



Glee Club singing live on TV Sunday

The West Point Glee Club, under the direction of Constance Chase (right), recently rehearsed with country singer Trace Adkins for their live appearance on the 44th Academy of Country Music Awards show Sunday. They are singing the refrain to Adkins' song "Til the Last Shot's Fired," which is being sung live for the first time during this show. The show, which takes place in Las Vegas, airs live at 8 p.m. on CBS. While in Las Vegas, some of the cadets will join Adkins in taping a segment for "Heart of Hollywood" portion of E!News show. E!News is broadcast at 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on the E!Entertainment network—Channel 44 for West Point viewers with Time-Warner Cable.

Sgt. VINCENT FUSCO/DCOMM

West Point's Rosenberg earns Truman Scholarship

From staff reports

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation announced last week that Cow Alexandra Rosenberg of New York City has earned a 2009 Truman Scholarship.

She is one of 60 students from 55 U.S. colleges and universities to be selected for the prestigious scholarship and will have the opportunity to further her education with a scholarship valued at about \$30,000 for two years at any accredited university in the world.



Rosenberg

Rosenberg, a sociology major, plans to earn a master's degree in public health from Harvard School of Public Health, Cambridge, Mass. She also plans to attend medical school after graduation.

She is first in her class academically, editor for the political science section of the Undergraduate Journal of Social Sciences,

vice president for recruitment for the PhiDE medical fraternity and plans to spend seven

weeks in Africa this summer to volunteer with Operation Crossroads Africa. Rosenberg also volunteers at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii where her family lives and studies Chinese.

The Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 as the federal memorial to the 33rd president. The foundation awards scholarships for college students to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in

public service. The activities of the foundation are supported by a special trust fund in the U.S. Treasury. There have been 2,670 Truman Scholars elected since the first awards were made in 1977.

U.S. Military Academy cadets have earned 27 Truman Scholarships since first competing in 1992.

Weekend yard sale and Cycling Classic may cause traffic issues

Submitted by DPTMS

The upcoming weekend looks to be a busy one for on-post traffic.

The West Point Spring Yard Sale takes place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, so residents can expect increased traffic flow throughout the installation 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. There will also be an increase of Military Police patrols in

the housing areas," Joe Senger, operations specialist in the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, said.

"Residents are also reminded that several sporting events are here Saturday including a baseball doubleheader at noon at Doubleday Field, a lacrosse game at noon at Michie Stadium, a junior varsity lacrosse game at 2 p.m. at Shea Stadium and tennis matches at Malek/Lichtenberg throughout the day. While all roads will remain open, traffic in the vicinity of the stadium may be heavy leading up to game times," Senger added.

West Point hosts the 26th Annual Army Spring Classic cycling event Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's circuit race activities will be at Camp Buckner and on N.Y. Route 293 in the vicinity of Buckner.

There are two events Sunday—the Individual Time Trial/Hill Climb and the Criterium. The hill climb begins at 7:45 a.m. near Shea Stadium and the route goes up Stony Lonesome hill, past the Child Development Center and then to the back of the ski slope. At 10 a.m., the criterium circuit begins at Shea Stadium.

Drivers need to be aware of all cyclists on post roads throughout the weekend and drive carefully around the racers.

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 common access card or military identification card may want to come on post through Washington Gate to

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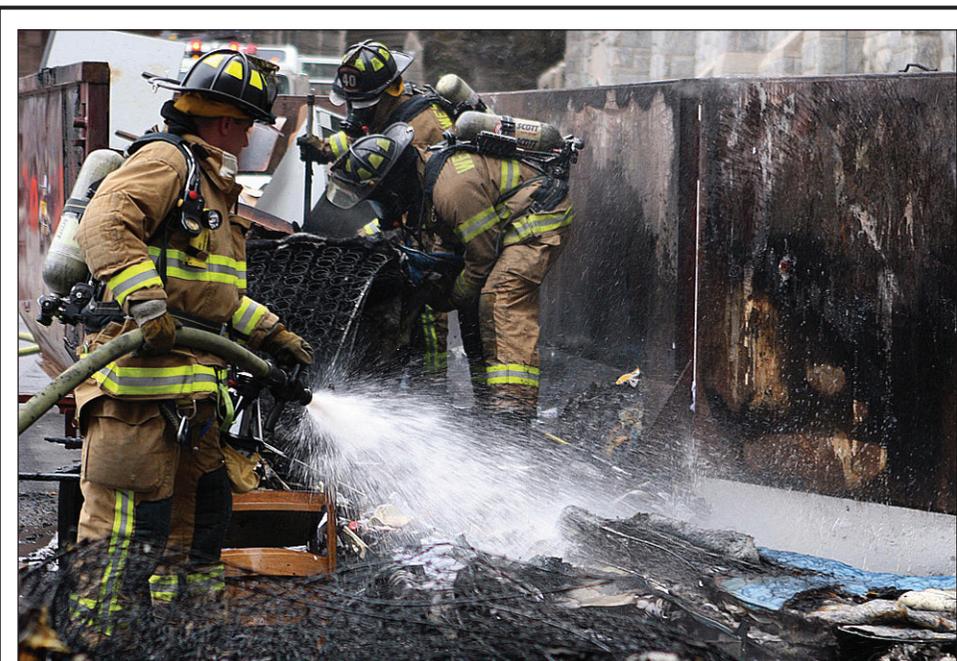
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A Reader's Guide to the Economic Crisis

The first installment of a multi-part series on the economic crisis and what it means to all of us, including suggestions from some of the West Point community's subject matter experts.

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WP firefighters control the blaze

West Point firefighters extinguish hot spots after a dumpster near MacArthur Barracks caught fire Wednesday morning. No one was hurt in the fire that grew as big as 30 feet high before it was brought under control. Fire investigators found some hot charcoal briquettes in the dumpster. The briquettes caught several mattresses in the dumpster on fire, West Point Fire Chief Curt Krieger said. Dumpster fires caused by hot briquettes are common at West Point, Krieger said, adding that soaking briquettes for 24 hours is the best way to know they are cool enough to throw out. The fire was determined to be accidental, and no criminal charges or investigations are pending, Krieger said. While the contents of the dumpster were destroyed, the dumpster sustained damage only to its paint. Krieger said the dumpster and its contents will be turned over to the Directorate of Public Works for cleaning. The last major fire at West Point was May 8 when an extensive fire burned a housing unit in Gray Ghost, which displaced four Families.

EMILY TOWER/PV

April is sexual assault awareness month

From staff reports



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which was created to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence in America.

SAAM focuses on fostering awareness of the impact sexual assault has on every community, facilitating awareness of the availability of health services created to offer care and support to victims and survivors of sexual assault and encouraging communitywide prevention.

The theme for this year's campaign is strength is for defending, which highlights the fact that the Army's mission not only involves national defense but the defense and safety of

the Americans who voluntarily risk their lives for our country. Every servicemember, starting with senior leadership, must understand the importance of safely intervening and preventing the crime of sexual assault.

"As the special assistant to the superintendent for diversity and human resources, I am committed to heightening sexual assault awareness across the West Point community and implementing prevention policies, training programs, treatment and support of victims and system accountability," Col. Jeanette McMahon said.

The 2009 SAAM campaign was developed to continue the focus on bystander intervention. Military members, in and out of uniform, share a special relationship that calls for the prevention of this crime before it is allowed to tear apart a person or unit.

"SAAM provides a golden opportunity for all commanders to address policies,

procedures and culture regarding sexual assault prevention and response," David S.C. Chu, former under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said.

Throughout the month of April, several SAAM events are planned around West Point including a poetry contest, a poster contest and the distribution to all personnel of individual touch cards and brochures highlighting the warning signs of potential sexual assault.

West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets Brig. Gen. Michael Linnington, Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, Athletic Director Kevin Anderson and Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno encourage all leaders, civilians, Soldiers and cadets to educate themselves about sexual assault, promote SAAM and participate in all activities. For more information, visit www.sapr.mil or www.nsvrc.org/saam.

DOL employee Melvin, 62, dies

Staff Reports

Annie E. Melvin, 62, a food inspector for the Directorate of Logistics in the Cadet Mess Hall and longtime West Point employee, died March 25, at home in Newburgh.

"She worked in my office since 2004 after working in the kitchen as a supervisor for many years," Rosetta Clay, contracting office representative of the Cadet Mess, said. "She was a diligent, dependable and faithful employee. She was and always will be my Annie Mae. Her presence is greatly missed."

Melvin was the widow of Charles Melvin Jr. and a 37-year resident of Newburgh. Melvin was a member of the New Day Tabernacle Church, Plattekill.

She is survived by her daughter Angela Watford and husband, John 'Stone' of Montgomery; granddaughter, Shannon Oates of Newburgh; eight brothers and 11 sisters, two sisters-in-law; and several nieces, nephews, her church Family and many friends.

Visitation and services were held Wednesday at the New Day Tabernacle Church in Plattekill. Interment was also Wednesday at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Middlehope.

Be prepared for the unexpected—floods

By Christine Guerriero
Directorate of Plans, Training,
Mobilization and Security

Flooding is one of the most common hazards in the United States. Flood effects can be local, impacting a neighborhood or community or very large, affecting entire cities, river basins and multiple states.

For assistance with flood emergency preparedness planning, review the following information. All floods are not alike. Some floods develop slowly, sometimes over a period of days.

Flash floods, on the other hand, develop quickly, in as little as minutes and without any signs of rain. Flash floods often have a dangerous wall of water that carries rocks, mud and other debris that can destroy anything in its path.

Flooding occurs when rivers or streams exceed their banks or levees are breached.

