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Army conquers VMI

Army football junior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble dances down the sideline Saturday during the Black Knights' 62-7 win over Division I-AA Virginia Military Institute here at Michie Stadium. Army improved to 3-3 on the season with the win and travels to Connecticut this weekend to take on the 2-3 Huskies. The game will not be televised.

PHOTO BY LESLIE GORDNIER/PAO

Senior NCO, historic housing renovations underway until '10

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Two upcoming construction projects here will renovate 28 senior noncommissioned officer and 36 historic sets of quarters. West Point planned the projects years before the Residential Communities Initiative was being thought of, explained James Kennedy, Chief of the Housing Division for the Directorate of Public Works.

"These much-needed renovations are being done to provide necessary upgrades to some very historic older housing and basic renovations for the senior NCO housing areas," Kennedy said. "The renovations will help in the RCI process because having some areas, like New Brick for example, already renovated gives the RCI partner the ability to start renovating other areas."

Renovations include upgrades to electric, plumbing, communication systems and plaster repairs. Two units will also be made handicapped accessible.

"All units will be completely painted, all wallpaper will be removed and the kitchens and bathrooms will be replaced," said Larry Trifilo DPW Chief of Faculty Maintenance. "The project

began in August with an expected completion date of Jan. 2010."

The historical renovations will be performed in six phases:

Phase 1 -- Quarters 103 A&B on 'Professors row' on Washington Road and 29-Old English South.

Phase 2 -- Quarters 105 A&B on Washington Road, 45 A, B & C, Old English South and 30 Old English South.

Phase 3 -- Quarters 107 A&B on Washington Road 48, A, B & C at Old English South and 32 A&B Old English South.

Phase 4 -- Quarters 130 A&B on Bartlett Loop 21 A, B & C at Old English South and 34 A&B Old English South.

Phase 5 -- Quarters 128 A&B on Bartlett Loop, 118 A&B Old English North and 61, CSM Quarters on Schofield Place.

Phase 6 -- Quarters 132 A&B on Bartlett Loop, 120 A&B at Old English North and 146 the Ginger Bread House on Ruger Road.

Basic renovations for the senior NCO housing will include new kitchen cabinets with solid-surface counter tops, vinyl flooring and applications, new gypsum wallboard in second floor bathrooms with new ceramic tile, according to DPW Housing Engineer Technician,

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OPM launches online toolkit to speed federal hiring

WASHINGTON (govexec.com) -- As part of a long-running effort to reform the federal hiring process and to make government jobs more competitive with the private sector, the Office of Personnel Management unveiled Oct. 4 a Federal Hiring Toolkit on its Web site.

A common complaint about federal hiring is that it takes too long -- applicants can wait months to hear back from agencies. To that end, a major feature of the hiring toolkit is an analysis tool that walks

agencies through the 19 steps of hiring a new employee. The tool compares how long each step takes for the agency to how long OPM thinks it should take.

The process starts with requesting approval to fill a vacancy, but there are five interim steps before agencies are ready to draft and approve a vacancy announcement. Those are: review workforce analysis and understand skills gaps; review position description for alignment with organizational mission and job

requirements, conduct job analysis, create candidate assessment tool, and choose ranking method.

Each step, according to OPM, should take between one and three days.

Next, agencies need to "post the announcement, perform applicant intake, close vacancy announcement, screen applicants for minimum qualifications/selection factors, rate qualified applicants, apply veterans' preference/rate qualified applicants, review applications,

schedule and conduct interviews, check references, make selection, extend job offer and conduct background check."

Conducting interviews can take up to 15 days and checking references can take five. OPM Deputy Director Dan Blair, who demonstrated the toolkit at a workshop for federal human resources professionals sponsored by the Partnership for Public Service, said agencies can find "the low-hanging fruit" to easily

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Recruiting messages keep Army rolling along

**Commentary by
Mary Kate Chambers
and David Vergun**

WASHINGTON (Army News Service)--Monday's announcement of the Army's new advertising campaign -- Army Strong -- follows earlier slogans of "Be All That You Can Be" and more recently "An Army of One," to attract recruits into the all-volunteer Army.

Slogans, along with recruiting posters, have been used by the Army since the earliest days to help fill its ranks. After Congress voted to create the Continental Army on June 14, 1775, posters -- also known as handbills and broadsides -- were used to generate enthusiasm for service in the Revolutionary War. During the War of 1812, posters with more elaborate artwork were a popular means of enticing recruits.

Posters and patriotism continued to attract recruits during the war with Mexico and the Civil War. But Civil War posters didn't quite lure enough individuals into the ranks, so both the Union and the Confederacy eventually turned to conscription. When President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Union posters appeared enticing freed slaves to the call of duty. Many chose to serve, as they had in previous wars.

Newspapers gave extensive coverage of the sinking of the battleship USS Maine in Havana harbor in 1898, and when war broke

out with Spain in the aftermath of the sinking, many joined the Army.

In 1917, shortly after America's entry into World War I, Congress passed the Selective Service Act, authorizing the registration and draft of all able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 30. Recruiting posters proliferated, as the Army still preferred to enlist willing volunteers, especially those with needed skills. Posters targeted recruits for the U.S. Army as well as for particular occupational specialties such as tanks, engineers and transport. The hit "Over There" also proved a popular patriotic song that served to boost enlistment. During World War I, perhaps the most popular recruiting poster ever produced was the "I Want You For the U.S. Army," which featured an illustration of Uncle Sam pointing a finger at the viewer. The poster proved so popular that it was continued through the next big conflict -- World War II.

A proliferation of colorful recruiting posters emerged in World War II, with the Army once again targeting particular occupational specialties like infantry, Women's Army Corps, Signal Corps, Army Nurse Corps and the U.S. Army Air Forces. As in World War I, Congress found it necessary to instate the draft, as posters and other incentives were not quite enough to entice enlistees.

The draft continued through the Korean and Vietnam wars, along

with posters and recruiting incentives like the G.I. Bill, enlistment bonuses and the opportunity to learn valuable technical skills. During this time period, African-Americans and other minorities were fully integrated into the armed forces and the services became much more representative of the general population. Also, a greater number of Army jobs were opened to women.

In 1971, near the end of the draft, the Army's campaign was "Today's Army Wants to Join You." This was met with some opposition from Soldiers and veterans groups who were concerned that appealing to people to join the Army by using commercials, much like one would use to sell them a consumer product, would attract people who were not well-suited for military service, resulting in a low-quality force. They said the ads leaned too heavily on monetary incentives and concessions and less on the warrior aspect.

When conscription ended in 1973, the Army introduced a tougher, more realistic cast to the service in "Join the People Who've Joined the Army," a campaign developed by advertising agency N.W. Ayer. The agency worked with the Army from 1969 to 1987. Then, "This is the Army" was introduced in 1978.

From 1973 through 1976, the Army met its recruiting mission. However, in the late 1970s, budget cuts, elimination of the Vietnam-era G.I. Bill and the failure of entry-level pay to keep up with inflation were detrimental to Army recruiting. In 1979, the service missed the mission by more than 17,000. Gen. Edward "Shy" Meyer,

then chief of staff, told Congress that the Army was a "hollow" organization.

To begin to turn things around, the Army brought back two-year enlistments and advertising and recruiter support funds were restored. A big shot in the arm came from the assignment of then Maj. Gen. Maxwell Thurman as commanding general of Recruiting Command. He led an overhaul of management structure and command and control systems and implemented a more precise recruiter mission methodology.

In January 1981 "Be All That You Can Be" became the Army's catchphrase. The jingle that went along with it was so popular and effective that Advertising Age magazine listed it as the number two refrain of the 20th century. The motto propelled the Army through the 1980s, but by the mid-1990s, a robust economy resulted in a new recruiting climate. Youth propensity to serve dropped. Ad agency Young and Rubicam, which had gained the Army account in 1987, tried to build on the campaign, but by 2000, it was felt that "Be All That You Can Be" no longer resonated. Leo Burnett, an agency based in Chicago, was contracted and developed a new advertising strategy. In January 2001, "An Army of One" debuted. It targeted high-quality prospects and drove them to www.goarmy.com and to the 800 recruiting phone number.

