

January changes (as of 1/4)	
C FUND	+ 1.99 percent
I FUND	+ 4.49 percent
S FUND	+ 2.27 percent



Native American poster contest winners

The West Point elementary and middle schools held a poster contest in November during Native American Indian Heritage month. The winners were announced Dec. 15 at the middle school. (Eighth grade winners from l to r): First, Kristen Hendricks; second, Christopher Outing; third, Mare Montgomery; fourth, Alexa Barbee; and fifth, Samantha Pohland. Winners for the elementary school contest were: third-grader Annie Flower, first; fourth-grader Samuel Smith, second; third-grader Chloe Hrinko, third; second-grader Renee Lusher, fourth; and third-grader Elizabeth Sobiesk, fifth.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Fed pay to rise between 2.8 and 5.6 percent

WASHINGTON (Federal Times) -- Most employees will receive pay raises ranging from 2.83 percent to 5.62 percent in 2006.

A 2.1 percent across-the-board increase will go to employees in the General Schedule, Foreign Service and Veterans Health Administration pay systems, as well as to administrative law judges and employees paid under special rate schedules. Most of those employees also are entitled to an average 1 percent locality adjustment, which could bring their total raise to as much as 5.62 percent depending on where they work.

Employees in the Washington-Baltimore locality zone will receive a 3.44 percent overall pay hike, while those outside one of the 31 locality zones tied to a specific region will receive a 2.83 percent increase.

Maximum pay rates for Senior Executive Service members and employees in the Senior Level and Scientific or Professional pay systems will increase by 1.9 percent, which equals the 2006 raise for top agency officials paid under

the Executive Schedule. However, SES members aren't guaranteed a pay raise, since they're under a performance-based pay system that ties annual pay adjustments to individual performance evaluations conducted by their agencies. SES pay adjustments should be processed by Jan. 21, the end of the first full pay period in 2006, Office of Personnel Management Director Linda Springer told agencies in a Dec. 22 memo.

Wage Grade employees will receive raises comparable to those given to their GS counterparts. Under an executive order signed by President Bush Dec. 22, blue-collar workers will receive raises equal to the January increase for GS employees working in the same location.

Pay raises for employees in the GS and comparable pay systems will take effect with the pay period that begins Jan. 8.

Adjustments for Wage Grade employees will occur sporadically throughout the year and, in some cases, will be applied retroactively to the start of the 2006 fiscal year in October.

DOD postpones NSPS training

WASHINGTON (govexec) -- Personnel reform at the Department of Defense hit another bump recently when officials stopped training employees on the new pay-for-performance system to allow more time to evaluate it and make changes.

In a Dec. 23 letter, a National Security Personnel System official told program managers to stop all content-specific NSPS training for January at least.

"We need more time to focus on simplifying the performance management design, getting performance objectives right and ensuring the system is simple, clear and understandable," wrote Mary Lacey, program executive officer for NSPS.

The regulations governing the system restrict union bargaining rights, eliminate the decades-old General Schedule in favor of broad paybands and require pay raises to

be based on rigorous performance evaluations.

A group of 10 unions filed a lawsuit soon after the regulations were published. That lawsuit focuses on union rights, rather than human resources. The two sides had agreed that the DOD could continue training its employees in the run-up to court proceedings.

Lacey did not provide a specific

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INSIDE 2004 grad dies in IED attack in Baghdad

By Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer

First Lieutenant Benjamin T. Britt, 24, of Wheeler, Texas, died Dec. 22 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his position during a dismounted patrol, according to the Department of Defense.

Britt, a 2004 U.S. Military Academy graduate, was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Another Soldier from Britt's unit, Spc. William Lopez-Feliciano,

33, of Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, was also killed in the explosion.

Services for the officer were held Monday in the local high school gymnasium in Wheeler, Texas, where mourners gathered to remember him.

According to local newspapers, Brig. Gen. Michael Terry, commanding general of the 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood, Texas, posthumously awarded Britt a Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and Combat Infantrymen's Badge in honor of his service in Iraq. Terry presented the awards to Britt's family.

"Ben died for a sacred cause -

freedom," said Terry, who told the family they should take solace in Britt's role in the overall mission. "Because of his sacrifice, there are fewer terrorists to threaten America."

The former student at Wheeler High School was remembered as a hard working student and athlete by his coach and freshman year science teacher Shawn Read.

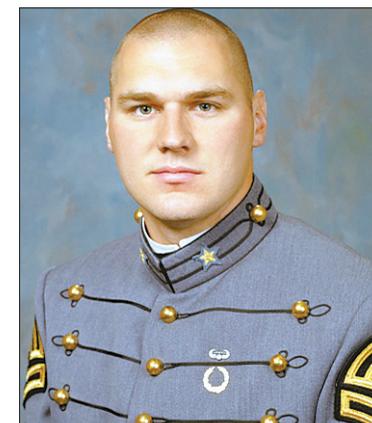
According to Read the two kept in touch even after he moved away.

"He was just a pleasant young man to be around in any situation," Read said. "Ben is a great representative and ambassador for Wheeler. We're proud of him."

Editor's Note: Information used from various news sources.



Col. Maritza Ryan is the new Dept. of Law Head, see page 6



First Lt. Benjamin T. Britt

Christmas at Joint Task Force Guantanamo

Commentary by
Lt. Col. Jeremy M. Martin

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba (Army News Service) -- During the holidays, American families gather to share in the celebrations of the Christmas season and also reflect on the events of the past year. Military families are truly unique; they share a very special bond, a genuine understanding of the selfless service and sacrifice which often requires separation during the holidays.

During this Christmas season more than 300,000 military men and women are deployed in more than 100 countries, defending freedom on behalf of the American people. In Iraq and Afghanistan, military personnel have helped to liberate millions of people, and given the citizens of those nations an opportunity for freedom and democracy.

There are more than 2000 men and women deployed as members of the Joint Task Force at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on behalf of the American people in support of the Global War on

Terror. Many of the troopers are on year-long deployments and will be away from their loved ones during the holidays. Quite a few of them have had children born back in the states during this deployment that they'll certainly miss during the holidays.

Many troopers currently serving at the Joint Task Force are combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, serving and sacrificing now in Guantanamo. They are skillfully performing the vital mission of providing safe, secure and humane custody to all detainees and gathering intelligence, which has proved invaluable in support of the Global War on Terror. Many of these detainees are sworn enemies of the U.S. and our allies and many issue threats daily to the guards, nurses and doctors (and their families back home), who so professionally administer care and custody to all detainees.

