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## Hiring restrictions in effect since Monday

By Irene Brown  
Chief, Command Information

The U.S. Military Academy's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center announced that they are implementing hiring restrictions. The restrictions began Monday and will last through the end of the commercial activities study and competition of the Directorate of Public Works and MEDDAC here.

West Point Human Resources Officer Carol McQuinn said hiring limits are in place for GS-13 and below and equivalent wage grade positions.

"It is our policy to put hiring restrictions in place right after the initial announcement of the study," said Carol McQuinn, CPAC director. "Because of the size of the Directorate of Public Works, the command has decided to start hiring restrictions almost a year earlier than the projected date of initial announcement. While it is painful for the community, it benefits the employees that could possibly be

affected by the study decision and minimizes potential displacement across the installation."

Activities with vacancies inappropriate for reduction in force placement can seek exceptions. In addition, positions such as those covered by NSPS, Title 10 civilian faculty and medical professionals are exempt from the process, she explained, because they can not be used in the RIF.

"We want to make sure we have plenty of open positions to put any displaced employees in," McQuinn said. "This is a way of offering those employees immersed in the study a little peace of mind."

West Point announced its intention to study its public works function last year. Public Works includes everything from building maintenance to road repair. Roughly 511 members of the civilian workforce will be impacted. Work is currently being done on the performance work statement and the study is expected to take 18 months to complete.

## Partner announced for Residential Communities Initiative

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Army and West Point officials announced March 9 they have selected the Residential Communities Initiative private partner for the U.S. Military

Academy.

GMH/Centex Military Communities, LLC, will be responsible for the West Point family housing privatization project.

The Army is committed to improving family housing as a means of sustaining quality of life. Through the RCI program, the Army engages with private sector firms in public-private partnerships to manage, construct, renovate, maintain and operate family housing that will ultimately alleviate housing shortages, rapidly improve the condition of existing housing and sustain quality communities over the 50-year life of these projects.

"Providing Soldiers and their families with safe, attractive, affordable housing and modern communities is a major priority," Army officials said. "We're sure GMH/Centex Military Communities

is the right choice for the families at West Point."

"West Point's RCI vision is to provide our community members and their families with world-class housing and facilities," said Col. Brian Crawford, West Point's garrison commander. "We have every confidence that the GMH/Centex Military Communities will work with us to achieve that goal."

The RCI program is critical to the Army's plan to improve existing housing and sustain quality communities for Soldiers, said Michael Colacicco, the RCI manager here.

"The RCI effort should improve, in a short period of time, the quality of life for all the community members," Colacicco added. "The overall family housing appearance and function within West Point will be improved."

GMH/Centex Military

Communities will work with the Army to develop the CDMP or community development management plan, which is a blueprint for the actual residential communities at West Point. Planning and preparation of the document will take around six months.

Actual project implementation will begin once the Army, Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Defense and Congress accepts the CDMP. GMH/Centex Military Communities should begin renovation work sometime in the late summer of 2008.

GMH/Centex Military Communities is a joint venture comprised of GMH Military

Housing and Centex Construction. GMH/Centex has significant Military Housing Privatization Initiative project experience and is the principal member of the Army's RCI Teams at Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., Fort Hamilton, N.Y., Walter Reed Army Medical Center/Fort Detrick, D.C., Fort Eustis/Fort Story, Va., Fort Bliss/White Sands Missile Range, N.M., Carlisle Barracks, Pa., Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., and Fort Gordon, Ga.

The Army's partnership with GMH/Centex Military Communities will result in sufficient and safe homes that provide a quality of life for Soldiers and their families equal to the quality of their service to the nation.



### Media Panel talks with Firsties

First class cadets speak with Dan Harris, anchor of ABC World News Sunday, in Grant Hall, March 7 after a media panel discussion for the Firstie Class titled, "Media on the Battlefield" in Robinson Auditorium. Hosted by the Department of Military Instruction, the class is a part of MS 403 Platoon Leader Responsibilities. Other panel members included Arwa Damon, CNN Baghdad Correspondent, Bill Gentile, an independent filmmaker and professor at American University and Tom Vanden Brook, Pentagon correspondent for USA TODAY.

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## Class Ring Memorial Program Ring Melt a moving experience

**Commentary and photos by Linda Mastin Editor**

What do you do with a college ring when the wearer has passed away? And especially when that ring is a West Point Class ring, with the more than 200 years of tradition and meaning it embodies? Hiding it away in a jewelry box does not seem like a fitting tribute.

One option is to donate it to the Association of Graduates' Class Ring Memorial Program, so it can be melted down and included in the gold to make rings for an upcoming USMA graduating class.

I had the opportunity March 5 to attend the 7th Annual Class Ring Memorial Program Ring Melt

at Pease and Curren, a precious metals refiner, in Warwick, R.I., with a contingent from West Point and USMA alumni from the greater R.I. area. One family member even came from Denver to present her husband's ring and honor him at the event.

I went in two capacities -- primarily as the donor of my father's ring, but also as the PV editor to observe and absorb.

The Class of 2008 president, Cadet 2nd Class Adrian Perkins and Class vice-president, Cadet 2nd Class Jeremy Evans, were joined by Class OIC Maj. Ian Humphrey, [USMA '97] E-2 TAC, and Asst. OIC, Maj. Gregory Sharpe, [USMA '96] H-2 TAC, as well as Cadet Bookstore Manager Jaleh Welton, AOG's Director of Class Support Joel Jebb [USMA '82] and AOG Class Support Assistant Patricia Pfanzelter.

The event began with a brief introduction of the various participants. Then Perkins and Evans read biographies of the 16 owners of the 15 rings that were included in this year's melt, the largest number to date. Attending alumni and family members individually placed the rings in a crucible.

The crucible was then placed in a furnace that reached 2,300 F after Perkins and Evans had added gold shavings from the six previous melts, blending the 117 rings that have been donated since the first

melt for the Class of 2002 rings.

While we waited the 20 minutes for the gold to melt, we were given a tour of the refining facility and Perkins and Evans even got to hold a gold ingot valued at \$30,000, or the amount of their 'Cow' loan. It was a chance to learn something new and see something momentous happen.

The melted gold was poured into a mold that made an approximately 12.5 troy ounce ingot. After it cooled and the slag was removed, the ingot was presented to Perkins and Evans. They generously allowed any of the participants to hold it and feel the weight.

The ingot was given to the

Herff-Jones representatives to be added to the gold alloy that will be used to make the Class of 2008 rings, allowing the Long Gray Line to continue in another way.