Initially, many argued that "An Army of One" slogan worked against the teamwork approach in the Army. But Army leaders said that criticism neglected other positive elements of

the campaign, and that the slogan didn't stand alone.

New to this campaign was a push toward the Hispanic market, with Spanish-language advertisements featuring the tagline: Yo Soy el Army. Additionally, TV ads were aired that appealed to a more information technology savvy youth and later, America's Army Game, a popular video game, was made available as a free Internet download. Lastly, the Army sponsored NASCAR, hot rod, and professional bull-riding teams, with the Army logo emblazoned on the team uniforms and vehicles.

During the current war on terror, a "call to duty" emphasis has once again resonated with youth, as it has for generations of Americans.

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 Lt. Col. Robbie Williams (Dean).

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

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

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

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Larry Higgins.

"All units will have repairs made to the plaster walls, ceilings and will be repainted. Hard-wood floors will be refinished. All windows will be removed, stripped of lead paint, repainted and re-installed with new window shades installed.

The project is scheduled to begin Nov. 15 and be completed June 2008."

The NCO quarters renovations will be performed in four phases:

Phase 1 -- Quarters 423-A&B, 425- A&B on Washington Road.

Phase 2 -- Quarters 397-A&B, 409- A&B, and 411-A&B on Merritt Road.

Phase 3 -- Quarters 401-A&B-403- A&B, 413- A&B, and 415-A&B on Merritt Road.

Phase 4 -- Quarters 405-A&B-407- A&B, 417- A&B and 419-A&B on Merritt Road.

Exterior work for the NCO senior housing includes replacement of asphalt driveways and stone retaining walls.

Steam boilers will be replaced with a high-efficient hot water boiler.

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trim hiring time.

"It's a flexible, Web-based resource," Blair said, "a good addition to your arsenal to help you better identify hiring processes for your agency."

OPM's toolkit also includes a primer on writing a jargon-free job announcement. Tips include:

"Be concise -- less is more," and "Bulleted lists and short paragraphs are clearer and less daunting than long, bulky paragraphs."

The online instrument offers a conversation template for human resources professionals to talk to hiring managers about the job they are seeking to fill.

Army unveils new advertising campaign

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The Army announced the start of its communication and education efforts to assist the Army family to communicate to the Nation its new advertising campaign -- Army Strong -- to an audience of Soldiers, Army civilians and family members Monday.

Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey unveiled the effort to tell the Army about the campaign, a key component of the Army's recruiting efforts, during an opening ceremony for the 2006 Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

"This morning we will launch our internal communications and education phase lasting several weeks until we formally launch the new advertising campaign on Nov. 9," Harvey said. "It is vitally important that the internal Army

family understand and embrace this new campaign. I believe it speaks to an essential truth of being a Soldier."

The Army is taking 30 days to educate its internal audience on the campaign's meaning. It will go "public" Nov. 9 with television, radio and online spots, as well as an updated www.goarmy.com Web site. Print ads are scheduled to begin in January, and will be directed to media that appeals to young adults.

The Army Strong campaign will build on the foundation of previous recruiting campaigns by highlighting the transformative power of the Army. It will also capture the defining experiences of Soldiers -- active duty, Army Reserve and National Guard -- serving the nation at home and abroad.

"I am both inspired and confident that the campaign will

build on the positive momentum within our recruiting program," said Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Accessions Command.

The Army Strong campaign will address the interests and motivations of those considering a career in the Army, and will also speak to family members and friends supporting prospective recruits.

Developing the campaign is McCann Worldgroup, a marketing communications agency retained last December after a competitive review of potential agencies. To develop the campaign, McCann conducted extensive research among prospective Soldiers and their influencers, and interacted with hundreds of currently serving Soldiers.

More info. is available at <https://www.us.army.mil/>



Recruiting numbers jump in fiscal year 2006

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- All U.S. armed forces made their active-duty recruiting goals for fiscal year 2006, the Defense Department's top personnel officer said here Tuesday.

David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, told reporters in the Pentagon that the recruiting environment was difficult in 2006 and will remain tough for fiscal year 2007, but officials believe the services have a handle on the

situation.

"At its heart, the military is all about people, and especially our quality people," Chu said.

In fiscal year 2005, the Army missed its recruiting goal by 7,000. This year, the Army exceeded the goal by 635 Soldiers. The goal both years was 80,000.

The other services all made their goals, as well, with the Navy enlisting 36,679 new members, the Marine Corps enlisting 32,301, and the Air Force 30,750.

The news was almost as good on the reserve-component side, with the Army National Guard

just missing its target of 70,000 by enlisting 69,042.

The Army Reserve met 95 percent of its goal, with 34,379; the Marine Reserve met 100 percent, enlisting 8,056; and the Navy Reserve made 87 percent of its goal, at 9,722.

The Air National Guard made 97 percent of its goal, at 9,138; and the Air Force Reserve enlisted 106 percent of its goal at 6,989.

"We speak often about an all-volunteer force, ... but it is really an all-recruited force," Chu said. "People don't just walk in the door, particularly people we want to have

in the military. You have to go out and seek them out and persuade them that this is a good choice for them."

The undersecretary said the services made their recruiting goals without lowering standards for all recruits.

Chu said there are two reasons why fiscal year 2006 was successful. "First, focus," he said. "Focus by the military services putting more recruiters out there.

"Second is patriotism," he continued. "One of the things we read into the survey results of young Americans today is (that)

patriotism has risen to a much higher place on the list of reasons why people join the military. In a sense, we are seeing right before our eyes the unfolding of a new 'greatest generation' in the history of our republic."

Chu said enlistments lag in New England and the upper Midwest and are strong in all other parts of the country.

Looking ahead, Chu said fiscal 2007 will be a difficult recruiting year, too. The economy remains robust, but the services have the resources to make their goals, he said.

Congress withholds millions from DHS personnel system

WASHINGTON (govexec.com) -- Lawmakers have cut millions of dollars in requested funding for the Homeland Security Department's new personnel system.

After House-Senate negotiations, the two bodies settled earlier this month on \$25 million for the system in fiscal year 2007. That figure is less than the \$71.5 million requested in the president's budget and the \$29.7 million Congress gave the system last year.

DHS' personnel system, authorized by Congress in 2002 when it formed the department, will feature a market and performance-based pay approach to replace the decades-old General Schedule under which most civil servants work.

According to DHS budget documents, the \$41.8 million extra for fiscal year 2007, which started Oct. 1, would have been used in part to create 29 positions. This included six spots on the Homeland Security Labor Relations Board, which would take the place of the Federal Labor Relations Authority in adjudicating labor-management disputes and is highly contested by federal unions. DHS said the extra money also would go toward centralizing human resources functions and hiring, placement and training initiatives.

The entire personnel system has been delayed by a court case initiated by unions in which a panel of judges said the proposed labor relations portion of the system was illegal because it did not provide for adequate collective bargaining rights. Most recently, DHS lost its last avenue for appeal when the solicitor general declined to bring the department's case to the Supreme Court. Without labor reforms, DHS has been unable to bring its unionized employees into

the human resources system.

Right now, about 4,000 non-bargaining unit employees are working under the new performance management system. This month, the department plans to bring about 6,700 more managers and supervisors in the Citizenship and Immigration Services agency and the Customs and Border Protection bureau into the program.

Eventually, 110,000 employees are scheduled to work under the personnel system. DHS originally had planned for 48,000 employees to enter it by early 2007.

Colleen Kelley, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, one of the unions that sued DHS, called the funding cut "a major victory, both for NTEU and the dedicated men and women of DHS." Federal employee unions have fought the system because they say it will encourage cronyism and salary cuts in the long term.

In budget request documents, DHS said the \$41.8 million would go to the Office of the Chief Human Capital officer "to continue implementation of the human resources system initiative ... [that] rewards employees for their contributions to the mission of the department, not simply for longevity."