Troopers at Guantanamo come from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, civilians, National Guard, Reserves and are jointly accomplishing a critical mission in support of the Global War

on Terror. Guantanamo troopers are well-trained, well-equipped and well led in accomplishing this challenging detention mission. They are committed to running a professional camp in accordance with service values and all applicable policy and law.

The troopers who serve at

Guantanamo come from cities and towns all across America. Most have had the opportunity to go home on leave during this deployment for a two-week period. When they return to duty they recount with pride how they've been received as heroes in their communities, all across America.

As usual, the American people get it right. It's the sons and daughters of America who are serving at Guantanamo. They enjoy, and have earned, the overwhelming support of a grateful nation.

Editor's note: Martin is the Director, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Public Affairs.

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

Catherine Ruvolo (Dean).

Community members can e-mail McMahan at Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here.

Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215.

West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Difficulty: Easy

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

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'62 grad Stroup elected new AOG chairman



Submitted by AUSA

The vice president of the Association of the United States Army has been elected the 54th chairman of the board of the U.S.

Retired Lt. Gen. Theodore Stroup was elected as the 54th chairman of the board of the U.S. Military Academy's Association of Graduates.

Military Academy's Association of Graduates AOG officials announced Dec. 19.

Retired Lt. Gen. Theodore Stroup began his term Sunday. He is a member of the Class of 1962, was a varsity swimmer as a cadet and served as a combat engineer.

The Association of Graduates was founded in 1869 to reunite academy graduates who found themselves on opposing sides

during the Civil War.

Its mission is to serve West Point and its graduates.

Sylvanus Thayer, a member of the Class of 1808 and superintendent of the academy from 1817 to 1833, was its first president.

Stroup, who retired from the Army as the service's G1 with 34 years of service, has been active in alumni affairs since his graduation and commissioning.

Most recently, he has served as president of his class and president of the West Point Society of Washington, D.C.

His Army service included tours in Vietnam, Korea and Germany.

One of Stroup's tours also included service as an instructor at USMA.

Stroup succeeds former AOG Chairman Thomas B. Dyer III who served from 2002 through 2005.

'Civilians with attitude' can shape Army with survey

By Murray Mack
Army News Service

"The Secretary of the Army will see you now..." Ever hear these words? Few of us have. But don't you wish at times you could march into the secretary's office and say what's on your mind?

Well, now is your opportunity. The Army civilian attitude survey is open to all Army civilian employees,

supervisors and managers. It can be filled out online at <http://cpol.army.mil/survey/dasurvey>.

More than 230,000 Army civilians are being asked to provide input on major issues of the day. So far, civilians are responding in droves and several thousand have already submitted their opinions. The survey is available online until Jan. 31.

The survey asks hard-hitting

questions about leadership and management, performance culture, morale, retention, training and development, fairness and other hot-button topics.

The survey collects civilian attitudes and opinions following the latest round of Base Realignment and Closure decisions and just prior to the implementation of DOD's new civilian personnel system, the National Security Personnel System.

"I have to admit this year's

survey is pretty darn controversial because of BRAC and NSPS," said Rickie Cannon, director of the Army's Civilian Personnel Evaluation Agency that coordinates the survey.

The results of this survey provide baseline attitudes and opinions that are used as the starting point to evaluate the effectiveness of these programs.

Past surveys indicate that senior Army leaders, both civilian and military, look forward to reviewing

the results. Results are used locally for change management.

The secretary of the Army is provided the overall Army results, and the survey results are reported back to the commands, installations and activities that produced them. Employees looking for survey feedback will receive it, Cannon said.

Throughout the years, the Army survey has measured job

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reason for this latest delay. In preparing for the transition to the new system, the department "received much feedback ... that [led] us to conclude" more time was necessary, she wrote. A spokeswoman for the NSPS said she could not give any further details.

Information about any NSPS design changes will come in early January, Lacey said.

"We want to ensure that our employees, supervisors and leaders fully understand this system and have the tools to succeed in a results-focused, performance-based environment," she wrote.

U.S ready for 2006

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. armed forces are prepared to handle whatever challenges arise in 2006, the nation's top general vowed Sunday in an interview from Iraq. He also thanked troops and their families for sacrifices in the Global War on Terrorism.

"We'll assess the situation and do the best we can with what we have at hand and be successful the way our nation needs us to be," Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman

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satisfaction, customer input about products and services and much more. For example, about 65 percent of employees say their jobs are challenging and make good use of their skills and abilities.

However, when asked whether they'd recommend their organization as a place to work to others, results are much lower.

The survey reaches a much broader audience, too. Years ago, it cost a lot of money to put out a survey, limiting survey participation. Today, Web technologies allow us to reach all Army employees at a fraction of the cost, Connor added.

So far, thousands have responded to the survey. The early feedback indicates the questions are very relevant.

"It's a big Army and we need a lot more civilians to get involved. That's a challenge to the workforce," Cannon said.

The survey is voluntary and no names are used. Employees can take it during normal duty hours at work.

Editor's note: Mack is a lead personnel psychologist assigned to the office of the Army's Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel.

Local and National News

Acting Deputy Defense Secretary England relinquishes top Navy post

By American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Acting Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England has relinquished his post as secretary of the Navy, Defense Department officials announced Dec. 29.

He will continue to serve as acting deputy secretary of defense, officials said.

England has served as Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's deputy since May, when former Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz left the Pentagon to head up the World Bank.

During two terms as Navy secretary, England served a total of 48 months. His terms were separated by his service as the first

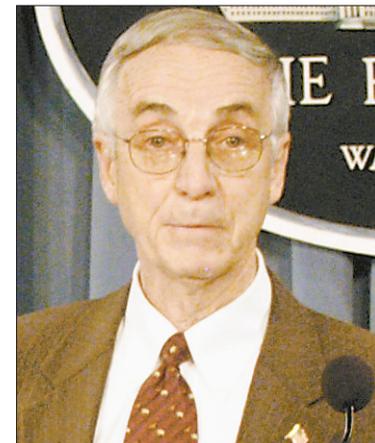
deputy secretary of the Homeland Security Department. For the past eight months, he has served in both the Navy post and as acting deputy secretary of defense.

"It has been a profound honor to serve with the magnificent men and women of the United States Navy and Marine Corps," England said in a statement issued by the Pentagon. "I am most privileged to be able to continue serving our armed forces as the deputy to Secretary Rumsfeld."

Donald Winter, who was confirmed by the Senate last month, was sworn in as the 74th secretary of the Navy Tuesday.