Excessive rainfall in a short period may also stress local drainage systems leading to localized flooding. Dams may also fail and cause flooding.

Be aware of the potential flood hazards where you live, especially if you live in a low-lying area, near water or downstream of a dam and maintain adequate survival gear.

Visit the Emergency Preparedness Tips Web page at www.usma.edu/Garrison/sites/directorates/dptms/cepip/ for Family, business and pets/animal preparedness guidelines.

Learn the following terms to help identify flood hazards.

- Flood watch—Flooding is possible. Tune to the local weather channel, commercial radio or television for information.

- Flash flood watch—Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground. Listen to their local weather channel, commercial radio or television for

information.

- Flood warning—Flooding is occurring or will occur soon. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

- Flash flood warning—A flash flood is occurring. Seek higher ground on foot immediately. If you must evacuate, part of your emergency preparedness plan should include being able to:

- Secure your home or office. If you have time, move important items and furniture to upper floors.

- Turn off utilities (gas, water, electrical) at the main valves or switches, if instructed to do so. Disconnect electrical appliances only if you are not standing in water.

- Grab your survival gear.

- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of water can make you lose your footing and fall. If you must walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a

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Volunteer Speakers needed for Memorial Day events

Local communities are starting to make their Memorial Day plans now and speakers are needed.

Volunteers should contact Dave Brzywczy at 938-3614 or via e-mail at David.Brzywczy@usma.edu.

A basic speech, which can be tailored for personal use, will be provided by Department of the Army.

Remember, the AER Campaign runs through May 1

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: Hard

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

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SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Maria Burger (USCC), Capt. Vanara Nevels (ODIA) and Maj. Elizabeth Scioletti (Dean).

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

Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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Joining the NCO Corps

Seven noncommissioned officers were inducted into the NCO Corps Friday in the Pershing Room at Cullum Hall. The NCO Induction Ceremony is a tradition that dates back to the late 1980s and celebrates the joining of the newly promoted sergeants into the ranks of professional noncommissioned officer corps. It recognizes the transition of a Sergeant from "just one of the guys or gals" to a noncommissioned officer. Inductees are, from left, Sgts. Nathan Lunsford, Military Police company; Stephanie Denis, Medical Activity; Teresa Rivera, MEDDAC; Noah Evans, MEDDAC; Samuel Vass, MP; Scott Issler, Warrior Transition Unit and Andrea Thompson, MP.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

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stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you before stepping forward.

- Do not drive into flooded areas.

If flood waters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground if you can do so safely. Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling.

A foot of water will float many vehicles. Two feet of water will float many vehicles and two feet of rushing water can carry most vehicles downstream, including SUVs and pick-up trucks.

Emergencies will happen, but taking action now can help minimize the impact they will have on our lives.

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avoid possible lines during the morning rush of shoppers on Saturday and the cyclists on Sunday.

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

"As always, if you see something, say something," Senger said.

Should the yard sale be delayed by rain until May 9, the same force protection measures will apply, but the traffic complications may include other activities on post.

Contact Senger at 938-8859 for more information.



Women's History Month

Yearlings Ami Patel (left) and Margaret Susman discuss today's cadet life with retired Col. Christine Gayagas, West Point class of 1984 and women's swim team captain, before the Women's History Month observance luncheon Monday. Gayagas was the guest speaker for the event, which was sponsored by West Point's Equal Opportunity Office and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic. The cadets are holding a helmet and sword that represent the Goddess Athena, Greek Goddess of Wisdom, and the symbol for the insignia of the Women's Army Corps.

MAJ. MARIA BURGER/USCC

DIMHRS implementation delayed

Implementation of the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System, a Department of Defense Web-based records system, originally scheduled for March 1 was delayed to a date that is yet to be determined.

In November, the Deputy Secretary of Defense directed a review of the program to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the status of the initiative, as well as to understand the key risks that were encountered during the development process. All military departments and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service are currently working with the DIMHRS Business Transformation Agency to identify the core functions of DIMHRS.

It is anticipated that the BTA will transfer the core functions to the Army on or about Aug. 31. The estimated time frame in which the Army will implement DIMHRS after the transfer of core functions is 18-24 months. This revised approach will allow the Army to develop a solution to meet Army and DOD requirements. The Garrison Directorate of Human Resources will provide periodic updates on DIMHRS implementation as they are received.

Experts: Economic situation caused by good intentions

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A Reader's Guide to the Economic Crisis

(Editor's note: The Pointer View presents a special series about the current economic crisis, its causes, the impact it has on the world and possible solutions. The series contains interpretation of facts by experts and is not intended to be commentary about any political affiliation and does not necessarily reflect the official view of West Point, the U.S. Military Academy. This is the series' first story and discusses causes of the crisis.)

Story, graphic and photo illustration by
Emily Tower
Staff Writer

This is a tale of an economic crisis, one of financial cycles and good intentions turning sour. It reads like a novel that hasn't quite reached its potential happy ending.

Now every person on the planet is affected. And experts believe we could be headed for one of the worst recessions in 70 years.

The flawed assumption

It began more than a decade ago.

Government officials hoped to extend the American dream of homeownership to everyone.

"It's a laudable goal," Maj. Blair Williams, a U.S. Military Academy assistant professor of economics, said. "If you build equity, you feel richer, and you are richer because you can borrow against the value. It's a good goal if you assume a slow, steady increase of home prices."

That assumption has proved to be the error that flung the country into a spiral of dire economic conditions, Williams said.

The hope was the exact opposite—that more homeowners would equal more spending, which would produce a growing, robust economy and all the benefits that accompany such economic health.

It probably would have worked, too. But, the major factor of home prices falling too rapidly—along with some ideas that began as good intentions but quickly proved to be poor ideas—killed that hope, the Dept. of Social Sciences instructor said.

To help make homeownership a reality, the federal government allowed lenders to relax a number of mortgage rules to allow people to obtain mortgages who would not have qualified under previous screening criteria.

Enter the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., better known as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

These organizations, known as government-backed enterprises, were supposed to protect banks from the damage of homeowners defaulting on their mortgages by purchasing foreclosed houses from the bank and then selling them, hopefully, for a profit.

"If I want a \$400,000 house, but I can't afford it, the mortgage lender would say, 'No worries? If it gets repossessed, (one of the government-backed enterprises would) just sell it and make a profit,'" Williams said. "This assumes the value of homes is going up."

Knowing such enterprises would back up mortgages, Williams said, created what's known as a "moral hazard" in the insurance world—the idea that people will take more risks if they know they or their property is insured.

"The banks said, 'The government is insuring us, let's generate more mortgages,'" Williams said. "And remember, the key assumption is that the price of homes never goes down."

Plus, legislators pressured Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae to lower credit criteria to allow more people to qualify for mortgages. Consequently, homeowners then purchased houses beyond what they could realistically afford, Williams said.

Legislators also put pressure on banks. They could open new branches as long as they provided a certain percentage of loans to people who wouldn't necessarily qualify for them otherwise.

"The government is now getting involved in private enterprise," Williams said.

Waiting in the wings were mortgage brokers, who set up mortgages for homebuyers and then sold them to banks.

The larger the mortgage, the heftier the commission. There was little incentive to keep mortgages reigned in to what people actually could afford, Williams said.

This was particularly painful for people with adjustable-rate mortgages. When interest rates rose, these mortgage holders could not make their monthly mortgage payments. The adjustable-rate mortgages revealed themselves as wolves in sheep's clothing.

But, in the beginning, it all worked. Homeownership was rising rapidly. The long-term result, however, was the opposite of what was supposed to happen.

The beginning of the end

A few years after this all started, Internet stocks began to fall in 2000-01.

"And then you get the double-whammy of 9/11," Williams said, referring to the stock tumble after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

To help jolt the economy back to life, the Federal Reserve began lowering interest rates, Williams said.

"It became a lot cheaper to buy things on credit, so it got people buying again," he said.

Mortgages became even cheaper, and teaser-rate mortgages entered the picture.

These mortgages mean owners are really leasing their homes because they pay interest, not principal, and interest rates are adjustable, Williams said.

Homeowners started to buy second houses based on the equity in their first house. Many were determined to flip homes, especially in vacation areas such as Florida and southern California.

"This is all setting up a catastrophe," Williams said. "We were going along assuming home prices can't go down across the board, and that's exactly what happened. It's called systemic risk, (a threat to the national system.)"



A nationwide trend

A few years after low interest rates accomplished the mission of jumpstarting spending, the Federal Reserve began to increase interest rates to quell inflation, Maj. Travis Habhab, USMA finance and economics instructor and officer-in-charge of the Finance Investment Club, said.

"This raised the rates of adjustable loans, and monthly bills started going up," Habhab said. "A lot of people couldn't make their new housing payments, and that led to more defaults."

Especially as the sheep's clothing came off adjustable-rate loans and they were revealed to be a poor choice for budgeting, more and more houses had to be sold—either by homeowners, banks or government-backed enterprises.

The very thing the country's hopes were pinned upon disappeared. The thing that would keep everything healthy as long as it didn't happen did.

A flooded market caused home prices to drop everywhere.

"This led to people owing more than the house was worth," Habhab said. "They had a decision to make—continue to pay on a house that isn't worth that much, or do you default? A lot of people chose to default."

Banks and investment companies that bought mortgages from mortgage lenders relied on interest to make money, Williams said. Defaults on payments meant a decrease in income.

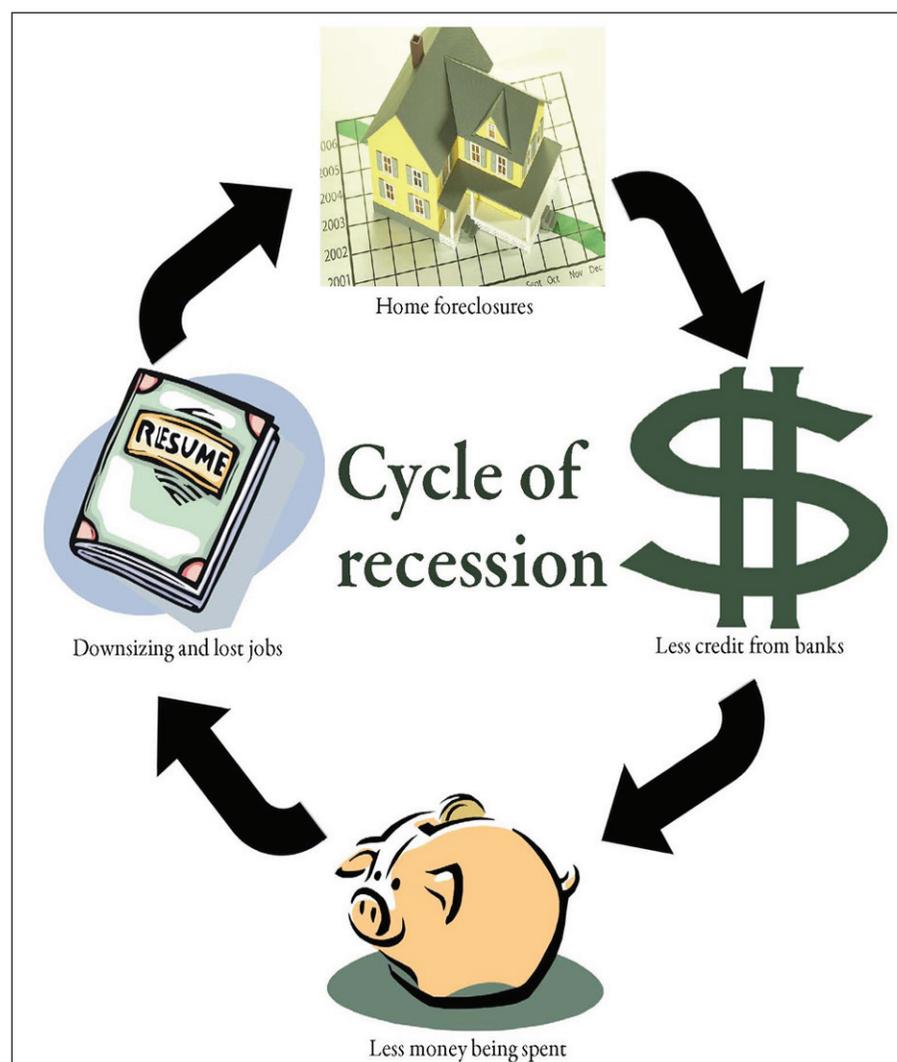
Investment companies make money from collateralized debt obligations, which Williams described as a bottle filled with mortgages, credit card debt and other loans purchased from banks.

As interest from the loans comes in, the "bottle" overflows, and the excess can be used to purchase more "bottles" of investments. There is a risk of default, Williams said, but only a few loans per "bottle" typically are expected to default.

"In the last 70 years, there have been fluctuations in housing prices, but they were regional," Williams said, adding that the only other nationwide drop in home prices took place during the Great Depression. "These 'bottles' are filled with mortgages from all over the country. The odds of them all going belly-up at the same time are small."

But when mortgages did default all over the country, the "bottles" stopped overflowing. Because they were no longer producing revenue, no one wanted to buy them, and they became what are known as toxic assets—investments that have uncertain value, Williams said. All the while, investment banks bought insurance called credit

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default swaps to protect against the default of mortgages. As the “bottles” became worthless, these insurance contracts became more than the insurance companies could bear, which led to the trouble for insurance giant AIG.

“Now the banks are strapped for cash,” Habhab said. “This is one of the things that led to regular companies failing. Since the banks don’t have as much money, they aren’t lending as much. That means it is hard to get credit. The banks become very careful about whom they lend to.”

Less credit means less spending, Habhab said. With that, even those who have not defaulted on mortgages begin to feel the pinch.

“Whoever is selling houses or bottles of water, it doesn’t matter what it is, isn’t selling as much,” Habhab said. “So, the consumer is buying less. In order for the seller to stay in business, they have to cut jobs. That leads to less money being spent.”

A global crisis

The result can be devastating. “You have a spiral of lowering prices and cutting jobs, and you get into a vortex you can’t get out of,” Williams said. “That’s what happened during the Great Depression.”

The country currently is in a recession, which Habhab defined as a decline in the Gross Domestic Product for two successive quarters resulting in lower wages and lost jobs. The Commerce Department defines GDP as the market value of the final goods and services produced within the country.

A depression lasts longer than a recession and has farther-reaching consequences, Habhab said. But, if the situation slips further into the vortex, the results could be cataclysmic—economically and politically—because of the idea of a global economy, Williams said.

Two billion people have been lifted out of poverty worldwide because of globalization, Williams said. And the more people connected to the source of the problem means a larger impact of consequences.

“The more people you have in a room, the easier it is to catch a cold,” Williams said. “The scary part about this is the impact on developing countries. If we sneeze, they get the flu. If we get the flu, it’s like they get pneumonia.”

“If the global economy falters, many may fall back into poverty,” Williams continued, “which could lead to malnutrition, lack of health care, bad drinking water. Millions of people could be adversely affected.”

And because free government tends to follow free trade, countries may question their recent embrace of democracy, creating a political risk, Williams said.

Widespread unemployment—the U. S. unemployment rate is about 8 percent—tends to lead to governments taking over businesses, Williams said.

“That leads to decisions based on politics, which is not efficient,” Williams said. “As the economy goes down, you have social unrest.”

Tax bases shrink, and governments in a pinch historically have spent what little money is available on arms build-ups

and national security at the expense of social spending, Williams said.

“The result is a very unstable international situation,” Williams said.

The road ahead

But, a global collapse could be avoided. Recent recessions have lasted about two years, Habhab said, but the credit crisis—the lack of money banks have to issue credit—might make this recession more severe.

“This will be tougher to get out of, but I don’t think it will be severe enough to be a depression,” Habhab said, because the government learned lessons from trying to fix the Great Depression and hopefully will avoid those mistakes again.

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A Reader’s Guide to the Economic Crisis

will examine the recent stimulus bill and how it is designed to help the economy get stronger.

Combat weapons team set to defend title

Story and photo by
Emily Tower
Staff Writer

The West Point Combat Weapons Team has quite a bit at stake this weekend when they meet Navy and the Coast Guard Academy.

Not only are they defending the Joint Service Academy Combat Weapons Championship title they have won eight times in the last 10 years, including last year, the team has to maintain their new standing as the best in the entire Army.

“We have to have a warrior mindset,” Firstie Andy Beckwith said. “We leave our egos back in our rooms. This is a new competition.”

The team won it all at the Army Marksmanship Unit’s Small Arms Championship in February at Fort Benning, Ga. And if they can beat the best in the Army, the team is hopeful they will defend their title in the service academy match this weekend.

“We really want to maintain our success and not let it go to our heads,” Firstie Trevor Graves said.

The team comprises 25 cadets and competes with rifles, shotguns and pistols to test skills with paper targets and combat scenarios.

During the combat scenarios, competitors might have to fire at stationary and moving targets, enter and exit simulated vehicles or helicopters and move simulated casualties, Graves said.

“It helps to be quick on your feet,” he said.

All the while, the scenarios are set to

further test skills by being at the far ends of a weapon’s effective distance, Graves said.

The USMA team also competes while wearing individual body armor systems and kevlar helmets, which are not required for competitions. But, because competitions mimic real combat, which will require the heavy protective gear, cadets on the team like to be as realistic as possible so their sport translates into military training, too.

“They are paper targets now, but one day, they could shoot back,” Graves, who is prior service, said. “We want to do well and win and represent the academy well, but later, we want to make a difference on the battlefield.”

With so much on the line—future leadership and tactical skills, defending titles, beating Navy—the team’s members have managed to keep what’s important in check.

“We don’t really have time to be nervous,” Cow Tom Olmstead said. “We focus on growth. That’s a big key to doing competitions. If I can line up what I need to improve on and work on those things, I’m already a success.”

Still, they are fully aware of one of their most important tasks when they arrive at the competition in Connecticut this weekend—to beat Navy. The interservice competition is usually held at a neutral range or gun club and this year will be at the Hartford Gun Club. The U.S. Air Force Academy is not participating, but the U.S. Coast Guard Academy team is. However, the cadets see Navy as their primary rival.

“This is the culminating competition,” Graves said. “We walk around campus all the time saying ‘Beat Navy.’ This is paramount to us.”



Firstie Taylor Murphy practices shooting a 9 mm pistol March 26 at Tronsrue Marksmanship Center to get ready for the Joint Service Academy Combat Weapons Championship this weekend. Murphy and the rest of the Combat Weapons Team will compete against Navy and the Coast Guard Academy to defend last year’s title.

NCOs volunteer counseling skills to cadets

(Editor's note: In honor of the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer, an Armywide celebration in 2009, the "Pointer View" is presenting a series of stories about the NCOs at West Point. For more information about the Year of the NCO, visit www4.army.mil/yearofthenco/home.php.)

**Story and photo by
Emily Tower
Staff Writer**



For a few minutes, Cow Ezra Swanson was faced with quite a leadership puzzle last week.

He hasn't been a platoon leader yet. Still, he took the role of one March 26 for a class project. Swanson also had to compassionately solve a problem about childcare though he has no children of his own.

One of his pretend platoon's noncommissioned officers needed help.

As a single father, the NCO wanted out of charge-of-quarters duty because he didn't have a babysitter.

What was Swanson supposed to tell the Soldier who wanted to complete his duty but also care for his daughter, especially after listening to higher headquarters speak about the importance of family?

When Swanson gets to his first unit after graduation, he'll have to solve problems just like the childcare one, so he and other cadets taking the U.S. Military Academy Dept. of Behavioral Science and Leadership's military leadership class (PL 300) worked through an NCO counseling lab.

NCOs from across post volunteered to act out counseling scenarios with cadets and provide feedback after mock counseling sessions to help the future lieutenants learn and practice effective counseling and problem-solving skills.

"We teach a couple of blocks about counseling and want the cadets

to practice counseling someone else," Maj. Darcy Schnack, PL 300 instructor, said. "The cadets don't normally get a lot of time with NCOs, so we thought asking for volunteers and having the cadets counsel actual NCOs would help the cadets learn from these professionals."

This year also is the Army's Year of the NCO, which places special recognition on the knowledge and experience in the professional NCO corps.

Sergeant Joshua Plouffe, a medic who portrayed the Soldier with a childcare conundrum for Swanson's lab, helped Swanson understand that most Soldiers want to do their jobs, but sometimes, circumstances take their attention elsewhere.

Each cadet in PL 300 received a few sentences describing their lab's scenario and had to discover the root of the challenge by chatting with the NCO they counseled. Swanson knew Plouffe's character didn't want to fulfill his portion of the CQ roster. He knew about the childcare problem. But from there, he had to find a solution that helped everyone.

Unfortunately, Swanson made an incorrect promise. If Plouffe's make-believe daughter could not be enrolled in adequate childcare, his character no longer had to do CQ. But that was the lab's whole point—learning effective counseling.

"You gave up too quickly on not having to do CQ," Plouffe told Swanson during the lab's after-action review. "Make the person feel like a part of the team and not like they are putting the burden on their battle buddies."

Swanson was delighted he could learn from his mistake and from wise NCOs.

"It's important to have this feedback," Swanson said. "These NCOs have been through this already and can give us good feedback on what makes a good counselor."



Sergeant 1st Class Eric Stafslie, tactical noncommissioned officer for Company F-1, explains counseling forms to Cow Zack Enlow after a role-playing exercise March 26 during which Enlow, portraying a platoon leader, counseled Stafslie, who played a platoon sergeant, to find out why Stafslie's character was falling behind in tactical proficiency. Enlow and other U.S. Military Academy cadets studying military leadership in the Dept. of Behavioral Science and Leadership had to complete mock counseling to help learn good counseling techniques. NCOs from across West Point volunteered to play NCOs in need of counseling for the exercise and provided feedback to the cadets from their experiences.

Cow John Gibson, like Swanson, also made a couple of rookie mistakes in his counseling lab during which he had to find out why a Soldier seemed to no longer be part of the team.

"This (lab) is really helpful because we are going to have to counsel (as lieutenants), but if we do it the right way, we'll be more effective," Gibson said. "The trust will be there, and when things get tough, our Soldiers will be more willing to get the job done."

Gibson's scenario involved a seasoned Soldier who seemed to no longer care. After some careful questioning, he discovered the NCO, played by Master Sgt. Jeffery Mays, was tired of infantry tasks.

The NCO had recently re-enlisted to be an artilleryman, was

tired of being an infantryman and wanted "to blow stuff up," Mays, tactical NCO for Company A-3, said. Still, his new unit required infantry tasks.

"They told me I could drive around in this cool gun and blow stuff up," Mays said in character. "Now you've got me riding around in the same Humvee doing the same stuff."

Gibson initially said he'd try to get this NCO reassigned, but as Mays explained that's hardly feasible, the two worked together to determine the best solution to the problem.

Mays praised Gibson's and Swanson's ability to find the root of the problem by demonstrating a key part of good leadership—truly caring about the Soldiers in their

charge.

Mays and Plouffe volunteered to help with the lab because they know being in the Army has given them experience they can share with the cadets.

"I'm not sure cadets get to see enough from our side of the spectrum," Plouffe said. "More enlisted interaction should help them be more well-rounded when they graduate."

Cow Zack Enlow was thrilled with the opportunity to learn from NCOs.

"This is valuable even though it's pretend," he said after working through a scenario with Sgt. 1st Class Eric Stafslie, TAC NCO for Company F-1. "We get to interact with NCOs, and that is going to make us better in the long run."

Cadets experience culture and promote goodwill abroad

(Editor's Note: In the next two issues, the Pointer View will highlight cadets who traveled to foreign service academies with a photo page.)

Staff Reports

Fifty-four U.S. Military Academy cadets traveled to 26 countries during spring break, March 16-20, to visit other service academies as part of the USMA Foreign Academy Exchange Program, Carol Miller, G3 (Operations) Deputy Chief of International

Affairs, said.

The program, run by International Affairs, is designed to expose cadets to other cultures and promote goodwill between USMA and service academies of allied nations.

Cadets visited Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Serbia, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and Uruguay.



Cow Emily Simmons (middle) and Yearling Tjolanda Sullivan meet with Lt. Gen. Fernando Mauel Paiva Monteiro, commandant of Academia Militar in Portugal. COURTESY PHOTO

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Yearlings Duk Lee (right) and Jung Han visit Panmunjom while in Korea. They are pictured with Capts. Paul Seo and Andrew Aiken, USMA class of 2004 and 2005, respectively. Standing behind the four of them are two North Korean soldiers watching them through binoculars. COURTESY PHOTO



Yearling Paul Peterson and Firstie Jared Nielsen traveled to Cusco in the mountains of Peru where they visited the historic Inca sites around the city as well as visited Machu Picchu (background), one of the seven wonders of the world. Their days were filled with tours while their nights were filled with exciting city life and experiencing the culture. During their visit, they toured many churches, cultural museums and military museums to get a taste of the history of Peru. While in Lima, Peterson and Nielsen learned what the daily life of a cadet is like as well as visited some of the schools that train soldiers of different branches. They got to shoot a rifle (the Alil from Israel) and see old-style cavalry horses as well. They also visited El Palacio de Gobierno del Peru (Peru's equivalent of the White House). COURTESY PHOTO

What's Happening

Cheerleading clinic

West Point children are invited to attend a cheerleading clinic with the Rabble Rousers from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday at Christl Arena.

The clinic is free with the purchase of a ticket to the Army-Bucknell Lacrosse game, which takes place at noon Saturday.

Discount tickets are available for clinic participants.

The clinic will be taught by the 2008 national championship runner-up squad. Participants will cheer at the lacrosse game following the clinic.

To register for the clinic, e-mail ellen.nichols@usma.edu or call 938-2294. Participants should bring soft rubber tennis shoes.

Yard sale

The semi-annual West Point yard sale is scheduled for Saturday.

The rain date is May 9.

Night of dance

The West Point Christian Fellowship Gospel Service presents its inaugural "Dance Unto Him" night of dance at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Community Post Chapel.

Admission is free.

For more information, contact Kamilah Todd at 446-3809.

Art exhibit

The West Point Class of 1929 Gallery is presenting a reception featuring works by the late Lucille Devereaux from 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

The exhibit remains up through May 24.

The gallery is located on the fifth floor of Eisenhower Hall.

Historic preservation lecture

Roger Wood, an architect and preservationist, will be speaking about the importance of historic preservation as a tool for economic and community growth at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Captain David Crawford House in Newburgh.

The house will be open for tours 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The presentation is free to attend for members of the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands.

For more information, call 561-2585 or e-mail historicalsocietynb@yahoo.com.

Army Family Team Building

AFTB level II classes will be held 9 a.m.-noon Monday and April 13 in Bldg. 626, Second Floor—the Soldier and Family Assistance Center Conference Room.

Contact Megan Calero at 938-0632 for more information.

Artillery ball

The West Point community is invited to the Saint Barbara's Day Ball from 6-11 p.m. April 9 at the Grand Ball Room of Eisenhower Hall.

Saint Barbara is the patron saint of artillery. Maj. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg, commanding general of

the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, Texas, is scheduled to be speaker.

For more information and for tickets, contact Capt. Vidal Chavez at 938-2110 or vidal.chavez@usma.army.mil.

Special Olympics volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with the Special Olympics, which takes place April 25 at West Point.

Sign up at <http://usma-portal/collab/uscc/corpsocadets/Lists/Special%20Olympics%20Sign%20Up/overview.aspx>.

Volunteers needed

Crew, fencing, volleyball, martial arts, sailing, Nordic ski and men's team handball competitive club teams all need volunteers to become officer-in-charge.

For more information, contact Maj. Khahn Diep at 938-2340 or khanh.diep@usma.edu.

West Point Egg Hunt

The West Point chapter of Daughters of the United States Army is hosting the West Point Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. April 11 at Trophy Point.

All West Point children 10 and younger are invited to attend and must be accompanied by an adult. Children should bring a basket and can meet the Easter Bunny.

Pets are not allowed.

For more information, call Amy Robert at 446-2939 or Gwenn Wallace at 446-5708.

Art therapy

All female combat veterans in the West Point area are invited to attend free art therapy from 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

Therapy will be facilitated by Deborah Farber.

For more information or to register, call 938-0353.

Community grants, scholarships

The West Point Women's Club is accepting applications for community grants and scholarships for continuing education and high school seniors.

Download applications at www.westpointwc.com, and e-mail jkgilliam@hvc.rr.com for more information.

Fish fry

Holy Innocents Church, located at 401 Main St. in Highland Falls, is hosting a fish fry from 5-8 p.m. Friday.

Fried tilapia and catfish, chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw and rolls are on the menu. A movie will be shown beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call 446-2197.

Garrison retirement ceremony

The West Point community

is invited to attend the garrison retirement ceremony at 3:30 p.m. April 9 at Eisenhower Hall's Crest Hall.

Earth Day celebrations

West Point's Directorate of Public Works and Balfour Beatty LifeWorks are hosting essay and poster contests and a Recycle Center open house in honor of Earth Day.

The essay contest is open to fifth-eighth graders, and the poster contest is open to kindergartners-fourth graders.

All contestants must be children of active-duty or retired military or DOD civilian employees. Maximum word count for essays is 200, and posters cannot be larger than 18 inches by 20 inches.

The theme for both contests is energy conservation. Entries must be submitted by Tuesday at the West Point Middle School office, the LifeWorks office or the West Point Youth Center. Prizes will be awarded during the Recycle Center Open House from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 17.

For more information and a complete list of contest rules, contact Martha Hinote at 938-4407 or Jodi Gellman at 446-6407.

American Red Cross youth volunteers

Students 14 years and older are invited to become American Red Cross youth volunteers to assist at West Point blood drives and the West Point Red Cross office.

Youth volunteers must submit an application and a signed parental consent form and attend a mandatory orientation.

Contact Katya Viar at 859-4437 or viark@nyredcross.org for more information.

Students who are not registered volunteers will not be allowed to volunteer at upcoming blood drives.

West Point School Board elections

An election to fill three vacancies on the West Point School Board is scheduled for May 13.

All interested members of the West Point community are invited to run.

Petitions will be available at the superintendent's office, Bldg. 705; Youth Services, Bldg. 500, and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Bldg. 681, beginning April 13.

Completed petitions with the signature of at least one eligible voter must be turned into the superintendent's office by April 27.

School board members are elected by parents of children attending West Point Schools and serve for two years, though a two-year commitment is not required.

A voting location is to be determined.

For more information, contact

Eileen Ellingsen at 938-3506 or eileen.ellingsen@am.dodea.edu.

Reception volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve beverages and snacks at four receptions at Qtrs. 100 hosted by West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and his wife, Judy, to honor graduating cadets and their Families and guests. Receptions are scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. May 20 and 21.

The reception will be the official duty station during the time of volunteering for civilian employees. To sign-up, call 938-5698.

Former members of the 2nd (Indianhead) Division

The 2nd (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the association and annual reunion Aug. 23-27 in Tacoma, Wash., visit www.2ida.org or write to P.O. Box 218, Fox Lake, IL 60020-0218.

PWOC spring session

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is beginning its spring session.

The group meets for fellowship and small group Bible study from 8:45-11 a.m. Wednesdays and 7-9 p.m. Thursdays at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop. Free child care is available.

For more information, call Robin Meyer at 446-8798.

Charity marathon

The West Point community is invited to participate in the Potomac River Run marathon to raise money for the son of Sgt. Michael Robertson May 3.

Robertson was killed in Iraq when his son was only 2 months old. Firstie Daniel Krieger, who served in Iraq in Robertson's squad before coming to the U.S. Military Academy, set up a trust fund for Robertson's son.

A group of about 50 cadets already has committed to participating.

For information about how to participate or support the cadet runners, contact Krieger at daniel.krieger@usma.edu.

Baggers needed

The West Point Commissary is accepting applications for baggers. Call 938-3663, ext. 202 for more information.

Logistics workshop

The 2009 Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and User's Group Conference and Seminar is scheduled for May 12-14 in Huntsville, Ala.

The conference is scheduled to include several speakers and roundtable discussions about documents, analyzing lifecycle costs and logistics management tools.

For more information and to register, visit www.logisticsengineers.org. Register by April 10 for a discount.

Retirement cookout

The public is invited to a cookout in honor of retired Lt. Col. Jim Flowers to recognize his retiring as head Army softball coach following the last home game April 26.

The cookout will take place at about 2:30 p.m. at the Army Softball Complex.

R.S.V.P. to alex.heidenberg@usma.edu to ensure there is enough food.

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A Spouse's Point of View

Army Rats
By Janine Boldrin

(Editor's Note: April is a chance to recognize the important role of children in military Families by celebrating the Month of the Military Child.)

I didn't see how it happened, but I saw the fallout. The sound of the gasps made me look up from the kiss and drop lane to witness the disaster. At the bottom of the final hill to school stood a group of children gathered around an unthinkable sight—birthday cupcakes that had crashed to ground.

But instead of sulking and leaving them on the sidewalk, there was a valiant attempt to reload them into the cupcake carrier by a mother who was headed down the hill.

The children watched, hopeful for a good outcome. These were children of military Families and, in their world, they had learned to pick up the pieces, make do and move on.

When I was a child, my parents considered purchasing a house in another town. It was only a few miles away, but the idea of uprooting our Family from the only house I had ever known was enough to cause sleepless nights.

Nine houses later, my own son references our laundry list of previous homes by the size of his room and the children who lived next door.

I am in awe of the fact that he looks forward to the excitement of the next move (which is always looming in his future) and the possibilities that it brings.

Will we live where it snows? Who will live next door? Will I

walk to school? What will there be to do—a new trail to hike, stream to explore, tree to climb? Will it be hot? Will I have my own room? And how long will it take to get to Grandma and Grandpa from here?

There are always a million questions, but I have been lucky that, at least for now, he hasn't asked the hardest question: "Haven't we moved enough?"

For him, our moves are still a chance for newness and adventure—something that comes along with being in a military Family. The only kind of Family he's ever known.

The other day, I asked my son if he knew he was an "Army brat."

"A rat. Someone called me a rat?"

"No," I said. "An Army brat."

"Why would someone want to be an Army rat?"

I gave up trying to explain it to him. Truth be told, the heft of the words are still probably beyond my understanding. I have only lived this military life as an adult and his life is a bit of a mystery to me.

During this past summer, some neighborhood children sat in our backyard in a big circle.

"Do you want to play Major?" asked one of the older children in the group.

I heard them talking as I sat up on the porch reading a book.

"How do you play that?" asked one of the younger children.

An older girl stood up and put her hands on her hips. "Well, the person who is the major stands over there," she pointed outside of the circle. "And when he comes over to us, we all have to stand up like this."

She put her arms at her sides

then salute. "And we say 'yes, sir', 'yes, sir' and march around until he leaves."

"That doesn't sound fun," said another children.

"Oh, but it is," the girl said. "Because when he turns around to leave, we run after him and do this behind his back."

She proceeded to make bunny ears with her fingers and put them up behind another child's head. They all dissolved into laughter.

I smiled at this chance to see military life through the eyes of young children—a life where being called a "brat" isn't an insult but a term of endearment.

And change may not mean the end of the world but the beginning of a new one.

If, one day, all of the moving contributes to any heartache, I will have to help my children through the challenge of the changes.

But, for now, I want to hold onto their excitement. Hang onto their games. And hope, along with them, that the cupcakes that tumble after their trip will taste just as sweet after we pick up the pieces and move forward up those steep hills—together.

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Hundreds attend job fair hosted by ACS

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Army Community Services and the Army Career and Alumni Program hosted a job fair at the Thayer Hotel Thursday to help people in their search for employment.

"We had 34 employer recruiters at the job fair (including Home Land Security recruiting for border patrollers and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in Charlotte, N.C.)," Amy-Jo Johnson, Employment Readiness program manager, said. "We had a total of 362 people attend the job fair including Family members, servicemembers, retirees, (DOD) civilians and our local community members."

Employment Readiness assists active-duty Soldiers, DOD civilians and Family members achieve career goals by hosting seminars in resume writing, business writing and job fairs.

"In preparation for our job fair, ACS hosted a marketing yourself for a second career seminar March 19," Johnson said. "The seminar was for those transitioning from the military to civilian employment for all interested officers, (noncommissioned officers) and Family members. The lecture is a must attend for those who are two to three years or less from separation or retirement."

Jennifer Rice, an Army spouse, has been looking for employment for four months and said thinking positively and being persistent is the key.

"I've applied for non-appropriated-fund and (general schedule) positions," Rice said. "It's difficult especially with the reduction in force going on, and there is a lot of competition."

Rice said she spends much of her time volunteering for ACS and other West Point organizations, which may help her with networking and gaining valuable experience.



The ACS Job fair was busy Thursday with community members and others looking for employment. Pfc. Lucien Groleau, of the West Point Military Police Company, talks with Walter Harwell of Homeland Security who is looking for border patrollers.

Keller Corner

Periodic health assessment

The periodic health assessment is now required annually for Soldiers.

This exam replaces the five-year physical.

If no exam has been done in the past year, one must be completed by July 1.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-7992.

Pharmacy hours

Keller Army Community Hospital pharmacy window normal hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays.

The pharmacy is closed for

staff training from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursdays.

On Saturdays, refill prescriptions may be picked up from 8-10 a.m., and new prescriptions may be filled 10 a.m.-noon.

The pharmacy is closed on Sundays and federal holidays.

School and sports physicals

The Primary Care Department is offering school and sports physicals.

Those expecting to move this summer should schedule a physical at their next duty station because criteria can differ between school districts.

For West Point-area schools, a physical exam must be completed within one calendar year to be acceptable. If the physical expires before the beginning of another sport, a new exam is required.

This is also the time to review children's immunizations and to prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies.

Obtain the necessary forms from the school nurse and bring them to physical appointments.

For an appointment, call 938-7992.

FMWR Blurbs

AER campaign

Army Emergency Relief campaign will continue through May 1.

For more information, contact Amy Weyhrauch at 938-5839 or amy.weyhrauch@us.army.mil.

Garrison Golf Scramble

Team registration for the Garrison Golf Scramble continues through 5 p.m. April 30.

The scramble is scheduled for May 1. The golf course has opened for the season.

For more information about golfing or the scramble, call 938-2435 or stop by the Pro Shop.

Bull Pond lottery

Reservations for Bull Pond are accepted through a lottery system for active-duty military personnel and cadets only. Military ID is required at the lottery.

Lottery numbers are available and can be obtained by calling 938-2503, by visiting Round Pond or at the lottery, which is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday at Bonneville Cabin in the Round Pound Recreation Area off N.Y. Route 293. Lottery check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

The lottery is limited to one chance per household. If military personnel or their spouses cannot attend the drawing, they may send a representative with a signed proxy. There is a limit of one letter per proxy.

Numbers are drawn at random until all available dates are reserved or all lottery numbers are drawn. Lottery winners may reserve the entire complex or just one cottage.

Any dates available after the lottery will be available to all other eligible personnel beginning at 9 a.m. Monday at Round Pond on a first-come, first-served basis. All reservations require a 100 percent deposit.

For more information, visit www.westpointmwr.com.

Teen employment classes

Employment Readiness for Teens class will be held 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Youth Center Technology Center, Bldg. 500.

To register, call 938-3727.

Easter brunch

Easter Sunday Brunch will be held April 12 at the West Point Club. An 11 a.m. seating will take place in the Pierce Dining Room, and a 1 p.m. seating will take place in the Grand Ballroom.

Easter egg hunts are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Easter Bunny is scheduled to appear.

For a complete menu, visit www.westpointmwr.com. For reservations, call 938-5120.

Hunter safety course

West Point Outdoor Recreation is hosting a New York state hunter safety course from 6-10 p.m. April

17 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 18.

Participants must attend both classes. Classes are free and will be held at Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond. Registration is required, and seating is limited.

For more information and to register, call 938-2503.

Lifeguard training

The American Red Cross of Greater New York and West Point FMWR are offering free courses in lifeguarding, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator for adults, children and infants in April.

All military personnel and their Families are invited to attend. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to register, visit www.westpointmwr.com or call Nicole Rolf at (212) 875-2253.

SFAC April classes

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center is offering several classes in April.

A money management class is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday. To register, call Clyde Wilson at 938-0629.

A class about the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. April 14. To register, call Len Gomberg at 938-0631.

A job fair preparation class is scheduled for 10-11:30 p.m. April 21. To register, call Peggie Taylor at 938-0634.

All classes are held in the SFAC, Bldg. 626. Warriors in transition and their Families have priority, but classes are open to everyone, space permitting.

Fitness challenge

Participants of the FMWR Fitness Center's Fittest Loser fitness challenge held January-March lost a combined 226 pounds.

Winners of the individual points division were Cristyn Scott, Teresa Ridgeway and Sue Kerns.

Winners of the team competition were Team Shattan/Kling. Winners of the individual weight-loss division were Rob Dees, Melanie Shattan and Elaine Walsh.

Suicide prevention training for adult Family members

Adult Army Family members are invited to attend suicide prevention training from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at Army Community Services, Bldg. 622.

Military members should have had this training already, but they are welcome to attend.

It is not appropriate for children to attend this training. Attendees are responsible for making child care arrangements.

Call Kim Tague of Child, Youth and School Services at 938-3921 by Friday to make CYSS child care arrangements.

To register for a class, call 938-

5654. If the two sessions reach maximum capacity, more sessions will be planned.

Parenting class

ACS is hosting a parenting class about living with teenagers at 6:30 p.m. April 15, 22 and 29 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information and to register, call 938-3921.

Bunco tournament

A Bunco tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 16 at the West Point Club.

No experience is necessary, but players must be at least 18. For information, call 938-8185.

Auto safety training

West Point Auto Shop, Bldg. 648, is hosting an open house and safety training from 3-6 p.m. April 17. For more information, call 938-2074.

Mother's Day essay contest

The West Point Club's Mother's Day Essay Contest is ongoing.

Write about why your mom is special and why she should be Mom of the Year.

Send the entry along with a picture of your mom via e-mail or postal mail.

Reference "Mother's Day Contest" on all entries and mail to The West Point Club, 603 Cullum Road, West Point, NY 10996 or e-mail to nancy.amendola@usma.edu.

The winner will be announced May 1 and will receive a day at the spa plus four complimentary Mother's Day brunch tickets for May 10.

Beginner's running group

FMWR Fitness will have a

beginner's running group April 20-May 29.

Beginning runners will work toward a two-mile goal. The group will be led by Certified Personal Trainer Andrea Ingram.

For more information or to sign up, call 938-6490 or e-mail everywomanfitness@hotmail.com.

West Point 5/10k

Registration for the West Point 5/10k continues through May 15. Race day is May 16.

To register online, visit www.active.com and enter keyword "west point."

For more information, call 938-6497.

Half-marathon training group

FMWR announces a half-marathon training group to prepare runners for the New Jersey half-marathon May 3.

Training for the half-marathon continues and the group will meet twice a week for 15 sessions up until May 3.

All runs are led by Certified Personal Trainer Andrea Ingram.

Call the Fitness Center at 938-6490 to sign up or e-mail everywomanfitness@hotmail.com for more information.

Story hour

Story hour at the Post Library is scheduled for 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday through April 28.

All West Point children ages 3-5 are invited to attend these free events. Registration is required weekly.

For more information, call 938-2974 or stop by the library, Bldg. 622.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

The Volunteer of the Year awards

will be presented at the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony from 9:30-11:30 a.m. April 20 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

All registered West Point volunteers are eligible to receive these awards.

ACS volunteers

Build marketable skills to incorporate into your resume through volunteering.

Opportunities include Financial Readiness, Employment Readiness, Army Family Action Plan and Relocation. Child care costs will be covered.

For more information, call 938-5658.

BOSS resale lot

Do you have a vehicle you want to sell? Consider the BOSS Resale Lot located in the Commissary Parking lot.

Call 938-6497 for more information.

CYSS SKIES

Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Instructional Program sessions are ongoing.

For more information about CYSS SKIES, visit www.westpointmwr.com or call 938-3727/8893.

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LoRusso continues solid play despite tough losses

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Army lacrosse endured a painful ending to last season when it lost 8-7 in the Patriot League Tournament semifinal to Bucknell. The Bison (5-5 overall, 3-0 PL) return to the scene of their April 25 victory as they face the Black Knights at noon Saturday at Michie Stadium.

It is clearly a gigantic game for Army (5-5 overall, 1-2 PL) as they're trying to maintain one of the Top 4 spots for PL playoff consideration.

One goal was the difference in last year's meeting versus Bucknell, but one goal has been the bone of contention of the 2009 Black Knights.

Of Army's five losses this season, four have come by one goal, including a 10-9 double overtime loss to Colgate Sunday in Hamilton.

Firstie midfielder Kevin LoRusso knows the hurt. He said it stings a bit to come up short after a closely fought battle, but he also said the team always refocuses on the subsequent task at hand—their next opponent.

"When we lose there's nothing we can do about it, so it's all about the next game and winning that game," LoRusso said. "It's important to put ourselves in a situation where we can keep winning and move toward our future goals that we have set as a team."

The three-year starter from Rocky Point, N.Y., is gaining steam this season after a solid 2008 that earned him first-team All-Patriot League midfielder honors. He scored a career-high three goals in a win against Air Force March 7, scored the tying goal to force overtime in a loss versus Hofstra March 24 and then had another two-goal game Sunday against

Colgate.

LoRusso has already tied his career-high in goals with 12 and has added six assists for a career-high 18 points. The team relies on attackmen Firstie Jason Peyer (25 goals) and Yearling Jeremy Boltus (18 goals) to score the bulk of the goals; however, LoRusso has taken it upon himself to also be a difference maker on the offensive end of the field.

"I started a little slow. I'm not sure why but things weren't going my way (early in the season) but I kept practicing hard and training on my shooting and getting my teammates involved," LoRusso, who scored only two goals in the first four games, said. "The coaches told me to be more of a threat on offense; it's expected of me. If I'm playing well and I'm getting everyone involved then I know the other guys are going to play well."

Army head coach Joe Alberici said LoRusso's strength is that he does everything well, besides creating offense, no matter if it's getting an important ground ball, playing defense or playing a critical part of the riding and clearing game.

"(LoRusso's) play this spring has been tremendous," Alberici said. "He's a guy we can put in there when we need a big defensive stop and his offensive production has gone way up."

"Last year, he had eight goals and eight assists and he was named a first-team all conference player. That tells you all the other things that he's doing on the field," he added. "This year, he's already exceeded his goal production from last year, so he's having a good year on the offensive end while he continues to do all the other things well, which he's always done."

This season, LoRusso has not only put more on his shoulders offensively, but he's put the onus on himself to be a team leader. One of



Firstie midfielder Kevin LoRusso recorded a career-high three goals in the game against Air Force March 7. He already has tied his career-high in goals this season with 12.

the greatest accolades a coach can give a player is to call him a great leader, and Alberici felt LoRusso was a captain in waiting since his plebe year.

"He's got a way about him," Alberici said of his captain. "Even as a freshman, I knew he would be captain just by the way he carried himself and the type of person he is and his understated way of being a leader. When he speaks, the guys are listening because they know it's important."

The future field artillery officer has experienced many special moments on the lacrosse field at Army. He's been a part of victories over Navy and Syracuse and has been victorious in all four games against Air Force, but the best part of his experience at Army has been the chance to play with his three brothers.

"Playing with my older brother (Nick, 2007 USMA graduate) was

really cool. He and I are really close since we're only one year apart," LoRusso said. "In high school, we always played together on teams. Coming to West Point, we were used to it, but now that I'm playing with Brian and Larry (both plebes) and to have that opportunity to do so really means a lot to me."

LoRusso's younger brothers both went the same route as he did by going to the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School before West Point—which gave them time to settle into academy life—but Kevin still plays the big brother role and gives them as much advice as possible.

"They come to me a lot and I tell them there's nothing that they can't handle when they have problems," LoRusso said. "I've gone through it, Nick's gone through it and, hopefully, they can use us as role models in this respect that, 'my brothers did it, we can do it,' ... being able to see someone that you're close to get through (West Point) probably will help them get through it."

As LoRusso's younger brothers adapt to their plebe years, Kevin has been doing a bit of overcoming himself.

LoRusso got injured late last season in the Navy victory, which caused him to miss the Bucknell playoff game. He tore his hamstring and missed the game with (then firstie) midfielder Paul Wigdzinski that might have been the difference between a win and loss that day.

With time the hamstring healed, but the loss to Bucknell had a way of creating a burr under his skin.

"It was really tough because I wanted to play so bad and having a torn hamstring, you can't really do too much—I could barely walk for awhile," LoRusso explained. "It was a tough game to watch because we had a great team and we had high expectations. Toward the end of the season we got hit by injuries

and it put a damper on my spirits because it was tough watching from the sidelines."

Last year's loss was part of a missed opportunity; with all the accomplishments that LoRusso has achieved on the field, there's one in particular that he's hungry for the most.

"Hopefully, this year, we accomplish one of the goals I've set, one we've been trying to reach for four years," LoRusso said, "and that's making it to the NCAA Tournament."

It'll be an uphill battle to get to the tournament, especially with one devastating defeat in their back pocket—a 13-12 overtime loss to Lehigh where Army led by eight goals late in the third quarter.

"I told the guys we're not going to define ourselves by one quarter of lacrosse," Alberici said. "You can tell the guys to forget about it, but it's a lot easier said than done ... but it happened, and hopefully what it does is it's used as motivation and gives us a sense of urgency about the next game."

So it can be said with a 1-2 conference record a sense of urgency has hit the team, and it never hurts—although Alberici doesn't believe too much in it—that the next opponent happens to be a team that ended their season the year before and revenge is a factor.

"As the game nears, there will probably be some talk of (retribution), but quite honestly what happened last year was last year," Alberici said. "We won't be focusing on what happened last year, but if it serves as additional motivation for some guys—I'm not against it. But it's not going to be our rallying cry."

"We're going to have a look at the situation that we're in within the league and I think that will dictate enough to our guys what our motivation needs to be," he added. "I'm sure it will be very high."



Firstie attackman Jason Peyer leads the team with 25 goals this season, also a career-high. He has spent five years playing with LoRusso, including one year at the Prep School.

Women's track and field dominates Dick Shea Invitational

By Mark Brumbaugh
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The Army women's track and field team turned in a dominant performance to continue their strong start to the outdoor season with individual victories in nine of the 21 events contested at the Dick Shea Invitational Saturday at Shea Stadium.

Firstie Kelcee Moody (discus), Firstie Geryah White (shot put), Cow Kim Mallard (hammer throw), Yearling LaShaunda DuPree (long jump), Plebe Jari Ross (triple jump), Yearling Kaci Clark (pole vault), Cow Ebony Thomas (100-meter dash), Yearling Tonya Stallard (heptathlon) and the 4x400-meter relay team (4 minutes, 2.70 seconds) were all individual winners for Army.

"There is so much uncertainty with the weather for this meet, so we looked at this as our third, hard work out of the meet," head coach Troy Engle said. "All of the athletes had worked out hard this past week, so for us to come out and have some of the performances we had (Saturday) was exciting."

Army claimed three wins in the throwing events. Moody performed well in two events, winning the discus with a throw of 123-5 and placing third in the shot put with a mark of 40-11 3/4.

Cow Amanda Napolitani (fourth, 113-3 1/2) and Firstie Cynthia Tossie (fifth, 111-0) also earned Top 5 finishes in the discus.

White, the reigning Patriot

League Female Field Athlete of the Week, won the shot put with a top mark of 42-1 1/2. Mallard won the hammer with a throw of 166-11, just five inches shy of her personal best.

"We were very pleased with performances from the women's throwers," Engle said. "Geryah continued to perform well in the shot put while we had some great performances in the long throws."

The Black Knights also excelled in the jumps and pole vault. DuPree tied for the win in the long jump with a top mark of 17 feet, 4 inches in her first competition of the outdoor season, while Ross won the triple jump with a top leap of 36-4.

Cow Angela Jenkins earned fourth place finishes in both the triple jump (35-4 3/4) and long jump (16-8 3/4).

Clark placed first and neared her personal best in the pole vault with a top effort of 10-11 3/4. Teammate Hallie Huggins tied for second at 10-6.

Both Plebe Christie Johnson and Firstie Ellen Sutey neared their personal bests in the high jump with top jumps of 5-3 to tie for second.

Thomas, the reigning Patriot League Female Track Athlete of the Week, was victorious in her first attempt at 100-meter dash this season.

Thomas won with a time of 12.49 seconds.

"We lucked out with the weather, but there was a little wind so the sprint performances were a little slower than we would have

preferred," Engle said. "However, the performances were certainly competitive for this point in the outdoor season."

Stallard won the heptathlon with 3,873 points while Johnson placed second with 3,256 points.

Stallard won five of the events while Johnson claimed two.

Huggins and Stallard also excelled in the 100-meter hurdles, placing second (15.49) and third (15.53), respectively. Firstie Lauryn Wierda placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:05.62.

Army competed with heavy hearts though as one of the team's cadet managers, Tanya Gauthier, was seriously injured in an accident Friday night.

"We had a lot of kids that competed well in the face of concern for their teammate," Engle said. "All of them respect and care about her a lot, so all of us came into the morning concerned about the fact that she wasn't with us, and praying that she will be with us soon. We want her and her Family to know that we dedicated (Saturday's) performance to her."

Army, College of St. Rose, Columbia, Connecticut, Hofstra, Hunter, Iona, Kean, Manhattan, Marist, Merchant Marine, Mercy, Mohawk Valley Community College, Monroe, Pace, Ramapo, Raritan Valley Road Runners, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's, St. Peter's, Stevens Institute, SUNY Delhi and the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School competed, as well as several unaffiliated athletes.



Cow Ebony Thomas, the reigning Patriot League Female Track Athlete of the Week, earned a victory in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.49 seconds.

JOHN MALINOWSKI/G&EN

More than 800 people were entered in the meet.

The Dick Shea Invitational was the lone, regular season home meet of the year for the Black Knights, but West Point will host the 2009 Patriot League Outdoor Track and Field Championships May 1-2.

The Dick Shea Invitational did

not feature team scoring as the competitors seek to improve their performances for the championship meets later on in the season.

Army track and field will compete again Saturday at two events, the Auburn Track Classic in Auburn, Ala. and the Penn Invitational in Philadelphia.

West Point to host ECAC Gymnastics Championships

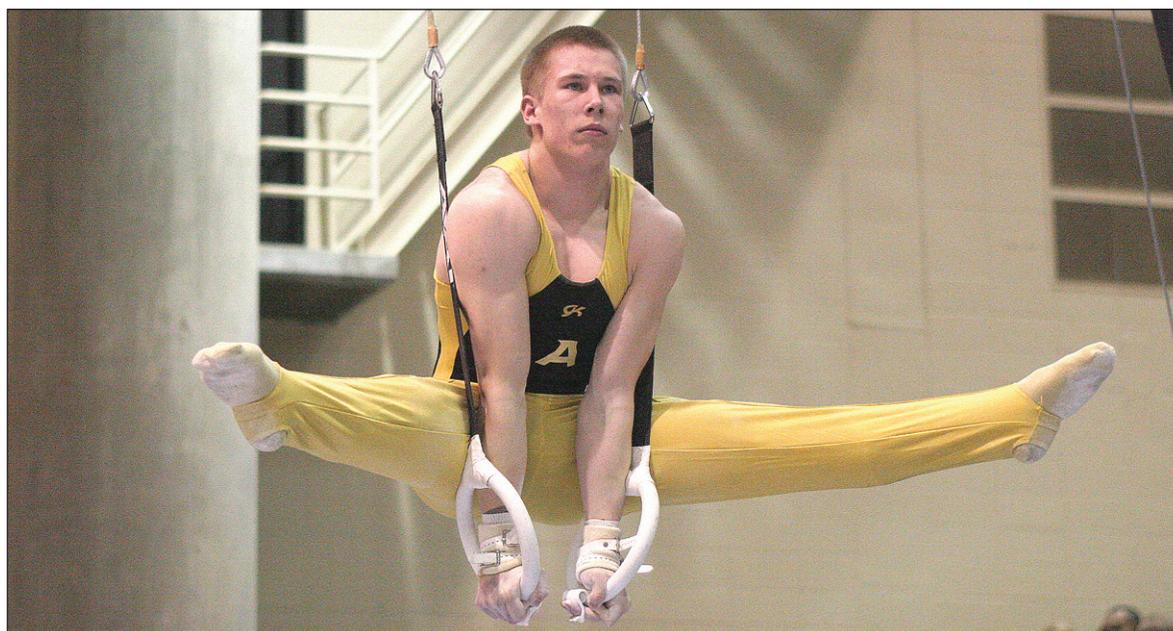
By Mady Salvani
Athletic Communications

An elite group of gymnasts will be converging this weekend at Gross Sports Center on the grounds of the U.S. Military Academy to compete for the team title at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships and the automatic bid to the NCAA Gymnastics Championships being hosted later this month by the University of Minnesota.

Temple will be looking to capture its third straight ECAC title, but the Owls head into the meet ranked third in the conference standings with a 334.85 average. Illinois-Chicago, last year's third-place finisher at the championships hosted at West Point, is the leader with a 336.467 average followed by William & Mary's 335.467 mark. Navy is listed fourth (334.717) followed by Springfield (329.433), Army (317.35) and MIT (313.267).

The Owls found themselves in a similar situation last year, but edged the Tribe, 341.45-341.35, to capture the title, and both went on to earn a bid to the NCAA Championships.

William & Mary, Navy, Springfield and MIT are coming off of strong showings at the



Yearling Justin Sappington is Army's top performer on the high bar, still rings and pommel horse this season.

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USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships last weekend. The Tribe outpointed defending champion Navy, 337.15-333.75 for the team title, while Springfield and MIT finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the eight-team field.

The Tribe crowned three individual champions at the USA Collegiate Championships with

Derek Gyax winning the all-around title; Richard Pearson, pommel horse; and James Prim, parallel bars. Navy had a pair of winners in Dylan Parrott on floor exercise and Joe Atzenback on high bar, with Springfield's Ty Evans capturing vault.

Temple posted a season-high 340.8 sweeping a tri-meet with Navy and Army in its last outing

more than a week ago. The Black Knights also have been idle since that meet, while UIC posted a 336.7 in loss over the weekend to Stanford, the No. 2 ranked team in the country.

Four returning ECAC/EIGL champions will be looking to repeat led by Navy's Adam Stanton, a two-time defending pommel horse champion. Temple's Scott

Bloomfield returns on vault along with William & Mary's James Prim on still rings and UIC's Neal Thompson on parallel bars.

A young Black Knight team, ranked No. 18 nationally (317.35) and sixth in the conference, is hoping to turn in a strong showing this weekend. Plebe Chase Brown, who competes on floor exercise and vaulting, returns after missing the majority of the season because of an injury after the opening meet.

Yearling Justin Sappington is Army's top performer on high bar (13.517), still rings (13.45) and pommel horse (13.50). Yearling Ty Smith is ranked among the leaders on vault (14.883), floor exercise (13.633), still rings (13.433) and pommel horse (13.167) along with Plebe Tim Tieng on vault (14.783) and Plebe Jonathan Hoey (13.00) and Yearling Jonathan Grey (12.983) on high bar.

Army's highest team event is pommel horse where the Black Knights are ranked fifth (52.70).

Tickets can be purchased online at www.goARMYsports.com, by calling 938-2526 or at the Army Ticket Office, located in Holleder Center, or at Gross Sports Center each evening with the doors opening at 4:30 p.m.

Pistol team wins national championship

By Maj. Paul Johnson
Pistol team OIC

With an aggregate score of 6,259 from three pistol events, the Army pistol team took the overall championship at the 2009 National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships, March 18-20 at the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit ranges at Fort Benning, Ga.

Based on scores from sectional matches held in mid-February at colleges around the country, the Top 10 four-person teams in free pistol, standard pistol and air pistol were invited to compete.

Going into the national championship, West Point was the third-ranked team in free pistol behind Navy and Ohio State; the second-ranked team behind Navy in standard pistol; and the fourth-ranked team in air pistol behind Ohio State, MIT and Navy.

In addition to the Top 10 teams invited to the national championship, the Top 30 individuals, again based on sectional match scores, were invited to compete in each of the three events. West Point had five cadets invited in free pistol, five in standard pistol and four in air pistol.

Free pistol was the first event of the competition and was held March 18.

Free pistol is an Olympic event in which each shooter has two hours to fire 60 precision shots at a target 50 meters down range. Competitors use a single shot, .22-caliber pistol for this event.

For the West Point scoring team, Firstie Ryan Dowd shot a 495 out of a possible 600. Firstie Cy Hudson shot a score of 477. Cow Danny Moore shot a team-high 500, and Plebe Ben Poth shot a 488.

With a team score of 1,960, West Point earned the team bronze medal and finished 30 points behind gold medal winner MIT and 10 points

behind silver medal winner Navy. Firstie Seth Freshly competed as an individual and shot a score of 489.

The standard pistol event was held March 19.

The event is fired in three phases. A total of 60 shots are fired at a target 25 meters away using a semi-automatic .22-caliber pistol.

In the precision phase, each shooter fires four strings of five shots each. The competitor has two-and-a-half minutes to complete each string. For the timed fire phase, each competitor again fires four strings of five shots within 20 seconds.

The final phase, rapid fire, is similar to timed fire except only 10 seconds are allowed to complete each string of five shots.

Dowd shot a personal best 555 out of a possible 600 to lead the West Point team. Hudson also shot a personal best of 547. Freshly shot a 525, and Yearling Luis Rivas shot a 517 for a team score of 2,144.

When the gunsmoke had cleared, West Point had won the team gold medal, Dowd had won the individual gold medal and Hudson had won the individual silver medal.

Ohio State took the team silver medal with a score of 2,083, and Texas A&M's score of 2,056 was good enough for the bronze medal.

Heading into the air pistol match—the final event of the 2009 National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships—West Point had a 100-point lead over arch rival Navy, a 150-point lead over the varsity team from MIT, and a 200-point lead over Ohio State's varsity team.

Air pistol is an Olympic event in which the competitors have 1 hour and 45 minutes to fire 60 precision shots at a target 10 meters away.

A single shot .177-caliber air pistol is used to shoot at a 10-ring smaller than a dime.

Hudson shot a team high of 546



Firstie Kimberly Schultz, pistol team captain, won a gold medal in sport pistol at the 2009 National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships March 18-20 at Fort Benning, Ga.

PHOTO BY DUSTON SAUNDERS/PISTOL COACH

out of a possible 600; Dowd shot a 543; Moore shot a 538; and team captain Firstie Kimberly Schultz shot a 528 for a team score of 2,155—fifth place for the event. Navy took fourth with a 2,160; MIT took the team bronze medal with a 2,166; University of Utah took the team silver medal with a 2,168; and Ohio State won the event with a 2,172.

The overall national championship is based on the aggregate score of all three events. West Point won the overall National Intercollegiate Pistol Championship

with a score of 6,259. Navy was second with a 6,164 and MIT was third with a 6,120. The early favorite, Ohio State, finished fifth behind the University of Utah.

Additionally, Dowd won the individual open National Intercollegiate Pistol Championship.

His three event aggregate score of 1,593 bested Ohio State's Seth Bergelee, last year's winner, by three points.

Schultz won the two event women's aggregate national title

by winning sport pistol and placing third in Women's air pistol.

"Our cadets did exactly what we asked them to do," Pistol head coach Duston Saunders said. "We knew if we focused on performance, the score would take care of itself."

Schultz said national competitions bring a lot more pressure than regular season matches, but the team was ready for that pressure.

"We kept our composure," Schultz said. "The other teams didn't."

Sports calendar

April 3-12

Corps

FRIDAY -- MEN'S TENNIS VS. LAFAYETTE & HOLY CROSS, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 3 & 8 P.M.

FRIDAY -- GYMNASTICS, ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS (TEAM), GROSS SPORTS CENTER, 6 P.M.

SATURDAY -- WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. LAFAYETTE & HOLY CROSS, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 8 A.M. & NOON.

SATURDAY -- BASEBALL VS. HOLY CROSS, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON (DH).

SATURDAY -- LACROSSE VS. BUCKNELL, MICHIE STADIUM, NOON.

SATURDAY -- GYMNASTICS, ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS (INDIVIDUAL),

GROSS SPORTS CENTER, 6 P.M.

SUNDAY -- MEN'S TENNIS VS. NAVY, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 P.M.

SUNDAY -- BASEBALL VS. HOLY CROSS, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 1 P.M. (DH)

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

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

APRIL 11 -- WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. LONG ISLAND, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, NOON.

APRIL 11 -- BASEBALL VS. NAVY, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON (DH).

APRIL 12 -- BASEBALL VS. NAVY, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 1 P.M. (DH).

Club

FRIDAY-SUNDAY -- ORIENTEERING TEAM, ORIENTEERING SKILLS WORKSHOP, CAMP BUCKNER, FRI. (4 P.M.), SAT. (8:30 A.M.) & SUN. (8:30 A.M.).

SATURDAY -- ARMY CYCLING TEAM, ARMY SPRING CLASSIC, SHEA STADIUM/CAMP BUCKNER, 8 A.M.

SATURDAY -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE, ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT (RHODE ISLAND, SYRACUSE & NORTHEASTERN), DALY FIELD, NOON.

APRIL 11 -- CREW TEAM, PRESIDENT'S CUP REGATTA (MARIST, LASALLE & RIT), CAUFIELD BOATHOUSE, 8:30 A.M.

APRIL 11 -- WOMEN'S RUGBY, OPPONENT TBD, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 1 P.M.



Orienteering wins

The West Point Orienteering team won the 2009 U.S. Intercollegiate Orienteering Championship Sunday in Patapsco State Park near Baltimore. The win marks the seventh straight national championship for the West Point team. Firstie Neal Trump won the varsity male individual competition edging out Yearling Jordan Laughlin by 41 seconds. Firstie Michelle Alderson took third place in the varsity female competition while Yearling Mary Ann Thomas took first place in the junior varsity competition.

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