

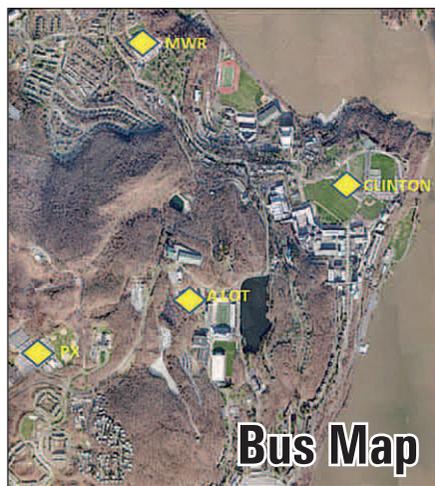
43rd Sandhurst is Friday and Saturday

By Capt. Shaun Chandler
British Exchange Officer

The 43rd annual Sandhurst Competition, a military skills competition which tests the physical and mental endurance of the participants through demanding leadership and teamwork-orientated events, is Friday and Saturday.

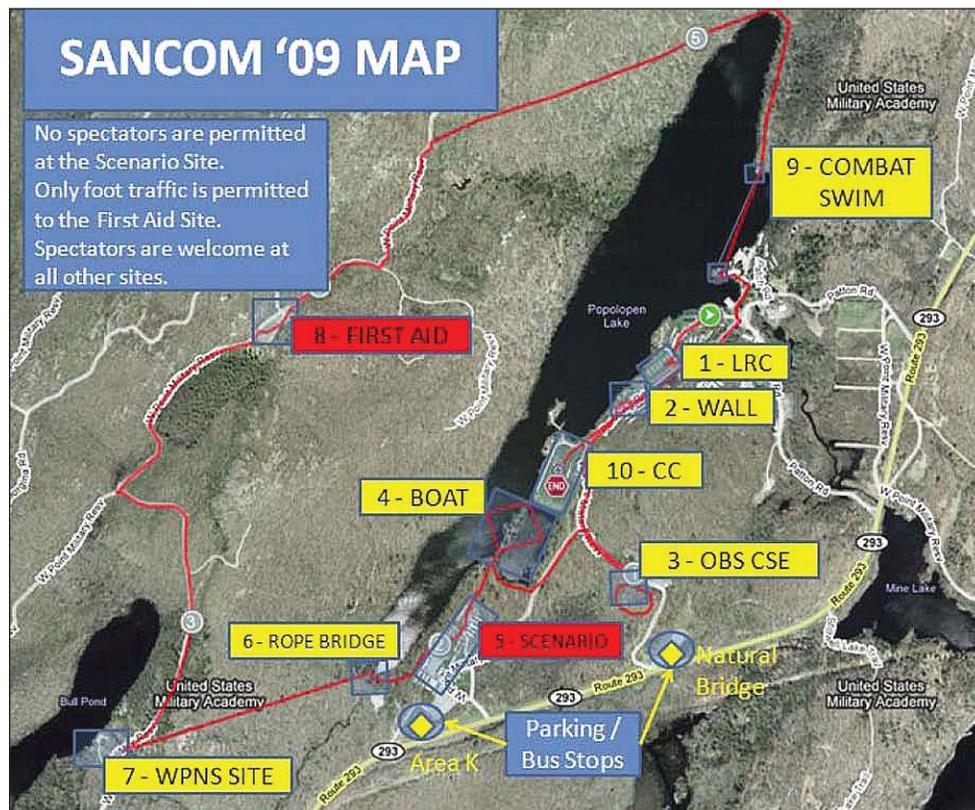
Approximately 500 cadets compete over the two days with a marksmanship competition from 3:30-6 p.m. Friday on Ranges 4 and 5 and the traditional multi-stage competition from about 6 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Camp Buckner.

Spectators are welcome to attend and bus transportation is available which will run approximately every 15 minutes. On Friday, buses will run from K Lot to and from the ranges between 3-6 p.m. No civilian vehicles are allowed at the ranges during the Friday event, so the only way to view the event is to come via bus. Because of the competition, Mine Torne Road will be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic from 3-7 p.m.



Saturday's buses will run back and forth throughout the day from 5 a.m.-5 p.m. from the K, A, Clinton and PX parking lots. Spectators will be dropped off at Camp Natural Bridge, Camp Buckner and the Area K entrance. Spectators may also drive out to Camp Buckner on State Route 293. Parking will be indicated by signage along the road.

A visitor's information tent will be set-up at the Buckner parade field to provide information about the competition and current provisional results. Lake Popolopen



will be closed for recreation all day during the events.

The Directorate of Cadet Activities will have food and beverages on sale. Dept. of Military Instruction sponsored clubs and a number of vendors also have been invited to participate.

A record 48 teams are competing for the coveted Reginald E. Johnson Memorial Plaque. They are coming from as far away as the Chilean Military Academy and the National Military Academy of Afghanistan to as close to home as the 32 U.S. Corps of Cadet companies. The Royal Military College of Canada and the Royal Military Academy of Sandhurst are making their annual pilgrimage to join their allies in the competition.

This year the level of ROTC participation has greatly increased with eight ROTC teams (Texas A&M, Brigham Young University, East Carolina University, Iowa State University, Florida Institute of Technology, Georgetown University, University of Hawaii, and Appalachian State University) taking-up the challenge in conjunction with USMAPS and the U.S. Naval and U.S. Air Force

Civil disturbance exercise scheduled for Thursday

Submitted by Directorate of Plans,
Training, Mobilization and Security

West Point will conduct a civil disturbance (protestor) response exercise from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, in the vicinity of Thayer Gate. The exercise is being done to validate the civil disturbance readiness plans and response capabilities of West Point staff and their interaction with other agencies.

People gather at West Point occasionally to time for demonstrations, usually to promote group interests, but the frequency and scope

of these demonstrations are unpredictable.

While such activities are normally peaceful, they have the potential to cause injury to persons and damage to property, so West Point force protection assets use civil disturbance exercises to practice their response capabilities, should one occur on or adjacent to post.

Part of the exercise includes activities by emergency vehicles and other actions which might disrupt normal traffic patterns in the vicinity of Thayer Gate.

Drivers should use Stony Lonesome and

LEGEND
LRC - Leader Reaction Course
WALL - Wall Obstacle Course
OBS CSE - Obstacle Course
WPNS SITE - Weapons Site
BOAT - Boat Movement Site
CC - Commandant's Challenge

Academies.

A number of new events are being introduced this year. There is greater emphasis on navigation and problem-solving. Following a partially-set course, teams need to use leadership and teamwork to negotiate the 11 sites and an orienteering course over the two days.

The final awards ceremony takes place on the steps of Washington Hall at 6 p.m. The West Point Sport Parachute Team will jump in the results if the weather permits. From 4-6:30 p.m., expect heavy traffic on post as spectators and competitors return to post following the competition.

For more information about Sandhurst, go to the Web site at http://www.usma.edu/dmi/sandhurst_competition.htm.

Washington gates to avoid possible traffic delays.

This exercise is one of several emergency preparedness exercises conducted by West Point annually. These are valuable learning tools and excellent training experiences for those involved, with outcomes making the emergency management participants more knowledgeable and capable in their roles.

For more information about the exercise, contact Dr. Christopher Hennen, DPTMS, at 938-7092 or at Christopher.Hennen@usma.edu.

E-mail changes begin Monday

By Paul Scullion
Director
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Management

The Department of Defense periodically directs the implementation of information technology security measures in an effort to protect information and IT systems from malicious activities. This malicious activity can result in the unauthorized disclosure of personally identifiable information as well as other documents on DOD computers.

One of the tasks mandated under the DOD Information Condition Level 3 implementation is disabling the ability to view e-mail messages in hypertext markup language. E-mails displaying on the screen in HTML format use embedded graphics, colors, fonts and links that make them look just like web pages.

Unfortunately, any one of those embedded items in an HTML formatted e-mail can be used in a malicious way. Disabling the ability to view HTML-formatted e-mail messages helps reduce West Point users' risk of being a victim of malicious activity and is the primary reason for this protective measure.

Effective Monday, users will only be able to view e-mails they receive in plain text mode. If you currently use plain text mode, there will be no change in the appearance of your e-mails. Those who currently view their e-mails in HTML or Rich Text format will see a simplified version of their e-mail messages—less graphics, special fonts, tables and embedded links. None of the written content of these messages will be changed, only the way it appears on the screen.

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subject matter experts.

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Stay safe by ensuring you follow all foreign travel regs/processes

Commentary by Colette A. Drouin
Installation Security Manager

Regulations governing the foreign travel process are to ensure traveler safety. The upcoming summer travel season makes it imperative that you know what is required of you when traveling outside the U.S. and that you keep the essential Dean, USCC, USMA G3 and Installation Security offices informed if you change your travel plans.

For example, assume you are on an Advanced Individual Academic Development trip to Germany and, while sampling the local culture in the Hofbrau House, you meet Prince Harry, who is about to start a two-week leave and who suggested that rather than go home to Nebraska for your two-week leave as planned, that the two of you should head off to Morocco to the Casbah and on to India to see the Taj Mahal. Seems like a good idea, but before you take off, you need to determine where you will be staying, have a destination address in each location and contact the International Intellectual Development Division at West Point (Brent Matthews at 938-0210) with this plan change. Matthews' staff will advise you of any requirements needed to allow you to make this change.

Why do you have to do this? You are a member of the military and are governed by a number of regulations and policies when it comes to travel abroad. It is your responsibility to let your duty station (e.g.—West Point) know where you will be when traveling OCONUS, so, should problems arise either at your destination or at home, you can be found and receive permission to go to the new destinations.

The most important regulation is AR 380-67, Personnel Security, which is for everyone who has or plans to have a security clearance. Paragraph 9-103b.4., Individual Responsibility, says, "Moreover, individuals having access to classified information must report promptly to their security office: All personal travel in advance."

AR 380-67, 9-203a, also directs that "DOD components will establish appropriate internal procedures requiring all personnel possessing a DOD security clearance to report to their security office all personal foreign travel in advance of the travel being performed. This is to be able to identify travel patterns which might require investigation of the counterintelligence nature."