England has been Rumsfeld's point man on several major initiatives, including implementation of the new National

Security Personnel System for DOD civilian employees.



Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England relinquished his dual role as Secretary of the Navy. DOD PHOTO

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on ABC's "This Week" program.

Pace said the U.S. goal is to ensure Iraqi armed forces and police are capable of defending their own land. "And they're getting much more capable of doing that," he said.

He warned that many insurgents are not going to quit the battlefield. "They're going to be either killed or captured by coalition forces or by Iraqi armed forces," Pace said.

However, he added, a large number of potential insurgents might change their minds when they see the Iraqi government taking shape after recent successful elections. "As they see their own armed forces taking over responsibility in their country, they will see that being a part of the future of Iraq is going to be much

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Bush: Progress toward, freer, more peaceful world in '05

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- This has been a year of strong progress toward a freer, more peaceful world



President George W. Bush

PHOTO BY ERIC DRAPER/WHITE HOUSE
PHOTOGRAPHER

and a more prosperous America, President George W. Bush said in his weekly radio address Dec. 31.

"This year we watched the Iraqi people defy the terrorists and suicide bombers and hold three successful elections, voting to choose the only constitutional, democratic government in the Arab world," Bush said. "We also saw the people of Afghanistan elect a democratic parliament in a nation that only a few years ago was ruled by the Taliban.

"These are amazing achievements in the history of liberty," Bush said. "As freedom

and democracy take hold in a troubled region, we are making the American people safer here at home and laying the foundation of peace for future generations."

Bush emphasized that the U.S. has a vital interest in the success of a free Iraq. In the year ahead, he said, the United States will continue to pursue a comprehensive strategy for victory that includes security, political and economic elements.

He said the coalition is staying on the offensive, finding and clearing the enemy out of Iraqi cities, towns and villages. More

control is being transferred to Iraqi units, and the U.S. is building up the Iraqi security forces so they can increasingly lead the fight to secure their country.

"We are helping Iraqis build the political institutions of an inclusive, unified and lasting democracy," the president said. "And, our coalition is overcoming

earlier setbacks and moving forward with a reconstruction plan to rebuild Iraq's economy and infrastructure.

"As we help Iraq build a peaceful and stable democracy, the United States will gain an ally in the war on terror, inspire reformers across the Middle East, and make the American people more secure," Bush said.

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better than becoming part of the insurgency," Pace said.

In an effort to get the right people back into the Iraqi armed forces, the Iraqi government is reaching out to former Sunni military officers, in the ranks of major and below, and enlisted folks who want to rejoin the armed forces of their country, Pace noted.

The Iraqi military and police forces must be inclusive if the country's fledgling democracy is going to be successful.

"There's room for improvement," Pace said, "and I think the Iraq government understands that and is working toward that goal."

With encouragement from governments around the world, the Iraqi people will find a way to use the democracy that's in their hands for the betterment of their own people, Pace said.

"I think democracy is what it is everywhere in the world," he said. "It's not a clean, precise process, but one that is the best hope for all of us. It's a way to be representative of the needs of all the people."

Pace also vowed that politics will not affect military commanders' decisions in determining troop levels in Iraq.

"I don't expect to get any political pressure because I expect to be who I am -- the military advisor to the president, secretary of defense and the National Security Council," Pace said. "I expect of myself to give that best military advice."

Community Features and Photos

Ryan takes charge of law department

**Story and photo
by Spc. Benjamin Gruver
Staff Writer**

There's a new "sheriff" in town and she's raring to go. Col. Maritza S. Ryan is the new head of the U.S. Military Academy's Department of Law pending Congressional approval.

She fills the spot left when Brig. Gen. Pat Finnegan, the former head, became the academy's Dean of the Academic Board.

"I am extremely grateful to Lt. Gen. Lennox and Brig. Gen. Finnegan for their confidence in me and giving me this opportunity," Ryan said.

Finnegan's confidence in her first surfaced in 2001, when she was selected as an academy professor. Sometime after her selection for that position, Ryan told Finnegan she was battling the aftermath of treatments for cancer in her leg. Doctors had found and removed a tumor in 1999 while she was attending the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

"I remember calling Gen. Finnegan at the time saying, 'You know, I am having a little bit of a

set back here and I am not sure how long you want to wait for me,'" said Ryan. "He said, 'We'll wait for you.'"

The idea of having the position at West Point along with strong family support, especially from husband Bob Ryan, expert care from the military's medical system and support from friends in the Judge Advocate General Corps, explained Ryan, were crucial to her recovery.

It was on crutches with a new titanium hip that Ryan came to work under Finnegan in 2001 as the deputy head, filling one of two newly created permanent military faculty positions in the department.

"On the one hand it is daunting to take over for someone who has been such a wonderful and successful leader," Ryan said of Finnegan. "On the other hand I have to say that I have had a tremendous advantage in working for and being able to learn from him."

Ryan's experience with the Law Department goes beyond her tenure under Finnegan. The USMA graduate of 1982 came back here to teach in 1992, not long after her deployment to

Operation Desert Storm.

Although there were no majors in law when Ryan was a cadet, she said she can see how the smallest academic department here has changed. The department now has a major and soon will have a major with honors available beginning with the Class of 2007.

"When I was a cadet we had two core courses all cadets continue to take today," Ryan said. "Today there are more than 10 different electives -- a much broader pallet."

More recent changes under Finnegan, explained Ryan, were the addition of more Title X professors and the two permanent military academy professors.

"We are a unique program," Ryan said. "Hardly any other

school teaches law the way we do at the undergraduate level. We read the actual cases and learn very similarly to how they do in law school."

Her desire for the future of the Law Department is to build on the work of her predecessors and look for new innovative ways to teach law as well as increase outreach to the Army. The colonel said she definitely feels like she is standing on the shoulders of giants.

"One of the things we are looking to do in the future is establish a center for the study of the law of armed conflict," Ryan said. "Wherever we are deployed, wherever we go, it is absolutely vital for leaders to understand what their responsibilities are under the

law of war."

Even though the teaching of the law of armed conflict has grown over the years, cadets continue to show a strong interest in the subject, Ryan explained.

"I think having a center here with a dedicated chair and administrative support to host conferences and do presentations as well as developing our curriculum of the law of armed conflict at West Point would be a tremendous achievement," Ryan said. "I would like to make that a goal for us to accomplish here while I am the head."

Overall, Ryan said she feels fortunate to be in her position and will do her very best to make

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Department of Law Head Col. Maritza Ryan, a USMA 1982 graduate, replaces former head Brig. Gen. Pat Finnegan, who left to become the academy's Dean of the Academic Board.

