would run away to victory 62-12.

Army then took on Utah on Saturday night. Army's game plan versus Colorado had been effective due to the dry conditions and ability of Army to work the backs in the width of the field.

The heavy rains on Saturday, however, would play to Utah's advantage with their massive size and lumbering forwards. Army was able to score first on a beautiful try by junior winger Brendan McCarthy that was set up by a run and offload from fullback Caleb Goble. Utah would score shortly after that to tie the game at 5-5. The next 30 minutes of the game



Sophomore center Byron "Tupu" Folau drives through a group of Colorado players to score a try in Army's 62-12 defeat of the Buffaloes.

ERIC BARTELT/PV

would remain scoreless as each team slugged it out, with defenses bending but not breaking. In a very physical game, it would come down to a superb penalty kick from Utah to take the lead with ten minutes left. Army battled until the very final whistle, but ultimately came up short, losing 8-5. Utah will continue on to the Final Four, and Army will look to rebuild and focus on next year.

The team will not be resting until the fall, however, to get back in action. About 10 players will be representing West Point this summer on the Collegiate Combined Services team in the hopes of making the All-American Team. The Combined Services team will train at West Point in early June before traveling to Colorado for the tournament. Furthermore, two

players, juniors Andrew Locke and Brendan McCarthy, are expected to train and compete in National Team camps in July for spots on the Eagles, our National Rugby Team.

Army will look to build on this year's successes and move forward. Next year will be an exciting year for Army Rugby. The program will welcome the opening of the Anderson Rugby Complex in the fall. The team is only losing six seniors and returning 11 of 15 starters. With more than 20 soon to be seniors, it is a very deep and strong class, with a lot of rugby and leadership experience.

While the loss in the playoffs was disappointing for the team, players are already looking ahead with optimism at the potential of next year's team.



Junior winger Brendan McCarthy scored Army's only try in an 8-5 loss to Utah Saturday at Clinton Field.

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# WAR makes Elite Eight, lose to Penn State 24-10

By Cadet 3rd Class  
Anshwa Pennington  
WAR PAO

With just three years of experience, Women's Army Rugby has rewritten history books. In the Fall 2005, WAR set a goal to qualify for the Sweet 16 Tournament in April 2006. Accomplishing this goal proved to be an uphill battle for Army.

The Fall ended with the team defeating Vassar for the MET-NY championship, and then fighting for victory against Radcliff in overtime in the North East Rugby Union championship.

These conquests proved to be only humble beginnings for the

types of exposure and competition Army would face in preparing for the Sweet 16.

Since the spring season began, Army raised not only their level of play, but have also steadily increased the amount of pressure they put on other teams.

Over Spring Break, Army triumphed in the Champaign Classic in San Diego, Calif., after defeating a never before seen opponent, Chico State.

The Sweet 16 placements proved that the Champaign Classic was not the only time that WAR would butt heads with Chico State, as they were the team's opponent in the first round of the Sweet 16 Tournament.

It was a rainy, cold and muddy Saturday morning as WAR faced Chico State at State College, Pa. A combination of desire, crowd inspiration and an ability to apply defensive pressure led Army to victory in the first round of the Tournament. Army beat Chico State, 15-8, and became the first team from the Northeast in the last four years to make it past the first round of the Sweet 16.

The next round would be played against Penn State the following day. The playing conditions were much better on Sunday, as the sun came out temperatures rose and there was not a drop of rain in sight for the entire 80 minutes.

The starting 15 played their

hearts out, as a team. Juniors Tanja Duester and Aimee Feliz scored the tries of the game for Army. Freshman Erin McConaughy started as scrum-half due to an injury to All-American Diana Le against Chico State the day prior. The change in starting players did not shake Army. However, Penn State jumped out early and led 12-5 at half.

The second half was equally close. Down 17-10 with no time left, Army went for broke and gave up a break away try, ending the game at 24-10.

Penn State will go on to compete in the Final Four, though Army has nothing to be ashamed of, as they have much to be proud of;

Northeast Champions, making it to the Elite Eight, and Champaign Classic Champions.