AR 600-8-10, Leaves and Passes, Chapter 8, refers

specifically to Leave or Travel Clearance Outside the United States. This chapter is very specific in describing a process Soldiers should use when traveling outside the U.S. on pass or leave and also identifies responsibilities of various individuals, including the traveler.

One of the key responsibilities of the traveler is to complete the DA 31, Request and Authority for Leave. Block 6 of the DA 31 requires the traveler to record the leave address.

Understand that this block is not requesting the traveler's home of record or a point of contact address. It is asking for the address of the traveler's leave destinations. Entering a different address from the place being visited is committing fraud against the U.S. or making false statements, both referenced under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

There have been incidents of travelers entering a CONUS address instead of the actual OCONUS address. If a crisis occurs where a traveler is overseas, West Point officials would be unaware of the traveler's location and could not be of assistance should the need arise. There is also the possibility that the traveler would not be covered by insurance or medical care if hurt overseas when there was not approval to be in that location.

The DOD Foreign Clearance Manual, DOD 4500.54-M, covers all cadets, military, civilian and contract personnel and is the guide that directs travel to more than 250 countries. Each country has specific requirements for DOD members to enter for official business or on leave, which are dictated by the Defense Attaché Office, which is responsible for the coordination of U.S. citizens visiting another country. The DAO is the point of contact who communicates with the foreign government to ensure U.S. citizens are represented to the best of the DAO's ability.

The DOD FCM gives the traveler pre-travel requirements, such as country-specific briefs, isolated personnel recovery submissions, human rights training or survival-evasion-resistance-escape training. It also advises what documentation is required for entry to the country, such as passports and visas and directs the country/theater clearance request, which is required for all official travel but also might be required for personnel traveling on leave. A list of countries that require submission of country clearance requests is included, so travelers need to check it to ensure they complete the correct

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I am committed to the principles of military justice

At the semi-annual command interest briefing in February, I made some comments concerning a cadet misconduct case that may be misinterpreted. Accordingly, I want to take this opportunity to assure you of my dedication to the principles of our military justice system, which provides due process for anyone suspected of violating the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Nothing in my comments should be construed as interfering with or undermining a leader's independent judgment and discretion in administering the military justice system. Convening authorities, commanders, military judges and panel members are obligated to render judgments and decisions they consider appropriate under the law and the particular circumstances of each case. To fulfill this obligation, members of this command must always exercise individual discretion in matters of military justice.

It is the responsibility of commanders and other leaders to instill confidence in the military justice system through both their words and actions. As a convening authority, I have been entrusted with the important responsibility of ensuring that every Soldier is afforded the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Uniform Code of Military Justice, regardless of the nature of the allegations. I can assure you that I take that responsibility very seriously.

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck
Superintendent

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 15

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

Difficulty: Medium

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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Lusk Reservoir pumphouse and stone wall destroyed by SUV



A West Point visitor, driving a Mercury Mountaineer, here to participate in the yard sale April 4, hit the stone wall and pumphouse for Lusk Reservoir at Stony Lonesome Road and Schofield Place. The station (shown left April 9) was held together by ropes and straps until contractors could demolish it down to the floor (shown right April 14). The cause of the accident is unknown and no charges have been preferred as of press time. The surrounding wall is still in the process of repair. There should be no water interruption during the demolition or repair of the wall and building.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Firstie Brady Dearden's team with teammates from India and Canada took first place in the competition at the Eight annual Law of Armed Conflict Competition for Military Academies at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo, Italy, March 30-April 3. He also took fourth place overall in the individual award category. This year, teams from India, Turkey, Australia, Serbia, Belgium, Finland, Denmark, Austria, Canada, Colombia, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard Academies competed. Cadets compete in mixed-academy teams, so that no two of the seven West Point law majors were on the same team. All of the cadets from USMA did an outstanding job at the competition. Pictured are all the attendees. Dearden is second row left and the rest of the West Point group are all in white-over-gray.

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Firstie places first at international law conference

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messages to external non-DOD recipients will still be able to do so. This will simply require changing the e-mail message format when typing the e-mail.

To get information about how to do this or for any other questions, contact your activity's Information Management

Officer or their department computer officer.

This step, as with other security measures West Point implements, is intended to protect DOD information and keep DOD IT systems secure.

While some may question the need for these protective

actions, the goal is to prevent attacks by cybercriminals who are aggressively seeking to penetrate our defenses every minute of every day.

Everyone must be vigilant in protecting information and this latest action will assist us with doing just that.

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documents. When a member of the West Point community does not comply with the DOD FCM, there is a possibility of international incidents.

AR 525-13, Antiterrorism Program, is another regulation directing OCONUS travel, Standard 30 of the regulation states:

“(1) Commanders will ensure all Soldiers and DA civilians associated with their command receive an Area of Responsibility update prior to traveling OCONUS or within three months of an OCONUS permanent change of station. AOR specific training is available through the GCCs.

(2) Commanders will offer all Defense contractors associated with their command an AOR update prior to traveling OCONUS.

(3) Commanders will maintain a memorandum for record documenting an individual's training.”

At this time, AOR country-specific briefs are mandatory and provided to the traveler via e-mail. Once the traveler has confirmed review of the brief, the Security Office generates a memorandum for record of completion, which is given to the traveler for proof of completion for their chain of command and all travel managers.

There are many regulations that drive the foreign travel process and it's important to stay on top of it.

The Security Office does not want to stop people from traveling abroad, but it needs to ensure that all the appropriate forms are completed and approvals granted. Work with them and they will work with you.

Contact the Security Office at 938-2971 with questions or for more information about these policies.

Lessons learned fuel stimulus package

Dollar\$ and \$en\$e

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' second story and discusses the stimulus package and how it is designed to help strengthen the economy.)

Story and photo by
Emily Tower
Staff Writer

Learning from past mistakes is an important ingredient in the federal government's recipe for a strong economy in the midst of a recession, experts said.

When it comes to the stimulus package—a term applied to any number of pieces of legislation regarding attempted solutions to the current recession—applying lessons learned from the Great Depression, previous recessions and what caused the current recession are an overwhelming theme.

While the stimulus package is frequently changing and growing, it has had a constant purpose—to begin a cycle of creating jobs and jumpstarting spending. The hope is more spending will lead to more jobs, which will lead to more spending and even more jobs and so on, Maj. Travis Habhab, U.S. Military Academy finance and economics instructor and officer-in-charge of the Finance Investment Club, said.

“Right now, there is less spending going on, so the economy is not really growing,” Habhab said. “The government wants to reverse that trend.”

The U.S. unemployment rate is increasing and currently is at about 8.5 percent. To decrease that statistic, the stimulus package—worth a grand total of about \$800 billion—aims to increase spending by Americans and the federal government.

recession. They encouraged more home buying and proved to be detrimental when interest rates rose to help control inflation. But, a lesson was learned from previous mistakes.

“There is a renewed focus on regulation to prevent the same thing from happening again,” Habhab said.

Banks now are scrutinizing credit applications to make sure they only give loans to people who have a strong likelihood of paying them back. Granting loans without as much caring about repayment ability was a major cause of the current recession.

“The banks learned their lesson,” Maj. Blair Williams, a USMA assistant professor of economics, said. “Now they are scrubbing credit applications. The lending standards are now very high.”

Williams said recent data so far suggests current low interest rates will not cause the same problems as before. This is partly because of the higher lending standards.

If these ideas work, and Americans buy certain big-ticket items, there are even further rewards waiting, Habhab said.

Those who buy a house worth at least \$80,000 will receive an \$8,000 credit on their 2009 income taxes. To qualify, the purchase must be made by a first-time homebuyer, which is a tricky term. It actually refers to someone who has not owned a primary home in the last three years, Habhab said, adding that the new house does not have to be the first property owned by the buyer.

New houses tend to lead to other major purchases, Habhab said.

“One reason homeownership means so much to the U.S. government is a lot of people buy new furniture and new stuff for their house,” Habhab said.

If a homeowner wishes to park a new car in that new garage, he/she will reap further income tax benefits. Sales tax from a car purchase can be deducted from federal income taxes.

For the housing tax credit to take effect, a buyer must purchase a house by Dec. 1. Cars must be purchased by Dec. 31 for the deduction to be allowed.

Tax credits also are provided for installing energy-efficient windows and home appliances, Habhab said.

To help encourage other purchases, federal taxes were reduced in March. The average worker will get to keep \$13 more of his/her paycheck each week. While some workers will bank the extra money, most people will spend at least some of it, Habhab said.

The motivation behind this tax savings is similar to the tax rebate in

2008—to encourage spending. In 2008, most single tax filers received a \$600 tax rebate, and most married filers received \$1,200. Many economists think not enough time has passed to determine whether the rebates helped strengthen the economy, Habhab said.

The stimulus package also increases the tuition tax credit to \$2,500. Parents of dependent college students and independent students can now claim up to \$2,500 a year to offset the cost of tuition and fees in 2009 and 2010.

Help for employment

While programs to encourage Americans to spend money begin, the government has its own spending plans in hopes of lowering unemployment. Billions of dollars are planned for infrastructure improvements, extra law enforcement and education, mainly.

Infrastructure improvements include repaving highways, replacing bridges and other construction projects. Some \$7.4



billion is planned to come to the Department of Defense mainly for construction projects including new hospitals at Fort Hood, Texas; Camp Pendleton, Calif.; and Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla. About 3,000 facility repair and improvement projects within DOD are planned. Though specifics about projects other than the hospitals have not been released, the construction projects also are expected to include Family housing and developing and installing energy-efficient devices.

These are the projects to which officials are referring when they discuss defense spending in the stimulus package. Military-related acquisitions are not related to the stimulus package, Habhab said. In other words, purchasing new military equipment is being done to support current and future military operations, not specifically to stimulate the economy.

Outside the DOD, more law enforcement facilities are expected to be built, which should create jobs in constructing them and staffing them after they are built. Education budgets are set to be strengthened to keep teachers employed.

While these projects are expected to help those in the lines of work directly related to the jobs being created, they hopefully will benefit everyone because another person employed, regardless of their field, means more money can be put back into the economy, Habhab said.

“If people have more money again, they will go out to dinner and buy more things,” Habhab said.