Department officials did not respond to a request for comment. The cuts came the same week

lawmakers blocked funding for the Defense Department's similar labor system.

In the NSPS language, lawmakers said no money could

be spent on changes to labor-management relations, adverse actions or appeals rules in government-wide law. Congress in 2003 gave the Pentagon legal

authority to change its personnel system, but a court also ruled those labor relations changes illegal in February. That case is under appeal.

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O' Neill high school JROTC wins Raider Fitness Challenge

By retired Lt. Col.
Mike Beckstrom
Senior Army instructor,
O'Neill HS JROTC

The weather was perfect on the afternoon of Oct. 5. Under sunny skies with mild temperatures, two teams of JROTC cadets from James I. O'Neill High School, Minisink Valley High School, and one JROTC cadet team from Washingtonville High School competed in an O'Neill- sponsored JROTC Raider Fitness Challenge.

The JROTC cadets, members of the Raider team for each of their programs, competed to see who could do the most pushups in two minutes and the most situps in two minutes. The third event required

teamwork; eight cadets ran a two-mile run together in a group that could not get more than 30 feet apart from the first to the last runner. Five separate teams of eight ran this event simultaneously, circling the track around the O'Neill football field. The dynamics of watching five teams try to pass others or try to keep from being passed, made the race fascinating for runners and observers alike.

The cadets competed hard and the results showed closely matched teams from the three schools. Minisink Valley cadets were first and second on pushups, while a Washingtonville cadet was third. Each got a personal medal.

Minisink also topped the sit-up event, with Jim Phillips from

O'Neill finishing second. Again, Washingtonville placed third.

On the run event, the Washingtonville team won in 17:53, just nine seconds ahead of the O'Neill team with 18:02.

In the overall tally of points, leading to the award of the best team trophy, an amazing thing happened. O'Neill cadets from Team A got 1,179 total points for their combined pushup, situp and

run score.

Washingtonville finished second with 1,178 total points. The difference between these two teams was less than one pushup or one sit-up by one cadet out of eight.

O'Neill high school JROTC cadet Ian Ridgeway does sit ups during the Raider Fitness Challenge. OHS edged Washingtonville by one point.

PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS GEORGE WETZEL



Archery season opens Sat.

By James A. Beemer
USMA Natural Resources
Manager

The West Point special archery big-game season opens Saturday. USMA residents should know that bow hunters may be hunting in the J Areas (around the ski slope and near Stony Lonesome housing) that are within the cantonment area (see map).

Bow hunting is permitted close to the post in order to reduce the number of deer that browse landscaped shrubs around quarters and present a traffic hazard on the roadways here. Joggers, cyclists, hikers and walkers should be aware that hunting is authorized in these areas and that camouflaged archers may cross their paths. These areas are closed to hunting on days of home football games -- Oct 21 and Nov 3.

Hunters that use areas east of Route 9W are asked to take an adult female deer to help reduce the problems caused by high deer numbers on post. Adult does that have been around for three-to-four years are every bit as difficult to hunt as a wily buck.

Additionally, there are 20 Deer

Management Assistance Program tags available to hunters wanting to assist in reducing on-post deer populations. Call 938-3857 for more information on these tags.

As a reminder, hunters using the J Areas need to sign in and out at the Provost Marshal Office station at Buffalo Soldier Field. Successful deer hunters must register their catch at the check station located at Round Pond.

USMA deer hunters should expect a good season. The wet summer ensured that lots of vegetation was available for food. The good acorn crop that is available will help the deer fatten up for this coming winter.

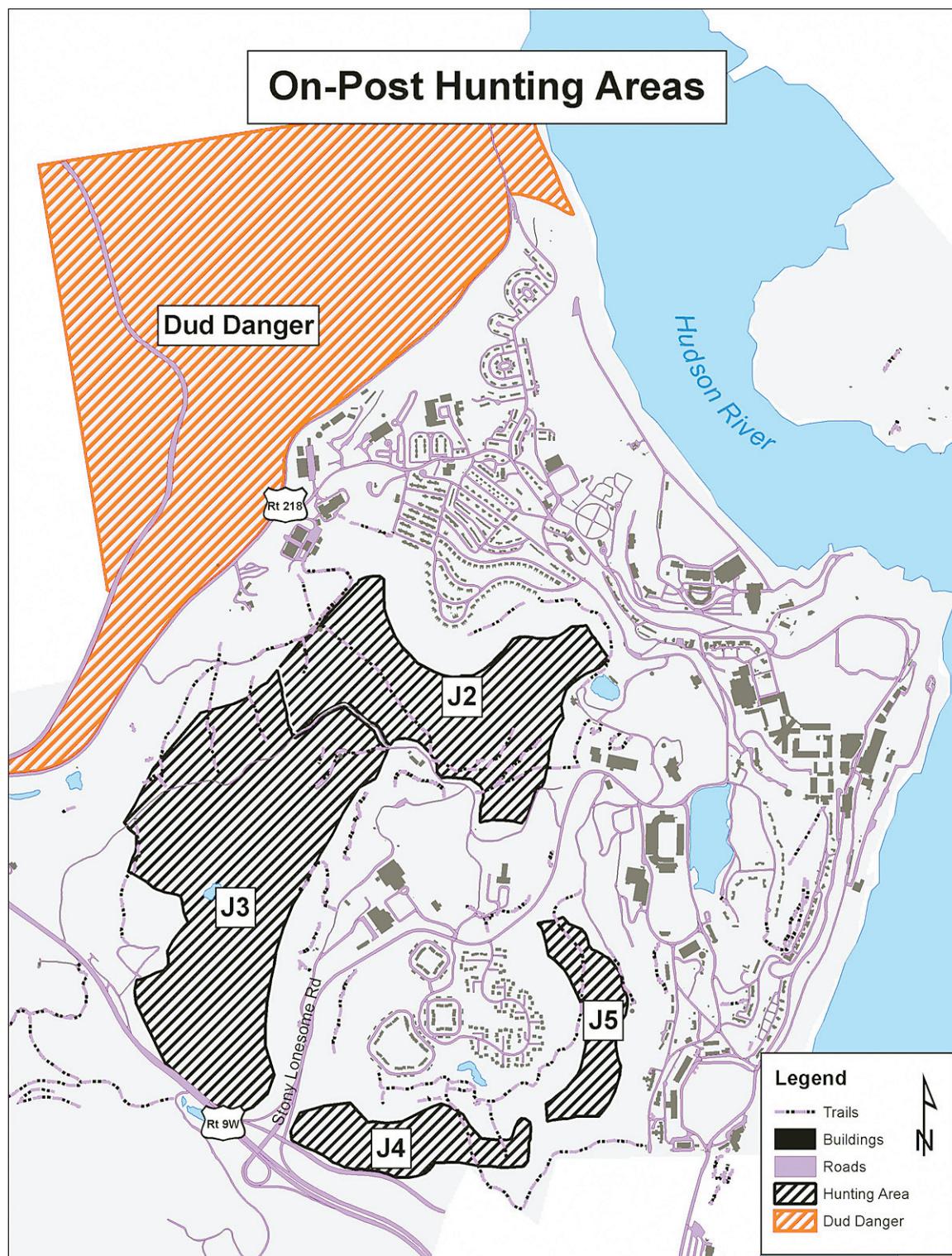
What this means is that the deer will have heavier body weights and the bucks are sporting larger antlers.

Several black bear have been sighted roaming around the reservation. The archery season for black bear is the same as for deer. Remember, though, that in New York, it is illegal to shoot a bear that is with a group of bears (these are females with cubs) and it is illegal to knowingly shoot a cub.

Archery season runs through Dec. 19.

Main Post Bow Hunting Areas (J2, J3, J4, J5)

- USMA archery hunting dates are Saturday through Dec. 19. Hunting is not permitted within the main post areas on home football game days -- Oct. 21 and Nov. 3.
- Hunters that want to use the Main Post areas must either live or work at USMA and possess a USMA hunting permit.
- In accordance with USMA Reg. 215-5, all hunters using the J Areas must sign in and out at the PMO Station at Buffalo Soldier Field in person.
- No hunting is permitted within 500 feet of any quarters or occupied building.