America Supports You: *Reading program, retail giant join forces to help military families*

By American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- A family reading program and a retail giant have joined forces to help deployed military parents stay connected with their children.

Thanks to a partnership by United Through Reading and the Minneapolis-based Target retail chain, the Family Literacy Foundation's read-aloud-by-videotape program -- previously available only to the Navy and Marines -- is opening to all branches of the armed forces.

"United Through Reading enables military parents and their children to continue to share bonds of love," said Betty Mohlenbrock, program founder.

"The program touches children's lives in ways a handwritten letter cannot," she said. "Hearing a parent read to you is one of life's tender mercies. What's really terrific is that the program benefits families by celebrating the primacy of reading, which is crucial to a child's education."

Since its inception during the Persian Gulf War in 1991, United Through Reading has

served 100,000 military people and their families. The program offers children a chance to see and hear their parent read a story via videotape or DVD, while the children read along. The spouse at home records the children's reactions and sends the tape overseas.

"Our goal with this initiative

is to lessen the strain of separation and increase bonding through the positive, educational experience that reading aloud provides," said Laysha Ward, Target's vice president for community relations. "The program shares synergies with our national initiative 'Ready. Sit. Read!' aimed at fostering a love of

reading among children and families."

Since 1989, Family Literacy Foundation, a nonprofit organization, has helped build supportive relationships for children through family and friends reading aloud with them.

Editor's Note: Information from a news release from Target.

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sure the job is done right. She said she realizes an opportunity like this isn't handed to someone overnight.

"It is a long trail of being given chances, being helped, being led and being mentored that has brought me here," Ryan said. "They say it takes a village to raise a child and it has taken an Army to raise me to where I am today."

For the New York City native that trail began when she made the decision to come to the academy in the late '70s, at a time when women were just being allowed into the service academies. Ryan was then commissioned an artillery officer and, after a tour in Germany with the 1st Armored Division, was selected for a fully-funded legal education program, FLEP. She then

went to law school in Nashville, Tenn., at Vanderbilt University and began a career in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Ryan's other accolades include a Masters in Law from Judge Advocate General's School in Charleston, Va., and she most recently studied at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

The new Law Department head's mother is a native of Spain and her father is a native of Puerto Rico. This gives her the distinction of also being the most senior ranking Hispanic Judge Advocate in the military.

"I am extremely grateful for having been given this particular opportunity and all the ones I have had along the way that have made this one possible," Ryan said.

Boy Scouts backpack in Harriman State Park

Story and photos by
Lt. Col. Bill Adams
Scoutmaster, Troop 23

Eight scouts and four adult leaders of West Point's Boy Scout Troop 23 braved sub-freezing temperatures, steep, rocky mountains and treacherous footing as they hiked 16 miles through Harriman State Park Nov. 18 to 20.

The footing was difficult due to loose leaves covering the rocks which contributed to many falls. The scouts were led by Assistant Scoutmaster Cal Christensen and Scoutmaster Bill Adams.

Carrying everything they would need for the weekend in rucksacks on their backs, the scouts followed the Appalachian, Ramapo-Dunderberg, Menomine Trails and the Long Path through the mostly-deserted park. They navigated the route themselves using maps and compasses.

Adult Leaders John Graham,



Brian Meese, (left) Justin Bourque and Tyler Christensen hike during their 16-mile hike Nov. 18-20 in Harriman State Park.

Ed Sobiesk and Blair Tiger also participated for portions of the hike. Scouts Brian Meese, Justin Bourque, Tyler Christensen, Joe

Tiger, JR Treacy, Chris Palmer, Liam Foody and Jack Graham made the hike.

The scouts began their trek Nov. 18 south of Harriman in Central Valley. As light was fading quickly, they hiked only two miles, albeit mostly uphill, to Island Pond, the only natural pond in the park. After they pitched their tents for the night and were preparing dinner, they helped the State Park Police locate two missing day hikers.

The lost hikers became disoriented and were caught by the early darkness without a map, food, shelter or sleeping bags. The boys heard the shouts of the missing people on the far side of the pond, responded by blowing a whistle and alerted the police who had been looking for them.

Armed with this information, the police and a park ranger intercepted the lost pair and led

Liam Foody makes breakfast.



them to safety. Later in the evening as the moon rose over Island Pond and the scouts reflected upon their good turn, they spotted a beaver quietly swimming across the silvery surface of the water.

The next morning the scouts awoke to temperatures in the low 20s and frozen water bottles. After breakfast and packing up, they headed north on the AT and soon passed through the 'Lemon Squeezer,' a cleft through a large rock formation, the most famous landmark on the AT in New York. To pass through the Lemon Squeezer, the scouts had to remove their backpacks and hand them up to others who climbed up ahead of them.

The hikers passed Lake Tiorati then climbed up to the O'Brien Shelter where they established camp on a wind-swept shoulder on a ridgeline overlooking Pomona. Saturday's hike totaled roughly nine miles. The West Point scouts met scouts from another troop from Long

Island who were camping there.

Sunday morning the scouts rose to milder temps, ate, broke camp and resumed the trek down the ridgeline, past Silvermine Lake and an abandoned ski area. Crossing Seven Lakes Drive they encountered more disoriented hikers whom they redirected and set on their way. Finally, following the Long Path, the hikers exited the woods at the Long Mountain Parkway after completing the final five-mile leg of the trek.

DPW Notes

Drop N' Swap excess hazardous materials

All residents are invited to participate in our pilot "Drop N' Swap" program for the drop off and re-use of ordinary household materials that are not "earth-friendly."

As you are cleaning or preparing to leave West Point, donate your unused products, such as paints, oven cleaners, furniture polish and other household cleansers and chemicals.

Take them to the Self-Help Center and leave these items with the self-help clerk.

They will be safely stored rather than thrown into our landfill. If you are new to West Point you may obtain these unused supplies from the center free of charge.

All items must be in the original container, have a readable label, be at least half full and have shelf life time remaining.

Compressed gas cylinders, used oils, batteries and pesticides will not be accepted as a part of this program.

All questions on this program and on the disposal of other hazardous materials should be addressed to the solid waste management branch at 938-4074.

Holiday decoration display policy

Exterior holiday lights and displays must be removed no later than Jan. 15.

Electric lights, both exterior and interior that are viewed from the outside, may only be operated during hours of darkness and must be turned off by midnight each day.

Lights must only be used when the occupant is home, except if controlled by an automatic timer using the constraints above.