Time will tell if these ideas will work. Retail sales in March were slightly higher than in previous months. Williams said those statistics could be caused by special sales deals and other incentives stores used to bring in customers because a one-month increase is not enough to define a trend. Instead, a steady increase in new home construction is a better indicator the economy could be on its way out of the recession, Williams said.

Also, when more new businesses start and there is an increase in the rate of initial public offerings of stocks on the market, the recession could be ending, Marshall Carter, chairman of the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange and USMA class of 1962, said last month during a visit to West Point.

“The real key of knowing when we might be getting out of this is when it goes from a trader's market to an investor's market,” Carter said, explaining today's market suits traders rather than investors trying to grow wealth. “You'll know it's an investor's market when there is a backlog of (new business stock) coming on the market and when we start to see the gains stick.”

This hope may be materializing as the stock market saw a sustained increase of more than 20 percent in the month of March.



Jumpstarting spending

For Americans to spend more money, they first need money to spend. So, the program known as the bank bailout was born.

Banks have little money to lend because of a nationwide trend of mortgage foreclosures. The federal government is purchasing some mortgages and other loan debts from banks to help increase bank cash flow, Habhab said.

“The government is reinvesting in the banks in some form of loans so the banks can have more money to lend to small businesses and to you and me,” Habhab said. “Since banks will have more money to lend, more people will borrow those funds. And that will hopefully employ more people and lead to more spending.”

All the while, the Federal Reserve has lowered interest rates. The hope is Americans will be enticed to buy more if they can save money on interest, Habhab said.

Low interest rates were, in fact, a cause of the current

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Part III will examine personal finances.

Working again, not partying

Alternative Spring Breaks in New Orleans/ Cocoa Beach

Submitted by Behavioral Sciences and Leadership

Two groups of faculty, staff and cadets went south this spring break, but not for the typical reason students go south. For the third consecutive year, a group from the Dept. of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, the Dean's Office and across the academy worked with the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association of New Orleans from March 14-22 to lead a major civic beautification project.

The cadets focused on repairing green spaces in the Lakeview community and assisted homeowners from the Gentilly neighborhood that were devastated by Hurricanes



Yearling Seth Wheeler (left) and Plebe Andre Shinda, prepare the earth for shrub and tree planting in the Lakeview section of New Orleans during their alternative spring break last month.

BRUCE KEITH, PH.D./DEAN

Katrina and Rita in 2005. The project is known as Operation Sudden Impact III.

The cadets on the New Orleans trip this year included Firsties Alexander Bowling, William Budke and Stephanie Sefren; Cow Ashley Sorensen, Yearlings Woo Do, Ian Moss, Alex Rubilar and Seth Wheeler; and Plebes Andre Shinda and Nick Ocegueda. Officers-in-charge included Office of the Dean, associate dean for academic affairs and sociology professor Bruce Keith, Ph.D. and BS&L staff member 2nd Lt. Lené Baxter. The trip was co-sponsored by the Cadet Scouting Club and the Office of the Dean.

The operation, which began two years ago by BS&L's Lt. Col Irving Smith and Morten Ender, Ph.D., took on a new energy and focus last year with Keith. Keith and cadets Bowling, Budke, Sefren and Sorenson were returnees, as was 1st Lt. David Mudak (USMA '07), who has been part of the group since he was a firstie. Having Mudak and the other cadets return this year, "provided ongoing relief to the residents of New Orleans and an opportunity to showcase the commitment on the part of West Point cadets," Keith said.

Local volunteers were busy managing about 200 volunteers. Many people from around the U.S. continue the revolving door of volunteers in and out of New Orleans to help. Keith actually got schools of volunteers on two separate days and, with the cadets, it became necessary to lead the volunteers in work. This year, many volunteers from upwards of a dozen colleges and universities descended upon New Orleans to provide assistance to the local communities.

"The leadership and work ethic displayed by the cadets was not overlooked by students from other schools, who eagerly worked along side the cadets and sought guidance from them," Keith said.

A few hundred miles away at Cocoa Beach, Fla., sunny beaches, crashing waves and equal opportunity were traded in by Ender, Cow Joseph Callejas and Plebes Vaughn Michael and Casey Roberts for their some hard-hitting diversity education and research at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick Air Force Base.

Under the guidance of Ender and research grant collaboration with members Lt. Col. Ike Wilson and Rachel Sondheimer, Ph.D., in the Dept. of Social Sciences, the three cadets embarked on a mission to produce a document as part of a three-year diversity research project.

"The document," Roberts said, "resulted in a 37-page annotated bibliography composed of articles, books, reports and descriptions of data sources on diversity and the bibliography provides a foundation for a larger report on race and ethnic relations in the U.S. Army."

The crew hopes that through continued work at DEOMI



Plebe Vaughn Michael, Cow Joseph Callejas and Plebe Casey Roberts pose with Morten Ender, Ph.D., in the lobby of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute building during an alternative spring break research trip to Florida last month.

DEOMI STAFF

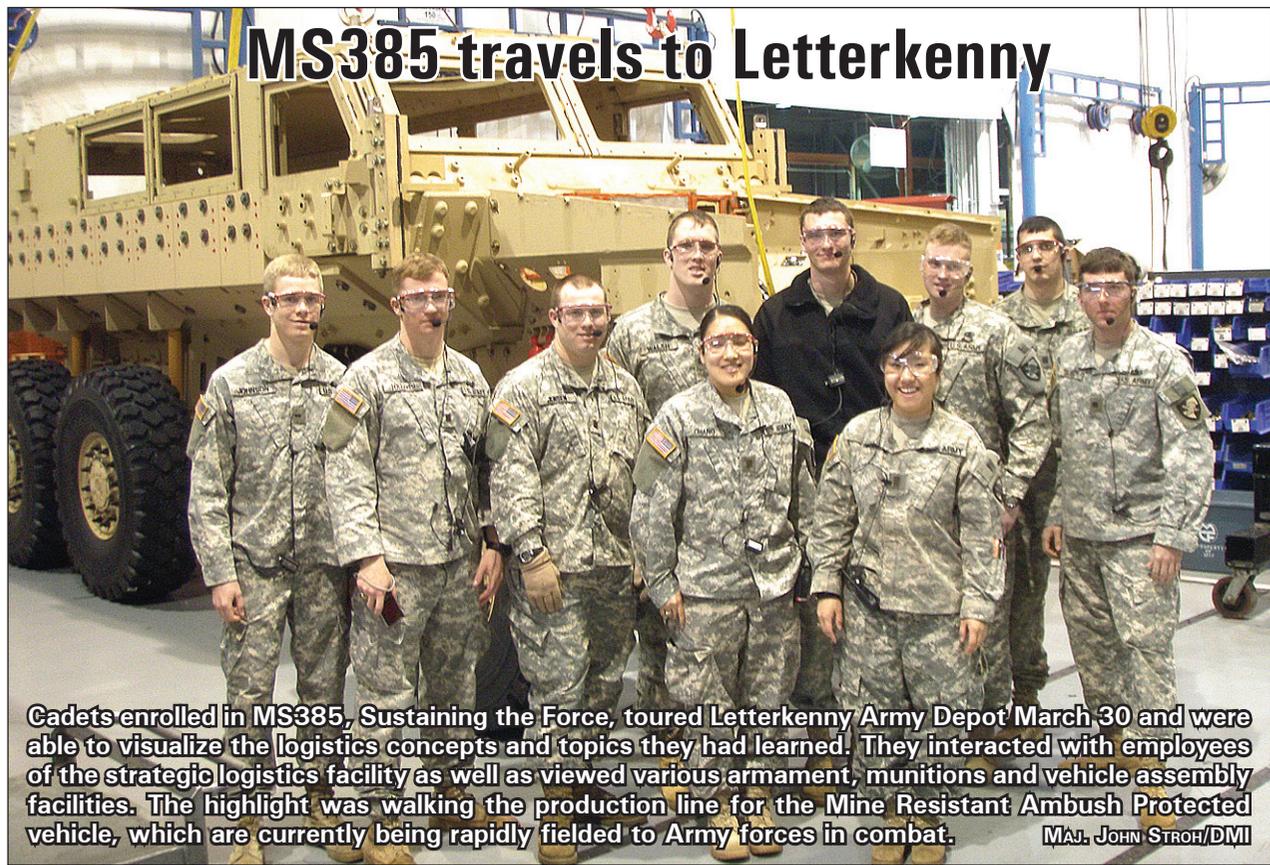
and West Point, future collaborations will result in more cadets gaining knowledge about military diversity.

"I learned a lot about training and education that I had no clue existed," Michael said.

In addition to working at the DEOMI library, Ender and the cadets did manage to take advantage of the exceptional gymnasium facilities on the Air Force base as well as the pleasant weather to jog on the beach.

"For two years, the project in NOLA had been a huge success," Ender said. "We again exceeded all expectations this year in terms of what a team of cadets, staff and faculty could accomplish in physical labor in New Orleans. We added mental labor at DEOMI this year. No job is too difficult for us."

MS385 travels to Letterkenny



Cadets enrolled in MS385, Sustaining the Force, toured Letterkenny Army Depot March 30 and were able to visualize the logistics concepts and topics they had learned. They interacted with employees of the strategic logistics facility as well as viewed various armament, munitions and vehicle assembly facilities. The highlight was walking the production line for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, which are currently being rapidly fielded to Army forces in combat.

MAJ. JOHN STROH/DMI

Library ring exhibit receives, displays new ring

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The custom of the class ring is believed to have begun at West Point when members of the class of 1835 designed their own rings. No ring was produced in 1836, but the custom began again in earnest in 1837 and has been followed ever since. The first donation of a class ring to the ring exhibit was that of John Bratt, class of 1837.

The USMA Library ring display dates back to the 1930s. The library was fitted with a ring case to display the rings in 1964, coinciding with the opening of the (old) library. Space in the ring case quickly ran out, as many Families donating rings. The present class ring case was donated to the library in 1996 by the class of 1986 and moved from the old Cadet Library to Jefferson Hall's second floor.

First Lt. Nick Dewhirst, Class of 2006, was killed July 21, 2008, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom with the 2nd battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.