West Point Flying Club takes to the sky at Dutchess County airport

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The West Point Flying Club finally received real-time lessons flying Cessna's at the Dutchess County Airport at Richmor Aviation in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

"The club has not conducted flight instruction operations in two years due to funding issues, so we are really excited to be back 'off the ground,'" said Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and flying club Officer in Charge, Maj. Tonya T. Markow. "Richmor

Aviation's coordinator of operations, Lisa Litts was instrumental in making this happen with reduced rates. We have roughly 50 cadets who have expressed an interest in flying. The first group of 13 cadets flew Sept. 16."

The mission of the club is to help cadets learn to fly and continue their flight training. Club members receive instruction from certified flight instructors and travel to the airport on weekends for training. The club's activities are strictly supported by donations and proceeds from the Directorate

of Cadet Activities

"I first started flying immediately after high school in 2003," said Cadet 3rd Class Nicholas Kanakis. "My parents bought me a package deal with a local flight school as a graduation present and the moment I took off, I was hooked."

Kanakis said when he first learned to talk; his first word was 'jet'.

"I wanted to be an Air Force fighter pilot since I was about eight years old," he said. "I wasn't able to get into the Air Force Academy due to miss-filed paperwork, but was

accepted at West Point. I still have very high hopes of getting to fly for the Army once I graduate."

The West Point Flying Club provides discounted flight training, private pilot written test preparation, and assistance finding FAA Flight Surgeons for medical exams, aviation seminars and meetings.

"I was a licensed pilot before coming to West Point," said Cadet 1st Class Mario Barrett. "Currently, my Dad owns a Cessna 172 and we keep it at the local airport where I live. I enjoy every time I go up. It's just a feeling that you can't get

anywhere else."

Barrett said he has been a member of the flying club since his plebe year and wishes the club could do more for cadets in reducing the expense of flying.

"It's a shame that we can't get the funding to pay for cadets to fly for free or actually have a competitive flying club that can compete against Air Force and the multitude of other aeronautical schools around the country in flying competitions. It's still a lot of fun. I just wish we could do more."

Drug Abuse Resistance Education visits West Point schools

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Daren the D.A.R.E. Lion, McGruff the Crime Dog, Director of Emergency Services Lt. Col. Robert Brown and D.A.R.E. officer Sgt. Jennifer A. Vosyka visited the West Point schools Oct. 5 to greet the children as they went to class.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education is a program that teaches children the skills to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence.

"The D.A.R.E. program is not just about avoiding drugs and alcohol," Brown said. "We also teach them about conflict resolution, such as dealing with bullies and 'Stranger Danger.' We help teach children to always

walk in well-lit areas, use the sidewalk and to be aware of their surroundings."

Included in the 'Stranger Danger' awareness is the McGruff Safe House program, where neighbors display a McGruff the Crime Dog icon in a window so children know the house is a safe place to go when there is trouble or if they are fearful, Brown said.

"Community members volunteer to provide a safe place for children, if needed," he said. "Volunteers do need to go through a criminal background check."

The D.A.R.E. curriculum is taught by police officers whose experience and training provide them the background needed to answer questions often posed by young students about drugs and crime.

Vosyka teaches D.A.R.E. to the fifth grade classes at the Middle School here for a full semester.

"There are 10 lesson sessions for the three fifth-grade classes," Vosyka said. "I teach it in a scientific manner about the affects of drugs, smoking, alcohol and peer pressure. I also teach them to stand up for themselves by not giving into pressure from other students and to use tricks, such as counting to 10 before getting angry."

Vosyka said she went through 80 hours of special training in areas such as child development, classroom management and teaching techniques along with 40 hours of additional training provided by D.A.R.E. instructors to prepare them to teach the high school curriculum.

D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983



Daren the D.A.R.E. Lion greets West Point middle school children Oct. 5. Daren and McGruff the Crime Dog were on hand to remind children of the importance of staying away from drugs and alcohol and not to give into peer pressure.

in Los Angeles and has proven so successful that it is now being implemented in 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 43 countries around the world, according to www.dare.com.

EO office, cadet Spanish Club's Hispanic Festival displays culture

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The U.S. Military Academy hosted the annual Hispanic Festival Oct. 6 outdoors in the Ninger Hall area sponsored by the Equal Opportunity Office and the Cadet Spanish Club.

The event featured the Salsa/Latin Jazz group, The *Grupo Latin Vibe* band, Argentine Tango dance performers and teachers, Jennifer Bratt and Ney Melo of New York City, and a taste of Hispanic food sponsored by the Hacienda restaurant in Highland Falls.

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 celebrating the contributions and achievements of Hispanic



Cadet 4th class Andres Pazmin gets in a quick dance with Tango dancer Jennifer Bratt.

Americans. September 15 is the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico declared independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18.

"We decided to have the event outside so everyone can mingle with Latino and other exchange cadets as well as Soldiers in a less constricted area," said Instructor of Spanish for the Dept. of Foreign Language, Maj. Luis Rodriguez, one of the organizers of the event. "It shows the diversity of the Corps of Cadets, which mimics the Army. It's one great party."

The event took two months to plan and cost \$3,500. According to Sgt 1st Class Matthew Potts, USCC equal opportunity advisor, it is worth it.

"This is a great way to create awareness of the Hispanic culture and the ethnicity of the area," Matthews said. "This is the first time I can remember that we were able to get a live Salsa band."

The *Grupo Latin Vibe* band has been featured in several night clubs in the metropolitan area and performed for a wide variety of events and are known for their high-powered energy.

Tango performers and instructors, Bratt and Melo, have trained extensively with Tango masters in Buenos Aires and are considered among the best of the new generation of Argentine Tango dancers.

"There will never be a step, sequence or trick in Tango that will come close to matching the power

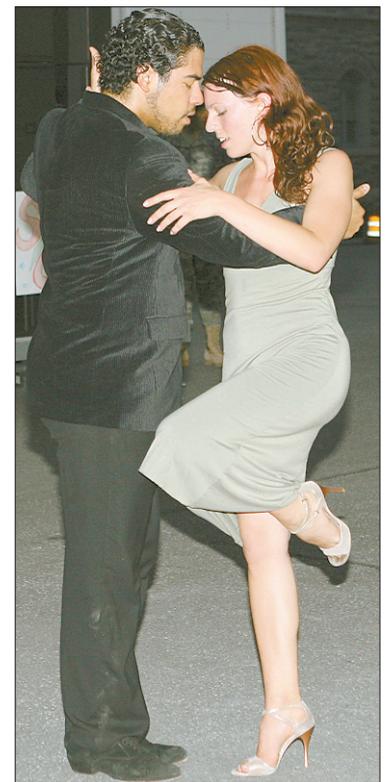


Cadets and Soldiers stood in long lines to sample Hispanic food sponsored by the Hacienda Restaurant in Highland Falls.

of the embrace," Melo said.

Many people from different departments worked on the event, according to Potts. Mike Lynn, broadcast equipment operator at the Directorate of Information Management, operated the sound system and Eisenhower Hall theater technicians set up the lighting for the stage area.

"I really like Salsa because of the great dance beat," said Cadet 4th Class Kelly Cecil. "I have a lot of Latino friends and really enjoy the music. As a plebe, I don't have much time for parties, but this is really relaxing to me."



(Above right): Argentine professional Tango performers/teachers, Ney Melo and Jennifer Bratt of New York City demonstrate the Argentine Tango. (Above): Festival attendees tried out their own dance moves to the music of *Grupo Latin Vibe*.