Christmas Tree recycling

The DPW Solid Waste contractor will pick up 'used' Christmas trees for recycling Wednesday, weather permitting.

Residents are reminded to remove all ornaments, garland and tinsel before placing the tree at your solid waste collection point for pick up. Trees placed there prior to the scheduled dates will most likely remain there until the next scheduled date. Although the contractor might be using a normal trash truck, the trees will be mulched and recycled and not placed in the landfill.

Water flow test

As part of the design for the revitalization of 36 historic quarters, the design A/E will be here Wednesday to conduct the water flow testing.

These tests will be done during the afternoon in the Old English South area and in the vicinity of Quarters 146, Trophy Point.

The test is necessary for the design of a sprinkler system for the quarters. During the testing, nearby quarters and buildings will experience low water pressure and discolored water.

This should clear up in roughly two hours.

The water is not recommended for consumption or laundry use while it is discolored.

This work is weather dependent.

For more information, contact

DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

Arvin CFDC elevator rehab

A DPW contractor has begun work to repair/rehab elevator #2 in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

During the work that elevator will not be available for use. It is anticipated the work will be completed on or about March 31.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater
at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Today -- Zathura, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Yours, Mine & Ours, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Get Rich or Die Trying, R, 9:30 p.m.

**Jan. 13 -- Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire, PG-13,
7:30 p.m.**

Jan. 14 -- Chicken Little, G, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 14 -- Jarhead, R, 9:30 p.m.

Jan. 21 -- Aeon Flux, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 21 -- Saw II, R, 9:30 p.m.

Jan. 27 -- Walk the Line, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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



JANUARY 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 IVC, 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>6 Winter Ski, YS, 1800-2100 (grades 6-12)</p>	<p>7 Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 0615-0745 ASIA Ski/Snowboard Certification, Ski Lodge, 0900-1700</p>
<p>8 Open Skate, Tate Rink, 1530-1700 ASIA Ski/Snowboard Certification, Ski Lodge, 0900-1700</p>	<p>9 Wee Ones Play Group, ACS, 0930-1100 Virtual Archaeology, YS, 1615 (grades 6-12)</p>	<p>10 Preseparation Briefing, 1400, Parenting Update, 1130, ACS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Financial Readiness for 1st Term Soldiers, ACS, 0830 Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 2115-2245</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Targeting Stress, ACS, 1130-1300 Round Pond Camper Site Lottery Drawing, R Pond Theater Van to Broadway, ITR, 1700-2330</p>	<p>13 Museums in NYC, ITR, 1200-1900 Winter Ski, YS, 1800-2100 (grades 6-12)</p>	<p>14 Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 0615-0745 ASIA Ski/Snowboard Certification, Ski Lodge, 0900-1700</p>			
<p>15 ASIA Ski/Snowboard Certification, Ski Lodge, 0900-1700</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday All MWR Activities Closed Except for Ski, Bowling and Morgan Farm</p>	<p>17 Crafts & Auto Closed Ski School Lessons Begin, WP Ski, 1700 & 1830 Round Pond Tent/RV Site Reservations Begin, Call 1100-1400 Only, 938-8811</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Checking Account Refresher, 1445, Initial PCS Move, 1330, ACS Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 2115-2245</p>	<p>19 Consumer Rights, 0830, Credit, 0945, ACS Family Night Buffet w/ Macaroni the Clown, WP Club, 1700-1900</p>	<p>20 Friday Night on the Town in NYC, ITR, 1700-2300 Winter Ski, YS, 1800-2100 (grades 6-12)</p>	<p>21 Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 0615-0745 Defensive Driving, Held at AEC, Register at ITR, 0800-1500</p>			

What's Happening

MOMs Club

The MOMs Club monthly Social for Jan. is the inaugural "Make It, Bake It or Buy It" Auction Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Jewish Chapel.

Information Operations officers

Functional Area 30 (Information Operations) is seeking highly motivated Year Group 1997-2002 officers for expanding IO opportunities.

Contact Lt. Col. Ken Krumm at (913) 684-5318 or H. David Pendleton at (913) 684-5320.

MLK food sampling Wednesday

Everyone is invited to a food sampling in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the West Point Club in the Grand Ballroom.

The speaker will be the honorable John C. Thomas and there will be performances by

the USMA Cadet Gospel Choir and dance teams from the West Point Christian Fellowship Dream Team.

R.S.V.P. by today to *aaron.ferguson@usma.edu* or call (845) 938-2621.

Other ticket POCs are: Lt. Col. Ronald Dodge at 938-5569 and Maj. Michael Senn at 938-2679.

WPWC scholarships

The West Point Women's Club is accepting applications for community grants and individual educational scholarships.

Club members, high school seniors and undergrad students may apply by Feb. 27, 2006.

The eligible applicant or parent of a student must have been a member of the WPWC by Jan. 1, 2006.

Applications are at www.shopthepoint.com, Army Community Services, the WPWC

Shoppe or can be had by calling 446-2634.

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

For more information, call 446-8798.

WPWC has a party tent, table decorations and other party items to rent.

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

DUSA continuing ed grants

The deadline for continuing education grant applications for the Daughters of the U.S. Army is Jan. 15.

Contact Amanda Molinari at 446-1262 for more information.

Protestant Sunday School

Protestant Sunday School resumes Sunday at 9 a.m. on the third floor of Thayer Hall.

Three adults classes offered,

nursery care available and classes for age 3 to high school are taught by cadets.

For more information contact Chaplain Cynthia Lindenmeyer at 938-3412.

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Local veterans are organizing a local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A.

Charter membership in this Castle Point-based organization is free.

If you were combat wounded you are invited to become an active member.

The major objective of the organization is to work in the interest of its members and their families.

Contact Sal J. Scialo at (845-562-1730 or write him at P.O. Box 470, Castle Point, NY 12511.

He will send you all the information you need.

Children's art on display at Ike Hall

Newburgh's Fostertown ETC Magnet School and The West Point Class of 1929 Gallery at Eisenhower Hall will showcase children's art from Jan. 8 through Feb. 25.

The Gallery plans a free opening reception Sunday at 2.

Refreshments will be on hand and all are welcome to attend.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Public skating returns to Tate Rink

Starting today public ice skating is returning to Tate Rink. Ninety-minute ice times are available with free admission every Sun. from 3:30 to 5 p.m. beginning Jan. 8 and Jan. 22 and every Sun. through March 26.

Skate rentals will not be available. Skaters need to bring their own skates.

ID will be required to obtain entry and skate guards will be monitoring skaters and controlling the ice.

For more info., call the MWR Sports Office at 938-3066.