Susan Dewhirst holds her son's class of 2006 ring in her loving hands before donating it.

Parents Randy and Susan Dewhirst made the long trip from Onalaska, Wis. to Jefferson Hall, April 10 to donate their son's class ring to the library and place it in the exhibit.

"Whenever we came to West Point when Nick was a cadet," Susan Dewhirst said, "we always came and looked at the rings. It's an honor."

The event included remarks by Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, Dean of the Academic Board, and Col. Thomas Kolditz, professor and department head of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, and members of the West Point Sport Parachute Club.

Nick Dewhirst was the cadet-in-charge of the parachute team while a cadet and Kolditz was the officer-in-charge.

"I remember picking the (parachute) team up in a government van when all of a sudden I smelled a strong odor of alcohol and heard a lot of chuckling going on" Kolditz said. "I could tell something was up. Then I saw an older man with a beard, baseball cap in obvious need of dental work who was also quite inebriated in the back of a government vehicle. Most people know that we don't put civilians in military vehicles.

"Someone had seen the shape the man was in and spoke to the driver. They gave him a lift down the road to a Denny's restaurant. A cadet got out and sat him at a table and gave the waitress \$10 for breakfast. That was Nick Dewhirst," he added.

Dewhirst joins 167 former cadets such as Gen. Douglas MacArthur, class of 1903; President (Gen.) Dwight D. Eisenhower, class of 1915, and Gen. Omar N. Bradley,



Randy and Susan Dewhirst, parents of 1st Lt. Nick Dewhirst, class of 2006, who was killed in Afghanistan July 2008, donate his 2006 class ring to the library April 10. Members of the West Point Sport Parachute team, of which Dewhirst was a member, also attended the brief ceremony in his honor.

class of 1915 whose rings also were donated to the exhibit. Dewhirst is the 168th ring to be donated.

Lieutenant Col. Richard Gary Rowe's class of 1974 ring was also donated during Ring Weekend.

Rowe's son, Daniel Rowe, is a member of the USMA Class of 2009. Rowe's class ring replaces a 1974 jewelry sample in the ring exhibit.

There are six class rings donated by the Families of former cadets killed in the Global War on Terrorism, including the ring of 1st Lt. Laura Margaret Walker, class of

2003, who was killed Aug. 18, 2005, in Afghanistan.

For more information on the class ring exhibit, go to <http://digital-library.usma.edu/collections/>

FREE BASEBALL CLINIC

FEATURING PLAYERS AND COACHES

FROM ARMY AND MARIST

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

DUTCHESS STADIUM, FISHKILL, N.Y.

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 3:40 P.M.

CLINIC BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 4 P.M.

ARMY AND MARIST PLAY AT 7 P.M.

- The first 150 individuals to pre-register for the clinic will receive a commemorative WPDH Hudson Valley Baseball Classic t-shirt
- Clinic will run for 50 minutes and is for boys and girls ages 8-18
- Each registrant will receive a voucher for a free ticket to a Hudson Valley Renegades game
- Players and coaches will emphasize throwing and catching, hitting, base running and defense
- For the second year, four children who pre-register for the clinic will be chosen at random to participate in on-field, in-game activities. Children must be pre-registered to be eligible. Winners will be notified during the clinic.



REGISTRATION

Athletes can pre-register at Army's official athletic web site (www.goARMYsports.com) or Marist's official athletic web site (www.GoRedFoxes.com). For more information, call the Army Athletic Communications Office at (845) 938-3303 or the Marist Sports Information Office at (845) 575-3321.

Being held in conjunction with the
2009 WPDH Hudson Valley Baseball Classic

Cadets train in tactics at Fort Bragg

By Maj. Jamie Uptgraft
Dept. of Military Instruction

U.S. Military Academy cadets from the Infantry Tactics and Cavalry Scout Tactics Clubs, representing all four classes and regiments, went to Fort Bragg, N.C., April 2-5 and trained on entering and clearing a room, zone reconnaissance, ambush and urban warfare combatives. Members of two of the four clubs sponsored by the Dept. of Military Instruction want to learn additional techniques and tactics to become more adaptive leaders.

The group flew via a C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft flown by the Air National Guard from Stewart Air Field, which was refueled mid-air from a KC-135, which the cadets were allowed to watch from the cockpit. Additionally, the aircraft made a combat landing before its actual landing at Pope Air Force Base. The three-day field training exercise began at Holland Drop Zone where they first had to seize a fenced-in built-up area using troop-leading procedures to analyze, formulate and communicate the plan to their subordinates. Next, they conducted a night ambush on a

suspected enemy threat that planned to reoccupy the compound.

The cadet-in-charge, Cow Jake Allen, said, "When I saw plebes and yearlings successfully execute as squad leaders, (platoon sergeants) and (platoon leaders) on our first night ambush, I truly realized the power of these tactical clubs."

The following morning, the cadets trained with Roger "the Professor" Braswell, who teaches urban warfare combatives to the Special Operations community. Braswell spent three hours teaching them different methods and techniques to force a person to comply or become submissive, which they applied in multiple combat scenarios in an urban

environment.

They discussed leadership with Sgt. 1st Class Dan Metzdorf, the senior enlisted advisor to the Infantry Warfighter Forum, who is the first above-the-knee amputee to remain on active-duty status.

The cadets also applied TLPs to a zone reconnaissance mission and tried to locate multiple enemy cache points. During this scenario, they attempted to gain intelligence from role-playing local nationals. The exercise ended with a decentralized night ambush on a suspected enemy improvised explosive device emplacement team. Because the training facilitators rotated the cadets through the leadership positions, almost all the cadets

found themselves leading their peers for one of the many operations during the field training exercise.

The return flight was on a KC-10 Strato Tanker, and the cadets again had the opportunity to view a refueling exercise.

From start to finish, the cadets learned a great deal and had a great experience.

"Going down to Fort Bragg with ITC was the best training experience I have had in my three years at West Point," Cow Will Chaskes said. "The opportunity afforded us the opportunity to utilize the most modern and up-to-date training facilities and to further understand how training should be conducted after we commission."

West Point is hosting "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" event

By Sydney Sampleton
Volunteer staff writer

West Point officially designated April 23 as "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day." The event, which takes place at parents' workplaces as well as other locations on post, is recommended for boys and girls ages 8-18 and is aimed at showing youth the value of education and the many opportunities that are available to them.

"Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day' is an event that will assist students with feeling comfortable in the workplace, prepare them to communicate with future employers and help them in forming ideas relative to career paths. A day at work will heighten the aspirations of students and help them to make the connection between academic success and success in the world of work," Col. Daniel V. Bruno, garrison commander, said.

The sponsored activities begin at 10 a.m. with a guided tour of Veterinary Services. The West Point Club is providing discounted lunches for participating children. After lunch, the Dept. of Chemistry and Life Science will host hands-on sessions and demonstrations exploring careers in science, including experimenting with liquid nitrogen and building hydrogen bottle-rockets.

The day ends at about 3:30 p.m. after a guided tour of the West Point Museum. For parents choosing to remain at work with their children, a curriculum packet has been created for all age groups and includes suggested activities for children in the workplace.

For further information, to receive the agenda and curriculum packet, contact Karen Wood, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, at 938-3943.



Cadets move under the concealment of smoke from one building to another in a diamond formation. Cadets from the Infantry Tactics and Cavalry Scout Tactics Clubs trained on many tasks at Fort Bragg, N.C., from April 2-5.

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. NELSON GIL

AbilityOne program helps employ disabled

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

AbilityOne program (a part of NISH, once an acronym for National Industries of the Severely Handicapped that now stands on its own) trains and educates the severely disabled to help them find employment.

There are 14 DOC contract specialists on four teams who are responsible for contracts worth more than \$1.3 million awarded to the AbilityOne Program, which provided 20 full-time jobs to people with severe disabilities at West Point.

Eleanor Lincoln, senior procurement specialist for the Directorate of Contracting and West Point Small Business Specialist, said West Point first became aware of the AbilityOne program 13 years ago when former U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Howard D. Graves requested DOC to look into becoming involved with the AbilityOne program.

"The assignment was given to me, which resulted in Occupations Inc., a community rehabilitation program headquartered in Middletown, being awarded a contract by DOC to provide custodial services for the Pershing Center and the Visitor's Center," Lincoln said. "We hired a total of eight employees with disabilities.

"Another contract was awarded to the elementary and middle schools at West Point with the hiring of 12 people with disabilities. That

contract is still in place after six years," Lincoln added.

AbilityOne's primary means of providing employment or products and services by the severely disabled is through government agencies.

NISH, once known as Javitts-Wagner-O'Day Act, was named for the Congressional act that provided employment opportunities for people who are blind and/or severely disabled and allowed the program to provide services to the federal government, according to www.nish.org

"The law requires that government agencies buy products and services placed on the procurement list from people who are blind or have severe handicaps," Lincoln said. "The products and services placed on the procurement list are done in conjunction with the procuring activity and must be competitive, of good quality and employ 75 percent of the workforce in producing the products or service."

Awarding contracts to AbilityOne programs are competitive as any other contracts and employees must be capable of handling their position.

The AbilityOne program helps more than 40,000 people who are visually handicapped or living with other severe disabilities through education and training to prepare them for employment opportunities.

It is the largest single source of employment in the U.S. for handicapped people.

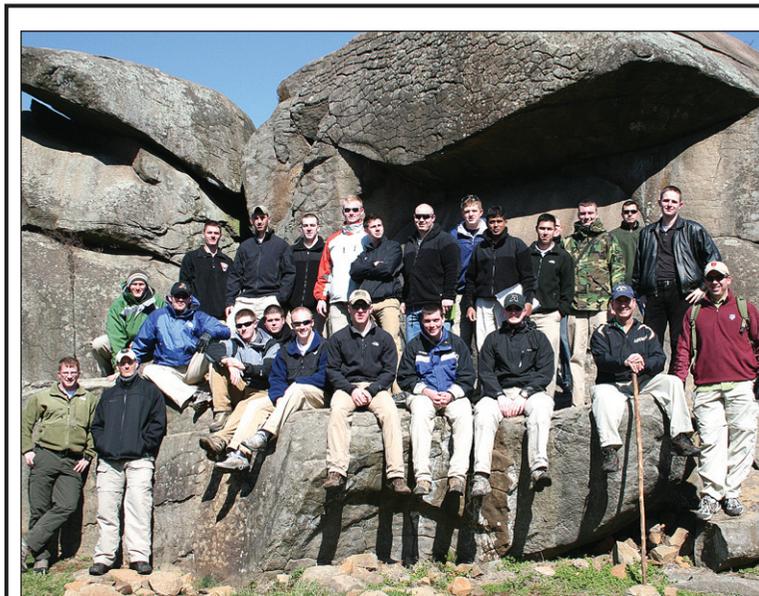
NISH has more than 600

participating nonprofit organizations employing people with severe disabilities.