This ceremony was important to me because it was one of my dad's final wishes. It was a way to honor Dad and others like him, who had worn their rings with pride.

It was a chance to meet one of his former students -- one of the alumni present -- who had him as a math instructor here in the early 1950s and hear what a good instructor he was. It was a chance to learn about others who have felt a similar loss and learn about their perspectives on USMA, USMA rings and the Long Gray Line. It was a time to

get to know a little about two more of our future leaders of character, Cadets Perkins and Evans, and see their appreciation and interest in the entire process.

After the ring melt ceremony, the entire group was invited to tour the Herff-Jones plant and see the entire ring manufacturing process, including looking at wax casts and metal samples of the 2008 rings.

So, if you are a USMA graduate and are wondering what to do with your ring someday, I recommend making provisions to have it included in the Class Ring Memorial Program. It will carry a little bit of you into the future and perpetuate the time honored traditions of the U.S. Military Academy.



**Class of 2008 President Cadet 2nd Class Adrian Perkins adds gold shavings from the six previous melts to the crucible.**



**Perkins and Class VP Jeremy Evans hold the 12.5 troy ounce ingot from 15 rings melted March 5 that will be added to the gold for their class rings.**

### SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahan, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Maj. Samantha Ross (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams (Dean). Community members can e-mail McMahan at [Jeanette.McMahan@usma.edu](mailto:Jeanette.McMahan@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

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

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# Local and National News

## Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the JCOS visits USMA

By Sgt. 1st Class  
Roger Jones  
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The first Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, SEAC Joseph Gainey visited the U.S. Military Academy March 8.

Gainey, who was invited to visit the academy by the USMA Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bergman, said he was honored by Bergman's invitation.

"Though I wear a 'purple suit,' my first love is the Army and as a 30-year Army veteran, I couldn't resist the invitation to visit the Army's premiere institution of higher learning," Gainey said.

"I have been afforded an excellent opportunity to receive a first-hand look at history as well as speak to a class [2010] that will someday represent similar history. When you can learn and teach, all in the same trip, it makes for a rather unique and productive visit," he explained.

After a quick aerial tour of the academy grounds, he met Bergman for a brief overview of the academy's mission. "This is an incredible place," Gainey said. "I'm glad [Mike] Bergman invited me."

According to Bergman, he invited Gainey, because he felt it would be an excellent opportunity for Plebes to learn from the military's senior enlisted advisor.

"I thought it would be a good idea for him to share his vast military knowledge and experience with the plebe class in regards to small unit leadership, the focus of his lecture," Bergman said. "Additionally, I thought it was important to showcase the Senior Enlisted Advisor in our military to USMA."

"I think it helps send the message that we here at West Point are important. When a senior leader in his position takes time from his worldly travels to come here and lecture, I think that really says a lot about the academy and the mission," Bergman added.

Gainey also visited briefly with Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, the academy's superintendent.

The two senior noncommissioned officers spoke with the academy's tactical noncommissioned officers over lunch.

"While I know the overall mission of the academy is to educate



**Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff SEAC Joseph Gainey makes plebes swear that they won't sell the SEAC coins he gave them March 8 on eBay.**

ANTHONY BATTISTA/DOIM MMB

and train the Corps of Cadets, I wanted to ensure that I spoke with NCOs who are responsible for the execution of that mission," Gainey said.

"Not only do you have the privilege of being referred to as the backbone of the Army, you have the added advantage of serving as the backbone of the academy. That is truly something for which you should be proud," he informed these NCOs.

After a brief question and answer period with the academy's tactical NCOs, Gainey then moved to Robinson Auditorium where he spoke with the Class of 2010.

"I see the greatest generation in the military sitting here before me," Gainey declared. "Most of you are going to leave here in a few years as second lieutenants. You'll arrive at your units and meet one of the most influential people in your young careers -- your first platoon sergeant."

While most platoon leaders aren't exactly sure what to expect when they arrive at their first duty station, Gainey instructed them to find their platoon sergeant and ask him or her to provide guidance.

"What should you expect of your platoon sergeant and what should your platoon sergeant expect of you? I think that is the most important question a platoon leader can ask," Gainey explained.

"Here's what I think you should expect: You should expect that platoon sergeant to be your right-hand person. You should expect the truth. You should expect decision support and advice. You should expect them to coach, teach, mentor and train. However, one thing you should never expect is to give them your responsibility," Gainey added.

Having advised the cadets on

what they could expect from their NCOs, Gainey then told them what their NCOs will expect of them.

"As future leaders, it is imperative that you understand what your unit and, specifically, your platoon sergeant, expects of you. They will expect you to mean what you say and say what you mean. They will expect you to lead from the front. However, above

all else, they will expect you to be fair," he cautioned.

Though this was the first time Gainey has addressed a class from the corps of cadets, it wasn't his first time addressing new, young servicemembers.

"Thanks for all you do and all you are going to do," Gainey said. "As I mentioned earlier, you are our future. Please represent us well. I am confident that you'll do just that."

"In closing, I'll leave you with this small piece of advice," Gainey added. "A self evaluation in terms of introspection is important. However, a self evaluation in terms of unit inspection produces nothing. When you get to your unit, assess your platoon's status and then let a fellow platoon leader assess your platoon."

"Once that has been done and you have a complete and thorough assessment, sit down with your platoon sergeant and address the issues," he concluded.

After addressing the Plebes,

Gainey called a few of them on stage to present them with a one-of-a-kind coin.

While Gainey's visit was exceptional, it was a short one, according to Bergman.

"I believe SEAC Gainey's visit to West Point was a tremendous success. In my almost three years here at USMA I have not seen the cadets react as strongly to a guest speaker as they did with SEAC Gainey," Bergman said. "The unfortunate part of his visit and his schedule is that he was not able to visit with the permanent party Soldiers stationed here at West Point, but we do plan to invite him back for that reason."

It is visits like this that demonstrate to our future leaders that the NCO Corps is strong and an important asset to our military," concluded Bergman.

**[Editor's Note:** For more information about the SEAC position and SEAC Gainey, go to [http://www.jcs.mil/bios/bio\\_gainey.html](http://www.jcs.mil/bios/bio_gainey.html).]

# Medical Independent Review Group seeks comments

By Sgt. Sara Wood, USA  
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WASHINGTON -- The Independent Review Group recently established by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates wants to hear from patients and family members about their experiences with military medical care, the review group announced March 9.

Gates established the group this month, charging it with identifying shortfalls in rehabilitative care and administrative processes at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and with recommending needed improvements.