Child care at Fitness Center

Beginning Tuesday the West Point Child and Youth Services program will be providing child care at the MWR Fitness Center on Tues. and Thurs. mornings from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. for children of parents using the Fitness Center.

Reservations must be made five days prior to attending the Fitness Center by calling 938-4458.

For more info., call Kim Tague at 938-3921.

Ski/Snowboard certification

ASIA Ski/Snowboard certification will be held at the West Point Ski Lodge Jan. 14-15 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

Command Channel 8/23

Jan. 6 - 13

FRIDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

JAN. 13

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

For more information, call 938-3726/2067.

Round Pond

Round Pond reservations begin Jan. 17 for cadets and active duty.

All other categories may begin calling Feb. 21.

Reservations are now limited to a combination of two sites per sponsor.

Phone calls will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. only Monday through Friday at (845) 938-8811.

The Round Pond seasonal camper site lottery drawing will be held Thursday. Applications must be sent in before hand.

Applications are available at www.usma.edu/mwr.

For more information, call 938-8811 Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. only.

Youth Services

West Point Youth Services will present The Boys & Girls Club of America 2006 Fine Arts Exhibit Jan. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Call 938-3727/8582/3208 for more info.

BOSS poker tournament

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is hosting a poker tournament at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

First and second place prizes will be gift certificates.

Refreshments will be available.

For more info., call Staff Sgt. J. Malone at 938-2445 or Connie Woodley at 938-6497.

Pooh's Winter Tail

The West Point Club is offering a brunch theater Jan. 29. The play *Pooh's Winter Tail* will begin at 2 p.m. Brunch will be served at 1 p.m.

Tickets are currently on sale in the catering office.

For more info. call the WPC at 938-5120 or 446-5506.

West Point Club catering

Visit us 10 times for lunch and have dinner with us at least twice from now until Feb. 3 to be eligible to receive discounted take-out platters for Super Bowl Sunday.

Choose from chili, sausage and peppers, antipasto, hot wings and large subs.

Call the club at 446-5545 or 938-5120 for more info. or to place your Super Bowl order early.

At Your Leisure

Resident snow removal reminders

By Martha Hinote
DPW, Customer Service

All residents are required to clear their sidewalks and stairs of ice and snow within 24 hours of the conclusion of a weather event.

If you are expecting delivery or pick up of an appliance, please have the pathway that will be used clear prior to the scheduled time. Additionally, please clear the pathways and landings leading to mechanical rooms. This will allow our work crews to access heating and other systems quickly and safely.

Each resident must share the responsibility of shoveling common areas as directed or scheduled by the area coordinator.

If there is a fire hydrant in your property limits or at the edge of it, you are required to clear all ice and snow to allow for quick access. This action will save valuable time in a fire emergency.

Residents must ensure there is ready access to their solid waste collection point and fuel oil fill pipe. The contractor must have ready, safe access to those locations. If the contractor is unable to reach those sites, your trash will not be

picked up and fuel oil will not be delivered. Running out of fuel oil will cause loss of heat and/or hot water in your quarters.

The following residential buildings are heated with fuel oil -- North Apartments, 142, 501, 502, 503, 509, 510, 511, 1000, 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1280 and 2020.

Residents are reminded that the Post Office will not deliver mail if there is not clear, safe access to your mail box.

It is suggested that residents use a snow rake or other device to remove snow from the gutters and the roof edges at periodic intervals. This is particularly important after a heavy snowfall. This will prevent snow and ice from clogging the gutter system and reduce the danger of falling snow.

Be sure to clean storm sewer grates so that the water from melting snow and ice will not back up in the street or in your basement.

All of the above responsibilities must be accomplished within 24 hours of the conclusion of a weather event.

To assist residents in their snow/ice removal responsibilities, snow shovels, ice choppers and

snow rakes are available at the Self Help Center, Building 695.

Note: the shovels and ice choppers are assigned to your quarters. The snow rakes are available on a three-day loan. Liquid is available for resident use and may be obtained during normal Self Help hours of operation. In addition, snow blowers have been issued throughout the housing areas and are available for you to "borrow" from the designated "keeper," after you have been instructed on its safe use.

The snow blowers will help you in clearing areas of large snow/ice accumulations. If you don't know where your nearest snow blower is located, contact your area coordinator.

As a safety reminder, teach your children not to dig caves or tunnels through large drifts of snow. There is a real danger of the walls giving way and children being trapped inside.

All personnel should stay away from snow removal equipment when in operation. Not only is the equipment large and cumbersome to control, there are often blind spots where the driver cannot see you.

Keller Corner

Families PCSing overseas

If you are active duty moving overseas with your family members it is very important that you contact the Exceptional Family Member Program office immediately.

The EFMP office must screen all family members accompanying AD on overseas assignments.

Call 938-6881 for details and appointments.

Delays in screening may contribute to delays in family members traveling with sponsors.

Clinical breast study

Women ages 30 to 45 with military benefits, are invited to participate in an ongoing clinical breast study to test a new non-invasive scanning device to identify women at risk for breast cancer.

You may participate once or on a yearly basis.

Contact Joyce Epstein-Ross for more information at 938-8387.

Her office is located on the KACH second floor in the OB/GYN clinic.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-7992.

Post energy costs rising

By Martha Hinote
DPW, Customer Service

Do you realize that West Point spent more than \$17 million on energy consumption last year and our costs are expected to continue to increase over the next year?

Our best estimate is that our costs could rise as much as 30 percent or \$5.1 million this year. Our energy is consumed in post buildings, including public buildings and housing, for heating, cooling, lighting and the operation of common appliances such as computers, fax machines, printers and copiers, washers and dryers and other common kitchen appliances.

However, we can all significantly reduce this cost.

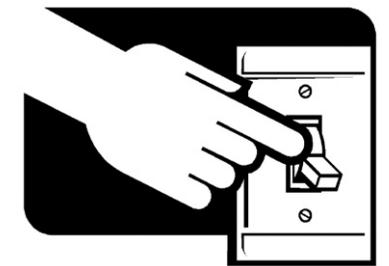
By implementing the following daily activities, we can save energy.

But we need your help.

1) When you are away from home or your office space is not occupied, turn thermostats down to 58 degrees. Every degree the thermostat is lowered saves 1.5 percent of the heating energy cost.

Please do not turn the heat down below 58 degrees to avoid any potential water line freezing.

2) Keep all windows and doors



closed during the heating season. If you have not already done so, now is a great time to remove window air conditioners and ensure that all storm windows are down. Check fireplace dampers to make sure they are shut.