PPW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY		
7:45 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Plebe-Parent Weekend shuttle bus service operational	Post-wide
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Black Cadet Parka sale (cash or check only)	Eisenhower Hall ballroom
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Plebe-Parent Weekend 2006 Reception Center open	Crest Hall, Eisenhower Hall
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Nininger Hall and First Division Period Rooms open	Building 747
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Dental Clinic Open House	Building 606
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Hudson River Scenic Tour -- USMA Ferryboat, board 9:30 a.m.	South Dock
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Hometown News Release Center Open	Bldg. 602, Grant Hall
Noon	Muslim Services	Building 147
12:05 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Most Holy Trinity Chapel
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.	USCC Open House	Arvin Gym
3:50 p.m.	END OF CLASS DAY	
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	DPE Physical Program Demonstration	Arvin
4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Gen. McKiernan brief to 4th Class cadets only	Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall
7 p.m.	Jewish Sabbath service	Jewish Chapel
SATURDAY		
7:45 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.	Plebe-Parent Weekend shuttle bus service operational	Post-wide
8 a.m. to Noon	Plebe-Parent Weekend Reception Center open	Eisenhower Hall
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Leader Team's Welcome, Question and Answer Session	Eisenhower Hall
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Fall Foliage Festival	Main Street, Highland Falls
10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Plebe-Parent Cadet Review	The Plain
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	First Division Period rooms	Nininger Hall, Bldg. 747, 2nd floor
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Academic Open Houses	Various Locations
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Optional Guest Lunch (Your cadet must purchase tickets in advance)	Cadet Mess, Washington Hall
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic open house	Nininger Hall, Bldg. 747
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Tactical Officer Orientation and Barracks Open House	Company Area
3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Organ Recital	Cadet Chapel
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Plebe-Parent Banquet	Cadet Mess, Washington Hall
8 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Bus transportation available to Eisenhower Hall	
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	Plebe-Parent Hop	Ballroom, Eisenhower Hall
SUNDAY		
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Plebe-Parent Weekend shuttle bus service operational	Post-wide
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Farmer's Market	Main Street, Highland Falls, N.Y.
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Hudson River Scenic Tour - USMA Ferryboat (board 1:30 p.m.)	South Dock
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Superintendent's Quarters Tours	Orts. 100
MONDAY		
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Hudson River Scenic Tour - USMA Ferryboat (board 9:30 a.m.)	South Dock
7 p.m.	All cadet privileges end	

Things to do, places to see ...

WEST POINT MUSEUM

Fri., Sat. and Sun. 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
 Mon., 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

VISITORS CENTER

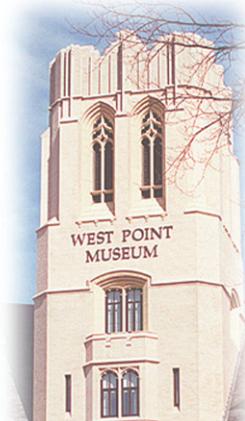
Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon. 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

HERBERT ALUMNI CENTER and GIFT SHOP

Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Sat., Noon - 4 p.m.
 Sun., Mon. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

USMA BOOKSTORE

Fri., Sat., Mon. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



SHUTTLE INFORMATION

PLEBE-PARENT WEEKEND SHUTTLE

The Plebe-Parent Weekend shuttle bus service will travel in a circular route and will stop at the locations shown below every 30 minutes. Parking lots (B, C and E) are reserved for PPW parking. Shuttles will operate today 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Saturday 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The stops are as follows:

- A-Lot (pick-up and drop-off inside the lot)
- Holleder Center
- Herbert Hall
- Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot
- Visitors Center & West Point Museum
- The Thayer Hotel (exit ramp on Thayer Road)
- Thayer and Mills intersection
- Mahan Hall
- West Point Club
- Eisenhower Hall
- Old Post Exchange (K Lot)
- H-Lot (Commissary and AAFES Exchange areas)
- A-Lot (pick-up and drop-off inside the lot)

The normal West Point shuttle bus will also run.

USMA SHUTTLE SERVICE

The regular USMA shuttle service will operate throughout PPW to all main post areas. The service travels in a circular route and will stop at the locations shown below every 30 minutes. The first bus is 6:15 a.m., last bus at 4:45 p.m.

NORTHBOUND

Pershing Center/Spellman Hall	15	45
The Thayer Hotel (Exit Ramp)	17	47
Mills/Thayer Rd	18	48
Thayer/Cullum Rd	19	49
Mahan Hall Tunnel	20	50
Library Corner	21	51
Thayer Statue	22	52
Bldg 667A	23	53
Bldg 681	24	54
Washington/Buckner	26	56
Keller Hospital	29	59
Post Laundry	30	01
Motor Pool	31	02
Child Development Center	45	15

SOUTHBOUND

Child Development Center/H Lot	15	45
Motor Pool	29	59
Post Laundry	30	60
Keller Hospital	31	01
Washington/Buckner	34	04
Bldg 681	35	05
Bldg 667A	36	06
Thayer Statue	37	07
Library Corner	38	08
Mahan Hall Tunnel	39	09
Thayer/Cullum Rd	40	10
Buffalo Soldier Field Parking	41	11
Bldg 626/622	42	12
Pershing Center/Spellman Hall	45	15

Leader Panel helps firsties gain confidence in their decisions

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

Fighting insurgency, recognizing improvised explosives, adapting to their environment and going into a new unit fully prepared are all things cadets will face within the next couple of years as they transition into being lieutenants in today's Army.

The Junior Leader Panel, such as the one held here Sept. 28, offers great advice to cadets from Soldiers who recently returned from the battlefield.

"I think it's critically important that [the cadets] hear from people who are coming back from recent experiences in Afghanistan and Iraq," said Maj. Ryan Worthan, who currently is a company commander at the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, "so the cadets can identify with the experiences that they're about to have."

Worthan, who received a Silver Star for actions in Afghanistan in 2003, has deployed to Afghanistan three times and to Iraq once. From his perspective, one of the big things he believes young leaders should do is read and read about things such as insurgency.

"If you want to get smart on it, read about it ... insurgency has three phases: the initial I want to do evil stage, then there's a grass roots stage of picking up support and then there's the war of movement where they have enough (people and supplies) to take something out," Worthan said. "Without terrain, time and some kind of grass roots support, an insurgency can not continue to move forward. If you take out the grass roots support you take away their safe haven and they've got to move around more where you get inside their decision cycle."

"At the platoon level you can do it," Worthan said. "You go into a village and make friends, and turn their feelings over a four-to-five month period. One of my platoon leaders got a cache of about six or seven tractor trailers in Afghanistan of stuff that had been hidden for years ... and they were hiding it from us until he turned them."

As a 1997 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Worthan knows what it feels like to be a cadet always trying to seek the answers and he said that cadets should just, "remember the fundamentals," at the beginning.

"It always sounds like a lot to learn, but fundamentals are fundamentals," Worthan said. "Rifle

marksmanship and machine gun marksmanship is marksmanship. Physical training is physical training. Discipline is discipline.

"If you have the discipline to train your guys hard to standard, they'll be fine," he added. "It doesn't matter if you're on a truck, a tricycle, or whatever, it doesn't matter -- your Soldiers will be fine. Basic Soldier skills crosses all branches."

That was a central theme of the Junior Leader Panel that through all the things that the cadets will do as officers in terms of area security, convoy escorts for hauling fuel, supplies or food, doing route security for future convoys or kicking down doors, the most important thing is discipline.

"Branch in Iraq (or Afghanistan) is not important," said 1st Sgt. Anthony Feltner, company first sergeant of 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery at Fort Campbell, Ky. "It's about discipline and about showing up on time. Do you have disciplined Soldiers? Are your weapons clean and do they shoot properly? Those things are what really matters."

While learning about the latest and greatest experiences overseas, the cadets are also getting swayed one way or another toward a branch decision as Branch Night looms for all the firstie cadets. Capt. Ryan Schrock, a 2001 USMA graduate, said these junior leader panels help tremendously for cadets who are still thinking about what they want to do.

"We want lieutenants in the right jobs that they want to do and where they will work passionately," said Schrock, who is company commander with 2nd Batt., 44th ADA. "The biggest thing for cadets is exposure and whatever they're exposed to they'll ask questions about or will get interested in."

"By having every branch represented here, both male and female, it helps these cadets say something like, 'I want to be like him or her, I want to go do what he or she has done,'" Schrock added. "To get people straight back from Iraq who have been doing these jobs and help these lieutenants get current expectations of what they will do in general and branch specific -- it's critical."