To identify shortcomings and recommend improvements, it is important for the group to get input from patients and families who are dealing with the system, said Marianne Coates, public affairs officer for the Independent Review Group. The group will sponsor public meetings next week and patients and family members can also submit comments through the Internet and a phone hotline, she said.

"The way we learn about it is, obviously, to talk to people who are experts, but very importantly we have to talk to patients and families," Coates said.

The public meetings were held at Walter Reed March 13 and at the National Naval Medical Center

March 14.

The review group also is looking at the possibility of holding additional meetings for patients and families, Coates said.

Details about how patients and family members may offer comments at the meetings appear on the Independent Review Group's Web site: [www.ha.osd.mil/dhb/irg](http://www.ha.osd.mil/dhb/irg).

In addition, patients and family members may provide their experiences and insights via the Internet and may do so anonymously if they choose. In the left column of the review group Web site, there is a caption titled "How You Can Help." People can click on that caption and provide comments.

The independent review group

also has arranged a hotline that may be accessed by dialing 866-268-2285.

Comments submitted via telephone also may be anonymous. When patients and family members use the telephone and Internet to provide their experiences and insights, Independent Review Group members or staff will not be on the line. Submissions, however, will be recorded and reviewed by the staff throughout the day. If the staff members determine that they need clarification regarding patient and family member comments, they will contact those who have provided contact information.

The two sources for providing information will be in operation through April 16, the duration of

the Independent Review Group's charter.

The Independent Review Group will use these comments as a basis for seeking further details from the military services and for summary inclusion in their final report.

Coates emphasized that the review group, chaired by former Veterans Affairs Secretary and Army Secretary Togo West and former Army Secretary John O. Marsh, has hit the ground running. Group members have visited Walter Reed several times and have toured housing facilities there, she said. Also, group members visited Andrews Air Force Base, Md., to see how wounded troops arrive from overseas and how they are met, received and transported.

## CID warns against personal computer threat

### 'Keylogging' methods can steal Thrift Savings Plan account funds

FORTBELVOIR, Va. -- Soldiers, family members and Army civilians using their home computers to access Thrift Savings Plan accounts online can be vulnerable to having their personal information stolen, according to a recent alert posted on TSP's Web site.

According to the alert, TSP officials have identified customers who are victims of a computer crime known as "keylogging" or "keystroke logging." Keylogging is a diagnostic tool used in software development that captures a user's keystrokes, but in the wrong hands, it enables criminals to record all the typing on a keyboard without the user's knowledge. The technique can capture a computer user's TSP Personal Identification Number or other personal account information such as a Social Security Number.

The Director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Computer Crime Investigative Unit, Michael Milner, said personal information is increasingly available on 'keylogger' lists for sale through criminal networks and so far, all of

the TSP cases involve the transfer of electronic funds, since criminals normally prefer the 'paperless' way to steal money.

"Computer users should protect themselves from keyloggers and other malicious software and should promptly close the Web browser after they have checked their TSP account information," Milner explained. "Users must remember that logging off a Web site does not clear a browser's memory and subsequent users might be able to access the TSP account information."

Milner said he is unaware of any Army victims at this point, but strongly recommends computer users review their home system's security effectiveness to reduce exposure to these types of attacks.

According to the TSP's notice,



external penetration testing determined the TSP record keeping system was not breached, but concluded personal information was compromised when keyloggers monitored each individual keystroke of some victims when they used home computers to enter their TSP PIN and SSN. TSP was also able to identify participants who had relatively small amounts withdrawn from their accounts. As an added security measure, TSP has discontinued making electronic payments for on-line transactions, according to TSP officials.

Milner also explained that the best advice for computer users is

to follow general computer security principles at home and to download antivirus software.

Army personnel can download free antivirus software for their home computers by visiting the Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations (JTF-GNO) Web site at: [https://www.jtfgno.mil/antivirus/home\\_use.htm](https://www.jtfgno.mil/antivirus/home_use.htm).

They must access the JTF-GNO Web site from a ".mil," or military computer system and authenticate with their government Common Access Card and PIN. After downloading the software, they can then install it on their

home computers.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, will continually release notices such as the TSP alert through their "CID Cyber Lookout" program, an initiative aimed at helping Soldiers protect themselves and their families from becoming victims of cyber crime.

To view the TSP Alert, visit [www.tsp.gov/account/login\\_security-news-ab.html](http://www.tsp.gov/account/login_security-news-ab.html).

To learn more about CID's Computer Crime Investigative Unit, visit <http://www.cid.army.mil/CCIU.htm>.

# China not strategic adversary of U.S., Gates says

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press  
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WASHINGTON -- China is not a strategic adversary of the United States, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said during a news roundtable March 7.

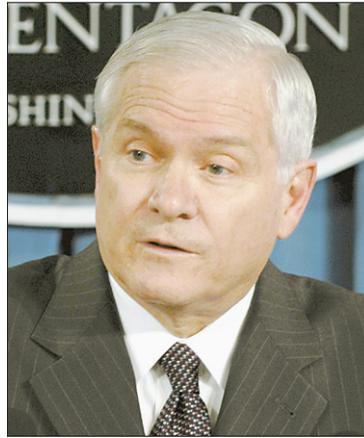
"I do not see China at this point as a strategic adversary of the United States," Gates said. "It's a partner in some respects. It's a competitor in other respects. And so we are simply watching to see what they're doing."

Chinese government officials announced two weeks ago that the Chinese military budget would increase 17 percent. This would be

the 19th year of double-digit growth in defense spending, Department of Defense officials said. China will budget roughly \$45 billion for defense.

However, the real size of the Chinese budget could be twice as much, a defense official said March 8 on background. The nature of the regime is such that defense spending could be hidden and this lack of transparency is a hindrance to better Sino-American relations, the official said.

"I think that greater transparency would help from the standpoint of the Chinese in terms of both what they're doing and what their strategies are [about] their intent in modernizing their forces. A



Secretary of Defense  
Robert M. Gates

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greater openness about the purposes [would help]," Gates said during

the roundtable. "My guess is that what they've announced does not represent their entire military budget. ... I think one of the most significant things they could do to provide reassurance to people is greater openness or transparency about what they're doing."

The increase alone doesn't worry Gates, as the money will buy more capability, but does not reveal the country's intentions. China is building its capabilities and, over the past 20 years, has moved forward on modernizing and streamlining the Peoples' Liberation Army and its rocket forces. The country also recently conducted a successful anti-satellite missile test.

In addition, the Chinese have invested in more and quieter submarines, state-of-the-art fighter/bombers and better communications and computer equipment for command and control purposes, DOD officials said.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Gen. Peter Pace agreed that the Chinese have built capabilities, but tried to provide context on whether China is a threat to the United States. "A threat has two fundamental parts to it: One is capacity and two is intent," Pace said. "When you see the global capacity growing in any area, we need to make sure that the

United States military's capable of handling any threat that might develop, without regard to current intent.

"This is why in the budget, ... there's not only the money for continuing the global war on terror, but also ensuring that we have the Air Force we need, the Navy we need and all the things that we need for conventional battle, so that our potential adversaries don't miscalculate our capacities," he added.

Pace said the United States doesn't develop capacities aimed at any one country.

"We look at the types of capacities that are coming on line, regardless of country," the general said. "We assure ourselves that we can deal with that capacity and that we have overmatching capacity for that. And where we don't, ... we ask in the budget for the funding to be able to address that gap."

Pace said in Indonesia in February that it was important to keep engaging China.

"Trade between the United States and China has grown exponentially in the last several years; that is good," he said during a news conference in Jakarta Feb. 13. "I think the more nations trade with each other and become dependent on each other, the less likely they are going to find their way into some kind of a conflict."

## DA AFAP works to resolve quality of life issues

Submitted by Maryanne Ring  
MWR

The Army Family Action Plan is a grassroots process that identifies issues of concern to the global Army family. Forums are held annually at Army installations throughout the world.

USMA's 17th Annual AFAP Conference was held this past November at the West Point Club. Thirty-five delegates briefed USMA leadership on the community's top 15 issues, which were subsequently submitted to the local AFAP.

The Commander's AFAP Steering Committee, chaired by Col. Michael Colpo, met Feb. 22 to review and determine the status of these issues.

[The AFAP Outbrief can be found at <http://www.usma.edu/mwr/ACTIVITY/IVC/IVC.HTM>. Watch for the report from the Commander's Steering Committee to be available on-line.]

Similar to installation AFAP Conferences, issues requiring Department of the Army or congressional action are presented at the DA AFAP Conference.

Eighty-seven delegates from all Army demographics met Nov. 13 to 17 at the HQDA AFAP Conference

to review and prioritize issues submitted from AFAP and Wounded Warrior Conferences across the Army. The delegates recommended 16 issues for adoption into the AFAP. The Director of the Army Staff, Lt. Gen. James Campbell, tasked proponent offices to work the issues.

That same week, the AFAP General Officer Steering Committee, chaired by Campbell, met to review the progress of 24 current AFAP issues.

The GOSC resolved two issues -- Basic Allowance for Housing for Activated Reserve Components and Dental and Vision Insurance Coverage for Federal Employees.

The GOSC entered the ACAP Budget Cuts issue into the AFAP and incorporated Family Readiness Group Support Assistants Staffing into an already existing issue.

The remaining issues stay active and include RC post mobilization counseling, family member

eyeglass coverage, in-state college tuition, funding for exceptional family member respite care and inferior shipment of household goods, to name a few.

The next GOSC Meeting is scheduled for May 9 in Arlington, Va., where progress on the new AFAP issues will be reviewed.

For more information, including conference issue dispositions and results from the GOSC and the HQDA AFAP Conference, visit the ACS Web site, [www.MyArmyLifeToo.com](http://www.MyArmyLifeToo.com).

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# Community Features and Photos

## Women's History Month: Experience from the battlefield panel

Story and photo by  
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The month of March is designated 'Women's History Month' to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of American women in all walks of life. The theme for this year is 'Generations of Women Moving History Forward.'

The U.S. Military Academy celebrated the accomplishments of women 'Moving History Forward' as it applies to the military with a panel discussion March 1 at the Arnold Auditorium in Mahan Hall here.

The panel included 1996 USMA graduate Maj. Darcy Schnack, instructor in the Dept. of Behavioral Science and Leadership and former Movement Control Officer in Taji, Iraq; Maj. Stephanie Bagley, [USMA '98], whose most recent deployment was in Falcon, Baghdad, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Commander, 21st MP Company [Airborne]; Sgt. Maj. [Ret.] Peter Markow, assistant Chief of the Hazardous Materials Response Team for Orange County, N.Y. and a Highland Falls firefighter, whose deployments included Somalia and Afghanistan and Sgt. 1st Class Ann Highsmith-Evans, Information Technology Specialist in the Information and Education Technology Division here and a former nurse in Desert Storm.

The event was moderated by Capt. Mary Schaefer, an instructor in the Dept. of Law. The discussion centered on the changing role of women in the military with the panel members discussing their experiences with deployment "Way back when, the attitudes toward

women in the military were much different than they are today," said Markow. "There are still a lot of areas where some think women should not be [in the military] and infantry is one of them. But, the battlefield is so fluid now in that there is a mix of cavalry and companies with women working side by side with the infantry."

Women were seen in the military police and in transportation escorting convoys in battlefields during Desert Storm and today fighting the global war on terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I can remember in my outfit in Iraq, we were short of people so we trained our cooks, who were all female, for transportation and gunners teaching them how to shoot M-2's and M-249's," said Schnack. "We trained them as a crew. In leadership, it's about how we use the people we have."

Highsmith-Evans thinks many enlisted Soldiers are treated differently when they look at the rank, but has seen that attitude change too.

"I was in charge of communications and if they wanted to talk, they saw me more as a Soldier," she said. "When I was a nurse in support of Desert Storm, it was a little different then, but I still had to go into the front lines for wounded Soldiers."

In Afghanistan and Iraq, the culture, religion and view of women are very different Markow said.

"They don't understand women in uniform," he said. "I remember at a party in Afghanistan where most of the attendees were female, one woman had three marriage proposals."

Bagley saw the same thing in Iraq and said it depends on how

professional the females are in dealing with the cultural attitudes.

"The Iraqi police don't know what women are doing in the military," she said. "We were given gifts or hit on, but I had a great interpreter, which helped. If you deal with this type of attitude in a professional manner and set some ground rules, it also helps greatly. Language and cultural training is very important and I wish I had [had] that training, as they do now, when I was at West Point [and] before going to Iraq."

The panel responded to a few questions from the audience, which ranged from what they learned from West Point to their experience with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Most of the panel had experience with or have seen the affects of the disorder.



The panelists discuss the role of women in the military.

"I am still experiencing it," Bagley said. "I still have nightmares from when my truck was hit by an Improvised Explosive Device. Many Soldiers deal with the disorder themselves or talk with friends, because there is a stigma attached to the need for mental

help, which is the reason some Soldiers prefer to go off-post. As leaders, we should all be cognizant of the Soldiers who want help and know where to get it. We have [18 to 20-year-olds] going into their third deployment, so we do need to deal with it."

