

Company E-3 Eagles honor former company members

Story and photo
By Eric S. Bartelt

West Point is a place where bonds are shared and friendships are forever made, and the root of the friendship made by Capt. Matthew Ferrara and 1st Lt. Bryan Jackson began as members of the Company E-3 Eagles.

The U.S. Military Academy 2005 graduates and former roommates were honored Monday by their former company with plaques that will hang in the "Eagle's Nest" living area on the sixth floor of Eisenhower Barracks.

Members of Company E-3 were present at a ceremonial lunch at the Mess Hall and then the plaque hanging in the "Eagle's Nest" to help create a legacy within the Long Gray Line.

"Today we're establishing an Eagle legacy ... we're largely motivated in our efforts to establish a legacy due to our desire to pay tribute to the life of Capt. Ferrara," said Cadet 1st Class Shawn Goodin, Company E-3 commander. "We're honored to be associated with an American hero."

Ferrara died of wounds sustained when his patrol was attacked by direct enemy fire in

Aranus, Afghanistan, Nov. 9, 2007. The Bronze Star recipient was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team out of Vicenza, Italy.

Ferrara's parents, Mario and Linda, who also have two other West Pointer sons -- Marcus (class of 1997) and Andrew (class of 2010), attended the ceremony to honor their son and were content on the way his memory will live on within the company living area.

"We're very pleased at any recognition that is made of Matt," Linda said. "He had a good life here and made many good friends ... we're grateful toward the company for this (honor)."

Mario added, "It basically demonstrates the maturity of the men and women in his company ... I think West Point distills the path and focuses (these cadets) in a self-sacrificing direction (as shown here today)."

Ferrara's parents were also moved by the graciousness and kind words expressed by Jackson during the ceremony.

Jackson also received a plaque for his heroism that earned him a Distinguished Service Cross, which is the second highest award in the



Cadet 1st Class Shawn Goodin (left), Company E-3 Commander, shows 1st Lt. Bryan Jackson the plaque to be displayed in the "Eagle's Nest" honoring him for his heroism.

Army behind the Medal of Honor and was only the seventh person to receive that honor since the end of the Vietnam War.

"I really don't know what

words to say except that it's a big honor to be here and to be recognized with one of my former roommates, Matt Ferrara, and his extreme courage under fire," said

Jackson, in front of an audience that included his parents, Carol and Walter Sr., the commandant (Brig. Gen. Robert Caslen) and

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MPs are serious about all parking violations

By Sgt. John May
Traffic NCOIC

As anyone who drives on West Point knows, parking is at a premium on the Reservation.

A recent campaign to reduce the amount of illegally parked vehicles has resulted in a drastic reduction of parking infractions within the Central Post parking area, but there are still some people parking in lots for which they are not authorized, making them subject to ticketing and/or towing.

Also, cadets need to remember to move their cars from parking lots such as Clinton prior to the

beginning of the workday or they, too, will be ticketed and/or towed.

However, recent complaints of parking problems within the housing areas are now being addressed by the West Point military police, whose primary concern is the safety of residents and visitors.

Two major violations that impact safety in the housing areas are:

- parking where traffic flow is obstructed
- parking within thirty feet of a stop sign.

These laws, addressed under the N.Y. State Vehicle and Traffic Law, are in place to ensure that traffic

flows freely on the installation and that drivers have a clear line of sight at critical intersections. These violations cannot continue, as they are clearly safety issues.

Areas of specific concern are the roadways adjacent to the chapels on post and on the northbound side of Howard Road. Vehicles are often parked in a manner that requires other drivers to cross the double yellow line to pass them.

The MPs have received numerous reports of narrowly avoided accidents in these areas.

Vehicles parked on Merritt Road at the corners of Bartlett Loop and Buckner Hill are also

traffic hazard points that the MPs are monitoring more closely.

Vehicles parked on Merritt Road near the corner of Bartlett Loop that obstruct the view of vehicles on Bartlett Loop from being able to see traffic traveling on Merritt Road toward Sladen Place are in violation of N.Y.S Vehicle and Traffic Law 1202(a)(1)(f), which states: *Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or when in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in such a manner that would*

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WTU Soldier Kelly passed

Submitted by
Warrior Transition Unit

Specialist Darryl Christopher Kelly, a combat medic, passed away on March 17 at his home in Bronx, N.Y.

He was 33 years of age.

Kelly joined the U.S. Army in 1998 and served eight years, including two tours in Iraq. During his tours in Iraq, he served his country first as a mechanic and later as a



Spc. Darryl Kelly

Combat Medic.

He is survived by his family -- daughter, Jamani Daniele Kelly; son, Dru King Kelly; sister, Dionne S. Boston; two brothers, David and Daniel Kelly; a nephew, Jonathan M. Boston and his two

grandmothers, Elizabeth Harrod and Mary Kelly.

Funeral services were held March 20 at Granby's Funeral Service, Bronx, N.Y. and interment followed on March 21 at Woodlawn Cemetery also in the Bronx.

Change of Responsibility ceremony - April 7

The Change of Responsibility ceremony for incoming USMA Command Sgt. Maj. Martin A. Wells will be April 7 at 4 p.m. at Trophy Point. A reception will follow, also at Trophy Point.

The Inclement Weather location will be Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall with the reception at the West Point Club.

The entire West Point Community is invited. Come and welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Wells and his Family into the West Point Family.

Traffic will be stopped for the ceremony from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. at the Quarters 101 intersection going southbound on Washington/Cullum Road and northbound at the entrance to Doubleday Parking Lot. Those parked in Clinton and the Tennis Court Lots and on Clinton Place will be able to exit southbound on Cullum Road.

QUICK NEWS NOTE

Major General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, (USMA '78 and Commandant from 2004 to 2006) and currently Director of Operations, J-3, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., will become the Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

SAPR-P

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Lt. Col. Tasha 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

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

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Difficulty: Easy

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

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Submitted by Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program

Each April, the Department of Defense and other organizations across the nation observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

This annual event provides the opportunity to highlight the efforts that the DOD and military services are taking to combat the crime and promote prevention through ongoing public education and special activities.

This year's theme for SAAM is "Prevent Sexual Assault: Ask! Act! Intervene!"

The theme was chosen as a reminder that your actions can make a difference in someone's life. Lack of action puts our friends, Families and co-workers in jeopardy.

When you see someone who looks like they could use assistance, ask them if they need help. When they don't ask for help, be sure to step in and assist.

If someone doesn't recognize trouble, do something to intervene

and prevent the situation from becoming worse.

Your efforts could have a long-term and meaningful effect on one of your fellow Soldiers, co-workers or friends.

Sexual assault is a criminal offense that has no place in the Army. It degrades mission readiness by devastating the Army's ability to work effectively as a team.

Sexual assault is incompatible with Army Values and the Warrior Ethos and is punishable under the UCMJ and other federal and local civilian laws.

A variety of activities are planned, but were not finalized as of press time, with the exception of the inaugural SAAM Poster competition.

The poster contest entries are due April 16, judging will be April 18 and the winners will be announced April 22. Contact Maj. Maria Burger at 938-5966 or via e-mail at maria.burger@usma.edu if you have questions or need the entry forms, or go to her office in Cullum Hall, first floor.

Spring yard sale force protection information

Submitted by DPTMS

The West Point Spring Yard Sale takes place April 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., so residents can expect increased traffic flow throughout the installation, especially in the housing areas, during those hours.

"Residents and guests are reminded to remain cautious while driving in the housing areas since there will be an increased amount of vehicle and foot traffic," said Joe Senger, Operations Specialist in the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

"There will also be an increase of military police patrols in the

housing areas," he continued.