Cadets were given images of Iraq having the feel of being like the Wild West where IEDs could be exploding everywhere during one leg of a convoy trip. And, that's the importance of always having a presence and making themselves known to the enemy.

"We're actually making a difference," Feltner explained. "What we do in theater; good, bad or indifferent has a strategic impact on the world and never forget that -- and most people want to be a part of that and make a difference."

The cadets enjoy the leader panels, specifically the junior panels, because it offers them a view of the Global War on Terrorism at the tactical level.

"The war is being fought and influenced by company level officers," said Cadet 1st Class Andrew Locke. "The junior leaders give us an accurate representation and advice on what we will be facing in the next couple of years."

"I gained some confidence and reassurance that from West Point, BOLC, OBC and additional schooling, that I will have the right foundation to be successful," Locke added. "All I'll lack is

Capt. Ryan Schrock was one of more than a dozen junior leaders who were brought in to speak to firsties Sept. 28. The Junior Leader Panel gave the cadets insight into Army branches.

experience, but I will have some great NCOs (like Feltner) who have more than enough experience to make sure we are fine."





OCTOBER MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at www.usma.edu/mwr

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>ACS, bldg. 622 w 938-4621 AEC, bldg. 683 w 938-3762 Arts & Crafts, bldg. 648 w 938-4812 Auto Crafts, bldg. 648 w 938-2074 BSP/BOSS, bldg. 628 w 938-6497 Bowling Ctr., bldg. 622 w 938-2140 CDC, bldg. 1207 w 938-4798/4523 CDS, bldg. 1207 w 938-2092/2035 Community Rec Div w 938-2401 Delafield Pond w 938-5139/5158 Fitness Center, bldg. 683 w 938-6490 Golf Course w 938-2435/2327 Holleder Center w 938-4236</p>		<p>ITR, bldg. 695 w 938-3601/2401 AVC, bldg. 2104 w 938-3655 Morgan Farm, bldg. 2036 w 938-3926 Outdoor Rec w 938-2503 Post Library, bldg. 622 w 938-2974 Round Pond w 938-2503/3860 School Age Services, bldg. 1207 w 938-8530 West Point Club, bldg. 603 w 938-5120, 446-5506 Ski Lodge w 938-3726/3727 Youth Center, bldg. 500 w 938-3727 Veterinary Clinic, bldg. 630 w 938-3817 PLEASE NOTE: For more information, contact the office listed for each activity.</p>				<p>The Bowling Center will be temporarily closed for renovations.</p> <p>We look forward to providing you an improved facility in the near future.</p>	
<p>13</p> <p>Plebe Parent Weekend Lunch, Tickets Required, 1100-1400, WP Club, Plebe Parent Weekend Dinner, No Tickets Required, 1700-2130, WP Club</p>		<p>14</p> <p>Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, 0900-1600, ITR Defensive Driving Class, 0800-1500, Register at ITR Stained Glass Mosaic Panel, 1000-1200, MWR Crafts, (2 day class, Oct 14 & 21)</p>					
<p>15</p> <p>Plebe Parent Sunday Brunch, No Tickets Required, Seatings at 1000 & 1200, WP Club Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 2045-2215</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Wee Ones Play Group, 0930-1100, ACS, Multi Purpose Room</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Fall Story Hour, 1000 & 1330, (ages 3-5) Post Library</p> <p>Preseparation Briefing, 1400-1500, ACS</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cardio Sculpt, 0900, Spinning, 1700, Cardio Kickboxing, 1730, Belly Dancing Beginner, 1900, MWR Fitness Center</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Quarterback Luncheon, 1130, WP Club</p> <p>Stained Glass Pewter Birds, 1800-2000, MWR Crafts (3 day class, Oct 19, 26 & Nov 2) Open House, CDC, Bldg 1207, 1800-1900</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Friday Night in NYC, 1700-2300, ITR Open House, CDC, Bldg 1207, 1800-1900 Typing Tutorial Challenge, 1400, YC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Army vs TCU, Auto, Crafts, MWR Fitness Center and Post Library closed all day on home football games</p> <p>Halloween Costume Party, 1800-2000 (grades 3-5) SAS</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>Soldier Show 2006, 1900, Ike Hall, Free Admission Staff & Faculty Ice Hockey, Tate Rink, 2045-2215</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Golf Course Closed for Outside Event Wee Ones Play Group, 0930-1100, ACS, Multi Purpose Room</p> <p>Winter Instructional Programs Registration, 1000-1400, Basketball Registration, 1000-1400, YC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Fall Story Hour, 1000 & 1330, (ages 3-5) Post Library Spinning, 0540, Group Pump, 0900, Cardio Blast, 1700, Butts, Guts & More, 1815, Pi Yo, 1845, MWR Fitness Center Every Tuesday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>GPS Orienteering, 1400, (grades 6-12) YC Overseas Briefing, Germany, 1500, Korea, 1330, ACS</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Overview of ACS, 0830, Financial Institutions, 0945, Financial Readiness, 1100, ACS</p> <p>Quarterback Luncheon, 1130, WP Club Theater Van to Broadway, 1700-2330, ITR</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Heaven Hill Farm Trip, 1000-1400, SAS Mongolian BBQ, 1800-2100, WP Club</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Activities for Children of Deployed Soldiers, 1700-1900, YC, Hosted by ACS</p>	

MWR Blurbs

Subway delivery

Subway now has lunch delivery. Their normal delivery hours are Monday through Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. anywhere on post.

Lunch delivery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to noon.

There is a \$15 minimum.

All lunch delivery orders must be called in between 9 and 10:45 a.m.

No deliveries will take place during the lunch rush from noon until 2 p.m.

Weekday delivery will resume at 2 p.m. There is no weekend lunch delivery.

For more info., call Subway at 446-2096.

Child care during home football games

The West Point Child Development Center will be offering child care for Army home football games.

Game	Deadline
Nov. 3	Oct. 25

Ski locker lottery

Applications for the seasonal ski locker rental lottery are now open. Applications are available online only at: www.usma.edu/mwr (keyword: ski).

Winners will be posted on the MWR ski Web site by Nov. 13.

Morgan Farm

The cadet Equestrian Team will offer free pony rides to families of deployed Soldiers Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more info., call 938-3926.

West Point Golf Course

West Point Golf Course is hosting a garrison golf scramble Oct. 20.

The event is open to all active duty, retired and DOD civilian employees at West Point.

The shotgun start time is noon. Food and beverages will be available from the snack bar.

For more info., call 938-2435.

BOSS poker tournament

BOSS is hosting a poker tournament Oct. 20 at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

The event is free and open to the West Point community. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and play begins at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available and the top two players will win prizes.

Call Staff Sgt. Jermaine Malone at 938-8063 or Connie Woodley at 938-6497.

BOSS Halloween party

West Point community members ages 18 and up are cordially invited to the BOSS Halloween party Oct. 27 at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion. Doors open at 9 p.m.

Refreshments are sponsored by BOSS and there will be door prizes.

For more info., call Spc. Hunt at 938-4290 or Sgt. Vosyka at 938-7535.

2006 Soldier Show

The 2006 Soldier Show comes to West Point Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall.

The high-energy, live musical review showcases the talents of active duty Soldiers and offers

something for the whole family.

For more information, call Connie Woodley at 938-6497.

Now through Oct. 13 stop by ITR and enter to win four front row seats.

Teen Halloween Jam

The Youth Center Teen Halloween Jam at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge is Oct. 31 from 8 to 10 p.m.

This free event is open to all O'Neill High School students in 9th to 12th grade.

Activities will include a DJ and bonfire.

Sign up at the YC, Bldg. 500, or OHS by 2 p.m. Oct. 31.

Photo ID will be required.

Call Jodi at 938-8899 for more info.

2007 Soldier Show sign ups

Applications are now being accepted for the 2007 Soldier Show. Nominations are open for vocalists, dancers, musicians and speciality acts.

Applicants must be on active duty and deployable worldwide.