# Jewish chaplain will be sorely missed

Story and photo by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

West Point Jewish Community Chaplain Maj. Carlos Huerta has found comfort and a reminder of the past at the Cadet Interfaith Building every Friday.

Although he's Jewish, he's a regular at the Muslim Friday Worship, or Juma, and converses with cadets of the Muslim faith. It allows him to remember the people and the place he left behind.

"God is in this place," said Huerta, speaking of the Muslim sect environment. "This helps me feel connected to the people in Iraq."

Imam Asadullah Burgos, the head Imam at the U.S. Military Academy, is enamored by Huerta's devotion to the spirit of God, no matter what faith is doing the preaching.

"Our relationship was built on what we could do for each other and establish a recognition among all people to make them realize that we are here as one Nation," Burgos said. "We are here as one humanity."

It doesn't matter if you are Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Protestant or another religious preference, Rabbi Huerta has been a jovial personality to everyone who has met him at West Point since his arrival in June 2000.

His humanity and compassion for people grew from the turbulent '60s when he grew up in an Hispanic community in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"That probably did more to shape how I look at the world now because of the melting pot that New York City is and was at the time," Huerta explained. "In those troubling times, we were fighting for equal rights for all minorities and gender rights. It very quickly enabled you to identify bull."

"Today, it put that urgency in me to learn that when I'm counseling a Soldier that I need to get strongly involved because this is his life, his problem and he needs a solution and doesn't need double talk about regulations -- let's try to fix the problem."

Here and abroad, Huerta has been involved with trying to fix issues with Soldiers, as he's deployed to Iraq twice, both times with the 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. For him it was a small sacrifice to leave his wife and 13 children behind to help Soldiers find their direction in the midst of chaos.

His first deployment to Iraq was from February to December 2003 and then he returned in September and October 2005.

Huerta, who began his military career in 1973 in the field artillery, became a chaplain in 1994. He felt he needed to give back to the world and one of the most important things to him was being honest with the Soldiers. That was especially evident on his first deployment to Iraq when the Soldiers couldn't talk to their loved ones for at least three months until communications back home were established.

"It sounds like a silly thing to say, but Soldiers don't want to hear the party line," Huerta stated. "Soldiers want to know that if the living conditions suck then when will they improve? When they go to counseling, they want justification to go with their feelings and [to know] that those feelings are correct."

"Instead of giving them the party lines such as 'Be a strong Soldier,' tell them something like 'I know it hurts,'" he added. "We weren't sure when we were coming home and it caused turmoil for us. The Soldiers felt it was legitimate for them to feel turmoil instead of 'suck it up and drive on.' I don't think it's my place to do that. It might be the job of a commander or NCO to get their troops to move on, but when a Soldier comes to me I treat them with honesty and my truest feelings."

Being a Soldier means being strong even in the most perilous of times, and with it comes great risk and, sometimes, for those left behind, it also means grieving for a close friend.

Huerta has felt that pain and when he talks about "His Soldiers" his voice cracks at the thoughts of the good times and the last moments spent with incredible individuals.

Seven names are written on a piece of paper on Huerta's desk in his office in the Jewish Chapel here that he looks at first thing in the morning. Those seven names are of Soldiers who were killed in Iraq while he was there serving as the chaplain and filling other capacities.

One name that stood out to him was of Pfc. Sheldon Hawkeye, who he first met in Kuwait just before their arrival in Mosul, Iraq.

Hawkeye left an indelible mark because he came from Eagle Butte, S.D., which is where former West Point military policeman Sgt. Alan Two Crow, who died here in 2002,

grew up.

Huerta attended Two Crow's funeral and the Dakota Tribal Chief made him an honorary member of the tribe, giving him a pouch that contained sweet grass and sage. Huerta said they are burned before you go into battle to purify yourself.

While in Kuwait, Huerta gave a bunch of it to Hawkeye to burn and they got to know each other well in Iraq when they went on missions together.

Trying to hold back the tears, the 6'4" mountain of a man talked about holding Hawkeye's hand after he died in a helicopter crash.

"I went through his belongings [after his death] and found his eagle feather that he went into battle with. It's considered a very holy object [to the Indians] and I decided to deliver it to his next of kin," Huerta said. "So before I went home to see my family, I flew out of Iraq to Eagle Butte to give his warrior feather to his family."

The seven names Huerta keeps close to him from his missions are hard for him to deal with, just as it would be for any private in the field, and, in general, when he does counseling he finds it easier to accept the pain when talking with others who deal with the pain as well.

"I don't heal them. We heal each other," Huerta explained. "Maybe I have a piece of the puzzle for healing and they have a piece and when we put our pieces together then maybe we will walk away with some semblance of who we are or who we were."

"But, we never are the same persons and I think that's the hardest thing to realize -- that none of us really can ever go home again. Ever," Huerta continued, "or at least not to the home we left."

There are many sacrifices made and many deep frustrations left unresolved after the death of a close friend, spouse or parent due to the war. The next question is how is it possible to quell the pain of it all?

There are many ways that a Soldier or family member can seek help -- through talking to chaplains, using the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's redeployment briefings, Veteran Affairs counseling assistance, mental health operations on post or simply Soldiers talking to other Soldiers who've dealt with the same experiences.

After his experiences in Iraq, Huerta turned to the liquor bottle and as he described it, they got to be good friends. He wants people to

know that these types of problems do happen and can happen to anyone.

Huerta said it's better to seek counseling, first and foremost in country and then once you return from a deployment, than to dive into destructive behaviors.

"The truth of the matter is I want people to know that chaplains are human too, and if you go to alcohol or whatever, that sometimes we do make poor judgments," Huerta said. "I can't tell you how many privates or officers within three months of getting back from Iraq dealt with the pain by using drugs."

"So what we do is punish them for this act, but I think that's the wrong answer," Huerta added. "I think they were mentally wounded and they went out searching for a solution to their problem. These people generally don't take drugs ... we have to understand the broader picture to heal this new generation of warriors coming back

from battle.

"We need a paradigm shift in how we take care of our returning veterans," Huerta continued. "We've started slowly, but we haven't moved as far as we need to move in terms of money, commitment, understanding [and getting the proper information out on programs they can use]. As [retired] Gen. [Eric] Shinseki said, 'we need to love them,' and we haven't done that fully."

Huerta will be finishing his assignment at West Point shortly and will move on to Heidelberg, Germany in August. His good nature and willingness to open his heart will be missed by many at the academy.

"He has been nothing but a great asset to us," Burgos said. "I will hate to lose him and I know West Point is going to lose a great chaplain. Rabbi Huerta extends himself and really comes out battling for us all -- there aren't many like him."



Imam Asadullah Burgos and Jewish Chaplain Maj. Carlos Huerta are regulars at the Muslim Friday Worship here.

## MARCH MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at [www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b>\$5 OFF</b></span> <span><b>\$5 OFF</b></span> </div> <h3 style="text-align: center;">\$5 off labor for any custom framing job</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Offer does not apply to do-it-yourself framing jobs. Limit 1 per person Expires 3/24/07.</p> 					<b>16</b>  Irish Soda Bread, 2:15-3:15, YC	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC, 10am, ITR  BOSS St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC, 11am-6pm
<b>18</b>  Open Skate, 3:30-5pm, Tate Rink	<b>19</b> Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS 	<b>20</b> Pro Shop Opens for Merchandise & Pass Sales, 9am-5:30pm, WP Golf (Mar 20-24)  Spring Story Hour, WP Library, 10am & 1:30pm	<b>21</b>  AM Strength, 5:50am, Cardio Sculpt, 9am, Spinning, 5pm, Iron Core, 5:30pm, Every Wednesday at the MWR Fitness Center	<b>22</b> Family Night Buffet w/ Macaroni the Clown, 5-7pm, WP Club 	<b>23</b>  USO Dinner & Show, 5:30-9pm, WP Club BGCA Web Design, 2:15pm, YC	<b>24</b> Waiting Families Support Group, 5-7pm, ACS, Held @ Bldg. 500 
<b>25</b>  Tour NYC, 9am-5pm, ITR Open Skate, 3:30-5pm, Tate Rink	<b>26</b> Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS Harry Houdini Magic Video, 2:15pm, YC (grades 6-12) 	<b>27</b> Pro Shop Opens for Merchandise & Pass Sales, 9am-5:30pm, WP Golf (Mar 27-31)  BGCA Cards to the Troops, 3-4pm, YC (grades 6-12)	<b>28</b> Overseas Briefing, Korea, 9:30am, Germany, 10:30am, ACS 	<b>29</b> Spinning, 5:50am, Mat & Pilates, 10am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, Every Thursday at the MWR Fitness Center 	<b>30</b> Annual Wine & Beer Tasting, 6-9pm, WP Club <p style="text-align: center;">Put your thoughts on <b>ICE</b> Interactive Customer Evaluation  <a href="https://ice.disa.mil">https://ice.disa.mil</a>                      Keyword: USMA</p>	<b>31</b> Pure Energy Step, 8am, Spinning, 10am, Every Saturday at the MWR Fitness Center 

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**Friday -- The Messengers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday -- Because I Said So, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**March 23 -- Dreamgirls, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Solution to Weekly Sudoku**

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

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## DPW Notes

### Annual Flower Issue cancelled

The Annual Self Help Flower Issue, usually conducted each May is cancelled due to a severe funding shortfall for Army Family Housing.

For information contact DPW Customer Relations, 938-4407.

### Housing division closed March 23

The Housing Division Office, Building 626 will be closed March 23 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. for a mandatory employee briefing. Additionally, there will be no housing inspections conducted during that time period.

### Warranty inspections -- New Brick

Residents of New Brick living in units 560 - 574 and 585 - 589, if not already contacted, should call Larry Higgins, Engineering Technician, Housing Division, to arrange for an appointment to conduct a warranty inspection on your quarters.

The inspection will be conducted by the Housing Division and the Corps of Engineers as a follow up to the Phase III, New Brick Renovations Project.

Inspections will begin April 2 and we anticipate that each inspection will last from 30 to 45 minutes. We ask residents to note any maintenance issues they have discovered during the time they have occupied the quarters.

The inspectors will be investigating each issue noted by the resident, in addition to major systems. Please contact Higgins at 938-6202 to make an appointment.

### Spring lawn care

Spring lawn care generally begins sometime between mid-March and early April in the Hudson Valley.

Residents should begin spring lawn care when the ground is sufficiently dried out to rake without lifting clumps of sod in the process.

Rake the lawn with a leaf rake ensuring the removal of dried leaves, dead matted grass, sticks, stones, paper, etc.

As a reminder post wide spring clean up is held during April. Area coordinators and community mayors should arrange for community clean up of playgrounds and common areas.

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

## Keller Corner

### Upcoming Blood Drive

The American Red Cross in Greater New York-Putnam/West Point is requesting volunteers from Orange and Putnam counties and the West Point community to help support the blood drive at West Point Monday through Thursday at Eisenhower Hall.

It will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday.

To volunteer call [845] 938-4100.

For an appointment to donate whole blood call Mary Mandia at 938-2583 [BLUD].

Apheresis services will be available for those individuals who wish to donate platelets.

Apheresis donors will be seen by appointment only and may call [914] 760-3177 to book an appointment.

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program will be able to do during the drive.

A picture ID is mandatory for whole blood and Apheresis donations.

### 'No shows' down

Thank you, West Point, for decreasing the number of appointment 'No shows.'

'No shows' occur when patients arrive more than 10 minutes after the appointed time or miss appointments entirely. Our beneficiaries had a total of 941 'No shows' for July, August and September 2006.

The number plummeted to 276 for Oct. to Dec. 2006.

Keep up the good work and save those valuable appointments for yourself or others.

### New immunization requirements at WPMS

New immunization requirements are needed for children ages 11 and up that are enrolled at the West Point Middle School.

Meningococcal Conjugate

Vaccine [MCV4]; Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine [TDAP] and Hepatitis A. [Two shot series] are required.

For more info., contact the WPMS at 938-2923 or the KACH Immunization Clinic at 938-8476.

## MWR Blurbs

### Army Teen Panel

Teens ... want to make new friends, travel and learn new things? We have just the opportunity for you. The Installation Management Command Northeast Region is now interviewing potential applications for Army Teen Panel.

We are looking for military teens between the ages of 13-17,

who are interested in being a voice for other teens, traveling, making new friends, communicating new ideas, developing leadership skills and making a difference in the community.

To make a difference, contact Renee Podolec at [757] 788-5270 or [renee.podolec2@us.army.mil](mailto:renee.podolec2@us.army.mil).

### Command Channel 8/23

March 16 - March 23

**Friday**  
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
1:30 p.m. 2007 Brigade  
Boxing Open  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

**Monday**  
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
9 a.m. 2007 Brigade  
Boxing Open  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

**Tuesday**  
8:30 a.m., Army Newswatch  
1 p.m and 6 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
8:30 a.m., Army Newswatch  
1 p.m and 6 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. 2007 Brigade  
Boxing Open

**Thursday**  
8:30 a.m., Army Newswatch  
1 p.m and 6 p.m.

**March 23**  
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch  
1 p.m. Army Newswatch  
1:30 p.m. 2007 Brigade  
Boxing Open  
6 p.m. Army Newswatch  
6:30 p.m. 2007 Brigade  
Boxing Open

# What's Happening

## Indian Point siren test Wed.

Indian Point will test the early warning siren system Wed. from approximately 10:30 a.m. to noon. The sirens are loud, high-pitched alarms. Unlike fire sirens, these special sirens would be sounded for three to four minutes without interruption.

## WPS PTO Book Fair

West Point Elementary and Middle Schools' PTO Scholastic Book Fair is March 26-29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The family events are March 28 starting with Sunrise Shopping from 7 to 8 a.m. and then Family Night from 6 to 8 p.m.

All Book Fair events take place in the WPS New Gym Lobby.

The West Point community is invited to attend.

## DUSA job opening

The West Point Chapter of the Daughters of the U.S. Army is hiring a Business Manager for its gift shop Manager in the West Point Museum.

Apply by April 1.

Call [845] 446-1290 for more info.

## Diversity Leadership Workshop

The Association of Graduates invites the West Point community to its 2007 Diversity Leadership Workshop April 12 to 14 at Thayer Hall and Thayer Hotel.

Featured speakers will include Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David R.S. Chu, Price M. Cobbs, Harry Edwards, Alma Morales Riojas, AOG Chairman Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ted Stroup and USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck.

For more info call AOG's Bridget Suarez at 446-1512 or go to <http://www.aogusma.org/as/dlw/2007/2007DLW.htm>.

## Young Life Run-N-Gun

The March 31 event is for all 9-12 grade students.

It starts at 12:30 p.m. at Arvin Gym for a sports tournament then moves to the Palisades Mall for various events like laser tag, a movie, dinner and on to the rockin' Young Club in Conn.

The group will return to Arvin Gym by 11 p.m. that evening.

For more info., contact Chaplain Nate Cox, director of Young Life at 938-5386 or go to [www.oneill.younglife.com](http://www.oneill.younglife.com).

## MCCW's Divine Mercy

## At Your Leisure

You name it, they can help -- 24/7.

Provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve [regardless of activation status] and their family members.

## Women's History Month luncheon March 28

The Women's History Month Committee and the West Point Equal Employment Office will host a luncheon with guest Brig. Gen. Anne F. MacDonald [USMA '80] March 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the West Point Club ballroom.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting committee members at either 938-2621/3475/5550/4265 or 7586.

The Military Council of Catholic Women invites the West Point community to their March program on Divine Mercy with guest speaker Father Seraphim Michalenko, a familiar face to EWTN viewers, March 27 from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. at the Post Chapel basement.

Free childcare is available with advanced registration.

Call 446-3245 for more info.

## Free tax preparation

MilitaryOneSource offers free tax preparation and filing.

Visit [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) to file your federal and state taxes with TaxCut Basic Online by H&R Block.

Call 800-342-9647.

## Grand Prize Winner



West Point Middle School students earned accolades from the Orange County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council for the third year in a row by taking home the grand prize and an honorable mention in their annual poster contest. Seventh-grader Abby Cassella, 12, won the Grand Prize for her Spanish entry [above left]. The poster is being printed and will be distributed around the county. WPMS eighth-grader Alissa Galgano, 13, won honorable mention for her entry. Approximately 2,000 entries were submitted from children throughout Orange County in grades 1-12.

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# Army and Community Sports

## Women overcame adversity to win 24

Story and photos by  
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Sports Editor

The ending to this story was supposed to be much different. A hard working bunch of women who finished second in their conference with a 24-5 overall record is certainly destined for the NCAA Tournament, right?

Unfortunately, the answer turned out to be, no, as Lehigh finished the dreams of the Army women's basketball team with a 57-53 win in the opening round of the Patriot League Tournament March 3.

Ultimately, the loss cost the Black Knights a chance to go back to the NCAA tournament for its second straight appearance.

Finishing the year at 24-6 was a great achievement for this Army team. In the end, 24 wins was the second-most in school history behind only the 25-3 record of the 1983-84 team, but this was the most by an Army women's team playing Division I basketball.

Lehigh forward Adrienne Blount was a one-woman wrecking crew as she poured in 25 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to squash Army's chance at win number 25, but being that close wasn't any consolation to the Black Knights.

"It's a milestone and it's something special," said senior guard and captain Jen Hansen. "But, 24 wins doesn't mean much without a Patriot League championship."

Hansen scored 21 points in the game against Lehigh and tried her best to keep her team's season going in a year of many unsung performances by her. Army women's basketball head coach Dave Magarity felt that Hansen and sophomore forward Courtney Wright, a non-starter who led the team in rebounds [6.3 rebounds per game], were the team's unsung heroes this season.

"Wright is someone that jumps to my mind, but Hansen is really the [unsung hero]," Magarity said. "I nominated her for all-league and I thought she was well-deserving of at least second-team all-conference and she didn't get it."

"She had a huge impact on our season this year, on and off the court, as the captain," he added. "She's very intelligent and has a way about her that quietly gets things done. She leads by example and she leads on the floor."

Hansen finished third [9.4 points per game] on the team in scoring behind junior guard Cara Enright [14.9 ppg.] and sophomore guard Alex McGuire [12.1 ppg.]

McGuire stepped up her

play again this year after a solid freshman season to gain second-team All-Patriot League. She took off last year after becoming the starting point guard in place of Erin Begonia, who had a severe knee injury, and McGuire has never looked back.

"I'm definitely more comfortable [with playing the point guard position]," McGuire said. "The experience I got last year and making it to the NCAA Tournament was big. I'm executing things much better this year."

Reaching a 24-6 record was not just about Hansen, McGuire and Enright, it was the total collective effort of the team, which has faced great challenges in the last year. Even with the great record, losing in the first round of the conference tournament was not a tragedy. It may be emotionally devastating at the time of the loss because of the endless hours spent trying to reach a high goal, but in reality this team has already faced its tragedy and won big time.

"[Being 24-6] is a tribute to them," Magarity stated. "There are so many words to describe these young ladies from their mental toughness, to the class and dignity they showed throughout the entire year."

"They had every built-in excuse to say, well, if things didn't go their way that they could have pointed to the tragedy with Maggie Dixon and the emotion with everything involved with that," he added, "but they never did that and that speaks volumes to their character."

Dixon was a beacon for these women and her untimely death last April after a great run to the NCAA Tournament was emotionally



Senior captain guard Jen Hansen was described by Army women's basketball head coach Dave Magarity as the team's unsung hero for the impact she made on and off the court.

draining on them.

Magarity, who was driven back to the sidelines by Dixon after he spent a year-and-a-half away from the court to be an administrator, took his 32 years of men's coaching experience and returned to Army as head coach after his year as an assistant last season under Dixon.

He spoke about the women having great character, but he's a man who, with the blessing of Dixon before she died, had already

taken another job -- a dream job -- to be a scouting director for the NBA's Oklahoma City/New Orleans Hornets with his closest friend, Hornet general manager Jeff Bower, who was Magarity's assistant for 14 years at Marist and Iona.

After talking it over with his family, the offer made to him by Superintendent Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox and Army athletic

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Sophomore guard Alex McGuire finished with 12.1 points per game and gained second-team All-Patriot League honors.

# Foley Center to help cadet-athletes keep sharp

Story and photos by  
Eric S. Bartelt  
Sports Editor

Phase II of the "Margin for Excellence" venture for the athletic programs was completed with the grand opening of the Foley Athletic Center March 6.

The 84,000 square-foot building, according to Maj. Sam Cubberley, Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics facilities manager, will house the size of a full football field for both football and lacrosse with NCAA regulation lining for both sports.

The Foley Athletic Center, which has been in use by various teams since Jan. 9, also has a conditioning room which has five lanes set up for 40-yard dash

testing.

Cubberley said that the building cost \$8.9 million and is on its budget target.

It will soon see other additions that include three dividable curtains to be placed at the back of each end zone and one at the 50-yard line, so two sports can use the facility simultaneously. Also, wall padding will adorn all the sideline walls throughout the building for the athletes' safety.

The grand opening was a salute to U.S. Military Academy Class of 1967 graduate William Foley who donated all the money for this project.

With the Michie Stadium complex near completion with Kimsey Athletic Center, Randall Hall Auditorium, Hoffman Press

Box, Foley Athletic Center and the final phase of the soon-to-be completed outdoor practice field that shapes the area outside of Foley, Army has a chance to compete with more talented schools in all sports since they can now close the competitive gap by practicing more in the winter.

"This facility is going to allow us to reach our maximum potential," said Army football fullback and rising senior Mike Viti. "We're allowed to have player-led practices that in recent years were not possible. In reflecting on it, [with] two-or-three practices over a five-month span during the off season, we're looking at more than 50 practices that we didn't have any other off season ... and when you add small things up like that, that's when you start to see the big differences."

Other sports like baseball, softball and soccer will also practice at times within the Foley Athletic Center, but the main tenants will be the football and lacrosse programs. Lacrosse, off to a 4-1 start, saw great dividends to the building when beating Syracuse in its second game of the season -- it was their first victory at Syracuse since 1972.

"What Foley enables us to do is to coach [the players]," said Army head lacrosse coach Joe Alberici. "In



Rising senior center Trey Miranne does three-cone drills for football inside the Foley Athletic Center. As rising senior fullback Mike Viti said, Foley will give the team more than 50 off-season practices that they didn't have in previous years.

the winter months, when we're out at Michie Stadium, we have to do things just to keep them moving and may be cutting the practices short.

"The opportunities that we've had in here have helped us early in the season," Alberici added. "When we have an upset of that proportion [against Syracuse], we can look back at a lot of things and, certainly, the ability to prepare in here and spend some days in here that may

have been days off or shortened days out in Michie I think greatly benefited us."

Two areas that the Foley Center will help Army reap the greatest benefits are in the development of the cadet-athletes and with recruiting -- two things that may not be as hard anymore.

New Army head football coach Stan Brock is honored to show  
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Army athletic director Kevin Anderson [left], William Foley and Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck officially open the Foley Athletic Center March 6. This center is a 84,000 square-foot building that houses practice facilities for football, lacrosse, baseball, softball and soccer.

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this facility to new recruits and their parents because he knows this is one of the top facilities in the country right now. It also gives him a chance to develop his players in ways they haven't been able to previously.

"In the past, to develop players like our quarterbacks, we actually had to carpet an area underneath the stadium so they could throw during the off season, but if you want to get somebody better at throwing then you have to be able to come out and throw," Brock said. "So with this facility, while it's 14 degrees outside [like it was March 6], it's plenty warm in here. The whole team comes in here and they have their own areas and their own drills."

Viti added, "During my first three seasons, due to the harsh conditions, we weren't able to practice outside in Michie or have any skeleton drills [7-on-7 drills] that are critical for timing between the receivers and quarterback -- that timing will be reflected in the fall season."

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster

Hagenbeck commended Foley for his generous gift that dramatically improves the academy's intercollegiate athletic program. The chairman and CEO of Fidelity National Financial, Foley wanted to give back to his alma mater the way it gave to him.

"A couple of years ago, Bill was interviewed for an article and he was quoted as saying, 'I really feel that West Point helped me take some raw assets and talents that I had and honed them. West Point made me what I am today,'" Hagenbeck said. "What a true testament to the ability of our academy to forge leaders of character and when such leaders recognize West Point has played a role in their lives and in their successes and then turn around and generously support those who follow them is something to be admired."

"They play a vital and valuable role in honing the raw assets and talents of our current cadets and our future generations of Army officers," he added. "They will forever be indebted to you [Foley]."

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-- was accepted.

"I was going to do something that was a dream of mine ... but it's the decisions and the timing of life that define us all and you do what you think is the right thing to do at that time," Magarity explained. "Without question, I reflected on it and the one thing I will always appreciate about West Point - - the academy and its leadership -- is they gave me the opportunity to make that decision without pressuring me."

"I'm here and I've never looked back," he added. "I can't put into words how proud I am of what these ladies have done and, regardless of what we [did] in the playoffs, to do what they've done [throughout the season] is pretty remarkable."

Magarity enjoys the challenges of the job and knows it'll be hard to top the first two years that he's experienced at the academy. He's coached some memorable teams in his days. Coaching men's basketball, he made the NCAA Tournament as a men's coach at Marist and coached an eventual NBA All-Star in Rick Smits.

Despite all the great things that have happened in his men's coaching career, it's what has happened in the last two years at Army that shapes him now and what he looks forward to in the years ahead.

"Last year will always be special

for what happened and this year has been memorable and rewarding as well," Magarity said, "but my goal is to try to keep this thing going. It may not be easy, but it's certainly my top priority."