"Residents are also reminded that the Army/Navy lacrosse game faceoff is at noon. While all roads will remain open, traffic in the vicinity of the stadium may be heavy leading up to game time," Senger concluded.

As a reminder, in accordance with force protection directives, all vehicles entering post without the proper identification will be searched.

Drivers with Department of Defense stickers and either the CAC or military ID card may want to come on post through Washington Gate to avoid possible

lines during the morning rush of shoppers.

Residents are reminded to remain vigilant and report any suspicious individuals or acts observed such as persons taking atypical photographs or asking abnormal questions about the installation to the Military Police Desk (938-3333) immediately.

Should the sale be delayed by rain until April 19, the same force protection measures will apply.

However, the traffic complications for April 19 will also include the Black-Gold spring football game, which starts at 11 a.m.



**Voting Assistance
Information**
*Contact the West Point
Voting Assistance
NCOIC, Sgt. 1st Class John Castillo at
938-8450 with your voting questions.*

TSP TICKER

APRIL changes (as of 04/03)

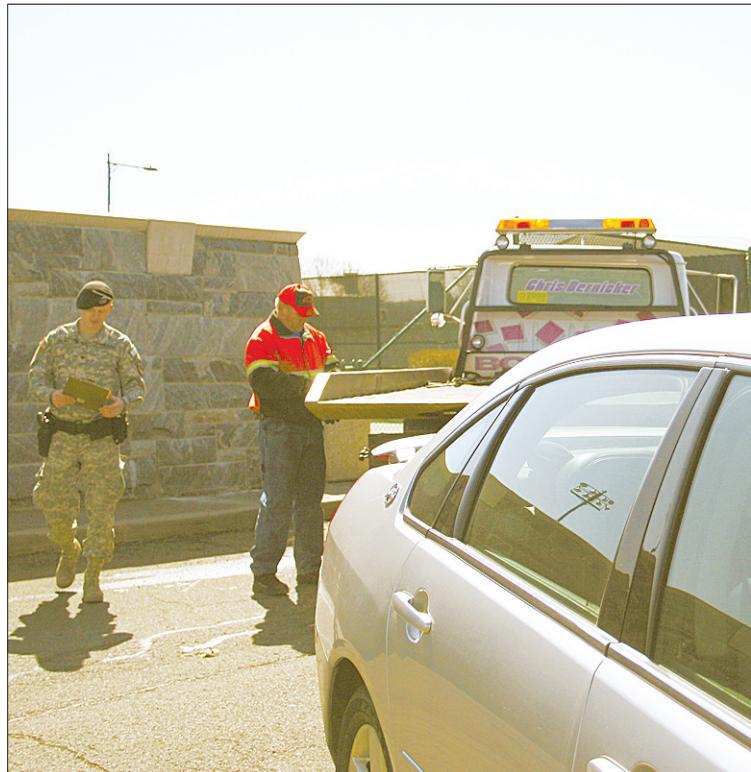
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obstruct traffic.

Vehicles parked within 30 feet of the stop sign at the intersection of Merritt Road and Buckner Hill are in violation of N.Y.S Vehicle and Traffic Law 1202(2)(c), which states: *Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or when in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall stop, stand or park within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop or yield sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway, unless a different distance is indicated by official signs, markings, or parking meters.*

The MPs will continue to enforce these standards in accordance with N.Y.S Vehicle and Traffic Law. All vehicles that are not in compliance with these laws are subject to citations and/or towing at the owner's expense. It is everyone's responsibility to obey the rules and regulations on the installation. If you see an unsafe act, report it to your mayor, area coordinator or the military police.



Military Police Spc. Jason Sams finalizes the paperwork for the towing of an illegally parked car in Clinton Lot on Wed. The MPs are taking parking infractions very seriously.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

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the Brigade Tactical Officer (Col. Mark McKearn). "(It's amazing) to have known such a brave guy and it's an honor to be able to say that his example of leadership is kind of what we all should strive to be and is a great example of selfless heroism and something I try to live up to everyday."

Jackson has been a great example of what he preaches. This is reflected in his receipt of the DSC, which he was awarded in November 2007 for actions of selfless courage under extreme enemy fire Sept. 27, 2006.

That day he was serving as a company fire support officer with Company A, Task Force 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment in Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

He was engaged in combat operations with his unit against insurgents, and during the mission he put his own life at risk after getting shot in the thigh to apply first aid to a severely wounded Soldier and refused aid until his wounded comrade received medical assistance before him.

Although he lost consciousness at first, upon regaining consciousness under heavy machine gun fire, he returned fire while alternating giving first aid to the wounded

Soldier.

Probably the proudest person in the room was Jackson's father, Walter Jackson Sr., a Navy Captain who was amazed at what his son did to save the men in his unit.

"It's very surreal. It is amazing," Jackson Sr. said. "I had the privilege to talk to his Task Force commander, Lt. Col. (Thomas) Graves, last November and he put it all in perspective. It really was unbelievable with what everybody did in Task Force 1-36 that day in Al Anbar Province.

"It was amazing (because) of not only the personal decorations (the unit Soldiers received), but (because) of the heroism of everybody in that unit -- it was very inspiring (hearing the whole story)," he added. "It was one of the most emotional days that I ever had in my life being with Bryan and his comrades and just listening to their stories. It's hard to put into words -- it really is."

Heroism and sacrifice portrayed by Ferrara and Jackson are the embodiment of what being an officer is and Company E-3 leaders wanted its current and future company members to always have that in mind when they pass the two plaques of their former E-3

company mates.

"We wanted to emphasize (a unit) family and with that realize that the family extended beyond those classes present (here today). We wanted to extend it to past classes and classes to come," Goodin explained. "We thought by honoring the memory of Capt. Ferrara and honoring the actions of 1st Lt. Jackson, that this was the perfect way to do it (with the plaques).

"Eagles will pass by this wall daily and see the names of those two and read the citations on the plaques that if anything," he added, "will help them reflect upon what (Ferrara and Jackson) did and hopefully motivate them to find out more about who these people are."

Delivery problems?

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Stadium Evac Plan Tested

By Christopher Hennen, Ph.D.
DPTMS

It's a recipe for injury and uncertainty and it could happen here -- a freight train carrying hazardous materials derails at South Dock; a resulting fire and release of potentially toxic fumes threatens the welfare of residents and nearly 25,000 people who are attending the USMA graduation ceremony at Michie Stadium.

That training scenario was presented March 27 during an emergency response tabletop training exercise at the Kimsey Center.

Forty-seven officials from West Point, Fort Monmouth, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and the New York State Emergency Management Office participated in a facilitated group analysis of a hypothetical hazardous incident.

The exercise focused on the decision-making and communication skills of emergency response professionals when confronted with a complex emergency scenario involving an imminent danger. The goal of the exercise was to promote a cohesive and well-coordinated response to a man-made or natural hazard that may necessitate an evacuation of Michie Stadium.

West Point, like all communities, is vulnerable to a variety of hazards.

As a discussion-based "brainstorming session," tabletop exercises are helpful in clarifying roles and concepts, and enabling communication and coordination between individuals who typically do not work together. "One of the best outcomes of this event and

others to come is the opportunity for an exchange of ideas and a commitment toward a collaborative approach to problem solving," said NYSEMO's Gene Lucchese. In fact, this exercise resulted in an offer from Mark Ferrari, NYSEMO's Region II Director, to provide their \$2 million state-of-the-art mobile command-and-control system to support West Point's force protection operations.

West Point Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno was pleased with the event's turnout and outcome. He said that this exercise and future planning sessions are designed to ensure our emergency management planners, first responders and decision-makers are well-prepared and well-trained when called to respond to any emergency.

John Occhipinti, director of DPTMS at Fort Monmouth, praised the attendees for their attitude. "This exercise is tangible evidence of West Point's commitment to enhance force protection through readiness," he said. "Without good planning, security will be ineffective, confusion will reign, and lives will unnecessarily be placed in jeopardy."

The results of the exercise will be used to fine-tune emergency management procedures so an evacuation of the stadium in a real emergency would occur as efficiently and safely as possible. By coordinating decision-making, operations and communication strategies among the various agencies and key personnel, West Point will be better prepared to protect people and property in the event the unthinkable becomes reality.

Community Features and Photos

Practicing Portuguese at Mozambique's military academy

**By Maj. Shane Baker
Portuguese Instructor
DFL**

The Department of Foreign Languages sent 10 Portuguese students from the class of 2010 and two instructors to Mozambique during spring break to visit the Military Academy of Marshal Samora Machel to immerse the cadets in Mozambique culture and the Portuguese language.

The trip began with a long layover in Lisbon, Portugal, where cadets were treated to breakfast at the U.S. Embassy and a visit with Cadets 2nd Class Jessica Riley and Kelly Koeneman, who are attending the University of Coimbra for the semester.

They also visited various historical sites around the city including Saint George's Castle and the historical district of Belém, from which Portuguese navigators departed to begin their exploration of the world in the 1400s.

After a full day in Lisbon, the cadets boarded a plane, flew across the African continent and landed the following morning in Maputo,

the capital of Mozambique, where they spent the night before moving north to the city of Nampula and the Military Academy of Marshal Samora Machel.

In Nampula, Col. Cândido José

Tirano, academy commandant, and several of his assistants greeted the USMA cadets and took them to the Academy.

Once there, they were led to their barracks rooms and introduced

to their "gêmeos" or twins, who escorted them during their stay at the academy. Donnubari Gbaanador said that the highlight of the trip was interacting with the twins.

Michael Sorrentino observed, "Having the twins at the academy was good because it forced us to speak a lot of Portuguese."

A quick in-brief from Maj. Gen. Julio Jane, academy superintendent, launched the whirlwind tour of the academy and the north of Mozambique.

For the U.S. cadets, living at the academy was an adventure. Although extremely clean and orderly, the living conditions were Spartan when compared with those at West Point.

There was no hot water and, at one point, the women's showers stopped working, which meant that female cadets had to bathe from buckets. Even so, Alexandra Stamatiou remarked, "Living with foreign cadets at their academy was a positive experience."

The food was also very different. Porridge and rice were staples at most meals and augmented by meat and some vegetables. One of the most interesting dishes was goat stomach stew, which the cadets (those who tried it) found chewy

and reasonably tasty.

Several of the cadets commented that they would never again complain about the food in the cadet mess.

The cadets also enjoyed day trips to Nacala where they visited the Special Forces Training Center and the Isle of Mozambique, where Vasco da Gama first landed in 1498. James Henshaw said, "I thought that going to the special forces training was one of the best things we did."

For Kevin "Mike" Koppe, the Isle of Mozambique was one of the best parts. "The day we went to the Isle of Mozambique was one of my favorite times of the trip. I enjoyed touring the fort because it gave us a chance to learn a little about the history of the country as a colony of Portugal. We got to enjoy the beautiful beach and the restaurant we went to had some of the best food of the trip."

Although the cadets were generally pleased with their ability to communicate in Portuguese, they all had times when they found communication frustrating. However, they returned with an understanding that language is the door to culture and have a renewed interest in mastering Portuguese.



Cadets 3rd Class Juan Trevino (left) and James Raymond make friends with some of the local children on the Isle of Mozambique, where Portuguese explorers first landed in Mozambique.

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Spring break in New Orleans -- working hard, not partying

Submitted by BS&L

Cadets and faculty members from West Point lead a major re-vegetation and civic beautification project for the second consecutive year, hosted by the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association of New Orleans from March 14-24.

Dubbed "*Operation Sudden Impact II*," this year's work focused on repairing green spaces in the Lakeview community that were devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

Cadets 2nd Class Alexander Bowling, William Budke and Stephanie Sefren; Cadets 3rd Class Loc Bao, Kimberly Cowan, Steven Nelson, Nathaniel Sheehan and Ashley Sorensen; Cadets 4th Class Brittney O'Connell and Joterrica Williams; Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and sociology professor Bruce Keith, Ph.D. and Behavioral Sciences and Leadership department and sociology professor Morten G. Ender, Ph.D., volunteered to continue helping the community in its redevelopment efforts.

The trip, co-sponsored by the Cadet Scouting Club and the Office of the Dean, began last year and took on a new energy and focus

this year with an almost completely new crew.

Ender was the only member of last year's team to return, but 2nd Lt. David Mudek, who participated last year as a firstie, and 2nd Lt. Carlos Munoz both took personal leave time after graduating from their Basic Officer Leadership Courses to work with the cadets and New Orleans community before going to their respective units.

The project was a collaborative effort centered out of the Lakeview area not-for-profit volunteer coordinator centers called "Beacons of Hope."

Cadets and faculty again worked with local residents and volunteers from around the country to plant hundreds of trees, plants and shrubs and create flower beds around signs that adorn the roads going into the Lakeview section of New Orleans.

In addition to working full days, the cadets visited the World War II Museum in New Orleans, participated in the St. Patrick Day Parade, toured the more devastated areas of New Orleans, attended Easter Mass at the historic St. Louis Cathedral and were recognized by the Archbishop.

In a feature story in the March 27 *The Times-Picayune*, reporter Jeannie Paddison Tidy wrote, "All the young men and women who have come to our neighborhood in the past two years are a credit to West Point. I have no doubt that these young Americans will

become leaders of our nation. This gives all of us inspiration and hope for a brighter future."

"While the reward is in the work," Ender said, "there's some psychic groceries gained from statements like this."

Similarly, Sefren noted that "the

greatest thing about the trip was probably the food and the sense of usefulness ... it really made my spring break meaningful."

Bao was perhaps the most reflective of the team, quipping, "It is easy when you are living in comfort to forget that others are suffering ... it's a cliché, but things like this really do teach you to take nothing for granted."

Keith emphasized, "USMA had a direct impact on the local community. For example, in 2007 during the spring break visit, approximately eight of every 10 homes in the Lakeview neighborhood remained uninhabited. By 2008, eight of every 10 homes were inhabited.

"Members of the Lakeview community attributed this shift in fortune in part to the landscaping efforts of the USMA cadets," Keith continued.

The Beacons of Hope members encouraged the USMA delegation to continue its support of some of the other neighborhoods that have yet to rebound from the disasters, which occurred nearly three years ago. "Much has been accomplished, but much work remains," Keith said.



Members of the USMA group dug out grassy areas marked in orange to prepare for the planting of trees, flowering plants and shrubs in the Lakeview area of New Orleans during *Operation Sudden Impact II* over spring break this year. The project is a continuation of one on which a group of cadets worked in 2007 to help cleanup the ravages of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

PHOTO PROVIDED

MAL National Champs

By Maj. Daniel Dorado
Dept. of Foreign Languages
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The 16 members of the USMA Model Arab League Team captured their second, back-to-back National Championship over the March 28-30 weekend in Washington, D.C., at the Model Arab League National Competition.

Out of seven councils, USMA won first place in three of them -- the Council of Arab Economic Affairs, Council of Arab Social Affairs and the Council of Arab Heads of State. They also won the second place award in the Council of Palestinian Affairs.

USMA's team defeated 20 other universities to include Air Force, Virginia Military Institute, The American University in Cairo, Northeastern University, University of California - Berkeley, University of California - Santa Barbara, University of Utah, University of Arkansas, Georgia State University, and George Mason University. This victory marks the seventh

consecutive victory for the team.

The Model Arab League is sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, headquartered in Washington, D.C. It started in 1983 to help students develop leadership skills and to learn about the most important social, economic, cultural, political and historical issues facing Arab leaders and ordinary citizens through the arts of diplomacy and public speech at regional and national simulations, or models.

As representatives of the Arab League's 22 member-states, student delegates work to achieve consensus on questions real-life diplomats wrestle with daily. They vote on resolutions they have written that seek to resolve some of the Arab countries' most difficult challenges. The dynamics and interactive nature of the role-playing among the students stimulate critical thinking, heighten creativity, expand knowledge and cultivate understanding as no book, video or coursework ever could.

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Get your motorcycle ready for spring cruising now

By Paul Angresano
Director
Road Knights Motorcycle
Club of West Point

The Road Knights of West Point Motorcycle Club also provides West Point's Army Motorcycle Mentorship Program. The group includes new and seasoned riders from the West Point community with a mutual goal of fostering a safe riding atmosphere, learning and teaching about motorcycling and motorcycles and enjoying group riding activities.

It is also a way for seasoned riders to pass along the biker lifestyle that has kept them in the saddle. The Club is open to members of the West Point community -- military, civilian and cadets. The Club has several activities scheduled and more to come, which will be listed in the "What's Happening" section of the *Pointer View* as details become available.

For questions regarding the Road Knights or how to join, contact Paul Angresano, Road Knights Director at 845-242-0290 or via e-mail at pangresano@vnus.com.

Now that the "commercial" is done, it's time to discuss motorcycles and motorcycle maintenance.

With warm weather hopefully

here to stay, many riders' thoughts turn to sunny days cruising the asphalt ribbons that weave an inviting path through the beautiful landscape of the Hudson Valley. Before riding off into the sunset, however, riders must face the cold hard reality that some of them might have simply parked their bikes for the winter and need to get their two-wheeled freedom machines back in shape for the riding season.

Cadet 1st Class Aaron Ellinger, Company D-1, cadet-in-charge of the Road Knights, says that proper maintenance and care of one's motorcycle will avoid future frustrations on the road as well as avoid potential disasters while cruising. If riders didn't do much more than park their bikes on the side of the garage when the first cold winds blew last fall, there's a little work ahead to make it properly road-worthy.

Foremost is the fuel system. Gasoline is a mixture of volatile chemicals and, when it sits untreated for several months, parts of the mixture can evaporate, leaving behind a brown gunk called varnish. Varnish can clog the small jets inside a carburetor, leading to sluggish performance, hard starting or even no starting.

To clean out the varnish, at a minimum, one needs to drop the float bowls on the carbs, dump



Cadet 1st Class Aaron Ellinger performs some maintenance on his motorcycle to get ready for spring cruising. PHOTO PROVIDED

out the gas that remains and clean out any residue with carb cleaner. In addition, the jets may need unscrewing and cleaning, too.

Preventing this problem next year is as easy as squirting a bit of fuel stabilizer into the last full tank of gas obtained before winter. Then run the engine for a few minutes to get treated fuel into the carbs.

If the gas tank was low when the bike was parked last year, it is possible that condensation formed

in it. Draining all the remaining fuel and replacing it with fresh gas is the best bet.

The battery may be dead or nearly so. Pull it, add distilled water to any cells that need it and put it on a trickle charger. Use a hydrometer to tell when it is ready to use.

Since the Hudson Valley area is in the land of field mice, the exhaust system is a potential rodent winter home. If the system was not stuffed with steel wool prior to winter,

check it for vacant rodent homes. Also check for signs of mice or chipmunks gnawing on the spark plug wires.

While checking the plug wires, inspect the plugs and add some dielectric grease to the plug and wire connection.

Also be sure that the tires contain the recommended air pressure, the brakes work smoothly and have adequate fluid, the chain is oiled (if the bike has one) and the air filter is clean.

Yes, it is a lot to do, but it is stuff you would more than likely have to do sometime soon anyway. Consider it getting a jump on bike maintenance for the year.

Upcoming Events

April 9 -- Blessing of the Bikes and Bear Mountain Summer Cruise Night, Meet at the River Courts at 5:30 p.m. for the Blessing and then ride to Bear Mountain. Return on your own or around 8 p.m.

April 24 and April 26 -- Ride to Orange County Chopper Open House, Meet at the PX Gas Station, time TBD.

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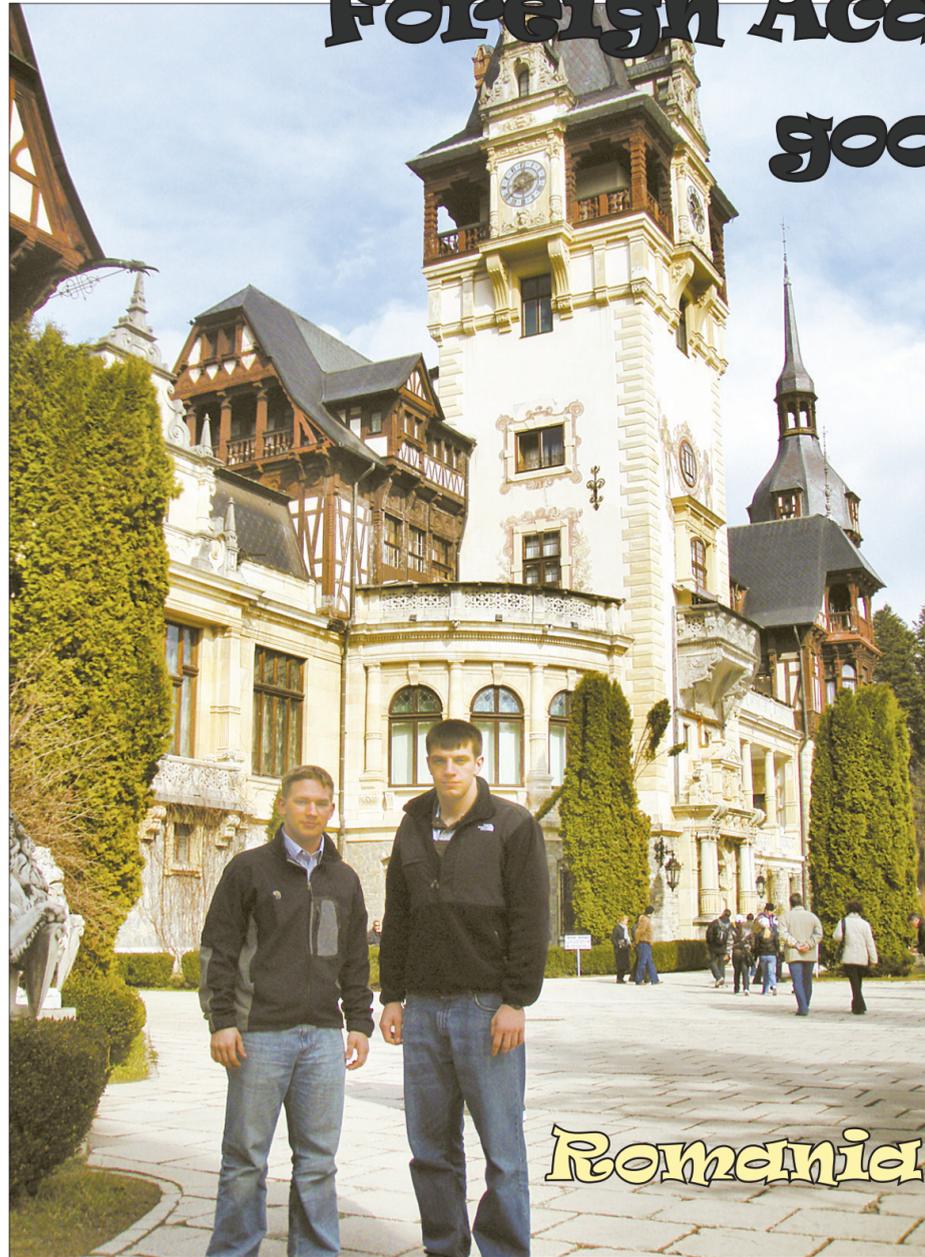
In this competition, for example, all 22 member-states were represented by a different university. USMA represented the Republic of Iraq and, in each of the various councils (Economic, Environmental, Political, Social, Palestinian, Heads of State, Joint Defense), sent a two-person delegation.

The two-person team that represented Iraq in the Political

Council knew the most current political stances of Iraq on a variety of issues, as an example.

With all national competitions, each university is given the opportunity to visit the Embassy for the country they are representing in the simulation. Obviously, the USMA team visited the Iraqi Embassy and had the opportunity to ask direct questions pertaining to issues from every council.

Foreign Academy Exchange Program: fostering goodwill among future leaders



Romania

Cadets 3rd Class Sorin Portase (left) and Benjamin Backsmeier in front of the Peles Castle. The castle was home to the first Romanian Royal Family. PHOTO PROVIDED

By Eric S. Bartelt

With Iraq being a prominent focus of how the world views America's diplomacy, it's important for our country to foster good relationships with other countries around the world.

The U.S. Military Academy Foreign Academy Exchange Program is an international cultural program of cadet exchange designed to foster and promote

goodwill between USMA and the foreign service academies of our allied nations.

This year, from March 14 through March 23, according to Carol Miller, G3 (Operations) Deputy Chief of International Affairs, 59 cadets were sent to 29 countries around the world during USMA's spring break to help define the United States' professional military ethic in a democratic society.

Later this semester, West Point cadets will host two cadets from each of the countries who participated in the first phase of FAEP.

"What makes this program extraordinary is the cadets that meet each other today will most likely be running into each other in the course of their military careers," said Miller, in a previous FAEP article written in the *Pointer View*. "The world is very small,



Egypt

Cadet 3rd Class Jon McCann (pictured) is atop a Citadel overlooking the Mediterranean in Alexandria during his Egypt FAEP, where he and Cadet 3rd Class Jacob Haag also saw Cairo and visited the Egyptian Airborne School. PHOTO BY CADET 3RD CLASS JACOB HAAG



Kuwait

Cadets 3rd Class Mike Mason (right) and Dominic Latino and one of the Kuwaiti cadets go rappelling at the Special Forces Commando base in Kuwait. PHOTO PROVIDED

(Right photo) Cadets 2nd Class Walter Arevalo (right) and Cadet 3rd Class Chance McCraw look at some of the equipment utilized by the Uruguayan Army. PHOTO PROVIDED

it's not like it used to be and this is such a great thing toward the maintenance and continuity of world peace. These cadets are the future leaders."

Miller is involved in the complete FAEP process -- from the identification of the participating countries in July to the selection and notification of the USMA cadets through the final host phase in late spring of the next year. It's an exciting time for the 59 cadets who participated this year and Miller recalls vividly one of the cadet's responses to her after his trip.

"This was an incredible opportunity and a once in a lifetime trip," Miller said. "Overall, I cannot even be able to describe what an experience I had!"



Uruguay



India

(Photo above) Cadet 2nd Class Andy Cahoy rides a bicycle with two Indian cadets. In the background is the "Sudan Block," which is the headquarters building at the National Defense Academy in Pune, India. PHOTO BY CADET 1ST CLASS SAMIR PATEL

(Photo right) Cadets 3rd Class Elizabeth Betterbed (left) and Ezra Swanson navigate a Chilean obstacle course while prepping for the IOCT at the La Escuela Militar, located in Santiago, Chile. PHOTO PROVIDED



Chile

FMWR Blurbs

Bull Pond Lottery

The Bull Pond Lottery will be held Sat. beginning at 9 a.m. at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond Recreation Area, Rt. 293.

For more info, call 938-2503.

Defensive Driving Class

The next Defensive Driving Class will be held Sat. in Bldg. 622 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To register, call ITR at 938-2401/3601.

Ski Lockers

Seasonal ski lockers need to be emptied and locks removed by today.

Ski Lodge hours of operation are Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Season Ski equipment is due back to the ski rental building by April 25. Ski rental return hours are Mon.-Fri. from 1 to 4:30 p.m., beginning Monday through April 25.

Month of Military Child

Get tickets for the Month of the Military Child Picnic, to be held at Victor Constant Ski Lodge April 26, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Tues., at the CDC, Bldg. 1207.

Call 938-3921 for info.

Couples Retreat

ACS is now accepting names for a waitlist for the free Army Strong Bonds Couples/Family Retrea. The retreat is open to all active duty Families.

Strong Bonds unites fun programs with user-friendly, "battle-tested" methods that really work and prevent the disintegration of personal relationships.

To sign up or for more info, e-mail Galatea.Badger@usma.edu or call 938-5654.

Kids Summer Riding Camps

Registration is now open for Kids Summer Riding Camps at Morgan Farm. It includes English and Western style riding, grooming, tacking, mucking and proper TLC. Beginner and intermediate levels at affordable rates.

Call 938-3926 for mor info.

Fitness Center Boot Camp

Take your workout to the next level -- try Boot Camp at the MWR Fitness Center, Mondays at 9

a.m. in April. This one-hour class combines aerobic and anaerobic intervals and will challenge your mind and body! For info, call 938-6490.

Army Emergency Relief

The AER Campaign runs through April 18. The AER mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to active duty Soldiers, retirees and their dependents. Emergency assistance is also provided to surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they have retired. For more information or to give, call 938-5653.

Community Swim

Crandall Pool is closed for repair until Sat. Recreational swimming will resume on Mon.

(NOTE: This is a change in date from last week.)

STOMP Workshop

Specialized Training of Military Parents) Workshop is Tues. and Wed. from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion (Bldg 628). STOMP provides free training, support and advice for military Families regardless of the

medical or educational need of the exceptional Family member. Work through challenges such as navigating services, financial worries, anxiety, and inadequate information flow. Register online at <http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/ACS/EFMP.htm> or call 938-5655 for info.

AFTB Leadership Classes

ACS will hold AFTB Leadership Classes on the following dates:

•April 24 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., "Leadership Assisted Problem Solving."

Sign-up deadline is April 24.

•May 8 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., "Coaching and Mentoring."

Sign-up deadline is May 1.

ACS will provide child care. Call 938-5654.

Post Library

The West Point Post Library's Spring Story Hour will be held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. through April 29. Open to all WP community children ages 3-5. Registration is required on a weekly basis. For more information, stop by the Library or call 938-2974.

CYS Summer**Technology Camps**

The following CYS summer technology camps will be held Mon.-Fri., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Bldg. 500, Youth Center:

•Movie Making: Children will learn to story board, make props and sets, film, download, edit and take home their own creation on DVD.

June 23-27: School-Age (must have completed 3rd – 5th grades)

July 7-11: Middle School (must have completed 6th grade).

•Lego Robotics: Children will build Lego Robots, create an obstacle course and program the robot on the computer to complete the obstacle course.

The finale will be a competition between other campers on the obstacle course.

July 21-25: School-Age (must have completed 3rd to 5th grades)

July 28-Aug 1 (must have completed 6th grade).

Call 938-3727 for more info.

CYS SKIES programs

Open registration for various Child and Youth Services SKIES programs is currently available.

Register now for spring tennis.

For more info, go to www.westpointmwr.com.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Army observes April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and this year's theme is "Keeping Children and Families Safe."

Today, parents have a lot on their plates. Juggling the demands of work, home and other responsibilities leave many parents feeling like they don't have enough time to spend with their children.

Small acts -- like a hug, a smile,

or a note in their book bag -- make a big difference to a child.

As children grow, nurturing from parents and other significant adults provides a sense of safety -- something all people need -- that sends the message "you matter to me."

Be involved in what your child is doing and saying; know where your child is going and who s/he will be with.

Prevention of child abuse and child neglect begins with each one of us.

For more information on what you can do, call the Family Advocacy Program at -938-3369.

To make a report of suspected child abuse or child neglect, call the Reporting Point of Contact, the MP Desk, at 938-3333.

Volunteer of the Year Award

The 2008 Volunteer of the Year Awards will be given at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony April 21 at noon in the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

For more info, call Jen Pagio at 938-3655.

"Name the Money Program" Contest

FMWR is now accepting name and/or logo suggestions for the CYS program that teaches 6-12th graders about saving and investing money.

Submit entries to the Youth Center, Bldg. 500 by April 14.

Join us April 25 at 3 p.m. at the Youth Center to recognize the winner at the opening of this program. For info, call 938-8899.

For other activities, go to www.westpointmwr.com.

**Good citizens recognized at CAC**

At Monday's Community Action Council meeting, Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Violet McNierney recognized Maj. Matt Horsley, MEDDAC, April Meadows and Selena Campbell for being "good neighbors and citizens" who unselfishly help those in their neighborhoods through a variety of things. Their help included shoveling snow, baking and providing care to children, especially for Families of deployed Soldiers. They all do this without asking for any recognition, but they were recognized by someone in their community and submitted for this honor, which included a certificate of appreciation and a GC's coin.

SGT. 1ST CLASS CAROL OBERWAGER/MEDDAC

What's Happening

Book Signings

Michael J. Durant will sign his books, *The Night Stalkers* and *In the Company of Heroes*, about his experiences with the U.S. Army Special Operations Blackhawk today from 9 to 11 a.m.

Frances Richey will sign her book *The Warrior: A Mother's Story of a son at War* April 16 from 9 to 11 a.m.

All signings are at the USMA Bookstore, Thayer Hall, 4th floor.

WPWC Book Club

The West Point Women's Club Book Club invites you to a reading by Frances Richey from her new poetry collection, *The Warrior: A Mother's Story of a son at War*, April 15 at 7 p.m., in Room 158 of Thayer Hall.

R.S.V.P. to kellyannclark@hotmail.com no later than April 12.

Dept. of Geography and Environmental Engineering Lecture

On April 11, from 12:50 to

1:45 p.m. in Washington Hall, Room 5326 James H. Kunstler, best selling author from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., will present a lecture on "The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape" to cadets enrolled in EV390B, Urban Geography. For more information, contact Maj. James Chastain, Course Director, 938-3094. All are invited to attend.

West Point Yard Sale

The West Point Yard Sale is scheduled for April 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The rain date is April 19.

Boys Summer Basketball Day/Overnight Camp Signups

Boys Summer Basketball Day/Overnight Camp signups for boys ages 9-18 are open now. Camp runs from July 6-10. Sign up online at www.goARMYsports.com (click on CAMPS) or contact Chris Hollender at 938-2419.

Girls Summer Basketball Day Camp at West Point

Signups for the Army Girl's Basketball Day Camp are open now. First session is July 14-17 and second session is July 22-25. Register online at www.goARMYsports.com (click on CAMPS). Call Nora Jabbour at 938-2796 for mor info.

Cadet Chapel Child Watch-Care Provider

The Cadet Chapel is currently accepting applications for a paid Child Watch-Care Provider to begin immediately. Please contact Jennifer Gilliam at (845) 446-6530 or Chaplain Mallard at (845) 938-3412 for more information.

DIMHRS Awareness Briefings

Beginning October 1, all servicemembers will be required to use the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources Systems.

The following individuals will need to attend one of the three briefings April 23 in Robinson Auditorium:

- Active duty servicemembers at West Point
- Civilians who supervise

military

■ All military human resources and finance professionals.

Times: 9 to 11 a.m., 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., or 5 to 7 p.m.

DIMHRS is a congressionally-mandated program with efforts spearheaded by the Department of Defense that focuses on the Army's personnel and pay functionality. It is an application that will provide servicemembers with a single, comprehensive record of service featuring a self-service capability that allows them to update portions of their personal information.

This web-based HR tool will be available 24 hours a day.

This will be the only visit to West Point by the DIMHRS training team before implementation.

To get more information on the program, go to www.armydimhrs.army.mil.

For more information on the

briefings at West Point, contact Laura Perez at (845) 938-8489

Vacation Bible School 2008 Volunteers needed

Mark your calendar: June 23-27 and 'Come Have a Blast' at Vacation Bible School this Summer. Volunteer signup has begun. Contact Melody Nuckowski at 859-4573 or melodyann@earthlink.net.

Vacation Bible School Registration

Signup for VBS and 'Have A Blast' at Powerlab, June 23 - 27.

Children four years old through rising 5th grade can register through June 16 at any chapel on post or contact Melody Nuckowski at 859-4573 or melodyann@earthlink.net.

Classes and care for children three and younger will be held for volunteers only.

DPW Notes

our Earth. For information contact John Dopler at 938-4281.

Leaf vacuum pick-up schedule

Beginning on or about Monday, weather permitting, DPW's Land Maintenance Branch will begin pick up of raked leaves in housing areas using the leaf vacuum truck in support of the Post Cleanup.

The schedule for the Spring 2008 Cleanup is:

Mon. -- Washington Road, Jr. NCO, Lee Area, Dunover Court

Tues. -- New Brick, Old Brick, Merritt Road, Grey Ghost, Lusk, Band Quarters

Wed. -- Stony I, Stony II, Central Apartments, South Apartments, Wilson Road, Thayer Road

Thurs. -- Cemetery, Quarters 100, 101, 102, areas missed during the week

Fri. -- Washington Road, Jr. NCO quarters, Lee Area, Dunover Court

This schedule is subject to change due to command priorities, equipment availability and manpower shortages.

Priority will be on the support of Soldiers participating in post-wide clean up activities.

Instructions for leaf vacuum pick-up

Rake leaves to the curb placing them as close b as possible but not in the street or storm drains.

Leaves can also be bagged in the brown paper bags available at Self Help or residents may purchase them at the PX. Only these bags will be collected.

Residents who use other types of bags will be responsible for the disposal of them.

No grass clippings, weeds, rocks, sticks or paper should be mixed into leaves. These items will break the leaf vacuum equipment and cause delays in the cleanup efforts.

Sticks and branches should be cut into 5 foot lengths, bundled and tied with string.

The bundles should be placed at the trash collection point.

Those who live close to a woodline may rake the leaves to the wood line. Please rake the leaves at least 10 feet into the woods, not leaving them in piles, which can serve as a home to critters.

REMINDER:
POST WIDE CLEANUP is the entire month of April.

Earth Day at the Commissary

John Dopler, Recycling Program Manager, will be at the Commissary Earth Day, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., giving away reusable shopping bags and promoting Earth Day and the Recycle Center "Open House" being held April 26.

Earth Day - Recycle Center "Open House"

The USMA Recycling Center, across Route 293 from the Round Pond entrance, is hosting a "kid's special" Earth Day Open House April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As a part of Earth Day and in conjunction with the Month of the Military Child Event at the Ski Slope at 11:30 a.m., a check for \$10,000 which the West Point community saved by recycling, will be presented to FMWR.

At 12:30 p.m., prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Earth Day Poster Contest from the West Point Schools at the Recycle Center.

Free give-aways, hot dogs, displays and recycled crafts will be available for all who stop by the Center.

Come and join us to celebrate

Keller Corner

Blood Drive

Hudson Valley Blood Services will be conducting a Blood Drive at Eisenhower Hall, 4th Floor Ballroom, Mon. through Wed., 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thurs.

Walk-ins are always welcome -- however, for convenience purposes, appointments to donate whole blood can be made by

calling Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (938-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, or sign up on line at www.nybloodcenter.org.

Individuals who wish to register with the C.W. Bill Young/DoD

Bone Marrow Donor Program will be able to do so during the drive.

Picture ID is mandatory for donations.

Support Group for Weight Loss Surgery

There will be a support group meeting for weight loss surgery candidates, post-surgical patients and their significant others on Tues. at noon in the second floor classroom of KACH, facilitated by a Registered Dietitian, covering post-surgical exercise: safely and effectively to promote weight loss and muscle tone.

A physical therapist will be instructing the group. Candidates should already have a referral in place for surgery at KACH or in

network. For more information, contact Maj. Ronna Trent at 938-6661.

Childbirth Preparation Classes

Wednesday April 16, 23 and 30 (class series), classes are held at Keller Hospital in the second floor classroom. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Community Mayors needed

Looking for Community Mayors to represent our communities. Areas in need of mayors are Biddle Loop, Lee Area, Old Brick and Stony II (Enlisted). Call 938-7731.

Command Channel 8/23

April 4-11

Friday

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch
7 p.m. RCI Meeting

Monday-April 11

8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- Welcome Home Rosco Jenkins, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- The Spiderwick Chronicles, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Vantage Point, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

April 11 -- College Road Trip, G, 7:30 p.m.

April 12 -- Jumper, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Semi-Pro, R, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM

Army and Community Sports

Houghton, freshmen contribute to 17-6 record

By Eric S. Bartelt

The declaration, "Youth is served," is a major understatement when directed at the Army women's tennis team for the 2007-08 season.

It seemed like the three-time defending Patriot League Tournament champions would hit a wall this year because an injury and administrative issues have hit two of the team's best players in juniors Brooke Jones and Niki Flach, respectively, but that hasn't turned out to be the case.

The team has been invigorated with a shot of freshmen talent that may eclipse any class that has ever played women's tennis at West Point.

Army is currently 17-6 in dual matches in 2007-08 with a win in their first league match in the spring, which is remarkable, considering that 12 of the 21 players on the team are freshmen and have been asked to carry much of the load.

Thus far, the freshmen have been 72-24 in singles matches -- winning at a 75 percent clip and have contributed 72 of the team's 90 wins, which is 80 percent of the team's singles victories.

Heading the cast of plebes is freshman sensation Anne Houghton, who is 12-5 this spring and the current singles number one player.

She became number one because

Jones and Flach, who was the 2007 Patriot League "Player of the Year," were out of the picture for some time; however, even with Flach's return to the team, Houghton has taken full control as the top player on the squad.

"Coming in I knew (Houghton) had a lot of talent," said Army women's head tennis coach Paul Peck. "Typically, I don't like to start freshmen at number one because I think that's a lot of pressure especially at West Point because they are already going through all the other adjustments.

"She became number one by default (due to circumstance)," he added. "It was rough at first, but I knew her talent would take over and it was quicker than I thought. To her credit, she was put in a situation where she had to play number one and she rose to the challenge -- she stepped into the role and has been kicking butt."

Houghton came to West Point as a top 50 under-18 player in the nation and a highly sought after recruit with quality schools such as Cornell, Dartmouth and some Big Ten teams seeking her talents. However, the lefthander from Sewickley, Pa., chose the academy over other schools due to her best friends -- her older siblings.

"They influenced me because I'm best friends with my brothers (John and Rick) and my sister (Kate), we were inseparable

growing up and I looked up to them," Houghton explained. "We all had our own options, but we all ended up here because the academy is such a great place.

"I couldn't have honestly asked for a better situation because if I was upset I had my sister or brothers to talk to," she added. "They understand me because they've gone through this process, so if I'm upset about something military-wise or tennis-related, I'm basically preaching to the choir because they know exactly how I feel and it's nice to have them around."

Rick is a junior on the men's tennis team while the oldest siblings, John and Kate, were athletic interns with the tennis teams this fall after graduating last spring. In previous interviews with John and Kate, despite their own immense talents, they always touted their sister as being the most talented in the family.

"She's a great athlete, who has great eye-hand coordination and she's only getting better," said Peck, who called her a great counter-puncher, which is someone who can take the opponents best shots and put them on the defensive. "The nice thing is there is a lot more we can do to make her a better player."

Besides Houghton, freshmen Jessica Ahn (8-4), Caitlin Finnegan (9-5), Patrica Vollmer (8-2), Jurelle Mendoza (7-1) and Michael Tollerton (7-0) are just a few of the plebe classmates who have effectively made strides in their first year in the lineup.

"This was the largest recruiting class I ever brought in ... typically, you're going to lose about 20 percent (through attrition) -- it's just the way it is around here, but they have all hung in there," Peck remarked. "They've all done well, they have a good attitude, they're hard working and they're enjoying what they are doing. They enjoy being a part of the team and it's reflected in their play -- they are a very talented group."

How much of a talented group is this team? Well, Peck has coached Army since 1995 and the women have won the Patriot League Tournament under his guidance seven times, to include two separate three-year runs including the last



Freshman Anne Houghton has been stellar as the number one singles player for Army going 12-5 in the spring season. Thrusted into that role due to circumstance, she has shined as has her fellow freshmen class have a combined 72-24 mark thus far in the spring.

JOHN PELLINO/DOIM MMB

three years. The team that started the latest run, the 2005 team, finished with a 23-5 record, which is the best in Army women's tennis history and coach feels this year's team has a chance to be that good if not better.

"I see this as being one of our best teams," Peck said. "We're as good as that (2005) team with our depth and as long as no one gets hurt or in trouble we should get everybody back next year.

"I would like to ride the wave as long as I can," he continued. "This is a good first step for this young group with the juniors also playing well as they are a significant part of our lineup. Next year, we could have our best year ever with everyone healthy. But,

right now, it's one match at a time and I want to stay grounded and focused on (the matches ahead)."

Senior team co-captain Christine Limsiaco agrees with coach that this can be the best team yet. She was a freshman on that 2005 team that was ironically led by her sister, Marissa, who was captain of that 23-5 squad.

For Limsiaco, who is primarily a doubles player on this year's team with number two/three doubles partner junior Bridie Burke and has combined for an 11-3 spring record, and fellow co-captain Diana Alquero, it's important to them to make team history this year by making the NCAA Tournament again.

See FRESHMEN on page 15



Junior Niki Flach, the 2007 Patriot League "Player of the Year," is working her way back into the lineup after missing some time due to administrative issues. Her presence will help an already strong Army lineup.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Sports calendar

April 4 - April 12

Corps

FRIDAY & SATURDAY --
GYMNASTICS, ECAC
CHAMPIONSHIPS,
GROSS OLYMPIC CENTER, 6 P.M.

SATURDAY -- WTEN vs.
UMBC, 9 A.M., LITCHTENBERG,
AND LAFAYETTE, 3 P.M.

SATURDAY -- MTEN
vs. LAFAYETTE, NOON,
LITCHTENBERG, AND
HOLY CROSS, 6 P.M.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY --
SOFTBALL vs. HOLY CROSS,
1 P.M. EACH DAY

SUNDAY -- MTEN vs. LEHIGH,
LITCHTENBERG, 1 P.M.

TUESDAY -- BASEBALL vs. IONA,
DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 3:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY -- BASEBALL vs.
MANHATTAN, DOUBLEDAY FIELD,
3:30 P.M.

APRIL 11 -- TRACK & FIELD vs.
NAVY, SHEA STADIUM, WOMEN
(11:30 A.M.) & MEN (2:30
P.M.)

APRIL 12 -- WTEN vs.
BUCKNELL, LITCHTENBERG,
9 A.M.

APRIL 12 -- MTEN vs.
COLGATE, LITCHTENBERG,
NOON

APRIL 12 -- LACROSSE vs.
NAVY, MICHIE STADIUM, NOON

APRIL 12 & 13 -- BASEBALL,
NAVY @ ANNAPOLIS, MD.,
NOON EACH DAY

Club

SATURDAY -- LACROSSE
(WOMEN), ROUND ROBIN
GAMES, DALY
FIELD, 9 A.M.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
-- CYCLING, ARMY SPRING
CLASSIC, CAMP BUCKNER (SAT.)
FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.
& SHEA STADIUM (SUN.)
7:45 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

CLUB RESULTS

WOMEN'S LACROSSE -- Army women's lacrosse (3-1-1) defeated Rutgers University 19-8 March 28 at Daly Field. Everyone on the team got to play in both halves.

They played division rivals NYU in a hard fought game Sunday. The women had a tough first half, one in which they could not buy a goal, but had a great second half.

Ultimately, the team came up a goal short despite a massive attack on the NYU goal in the last five minutes of play.

The team upped its record to 3-1-1 in the spring by beating Fordham soundly 13 - 7 in a game which also saw all team members play.

EQUESTRIAN Team -- At the IHSA English Horse Show at Briarwood Farm, Briarwood, N.J., Saturday, the Army Equestrian team met their goal and made up points to take fifth place in the region for the year, despite the fact that half of the team was riding in Western Semifinals in North Carolina.

Outstanding individual cadet accomplishments: Five riders placed in their respective classes in this show. Freshman Manuel Ortiz placed first in the Advanced Walk, Trot, Canter division. Freshman Jess Huggins took second place in Walk Trot. Riders who placed third in their respective classes were sophomore Corinne Noble in Novice Flat, sophomore Matt Gillett in Walk Trot and sophomore Leah Jones in Intermediate Fences.

SAILING Team -- For the second straight weekend, the Sailing Team battled Mother Nature in a frigid two-day qualifying regatta on Lake Seneca in Geneva, N.Y., Saturday and Sunday.

After 10 complete race sets, the team placed 12 out of 16 teams, beating RIT, Queen's College, Rochester and Syracuse. Varsity teams from Washington College, Hobart/William Smith and St. Mary's placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

Saturday, the temperature was in the teens and low-20s with a 15kt wind, making for a very cold day on the water (not to mention the three inches of fresh snow on the ground). After six complete sets, the team was in 13th place heading into Sunday's races. The highlight of the day was the A Division boat (juniors Travis Haigler and Briana Dickenson) who took fourth place in the fleet in the fifth race.

The Army team faced another cold day Sunday, but temps were higher -- in the mid-30s. The fleet completed six sets as well. The final B Division races were cancelled due to lack of wind, making for an official regatta with 10 races each for A and B division.

Again, the A division boat of Haigler and Dickenson did well, taking third place in the third race of the day. Thanks to this performance, the team improved their place in the standings by slipping past Queen's College.

JUDO -- The U.S. Military Academy Judo Team placed second to San Jose State at the National Collegiate Judo Championships this past weekend in Mnenomonie, Wis.

Despite nagging sickness and some injuries, several of the players fought through and performed extremely well on the day. Most notably, freshman Nick Hochertz won the 100 KG Division and is the current reigning champion.

Even with a small division, Hochertz had a total of six matches -- he was hurting, sick and exhausted, but in the very last match of the day at the tournament, Hochertz rose to the occasion and gutted out a tough win to earn gold.

At 60KG, senior and team captain Dave Burris earned a bronze. The 73 KG division, typically one of the hardest contested divisions at the tournament, Gary Bowman, a junior, placed bronze.

At 90 KG, junior Freddie Lewis battled through a rib injury to earn bronze. Lewis was actually in position to earn gold, but in a close match, his injury overcame him and he wound up with a third. Nate Horswill (66 KG), Dan Diccicco (73 KG), Matt Song (81 KG), and Kris Kilgroe (90 KG) -- all sophomores -- each fought well winning one, two or three matches.



McCallion earns PL honors

Freshman midfielder Rob McCallion (above, #29) garnered his second-consecutive Rookie of the Week honor Monday, after leading the Black Knights to a pair of victories last week.

McCallion scored the game-tying goal with 6:52 on the fourth-quarter clock and then assisted junior attackman Jason Peyer's game-winning goal with two seconds remaining to cap Army's 8-7 comeback at 12th-ranked Hofstra March 26. He then totaled three assists in the Black Knights' 13-9 win Saturday over Colgate.

Army, which moved up to 11th in this week's Nike/Inside Lacrosse national media poll and 14th in the USILA Coaches Poll, returns to action tonight at No. 15 Bucknell, 7 p.m., in Lewisburg, Pa.

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Junior goaltender Josh Kassel (right), talking to Army head hockey coach Brian Riley, has been named second team All-American and is the fourth Army hockey player ever to receive that honor. The award will be announced during the off day at the Frozen Four April 11.

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“Being able to lead a team that has a chance to win the Patriots four straight years would be a great feeling,” Limsiaco said. “Having a winning record has helped build our confidence (with a young team), but I think the next big step for us would be reaching the NCAAs and winning there would be the next big feat.”

The future Quartermaster officer from The Woodlands, Texas, has probably one of the most important jobs on the team with Alquero, and that’s to keep the freshmen in line.

“For the upperclassmen, it’s trying to lead by example on the court,” Limsiaco said. “When they see us on the court, we try to keep our composure and have a good attitude. Some of them may have come out of junior tennis with some serious attitudes flying around, but there’s an adjustment period for them.

“They definitely have years to grow,” she added. “But, so far so good, and they have done really well.”

Peck has commended the way his co-captains have handled the responsibilities of taking care of a large team of 21 athletes and, although he had some reservations at first, he is happy with his decision to have two captains.

“They have done an outstanding job. The co-captains have complemented each other well,” Peck said. “I have never had co-

captains before, but with the size of the team I felt it would be a lot of work for one person. I was a little nervous with how it would all work out, but they’ve done a very good job in leading this team and I’m happy.”