On behalf of the Women's Army Rugby Team, we would like to thank our outstanding coaching staff: Maj. Evan Wollen, Maj. David Waldron, retired Lt. Col. Mike Mahan, and Aaron Spaulding for giving us the skills we need to get this far.

A special thanks goes to our Head Coach, Maj. Mike Jaskowicz. This is his last season with us, and his words of encouragement will truly be missed. And to all the parents, fans and any one who has ever attended a game, we thank you. Watch for us next year as WE will be the ones in the Final Four.

## Varsity Men's Crew sweeps Patriot League foes

By Cadet 2nd Class  
Joshua Watson  
Varsity Oarsman

This past weekend the Army varsity men's crew swept Patriot League rivals Lehigh and Lafayette in all three varsity races on the Lehigh River in Allentown, Pa.

Despite the absence of several key oarsman due to the Fundamental Engineering Exam, Army was able to put together winning crews in the varsity eight and both varsity fours. The varsity women and both novice teams were unable to defeat Lehigh and Lafayette despite strong and determined performances from all crews.

In the men's varsity eight event, Army had a very poor start which was characterized by five-seat

junior Erik Edstrom as "very shaky," and saw them three seats behind Lehigh and even with Lafayette after 150m. The Army boat recovered, however, and after the next ten strokes pulled even with and then passed Lehigh to take the lead, which they did not relinquish for the remainder of the race.

The eight, coxed by senior Nick Shaw and containing oarsmen seniors Sam Brown, Pete Mathews, juniors Greg Kozlowski, Erik Edstrom, Zach Griffiths, Erik Munn and sophomores Anton Faustmann and Josh Watson continued to pull away from Lehigh to finish eight seconds ahead on the 1700m course with a time of 5:43.8. Lafayette trailed Lehigh by another 30 seconds.

The varsity men's "A" four continued Army's winning ways by defeating their opposition by three boat-lengths of open water. The four, which contained oarsmen Munn, Griffiths, Faustmann and Brown, was coxed by former varsity women's rower sophomore Monica Shea, who, in her first race as a coxswain steered the "A" boat to victory by a margin of 15 seconds.

The "A" boat also featured a reversal of roles for oarsmen Brown and Munn, who switched positions in the bow and stroke seats with no ill-effects. Army finished 15 seconds in front of Lehigh and 27 seconds in front of Lafayette.

Despite never having rowed together before, the men's varsity "B" four also convincingly defeated their Patriot League rivals.

The race was made even more interesting in that it featured varsity oarsman sophomore Graham Reynolds in his first race

in the stroke seat, and despite his inexperience in that position, he led Army to a 14 second victory.

Additionally, the race showed that the ever versatile Mathews was just as capable a starboard-side oarsman as he was rowing port.

The "B" four also contained oarsmen junior Eli Harrington, sophomore Tyler Knox and coxswain freshman Mark Passmore.

Both the women's varsity and second varsity eights fell short to Lehigh. Despite their finish, Army's women were encouraged by their performance. "It was by far our strongest race of the year," said varsity coxswain sophomore Jackie Oeser, "and we feel we can build upon it."

The novice men rowed well, beating Lafayette in all races except the second novice four, but were unable to overcome strong Lehigh crews. The novice women fell short to Lehigh and Lafayette as well.

Despite racing hard on Saturday, the novice men returned to West Point and took on the novice men from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on Sunday, where they preformed admirably.

"The novice men had their best races of the season," said Coach Jen Kiesling, after they won all of their races, in both eights and three fours.

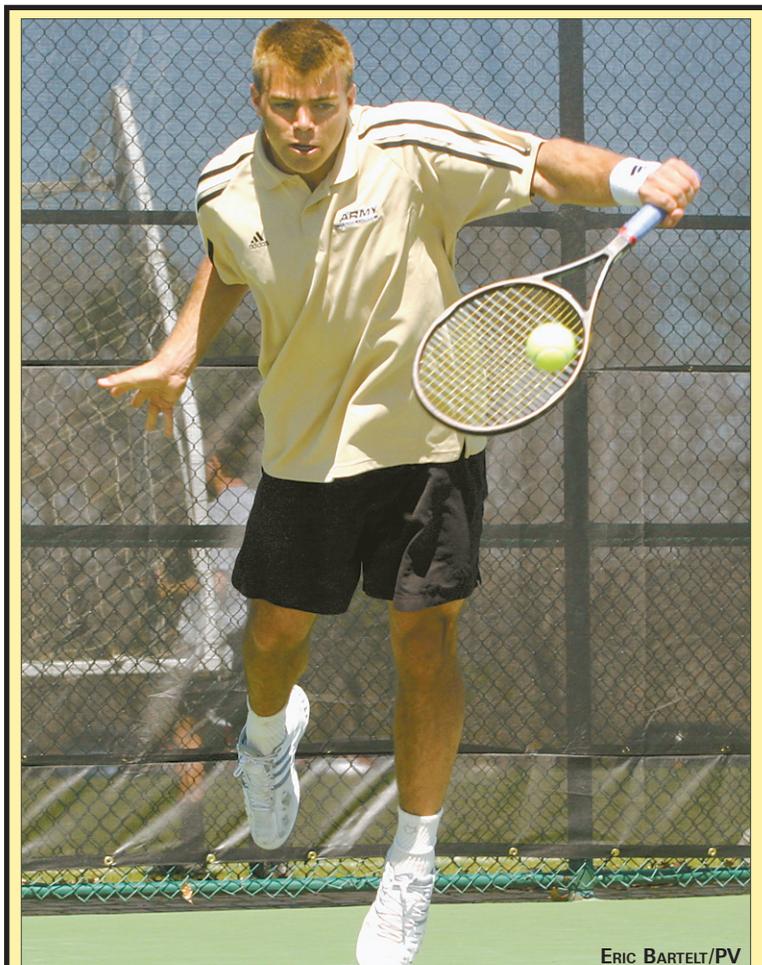
Of note was the "A" four victory against their USMMA counterparts, a boat which was previously unbeaten. These are the first victories of the season for the novice men, and they hope to build on their success for the Patriot League Championships, New York States and Dad Vails national regatta.

Army Crew will face Lehigh and Lafayette again on April 29 and 30 at the Patriot League Championships on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass.

### SOFTBALL TIME CHANGES

Army women's softball will now play its doubleheader versus Lehigh Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Army Softball Field. Those games were originally scheduled for Sunday.

Army will also play a doubleheader versus Lehigh Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Those games were originally scheduled to start at 1 p.m.



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**Patriot League Men's Tennis Tournament**

West Point hosts the Patriot League Men's Tennis Tournament Saturday and Sunday at the Malek Tennis Center. Army is the #1 seed and faces #4 Lehigh Saturday at 10 a.m. and the winner of that match will face the winner of #2 seed American and #3 seed Navy's match. The championship match is Sunday at noon with the winner advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

**STAFF & FACULTY  
NOONTIME STANDINGS**

**Volleyball regular season  
as of Thursday**

<b>North Division</b>	W - L
1-DPE	9 - 3
2-EE&CS	8 - 3
3-SOC. SCI. #1	8 - 3
4-BTD	8 - 4
5-BS&L	3 - 8
6-Physics	2 - 9
7-C/ME	1 - 9

<b>South Division</b>	W - L
1-DPW	10 - 1
2-1/1	10 - 2
3-3rd Regiment	4 - 7
4-Math #1	2 - 8
5-DMI	1 - 9

<b>East Division</b>	W - L
1-D/SE	9 - 2
2-SOC. SCI. #2	8 - 3
3-History	4 - 6
4-Math #2	0 - 10

<b>West Division</b>	W - L
1-D/LAW	10 - 2
2-C&LS	7 - 5
3-G&EnE	7 - 5
4-MEDDAC	0 - 12