3) Do not block radiators or air vents with furniture or carpets.

4) On sunny days, open drapes, shades and blinds to let in the free solar heat from the sun. Close them when the sun goes down.

5) Turn off lights when not in use. Turn on only the lights you need to complete the task at hand. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs, available at the Self Help Center, Bldg 695. These bulbs use one-third of the energy of the traditional light bulb.

Information on USMA's Energy Management Program may be obtained by contacting the Energy Branch at 938-6873.

Army gymnastics hosts Penn State in season opener

By Mady Salvani
Athletic Communications

Army head gymnastics coach Doug Van Everen looks to take the Black Knights to new heights in 2006 starting with the season opener against Penn State Saturday afternoon at Gross Sports Center. GymInfo ranked the Black Knights 11th in its preseason poll.

Army lost three stalwarts to graduation, including Brian Lee, its top still rings specialist for four years and a 2005 All-American.

Van Everen, tabbed both the ECAC and East Regional "Coach of the Year" in 2005, feels his team will be stronger than last year's squad that finished 11-1 and captured its first Eastern title in 43 years and finished 11th at the NCAA Championships.

"We lost three seniors," Van

Everen said, "but we have filled those spots along with a much-improved team, so there are no holes. Our team is strong, but we also got lucky this year with the change of rules with a higher start value on still rings that will help soften the blow with the loss of Brian."

Army senior captain Mike Tiffany has the inside track to fill Lee's shoes with sophomore Tyler Ho also looking to make an impact. Junior Brandon Whitten, who ranks among the top returning all-arounders in the East, will be a key contributor as well.

Army's deepest and strongest events will be vault and floor exercise, while parallel bars and high bar did not lose anyone. ECAC parallel bars champion junior Mike Oliveira returns, along with classmate Joe Baumann and

sophomore Tim Burns providing a solid base on high bar.

The Black Knights' vault unit turned in a school-record 37.175 last year and posted the highest team score (36.875) at the NCAA Championships.

"Our vaulting team is the strongest in my tenure," remarked Van Everen, "and one I feel could be the nation's best."

Army welcomes back the core of last year's vaulters in junior Kyle Welsh and sophomore Mike Assenmacher. Welsh reached the preliminary round at the NCAAs, while Assenmacher turned in the top score of the season (9.5). In addition to Welsh and Assenmacher, Van Everen has another "ace" in sophomore Anthony Morales. The Army mentor considers Morales a national caliber competitor with a world class vault that

should take him to the NCAA Championships.

Pommel horse, like still rings, lacks depth, but strong routines from veterans Chris Kennedy, a senior, Whitten and Morales should result in a solid score in that event.

"Winning or losing the close meets will be decided by how well we do on still rings and pommel horse," noted Van Everen.

No. 5 Penn State finished fourth at last year's NCAA Championships, hosted at West Point's Christl Arena, after capturing the NCAA title in 2004. Two-time NCAA all-around champion and 11-time All-America Luis Vargas will not compete his senior year, electing to train for the Olympics in his native Puerto Rico.

While Penn State is lacking the depth and experience it has enjoyed

the past few years, the Nittany Lions will look to All-American Santiago Lopez, who finished fourth on vault as a freshman at last year's NCAA Championships, along with Derek Helsby, Tommy Ramos (rings) and blue-chip recruit Casey Sandy. Penn State coach Randy Jepson feels that Sandy, who has extensive international experience as a member of the Canadian national team, will lead the team in the all-around scoring this year and is a legitimate threat to win the national championship as a freshman.

The Army-Penn State dual meet series, renewed under Van Everen in 1995 following a 21-year lapse, will be meeting for the 51st time in a series that began in 1932. The Black Knights will be looking to post their first win over the Nittany Lions since a 54-42 victory in 1962 when Army spun a 7-0-1 mark along with winning the Eastern title.

"We are looking for a good start Saturday against Penn State," commented Van Everen. "We want to hit our routines and be aggressive throughout the meet."

Women's basketball beats Iona 67-54

By Danah Allen
Athletic Communications

Freshman Megan Evans becomes the first Black Knight player this season to register double-figure rebounds, as she grabbed 12 boards to lead Army to a convincing 67-54 victory over the Iona Gaels Tuesday evening at

Christl Arena. Army improves its record to 6-7 and Iona falls to 3-8 on the season.

The Black Knights used the foul line to their advantage, shooting an impressive 76.5 percent from the free throw line for the game. Sophomore Stefanie Stone was a

perfect 7-for-7 from the charity stripe, leading the Black Knights at the foul line.

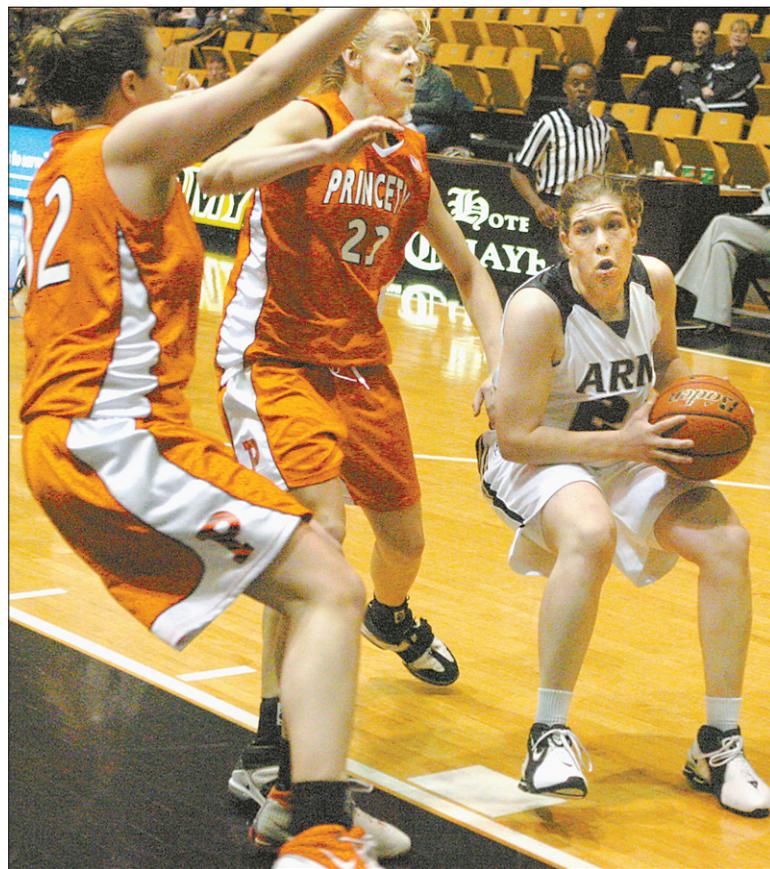
The Black Knights overmatched the Gaels in the early part of the second half, scoring the half's first eight points for the 43-33 advantage 4:45 into the stanza, and never

looked back. The Gaels did cut the lead to six (43-37) on a layup by Anna McLean with 15:08 left. From there, the Black Knights went on a 16-6 spurt and took a 16-point cushion with 6:29 remaining in the contest. Junior Jen Hansen tallied five points in the run.