All application materials are due to West Point MWR Special Events Coordinator Connie Woodley by Dec. 11.

Selected performers will be notified in January 2007.

For more information on application guidelines, call 938-6497.

Pre-school story hour

The West Point library will begin the fall pre-school story hour Tuesday. The sessions are held every Tues. at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and are open to all West Point community children ages 3 to 5 years old. To pre-register call 938-2974 or stop by the library.

Command Channel
8/23

Oct. 16 - Oct. 20
Monday - Friday

8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon,
2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Be the Miracle,
2006 CFC

NOW SHOWING in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

- Fri. -- Invincible, PG, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sat. -- The Wicker Man, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Sat. -- World Trade Center, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 20 -- Hollywoodland, R, 7:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 21 -- Invincible, PG, 7:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 21 -- Crank, R, 9:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 27 -- Gridiron Gang, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 28 -- The Covenant, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 28 -- The Black Dahlia, R, 9:30 p.m.**

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

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

What's Happening

Washington Gate closure change

Washington Gate will be closed to inbound traffic only daily from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Access will be granted for emergency vehicles only.

For more information, call the Director of Emergency Services, Lt. Col. Bob Brown, at 938-2609/8131.

Book signing

Ralph Peters, author of "Beyond Terror" and "Beyond Baghdad" will be signing his new book "Never Quit the Fight" at the U.S. Military Academy bookstore, located on the fourth floor in Thayer Hall, today from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Privately Owned Weapon Ranges

Range Control will hold Privately Owned Weapon ranges at Range 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat. and on Nov. 3 and 9.

Toy Bowl Sunday

The 24th annual West Point Toy Bowl flag football game between the West Point military police and the New York State Police is Sunday at 1 p.m. at Michie Stadium.

The Toy Bowl is a charity event to benefit the Hudson Valley Salvation Army.

Toys in their original packaging or canned and boxed food items can be donated at Michie Stadium on game day.

Highland Falls book signing

West Point Middle School teacher Ronnie Coffey will be signing copies of her book about the history of the Town of Highlands, "Images of America: Highlands" Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Highland Falls Library.

DUSA

Applications for the Daughters of the U.S. Army Continuing Education grants for the fall will be accepted until Sunday.

Call Heidi Robbins at 446-2615.

West Point Women's Club

The WPWC Gift Shop, located next to the MWR Fitness Center, is open on the Web at www.shopthepoint.com and is open every Wed. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the shop location.

For more information call 446-2950.

WPWC has table decorations and other party items to rent.

Call 446-2974 for a complete listing of rental items.

Moms and Tots will have a Kids day out Thursday at Lawrence Farms at 10 a.m.

RSVP by Tuesday to 859-4243 or e-mail jolyvl@yahoo.com.

For more info about Moms and Tots e-mail westpointmoms@hotmail.com or call 446-2790.

Out and About will be touring Sunnywide Mansion, the home of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Oct. 23.

They will leave West Point at 9 a.m.

Call Karen at 446-5076 or e-mail her at kgovern@msn.com for more info.

Meet & Eat will be doing dinner and a movie Tuesday at the Palisades Mall. They will see *The Guardian*.

For more information, call Lisa by Sat. at 446-3095.

Retired Wives will be meeting at Cosimo's on Union in Newburgh, Tuesday at 7 p.m.

For more information call Kim at 859-4204.

DPTMS closed Tuesday

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, to include Range Control and the Installation Security Office, will be closed Tues. from 8:30 to 11 a.m. for mandatory training.

Area Coordinators meeting

The next Area Coordinators meeting is Thursday in the Jewish Chapel at 4 p.m.

The alternate date is Nov. 7 at the same location and time.

All area coordinators are required to attend.

Book signings

Cole Kingseed will be signing his book "Beyond Band of Brothers" at the USMA Bookstore Thurs. from 9 to 11 a.m.

Max Boot will be signing his just released book "War Made New" at the USMA Bookstore Oct. 20 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is hosting a prayer breakfast at the West Point Club Oct. 20 from 6 to 7:20 a.m.

The speaker is former NHL player Adam Burt.

The West Point community is invited to this free event.

Building Commandant's training

Building Commandant's training is scheduled for Oct. 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Thayer Hall, Room 144.

All building commandant's are required to attend this training, even if they have attended this training before.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-29. Renew your commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

For info., call the West Point Alcohol and Drug Counseling Office at 938-5847.

Also, stop by the ADCO booth at the Commissary Oct. 27-28.

Harvest Fest 2006

A Christian alternative to the traditional practice of trick or treat will be offered Oct. 31 at the West Point Elementary School from 6 to 8 p.m.

There will be games, a raffle, food, fun and costumes. No scary costumes please.

Please donate one bag of

candy.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Pam Dudas at 446-3149.

Upcoming Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross Life Guard certification course will be offered Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3.

The ARC Water Safety instructor course is available Sunday, Oct. 22 and 29.

The ARC babysitter course is Sat., from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To register for any of the classes listed above call 1-800-514-5103.

The ARC CPR/First Aid/AED instructor training is Sunday.

Call (845) 938-4100 to register.

Zilinski memorial run

First Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II was killed Nov. 19, 2005, in Iraq where he was serving in the Army.

Zilinski was a 2004 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy.

As a tribute to him, the Zilinski family and many of his friends will be conducting the Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Run and Walk, Nov. 12, 2006, at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J.

For more information e-mail RunWithDennis@yahoo.com, or mail:

Lt. Dennis Z, Memorial Run, PO Box 35, Holmdel, N.J., 07733, or visit the web site: RunWithDennis.org.

Pet of the Week



The U.S. Military Academy's veterinarian has Dino, a less than one-year old male, black labrador/rottweiler mix for adoption. Call the Vet Clinic at 938-3817 for more information.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Army and Community Sports

Army Rugby destroys UMass 107-3

**By Cadet 1st Class
Brendan McCarthy
Rugby PAO**

Men's Army Rugby (4-0), currently ranked 2nd in the nation, played at the Anderson Rugby Complex Saturday against the University of Massachusetts and looked to further their winning streak on the road to a national championship.

A Side: 107-3

The Army Rugby A-side starting XV had a goal of playing their own style of rugby, despite their opponents attempt at stifling Army's pattern of play.

Several minutes into the game, the Army ruggers struck first with a nice play that ended with senior wing Robert Zargan, putting it down in the corner. This first try served as a catalyst, as Army scored more and more frequently as the half continued.

The forward pack showed excellent dominance of all set pieces. They dominated scrums with a huge push coming from the front row of Erik Waage, Tony Fatula, and Chris Wallgren.

Locks John Breneman and Clint Hail showed a high level of skill and coordination in the lineouts.

Meanwhile, the extremely athletic back row combination of JP Flach, Dan Strathman and Nate Peper caused a great deal of havoc in the loose. Army backs began to run freely after the forwards began better ball movement to

the backs.

Senior flyhalf Andrew Locke began to orchestrate a dominate offensive performance that would give Army more than 50 points at halftime. UMass' sole points came from a well placed penalty kick from about 30 meters out.

Seventeen tries were scored over the course of the game with junior flanker/8-man John Breneman, senior wing Chris Grevious, and senior fullback/wing Brendan McCarthy all scoring hat tricks with three tries each.

McCarthy and Zargan combined for 11 conversions out of 13, an extremely accurate display of kicking on the day.

In the end, Army destroyed UMass 107-3.

B Side: 69-0

Immediately following the A-side match, the B-side claimed dominance of Anderson Rugby complex as they easily disposed of UMass's second side. With a final score of 69-0, there was plenty of action as the "Killer Bs" stung UMass.

Senior center Robert Small, who played an excellent game, had multiple line breaks and caused havoc for the UMass defensive line.

Small, junior flanker Austin McNaul, senior center Chris McElrath, and sophomore flyhalf Juan Banales all scored two tries. Wingers senior John Patten and sophomore Ross White both scored one try each to finish out the try

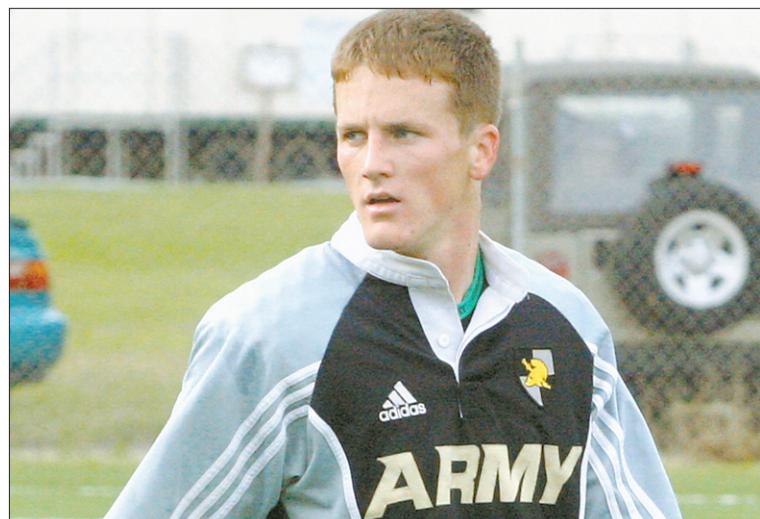
scoring in the game.

Junior fullback John Griffin kicked extremely well making eight conversions and one penalty kick. The B-side game was to showcase the very promising talent that has

given Army such great depth.

The B-side must be ready to step up into the top side match at anytime and the "Killer Bs" showed on Saturday that they are all ready for that challenge.

Name: A-side	Tries:	Conversions:	Total Points:
Andrew Locke	2		10
Chris Grevious	3		15
Tony Fatula	1		5
Robert Zargan	1	5	15
Brendan McCarthy	3	6	27
Nate Peper	2		10
John Breneman	3		15
Chris Walgren	1		5
Robert Small	1		5
Total:			107



Senior fullback/wing Brendan McCarthy got three tries and six conversions for a total of 27 points in a 107-3 victory over UMass Saturday.

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Water Polo takes three of four

The Army Water Polo team took three of four games last weekend at Colgate. Army defeated NYU 13-6, Colgate 10-6, RPI 20-1 and lost to Columbia 10-8. That gives the team an overall 8-3 record and 7-1 in the N.Y. Division.

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Army takes third crack at jumping over .500

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

For the third time this season Army has reached its proverbial hurdle, at 3-3, the third time Army has been even record-wise, the Black Knights have a chance to jump over the .500 mark for the first time since 1996.

However, the bigger hurdle Army faces is a wall known as Connecticut (2-3) who has had the Black Knights number for the past three seasons.

Despite the Huskies early season troubles, specifically big losses the last two weeks to Navy (41-17) and South Florida (38-16), their antidote to what ails them may be Army.

Army has lost the last three meetings to Connecticut 48-21, 40-3 and 47-13, and last year Huskies senior quarterback Matt Bonislowski had a big day completing 18 of 26 passes for 180 yards and two touchdowns.

Connecticut's defense gave the Black Knight quarterbacks fits last year as they picked off four passes. It was also Army junior quarterback David Pevoto's first action in his collegiate career, which included a 51-yard interception return for a touchdown.

But, in Pevoto's eyes it's not all about revenge by redeeming himself, although it is in the back of his mind.

"All I remember from that game is the 51-yard interception return," Pevoto said. "It's nothing personal. What we need to do is win the game to carry us for the rest of the season."

Noting that the Huskies are coming off consecutive 20-plus

point losses, Army's focus on this game is to avoid what happened to them against Rice two weeks ago after Rice had been slaughtered their two previous games only to steamroll Army 48-14. However, Army seemed to get back on track with a 62-7 win over VMI last weekend and should be prepared for Connecticut's rebound game from their losses.

"(Connecticut) is going to circle the wagons just like we did after Rice, so we've got to know that and come out even more prepared and more focused in this game," Pevoto said. "We need to execute more flawlessly than we have. It's a big key for us, and we need to come out consistent."

And, consistency seems to be the buzz word this week for Army. Outside of the Rice game, Army has been having a decent season on both sides of the ball, but now the Black Knights must string together some victories to reach the next level.

"I talked to our guys about the importance of trying to get this win and what it will mean to us," said Army head coach Bobby Ross. "I talked to them about a level of consistency to where we're not up and down all the time. With the exception of the Rice game, they have performed reasonably well."

"I want us to focus on the execution of things," Ross added. "We have to do that and the mental aspect of things will take care of themselves."

The players understand that this is a game that could either lift or kill them mentally, but also know that overall their best game has yet to come.

"It's a crucial game (for us),"



VMI freshman quarterback Kyle Hughes tries to elude Army junior linebacker Charlie Rockwood, but it was to no avail as Rockwood would get his first sack of the season. Earlier in the first quarter during VMI's first offensive possession, Rockwood recovered a fumble that led directly to Army's first score of the game.

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said junior safety Caleb Campbell. "It's either going to boost our morale or hurt our morale. We haven't played to our full potential ... it's time to step up. It's crunch time. We look at UConn like they're ranked number one in the country. We can't take them lightly and I'm ready to play against them."

Army is coming off its greatest point production game since the days of Pete Dawkins when they beat Colgate 68-6, Nov. 1, 1958. While scoring 62 points against VMI might not have been a great surprise, the continued great play of junior wide receiver Jeremy Trimble continues to be an eye opener.

Trimble added two touchdowns versus VMI, including a 76-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Trimble's statistics are amazing as he has returned 13 punts for a 21.2 average and two touchdowns, while offensively adding a team-leading 27 receptions and two touchdown catches.

"He's having a tremendous season," Ross explained. "He's a little like Walter (Hill) where he doesn't have great speed, but he does have good running instincts and you can see that in his punt return game."

"When we lost (graduate) Scott

Wesley from last year, we were scared to death about that position," Ross added. "But Jeremy has eased the pain of the loss of Scott quite a bit, and he has become a premier punt return guy. I have a lot of confidence in him getting us yardage. He can beat people in the open field and does a very good job in that respect."

Junior fullback Mike Viti, who has seen his role in the offense

expand over the past few weeks, scored his first career touchdown last Saturday against VMI. But, no matter if he runs 100 times or zero times in a game, he wants to provide whatever he can to help Army defeat Connecticut this Saturday.

"We haven't had much success against this team since I've been here ... and we want to come out and make a statement," Viti said.



Army junior fullback Mike Viti has been a load to take down this season as he also added his first career touchdown against VMI Saturday.

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Sophomore running back Wesley McMahan has rushed for 456 yards and four touchdowns through six games.

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HILL TAKES WORLDS

Senior Army baseball pitcher Nick Hill (middle) was honored during the Army/Rice football game Sept. 30. Hill participated this summer with the USA Baseball National Team at the International University Sports Federation World Championships. USA defeated Chinese Taipei 18-9 in Havana, Cuba to take the championship and the gold medal in mid-August. Hill, seen here with Army Athletic Director Kevin Anderson and Superintendent Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, finished the tournament with a 4-0 record while earning one save and a sparkling 1.48 earned run average in 24.1 innings pitched.

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S&F Basketball sign-ups

Sign-ups for Staff and Faculty Basketball run until Oct. 27.

Play will begin Nov. 6 with a slate of regular season games.

League play will be Monday through Friday at 12:15 and 12:40 p.m.

The season will run from Nov. 6 to Dec. 15 and then starts again Jan. 2 to Mar. 8.

Teams wishing to enter should contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail him at Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu.

The league is open to all USMA departments and units.

JUNIOR BLACK KNIGHTS

YOUTH FOOTBALL results

- D1 (2-3) defeated Cornwall 33-32.
- The Mighty Mites (3-1-1) shutout Pine Bush 2-0.

24th Annual West Point TOY BOWL

When: Sunday

Time: 1 p.m.

Where: Michie Stadium

What: Charity Flag Football game between the West Point military police & the N.Y. State Police.

Why: The Toy Bowl event benefits the Hudson Valley Salvation Army. Offer donations of toys in their original packaging or canned and boxed food items.