NISH, in association with National Industries for the Blind, is a program developed to employ the blind or visually impaired.

West Point's office supply store, Paper Clips, is currently operated by NIB to provide Skilcraft products made by the visually handicapped.

NISH presented an award to West Point in May 2004, for exceptional performance in providing employment and training opportunities for Americans with severe disabilities and Lincoln was recognized as an AbilityOne Champion in January because of her promotion and continued support of the program.



Enjoying Devil's Den

The Military Art & Science department's MS 498 Colloquium in Military Affairs class and faculty members from the Military Art & Science major conducted a staff ride April 3-5 to Gettysburg, Pa. They are pictured here at Devil's Den, which is the site of a July 2, 1863 Civil War battle. COURTESY PHOTO

AAFES note: Because of line and tank testing, fuel operations at the Shopette will be shut down Monday at 10 a.m. for about four hours.

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, it must be completed by July 1.

Call the appointment center at 938-7992 to schedule an appointment.

Refractive surgery seminar

The Keller Army Community Hospital's ophthalmology service will conduct a refractive surgery seminar from 7:30-8:30 p.m. April 28 in Robinson Auditorium in

Thayer Hall.

The seminar is open to all firsties, cows and active-duty Army personnel interested in laser vision correction.

The seminar will cover how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery and how to get treated at KACH.

For more information, call 938-2207.

KACH Referral Assistance

Need help or have questions about a referral?

Call 938-5373 and a referral specialist will be happy to assist you.

School and Sports Physicals

The Primary Care Department is now offering school and sports physicals. Beat the summer rush, get your child's school and sports physical now.

If you are moving this summer, we recommend you schedule the physical at your next duty station, as the criteria for the new school district may be different.

The physical exam must be within one calendar year to be acceptable. If it expires before the beginning of another sport, a new exam is required.

This is also the time to review your child's immunizations and to prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies. Get the necessary forms from the appropriate school nurse and bring them to your child's appointment.

Parents who wait and schedule their children's physicals later in the summer may not have the opportunity to schedule it with their provider of choice. Later in the summer, there will be a mass physical day where long wait times often occur and their will not be time to address any current problems during the mass school/sports physical day.

Call 938-7992 to request an appointment for a physical and save the summer for vacation fun.

Command Channel 8/23

April 16-23

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday-Friday, Monday-April 23
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

TSP TICKER

APRIL share prices (as of 4/13)

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Friday --
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Saturday --
Watchmen, R, 9:30 p.m.

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The FMWR Fitness center held an eight-week 'fittest loser,' fitness challenge beginning in January and ending March 14. The fittest losers are (left to right): Sue Kerns, Theresa Ridgeway, Rob Dees (in back), Cristyn Scott, Lisa Kling, Elaine Walsh and Melanie Shattan. Kling and Shattan received a total of 7,340 points as a team. The challengers were honored April 9 at the FMWR fitness center.

FMWR honors fittest losers

Story and Photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness center here presented community members with a Fitness Challenge at the Health and Wellness Fair January 11. Sixty people at the fair signed up for the eight-week Fitness Challenge affectionately dubbed fittest loser. The challenge ended March 14 and the 'fittest losers' who lost the most weight or gained the most points on an individual or team basis were honored at the FMWR fitness center April 9.

Participants competed in the challenge to gain points through exercise and weight loss.

Points were accumulated by coming to the fitness center for exercise, taking classes, joining free competitions or individual self-paced runs. Participants competed for points, weight loss or both.

"Points were accumulated for each minute of exercise," said Felicia Hanes, Fitness Center Manager. "Participants earned extra points by joining free competitions such as spinning, coming in during bad weather and running."

Teresa Ridgeway worked out before the challenge, but didn't feel it was enough. She liked the idea and decided to train to run in the half-marathon, a 13.1 mile-run May 3 in Long Branch, N.J., when the challenge was over.

"This challenge was great," Ridgeway said. "It gave me the opportunity to bump up my workout. It was hard because the only times I could come was at 5:30-6:30 a.m., then I came back in the afternoon with my daughter."

Ridgeway completed another goal after

the challenge by signing up for her first half marathon and has caught the fitness bug.

"I have been trying to lose weight for six years, so I do a lot and still come to the center," she said. "I spin three times a week, take body pump (strength training) classes; brick camp, which involves different interval training and I run three times a week. Fitness is a lifestyle."

Ridgeway was second in points gained, receiving a total of 4,575 points.

"A total of 226.8 pounds were lost during the competition," Hanes said. "Winners in the individual weight-loss competition were Rob Dees, first with an overall weight loss of 26.8 pounds; Melanie Shattan, second with a weight loss of 24.6 pounds and Elaine Walsh was third, with a weight loss of 20.2 pounds."

"In the individual point division, first place went to Cristyn Scott with 8,965 points, Ridgeway was second with a total of 4,575 points and Sue Kerns was third with a total of 3,810 points. Kerns and Melanie Shattan formed a team and received a total of 7,340 points," she added.

Kerns, an educational technologist at the West Point elementary school, had friend Shawne Cryderman, principal at the elementary school, to rely on for support.

"I trained on the elliptical machine and had sessions with a personal trainer," Kerns said. "It feels good. Cryderman and I also walked two miles a day in the early mornings."

Cryderman, who was a physical education teacher, said she didn't mind exercising, but it's always a good idea to get instruction if you want to get results.

"I come to the center, walk in the mornings and used a personal trainer," Cryderman said.

FOR PV HOME DELIVERY PROBLEMS, CONTACT MATT O'SULLIVAN AT THE TIMES HERALD-RECORD AT (845) 346-3214 OR BY E-MAIL AT MOSULLIVAN@TH-RECORD.COM.

What's Happening

WPWC Gift Shoppe

The West Point Wives Club Gift Shoppe, located near Subway and the FMWR Fitness Center, will be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call Julie at 446-2950.

Recycle Center Earth Day Open House

The annual "kids special" Earth Day Open House at the West Point Recycling Center, across Route 293 from the Round Pond Entrance, is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday.

This year the event is being co-sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities Lifeworks Program and the Directorate of Public Works.

There will be free give-aways, hot dogs, displays on the environment, recycling and energy.

A craft table is available where kids can make their own "litter bug—litter bag."

At 1 p.m., the winners will be announced and prizes awarded in Earth Day Poster and Essay Contests.

For more information, contact John Dopler, 938-4281 or Martha Hinote, 938-4407.

Free softball clinic

The Army and Colgate softball teams and coaches will host a free softball clinic for girls ages 8-18 from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Army Softball Complex.

The clinic takes place before the Army/Colgate doubleheader at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 938-4112 to pre-register. Walk-up registration is accepted.

Aggie Muster

Alumni of Texas A&M University are invited to an Aggie Muster Tuesday at the home of Col. Dan Ragsdale, 29 Thayer Road. Good Bull Hour begins at 5 p.m. with Ol' Army Barbecue following at 6 p.m.

R.S.V.P. by Tuesday with attendance and names for roll call to Adam and Valerie Hodges at 839-0091 or avhodges@mac.com.

Women golfers

Women golfers at West Point are invited to the West Point Golf Club House from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday to meet other golfers, sign up for weekly golf outings, learn about opportunities to improve skills and learn about other golf courses in the Hudson Valley.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Benefit concert

A benefit concert is scheduled for April 23-24 at the Hudson House, 134 Main St., in Nyack. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 8 p.m. April 23. Doors open at 8 p.m. with a 9 p.m. show time April 24.

The concert, which raises money for the Fisher House Foundation, is scheduled to feature David Gross and his All Star Band.

The Fisher House Foundation provides no-cost housing to Families visiting wounded troops in military hospitals.

For tickets, call 353-1355.

Special Olympics volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with 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](#).

Hannibal birthday

A birthday celebration for the Hannibal mule statute in Highland Falls is scheduled for April 25. The statute was donated by the Class of 1954, Company M, 2nd Regiment in 2004 to celebrate the class' 50th anniversary.

Tattoo

The 29th annual Tattoo is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. April 26 at Trophy Point Amphitheater. Food and beverage concessions will be available, as will a T-shirt fundraiser. The USMA Band, USCC Field Music Group, USCC Drill Team and USCC Pipes and Drums are scheduled to perform along with 17 pipe bands including the Police Emerald Society of Westchester County Pipes and Drums and the Rockland County Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums.

Seminar

USMA cadets and faculty are invited to attend a seminar by author P.W. Singer from 12:50-1:45 p.m. April 27 in Thayer Hall, Rm. 144. Singer will be discussing his book "Wired For War," which is about the advent of robotic warfare.

Book signings

P.W. Singer will be signing copies of his book "Wired For War" from 11 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. April 27 at the USMA Bookstore located in the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

Lily Burana will be signing copies of her book "I Love a Man in Uniform: Memoirs of Love, War and Other Battles" from 11

a.m.-2 p.m. April 28 at the USMA Bookstore. For more information, call 938-5356.

Violin concert

The West Point Dept. of Foreign Languages Performing Arts Series will host violin virtuosos William Harvey in concert at 7 p.m. April 29 in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

Harvey, who will be accompanied by pianist Kimball Gallagher, will perform selections by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Debussy and Vieuxtemps. This black-tie event is free and open to the public.

For more information and reservations, call Rajaa Chouairi at 534-5489.

Asian Pacific Festival

The eighth annual Asian Pacific Festival hosted by the Asian Pacific Awareness Club is scheduled for 5 p.m. May 1 at Trophy Point. The festival will include food, dancing and martial arts demonstrations. The entire West Point community is invited to attend.

Retirement cookout

An informal retirement cookout for Army softball head coach Jim Flowers and his wife, Nancy, is scheduled after the second game of the softball doubleheader April 26.

Jim and Nancy Flowers have lived and worked at West Point for 29 years. The cookout is expected to begin around 2:30 p.m. and will be held at the Army Softball Complex.

R.S.V.P. to alex.heidenberg@usma.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.

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.

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West Point Strings

The West Point Strings, a string ensemble made up of cadets, under the direction of Ellen Gartner Phillips, will perform its annual concert at 7 p.m. April 25 at Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

The concert will feature classical musical, but will also include music from a variety of genres.

For more information, contact Yearling Eric Holly at 515-3981 or eric.holly@usma.edu or contact Col. Rod Sturdivant at 938-3322 or Rodney.Sturdivant@usma.edu.

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

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Academy Clarinet Quartet



W.A. Mozart - *Piano Quartet in G Minor K. 478*

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Sunday, April 19th 3:00 p.m.
West Point Jewish Chapel

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9	5	4	8	6	7	1	3	2
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FMWR Blurbs

AER campaign

Army Emergency Relief campaign will continue through May 15.

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

Auto Shop open house

West Point Auto Shop is hosting an open house from 3-6 p.m. Friday to introduce the new lift safety training program.

Tour the workshop and meet the auto shop staff. Free raffles and oil change demonstration also will be offered.

The Auto Shop is located in Bldg. 648 behind the West Point Post Office.

For more information, call 938-2074.

Bunco night

Bunco night at the West Point Club starts at 6 p.m. tonight. No experience is necessary, but players must be at least 18.

For more information, call 938-8185.

Beer dinner

A beer dinner is scheduled for Friday at the West Point Club. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., and a three-course dinner paired with assorted beers will be served at 7 p.m.

Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling 938-5120.

Defensive driving

The next defensive driving class will take place 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at ACS, Bldg. 622. To register, call ITR at 938-2401.

Hunter safety course

West Point Outdoor Recreation is hosting a New York state hunter safety course from 6-10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

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.

Administrative Professionals Week

Celebrate Administrative Professionals Week with Yummy Grams delivered to offices around post between 8-9:30 a.m. Monday

and 1:30-3 p.m. April 24. Call the West Point Club at 446-5506/5504 to order platters.

Deadline for orders is Saturday for a Breakfast Yummy Gram and April 23 for an Afternoon Yummy Gram.

Also offered for Administrative Professionals Week is an around the world in 150 minutes luncheon 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 446-5545.

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. Monday at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

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

SFAC April training

A job fair preparation workshop is being sponsored by the Soldier and Family Assistance Center from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday. To register, call Peggie Taylor at 938-0634.

The class will be held at SFAC, Bldg. 626. Warriors in transition and their Families have priority, but the class is open to all on a space-available basis.

Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome

The ACS Relocation Program will host a Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome from 8 a.m.-noon April 29. Newly arrived Soldiers and Families are invited to attend this event to obtain information about the local community and area.

The class includes a free tour through the West Point Visitor's Center. Register by calling 938-3487/4621.

Garrison Golf Scramble

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

The scramble is scheduled for May 1. For more information about golfing or the scramble, call 938-2435 or stop by the Pro Shop.

Parenting class

ACS is hosting a parenting class about living with teenagers at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and April 29 at

ACS, Bldg. 622.

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

Fishing Derby

The Kids Fishing Derby at Round Pond Recreation Area is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 2. The event is open to all anglers ages 5-15 who are residents of West Point, Stewart Air Field, Town of Highlands or children of West Point employees.

A safety clinic is scheduled for 9-9:30 a.m., and lunch is planned for 11 a.m. Registration is recommended.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Several events around post are taking place to honor Military Spouse Appreciation Day, which is May 8.

A military spouse appreciation event is planned May 2 at the lacrosse game versus Pennsylvania. The West Point Club will be hosting Bunco night in honor of the military spouse May 7.

On May 8, the West Point PX will feature a 5 percent discount off total purchase (maximum of \$50 off) and gift cards will be drawn throughout the day.

The Flower Shop will provide a coupon for \$3 off a flower arrangement worth \$30 or more; the Frame Shop will offer a 10 percent discount off the purchase of a military spouse's plaque; a trade show with the Orange County Tourism Board will be held at the Jewish Chapel; the commissary will be drawing for a free washer and dryer; the West Point Bowling Center will offer discounts to military spouses and their Families; and West Point Golf will offer a free small bucket of golf balls for a military spouse with the purchase of a large bucket.

The West Point Club will offer half-price pizza and free dining for a military spouse with the purchase of another lunch May 8.

A military spouse appreciation dinner is scheduled for 5-9 p.m. May 8 at the West Point Club, and a complimentary dessert will be offered.

Red Cross training

The American Red Cross of Greater New York and West Point

FMWR will be offering three free courses in lifeguarding, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator for adults and CPR/AED for adults, children and infants for military personnel and their dependents.

American Red Cross will cover the cost for eight military and Family members for the lifeguarding certification class at the YWCA in New Windsor.

Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

Preschool enrollment

Enrollment for part-day preschool for academic year 2009-10 will be held at 8 a.m. May 11-15 for Families of deployed Soldiers and warriors in transition, May 18-22 for other military children and May 25-29 for children of DOD civilians.

No phone calls will be taken to register for this program. To register, visit the Child Development Services Center, Bldg. 1207.

For more information, call 938-3921.

Youth baseball

Registration remains open for 9-12-year-old boys and girls for West Point baseball.

CYSS is looking to finish filling teams. Practices will be Monday and Wednesday evenings. A game schedule is to be determined.

For more information or to sign up, call Brian or Erin at CYSS at 938-8896.

Army Ten-Miler

FMWR will be sending four active-duty Soldiers—one male and one female in the open division and one male and one female ages 40 and older in the master's division—to the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 4 in Washington.

FMWR will be using the West Point 10k May 16 as a qualifier for the Army Ten-Miler Team.

Once registered for the West Point 10k, send an e-mail to sheryle.miller@usma.edu to be considered for the Army Ten-Miler Team.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Beginner's running group

FMWR Fitness will have a beginner's running group Monday-

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 14. Race day is May 16.

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

For more information, call 938-6497.

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.

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.

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

For more information, contact Eileen Ellingsen at 938-3506 or eileen.ellingsen@am.dodea.edu.

Mother's Day contest

The West Point Club's Mother's Day Essay Contest is ongoing. Tell us why your mom is so special and why she should be Mom of the Year.

Send entries along with a picture of your mom 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.

Houghton fights to overcome lingering knee injury

By Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

It's the best time of the year for a collegiate male tennis athlete; it's the time where the league championships arrive and the drive to reach the NCAA Championships climaxes.

Army men's tennis finished its league schedule April 11 with a 5-2 match victory over Bucknell to finish with a 4-2 record in the Patriot League. Now the team is looking forward to earning its first Patriot League championship since 2006 as they host the PL Championships at West Point Friday-Sunday at the Malek Tennis Center.

It'll be a big weekend ahead for Firsties Phil Muhawi and Sean Harris, who'll look to get another taste of success they haven't felt since their plebe year. However, another firstie is craving the same success for his classmates, although he won't be able to make a difference first hand—on the court.

Firstie Rick Houghton has gone through the same trials and tribulations that four years brings to a varsity athlete, but he's only been healthy enough to play in one of those years and two matches total.

The Sewickley, Pa., native was part of a high school state championship team and had great individual credentials upon his arrival to West Point, but a knee injury has been the bane of his existence since his plebe year.

An injury to his left knee where the patella tendon inserts to the bone below the knee has kept him out of the lineup for three years. He still practices with the team, he's had moments where his knee has felt great, but the knee has never fully recovered as scar tissue remains even after his 2006 knee surgery.

"It's been really tough. As hard as it is to want to compete, I try to do the best I can to contribute in practice and during matches

as a coach on the court (to help the team)," Houghton said. "It's frustrating; I'm not going to lie because I've been playing tennis my whole life. It's something that I love and even though I've had some setbacks with injuries I'm still a part of the game and hope to be a part of it for the rest of my life."

Houghton said the pounding on the hard courts has kept his knee at less than 100 percent, but he knows he couldn't be fully successful to the team in his condition.

"When I get out on the court there's something about the lateral movement, the tennis specific stuff, that aggravates the knee and it sets me back," Houghton said. "Right now, I'm rehabbing and doing everything I can to not only get back onto the court, but to get healthy and ready for graduation."

Houghton makes no excuses with his injured knee and is confident that he'll be able to become an officer in the Army once he graduates.

"I'm very confident that through rehab and the great medical staff we have here on post that I'll be fine and ready to go into the Army," Houghton said.

In the meantime, as the team prepares to host the Patriot League Championships, Houghton continues to mentor the younger players and is a confidant to his classmates. He's on the court everyday to hit balls to his teammates and shows up to every practice on time to show his commitment to the team and to set the example.

"Setting a good example and being there for the younger guys, especially the plebes, is really important," Houghton, who received the team's unsung hero award last year for his selfless dedication to the team, said. "I try to do the best job I can. It's important to show them a good example. I have a strong relationship with everyone on the team and I think they're a great group of guys, and I'm proud to be

a part of it.

"(My classmates) Phil, Sean and I go back to basic training," he added. "They're great guys and great tennis players. I've gone through this whole experience with them, so I feel I have a close bond with those guys."

Close bonds have been a big part of Houghton's life. He shares a close bond with his siblings, sisters Anne and Kate and brother John, all of whom played or are playing tennis at the U.S. Military Academy.

Anne is currently a yearling and the No. 1 singles and No. 2 doubles player on the women's team that is undefeated in its conference (7-0) and has won 19 of its last 20 matches. John was on the men's team and a team captain in 2007, during Rick's first two years at the academy.

"It's fantastic to see my little sister blossom into a great tennis player and overcome knee surgery," Houghton said. "With my brother, John, it was funny because I thought I spent a lot of time with him at home, but I ate every meal with him here. I saw him at practice every day and we often went out together and I would go hang out in his room. We really got close in those two years."

Each one of his siblings has gone through knee surgeries and they have shared in his experience and have been there to help him vent his frustrations.

"My Family has been an incredible part of that cathartic experience and so has the team because I let them know exactly what's going on," Houghton said. "I try to be realistic about what I can do and what I can accomplish."

Army men's tennis coach Jim Poling has found it tough to see Houghton go through what he has during his collegiate tennis career, but still feels he has been a great influence on the team.

"He's a great kid. He'll tutor



Firstie Rick Houghton has earned one career victory and hasn't participated in a match since 2006 because of a recurring knee problem.

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anybody who needs help," Poling said. "He'll stay at practice to feed balls to people even though he knows he's not going to compete ... he's a tremendous asset to us."

While Poling knows there was a lot of untapped potential in Houghton as an athlete, he also saw Rick produce as a student where he earned a 4.0 GPA and a Rotary Scholarship that will take him to Oxford University in the fall to earn a master's in American History.

"He's done so much here with the opportunities given to him," Poling said. "He's been to Poland to study history. He's been to France for a semester. He's a quality individual and somebody you want to have around you."

"He's very positive, too, because no matter what was happening the whole time, he was always positive about life," he added.

The future Air Defense officer, the same branch in which his brother serves, can't wait to have an impact on the current generation of Soldiers after his year at Oxford. He's enthused to become a platoon leader for a Patriot Battery in places such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We're certainly in a changing time, and it's a scary time because we don't know what the future is going to bring," Houghton explained. "I'm excited and a little scared because

there is a lot of responsibility with being an officer. But, I think with the training I received here at West Point that I'm ready for that challenge."

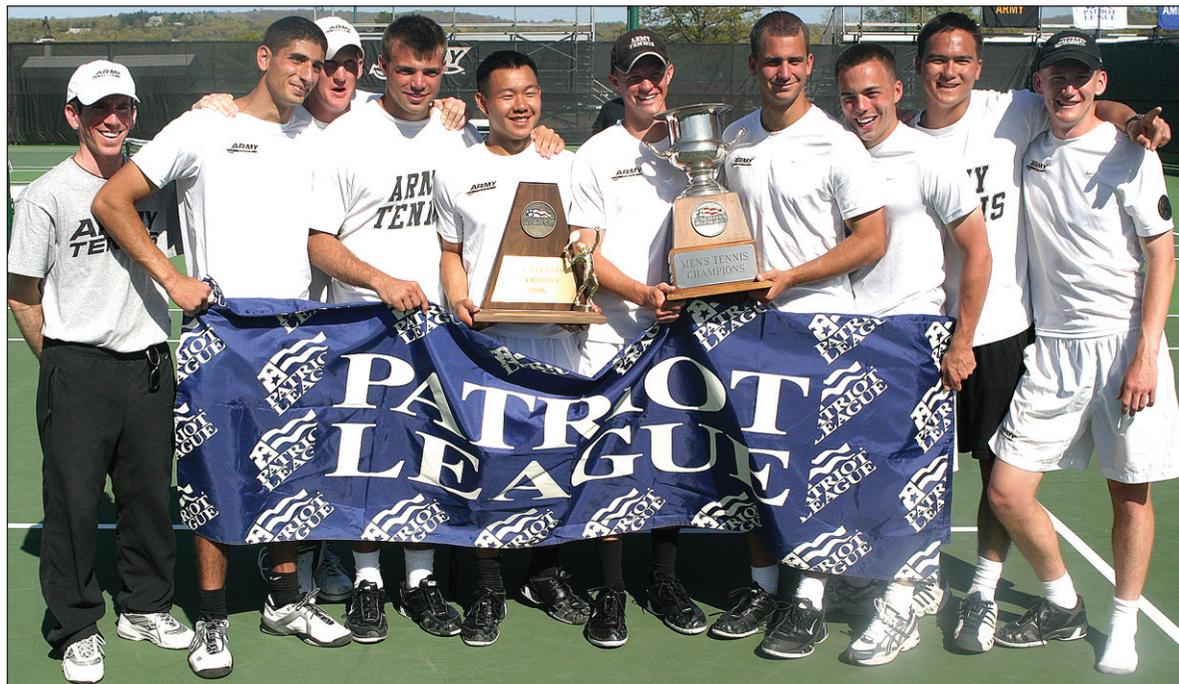
Nevertheless, before Houghton receives his diploma and becomes an officer, there is still one more river to cross for his team.

Houghton's biggest moment on the court was his only career victory in 2006 versus St. Joseph's Brent Kahl, but his best career moment was experiencing the PL Championship that same year and celebrating on Army's home court with his brother.

His hope is that there's one more championship in waiting during his Army career.

"Winning the Patriot League was definitely the highlight of my tennis experience," Houghton said. "We've had some great matches since then although winning that Patriot League championship was the best thing I've ever experienced in sports."

"I think the team's chances are great," he added. "I'm confident that Sean and Phil will lead the team. I'm excited to see who else will step up and be the difference maker. I love this team and believe anyone has the ability to step up ... I think our chances are good to win the Patriots at home."



Firstie Rick Houghton (third from right) enjoyed a special moment with his teammates in 2006 when they won the Patriot League Championships on Army's homecourt at Malek Tennis Center. Houghton considers that day the best thing he has ever experienced in sports.

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Black squad takes scrimmage finale 20-0

(Editor's note: Players' class year in the story reflects their class during the 2009 season.)

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

The Army football team ended its spring practice schedule with the annual Black/Gold Game at Michie Stadium April 10. The Black squad used elements from Army's new playbook to take the spring scrimmage finale 20-0 over the Gold team, which ran a composite offense and defense that featured plays the Black Knights expect to see from their opponents during the upcoming season.

A 38-yard touchdown reception by Firstie wide receiver Ali Villanueva from Yearling quarterback Max Jenkins and a 9-yard run by Jenkins led the Black team to the victory.

Jenkins, who will be a yearling when the 2009 season begins, got his first chance to shine in front of the home faithful of more than 400 spectators and his play impressed the new head coach.

"I thought he competed well," Army head coach Rich Ellerson said. "It was his first chance to go out there under the lights with the first unit. He did some good things, (but) he did some things that he would like to have back.

"We felt like Max has gained on Chip (Bowden) a little bit and we wanted to see what they both looked like with the same offense, the same (personnel)," he added.

Jenkins finished the evening completing two of eight passes for 49 yards, one touchdown and an interception. He also added 39 yards rushing on four carries including his 9-yard score.

Cow quarterback Chip Bowden continued to take steps forward in Ellerson's version of the triple-option offense. Although Bowden didn't lead a touchdown drive, statistically he had the best day of all the quarterbacks.

Bowden completed seven of 10 passes for 58 yards passing while gaining 90 yards on the ground on six carries, including the play of the day—a 75-yard run.

The past month has been a learning experience for Bowden and the team and every bit of the success he's gained as well as his teammates has helped their confidence and growth within the new system.

"I'm feeling very comfortable with what we've done throughout the spring," Bowden said. "The guys have gotten more comfortable with every situation and every defense that we see, and I think they're more comfortable with me calling the shots.

"(The coaches) are trying to let me take some leadership of this offense and that's what I think I need to do, so it's an exciting time for me right now," he added.

Bowden is excited by the new coaching staff and feels they are very energetic and said, "They have to be energetic because we need that type of motivation. It's going to be important six or seven games down the road in the fall."



Yearling Max Jenkins scampers past a number of Gold team defenders en route to a 9-yard touchdown run during a 20-0 victory for the Black squad at the annual Black/Gold Game. Jenkins finished with 39 yards rushing on four carries, including the touchdown.

Bowden said the new triple-option system has many similarities to last year's version, but there are also vast differences. Probably the biggest difference to the offense is moving Villanueva from offensive tackle to wide receiver.

A move from offensive line to a skill position like wide receiver is practically unheard of, but Villanueva brings an anomaly of skill sets. Villanueva was a tight end in high school, but Ellerson's offense doesn't feature a traditional tight end in its system. So after an off season discussion with Ellerson, the 6-foot-10-inch, 297-pound wide receiver took a shot at the receiver position and has been opening eyes ever since the beginning of the spring.

"He catches the ball so well for a guy his size," Ellerson said. "You can see he has some strong hands. What he's not used to is all the running ... he's gassed out there a little bit. However, he's a really gifted guy and he can really become a weapon for us in the plus 20 (the red zone) part of the field where nobody gets behind anybody.

"It's always going to be a fight for the football," he added, "and (at 6-foot-10) he'll be open."

On Villanueva's touchdown that opened the scoring, he got behind the defense and darted the final 25 yards to the end zone.

"The way the play was set up with the option motion and everything, I was by myself (in single coverage)," Villanueva said. "Jenkins did a great job throwing me the ball when I was open."

Villanueva is trying to take the move in stride knowing it's a big transition for him after starting all last season at offensive tackle. He believes strongly that he has the skills in terms of catching the ball to be a good receiver, but is working hard to build up his stamina and other areas needed to succeed at

the position.

"Physically, I'm tired during practice; I'm not going to lie, so I got to lose some weight," Villanueva explained. "I got to keep working hard everyday regardless of where I'm playing on the field. I have to continue to work hard at practice.

"I feel comfortable because I can catch the ball, but I need to work more on my footwork, speed and jumping and, overall, getting coordinated on the field," he added.

While Villanueva and the Black offense were working on the system, the Black defense put into motion the team's new double-eagle flex defense. The double-eagle flex defense will provide more motion and reaction by the defenders and Ellerson noticed initial progress but knows there's more ground to be gained.

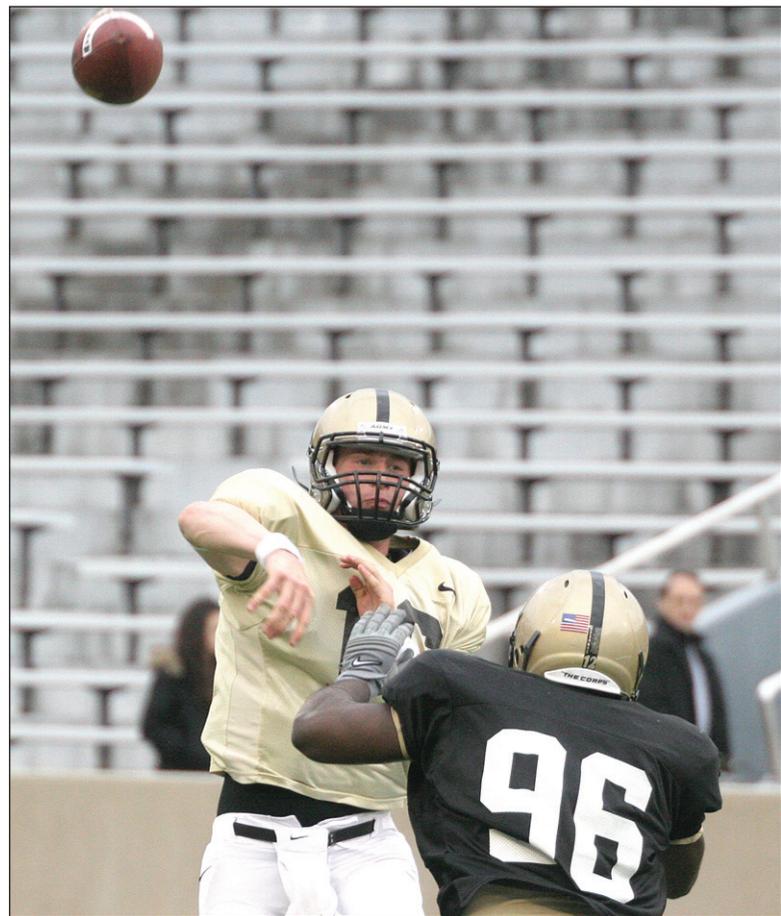
"They've been able to adapt to a different style and a slightly different reaction system, which hasn't slowed them down," Ellerson said. "We're going to be fast and aggressive and we'll let the reactions develop over time, and those guys like the sound of that—it's fun to them."

Black squad Yearling linebacker Steve Erzinger led all defensive players in tackles with eight. Black squad secondary men Firstie Mario Hill and Cow Donovan Travis recorded interceptions as did Gold squad member Yearling Daniel Hinkson, a converted quarterback.

Now that spring practice is over, Ellerson sees the overall progress but observes there's a long road ahead especially after only 10 practices and two scrimmages.

"We've got a lot done, but we have an awful lot left to do," Ellerson said. "We're not close, but we're playing fast, we're playing hard and the guys are trying so hard to do the things we're asking them to do.

"They don't quite see the game the way we want them to yet. The reaction system is not quite there and there's no shortcut, you have to rep it," he added. "You have to experience it and today was another good step that way. My goal is that we don't take a step back because the learning curve has been steep and the guys have really grown—it's encouraging. We need to find a way to take a step forward between now and August."



Firstie quarterback Carson Williams avoids the rush of Cow defensive end Marcus Hilson. Hilson notched a tackle for a loss during the scrimmage while Williams finished with 6 for 16 through the air for 33 yards and two interceptions for the Gold team.



Cow defensive back Donovan Travis intercepts a Carson Williams pass during the Black/Gold Game April 10 at Michie Stadium.

Baseball takes 3 of 4 from Navy, earn "star"

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

Firsties' centerfielder Andy Ernesto and third baseman J.P. Polchinski homered as Army battled back from a pair of early deficits to run their series winning streak against Navy to a record 10 games with an 11-5 victory over the Midshipmen in the first game of the teams' Patriot League doubleheader Monday at Doubleday Field.

Navy overcame an early four-run deficit, then held on for a wild 12-10 victory in the nine-inning nightcap to salvage one win from the four-game weekend set. With their three wins over the Midshipmen, the Black Knights secured their sixth consecutive "star" against their arch rivals and claimed their sixth straight series win.

Army moved into a tie for third place in the Patriot League standings with their three wins on Sunday and Monday.

Army fell behind 3-0 in the first inning of Monday's opener as Navy benefited from a pair of walks and received a two-run single by Jonathan Berkowitz off Black Knight starter Yearling Ben Koenigsfeld. Army knotted the score with a run in the bottom of the first inning and two more in the second. Yearling designated hitter Joey Henshaw's RBI single to right field off Navy starter Zach Sipe accounted for Army's run in the first, while the Black Knights

received an RBI groundout from Plebe catcher J.T. Watkins and a sacrifice fly from Plebe second baseman Zach Price in the second.

Navy wasted little time regaining the lead as Kendall Bolt ripped a leadoff home run to center field in the top of the third and Mike Hoosier stroked a run-scoring single to right field later in the inning. Ernesto's two-run homer, a line shot over the fence in right field, tied the score at 5-5 in the fourth.

The Black Knights took control in the fifth, scoring four runs on five base hits against Sipe and reliever J.D. Melton.

Polchinski's one-out home run to left-center field put Army on top at 6-5. A double by Yearling right fielder David Darnell and Watkins' RBI single to right field moved Army ahead 7-5. Yearling shortstop Clint Moore's two-run single off Melton stretched the Black Knights' lead to 9-5.

Firstie left fielder Kyle Fleming ripped a lead-off triple to right-center field and scored on a wild pitch to open the bottom of the sixth inning. After two batters were retired, Watkins singled, stole second base and scored on an RBI single to center field by Price to close out the scoring.

Koenigsfeld earned the victory on the mound for Army, pushing his record above the .500 mark at 4-3. The junior right-hander allowed six hits and five runs on the afternoon, while striking out four and walking



Firstie third baseman J.P. Polchinski hit a home run and added two doubles in Monday's doubleheader against Navy. Army took three of four games against their rivals.

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four. Sipe (2-4) suffered the loss for Navy, yielding six hits and seven runs over 4.1 innings of work.

Price went 2-for-2 with three runs scored and two runs batted in, while Watkins added two hits, two runs scored and two runs batted in to pace Army's 12-hit attack. Henshaw and Polchinski also registered two hits each for Army, which ran its Patriot League winning streak to five games with the victory.

Army (16-15 overall, 6-6 PL) raced out to a 5-1 lead after three innings of the nightcap, only to see

Navy reel off seven straight runs to take an 8-5 lead in the sixth. The Midshipmen scored four times in the top of the seventh to build their advantage to 12-6, then held off a furious late-inning comeback by the Black Knights. Army placed the potential tying runs on base with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, but fell just short as Melton retired Henshaw on a comeback shot to end the game, just after Henshaw's bid for a game-tying double down the first-base line bounced just foul.

Ernesto, Moore, Koenigsfeld

and Yearling first baseman Kevin McKague, who hit two home runs, registered three hits apiece for the Black Knights in the second game, while Price, Henshaw and Fleming finished with two hits each.

"I'm proud of the way our players fought all weekend long," said Army head coach Joe Sottolano. "I was really impressed with way we swung the bats and competed each and every inning. We found out a lot about our ball club this weekend. I certainly feel good about the direction we're heading."

CLUB RESULTS



Army men's team handball won the 2009 Collegiate National Championship April 10-12 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. It is the third straight collegiate title for the Army team.

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• **Men's Handball:** Army men's team handball won the 2009 Collegiate National Championship April 10-12 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., by going undefeated in pool play and defeating the University of North Carolina, 38-26, in the gold medal match.

Army continued its dominance at the collegiate level with its third straight national title.

In addition, Army's developmental team, Army Gold, completed its best tournament of the year and finished in fourth place.

Army combined stingy defense with frantically-paced fast breaks, often started by the court vision and pin-point passing from Cow goalkeeper Dexter Wise, to open up a 10-goal lead on North Carolina within the first 15 minutes of play in the championship game.

North Carolina would not go away that quickly, though, as the playmaking ability of Scott Knox, the tournament's MVP, helped UNC cut the lead to 16-10 with less than 10 minutes to play in the first half.

However, Army's experience, speed and skill proved to be too much for the overmatched Tar Heels.

Led by Firsties Brian Walsh, Justin Key and Jake Abramowitz, Army pushed its lead to 23-12 at halftime. The second half was a mere formality as UNC never cut the deficit to single digits.

Army began the tournament with a victory over a College Select team, consisting of players from across the nation, 21-14.

They grinded out a victory in their next game, a championship preview against North Carolina, 21-19.

On April 11, Army battled its military rival Air Force in the Service Academy Cup, and Army came out on top, 29-26.

Army's work for the season is not done, however. The club seeks to build upon this momentum for the Open National Championship in Chicago, May 8-10, which will feature the nation's 16 best teams.

Sports calendar

April 16-May 2

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY -- MEN'S TENNIS, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP, MALEK TENNIS CENTER, CHAMPIONSHIP TIMES TBA.

SATURDAY -- SOFTBALL VS. COLGATE (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 2:30 P.M.

SUNDAY -- WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. BRYANT (9 A.M.) & LEHIGH (3 P.M.), LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

SUNDAY -- SOFTBALL VS. COLGATE (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

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

APRIL 24-26 -- WOMEN'S TENNIS, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS @ BUCKNELL, LEWISBURG, PA., TBA.

APRIL 25 -- SOFTBALL VS. BUCKNELL (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

APRIL 25-26 -- GOLF, PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, WEST POINT GOLF COURSE, TBA.

APRIL 26 -- SOFTBALL VS. BUCKNELL (DH), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX, 1 P.M.

APRIL 29 -- BASEBALL VS. MARIST, 4TH ANNUAL WPDH HUDSON VALLEY BASEBALL CLASSIC, FISHKILL, DUTCHESS STADIUM, 7 P.M.

MAY 1-2 -- TRACK & FIELD (MEN AND WOMEN), PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS, SHEA STADIUM, TBA.

MAY 2 -- LACROSSE VS. PENNSYLVANIA, MICHIE STADIUM, NOON.

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY -- ORIENTEERING TEAM, 30TH ANNUAL WEST POINT ORIENTEERING A-MEET, SPRINT MEET, MIDDLE-DISTANCE & LONG DISTANCE; CAMP BUCKNER, TROPHY POINT & SKI SLOPE; 4 P.M. (FRI.) & 9 A.M. (SAT.-SUN.)