Nine different players scored for the Black Knights and two reached double figures. Stone and freshman Alex McGuire paced Army with 13 points, tying career-highs for both. Sophomore Cara Enright and Evans each tallied nine points. Evans's scoring effort eclipsed her career-high of eight, and she added a career-high 12 rebounds. Junior Erin Begonia and Hansen finished with eight points apiece.

Tiara Headen finished with a game-high 14 points for Iona, and McLean chipped in 10 points for the Gaels on 5-of-7 shooting.

Army begins Patriot League competition Saturday when the Black Knights host the Colgate Raiders at Christl Arena at 3 p.m.



Army freshman guard Alex McGuire goes down low against Princeton Dec. 8 at Christl Arena. McGuire had a game-high 13 points against the Iona Gaels Tuesday to help lead the Black Knights to a 67-54 win.

ERIC BARTELT/PV

Army women's basketball 2005-2006 results

11/11	PACE(Exh.)	W, 82-74
11/18	COAST GUARD	W, 103-51
11/20	ST. JOHN'S	L, 74-55
11/25	Manhattan	L, 72-65
11/26	Cal. St. Full.	W, 80-79
11/30	ALBANY	W, 72-60
12/2	@ Cornell	L, 64-61
12/6	@ Cen. Conn. St.	W, 65-63
12/8	PRINCETON	L, 73-52
12/17	BAYLOR	L, 85-68
12/19	GARDNER-WEBB	W, 67-54
12/29	@Air Force	L, 73-61
12/31	@ Connecticut	L, 85-46
1/3	IONA	W, 67-54
1/7	COLGATE	3 p.m.
1/10	HOLY CROSS	7 p.m.
1/14	@ Lehigh	5 p.m.
1/17	@ American	7 p.m.
1/21	@ Navy	Noon
1/25	LAFAYETTE	7:30 p.m.
1/28	@Colgate	4 p.m.
2/4	NAVY	11:30 a.m.
2/7	@ Holy Cross	7 p.m.
2/11	LEHIGH	3 p.m.
2/14	AMERICAN	7 p.m.
2/18	BUCKNELL	1 p.m.
2/21	@ Lafayette	7 p.m.
2/25	@ Bucknell	TBA
3/2, 4,	8 PL tourney	TBA

2006 Army Football schedule

Sept. 2	@ Arkansas State
Sept. 9	KENT STATE
Sept. 16	TEXAS A&M @San Antonio, Texas
Sept. 23	@ Baylor
Sept. 30	RICE
Oct. 7	VMI
Oct. 14	@ Connecticut
Oct. 21	TCU
Oct. 28	@ Tulane
Nov. 4	AIR FORCE
Nov. 18	@ Notre Dame
Dec. 2	Navy @ Philadelphia

Subject to change

**Army
gymnastics
needs
volunteers**

The Army gymnastics team is looking for volunteers to help out with the 2006 West Point Open Gymnastics Meet Jan. 27-29 in Holleder Center.

This is one of the biggest and highest level gymnastics competitions in the country.

Seven top teams will be competing including: Penn State, Temple, JMU, Springfield, MIT, Navy and Army.

In addition to these universities, many U.S. National Team members and All Americans will compete.

This event is sanctioned through USA Gymnastics and will be used as a Qualifier for the Winter National Championships.

Some of the areas needing assistance include: scoring, hospitality room, transport of officials and Olympians, awards, meet set up, food pick up, etc.

All people helping out with the West Point Open will receive tickets to the exciting College Competitions.

If you would like to help out, please call the gymnastics office at 938-3802.

2005-06 STAFF AND FACULTY NOONTIME BASKETBALL STANDINGS

as of Dec. 14

NORTH DIVISION		CENTRAL DIVISION		SOUTH DIVISION	
	W - L		W - L		W - L
C.P.D	13 - 0	SJA	9 - 1	SOC SCIENCE	8 - 2
DAD/ODIA	7 - 5	PHYSICS	6 - 2	BTD	7 - 4
MEDDAC	4 - 8	EE&CS	5 - 2	BS&L	6 - 6
DPW	4 - 9	BAND	6 - 4	MATH	4 - 8
DMI	3 - 9	ENGLISH	4 - 5	SYSTEMS ENGR	3 - 9
		GENE/DFL	4 - 6		
		D/LAW	2 - 5		
		HHC	1 - 11		

**2005-06
UNIT BASKETBALL
STANDINGS**

as of Dec. 14

	W - L
USMC #1	4 - 1
MEDDAC	3 - 1
MP's	2 - 1
USMC #2	2 - 2
Security	1 - 4
Band	0 - 3

Monday

Band vs. MP's, 6:30 p.m.

Band vs. MEDDAC, 7:15 p.m.

Army All-American Bowl Sat.

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The 6th annual U.S. Army All-American Bowl will showcase the best high school football players in the nation as it airs nationally on NBC beginning at noon Saturday.

The bowl will also showcase Army equipment and troops at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. Soldiers will participate in the pre-game and halftime shows, including a number who received medals in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The Army sponsors the game to enhance its connection with America's youth and to recognize excellence demonstrated by our youth," said Col. Garrie Dornan, director of the Army's Community Relations and Outreach Division.

The Army is proud to sponsor opportunities that help youth achieve their potential, Dornan said. The athletes playing in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl share many of the characteristics that make Soldiers strong, he said, including leadership, teamwork,

commitment to excellence and a desire to make a difference as members of a team.

"The Army All-American Bowl is the largest Army-sponsored event in America," Dornan said. "It's a fitting way for all Americans to come together to celebrate achievements of our youth, while paying tribute to the thousands of Soldiers who followed their 'Call of Duty' to serve our nation."

The U.S. Army National Band Competition will follow the game at 4 p.m. and feature competition among the nation's top highschool marching bands.

A U.S. Army Cheer Clinic for high-school cheerleaders will also take place this weekend in San Antonio with a guest appearance from the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders.