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Elementary school earns Presidential Challenge award

Students from West Point Elementary School and their Family members take part in the 10th annual Reindeer Run outside of the school Tuesday. The West Point Elementary School is one of three schools in New York state and one of 41 throughout the United States to be awarded the Presidential Challenge award for fitness. The program's motto is "a healthy body creates a healthy mind." TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

C&LS showed plebes chemistry at work Dec. 10-11

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Plebes taking a chemistry lecture sponsored by the Chemistry and Life Science department found out how chemistry applications work when applied to the military Dec. 10-11 at Bartlett Hall.

"Each year the Department of Chemistry and Life Science creates an interactive experience for all general and advanced chemistry cadets who directly link chemistry concepts learned in the classroom to current Army applications," Col. Joseph Shannon, academy professor in C&LS, said.

Plebes observed military displays, such as an Improvised Explosive Device robot removing a suspicious package; the Land Warrior, a military vest that provides real time situational awareness for Soldiers in the field; a warhead for the Hellfire missile, an updated munitions product line to be completed in 2012, that provides precision munitions that keep infrastructures intact and civilian causalities down.

They also observed an unmanned aerial vehicle on video along with a scale model of a UAV used in Iraq and Afghanistan.

UAVs provide intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance to Soldiers in the field and are operated by remote control.

"Instead of sitting in class and just listening, the cadets see tools in action," Maj. Corey James, C&LS instructor, said. "(The displays) allow (them) to see how these military tools tie into theater operations and show how the science (they are learning) is applied."

James said another purpose in sponsoring the MILCHEM lecture is hopefully to interest cadets into majoring in the subject.

Lieutenant Col. Mike Brown, product manager at Joint Attack Munitions Systems at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., talked about the Hellfire missiles.

"The Hellfire missile warheads, built in the 1980s, like the Smart Bombs used during the invasion of Iraq, are part of a product line driving new technology," Brown said. "The new missiles will be completed in 2012 and are designed to keep infrastructure damage down and keep civilian casualties down."

Brown said the new Hellfire missiles are smokeless, controlled and capable of hitting targets at night.

Jack Moore, project manager for the Soldier Warrior Program at Fort Belvoir, Va., works on the Land Warrior system—field armor Soldiers wear that allows them to input computer information regarding targets and terrain.

"The Land Warrior is used by the 5th Battalion, 5th Infantry in Afghanistan," Moore said. "The jacket weighs 9 pounds and is equipped with a computer subsystem, radio and a battery."

The Land Warrior is designed to give the Soldier in the field more information and to provide information back to commands regarding changing situations in the field.

"We present lectures four times (a year) to the entire plebe General Chemistry class," Shannon said. "Instructors can work with outside agencies to bring in the latest Army technology and help show cadets how it relates to what they are learning about in class."

Plebes check out the Land Warrior vest and helmet system at the annual Military Chemistry presentation. The 9-pound body armor provides Soldiers with real time situational awareness and communications and they are able to manually input information about changing situations in the field. This was one of many items shown throughout the Dec. 10-11 presentations of chemistry at work.

Dear West Point Community,

Judy and I would like to wish you all a joyous and safe holiday season and hope that 2010 is a prosperous and happy year for you and your Families.

While this is a time of celebration and cheer, it can be a difficult time for those separated from Family and friends. Please keep those who are deployed and their Families in your thoughts and prayers this season and reach out to support them in any way you can. We are blessed to have brave young men and women serving overseas to ensure our freedom and security.

As I mentioned in my safety message, please take care over the holidays as you travel, treat alcohol responsibly and take precautions as you enjoy winter activities.

You are all very important to the West Point community, and we want you to return safe and refreshed after this winter break.

Happy Holidays!

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Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck
Superintendent

Jazz meets Santa

Lieutenant Col. Kenny McDonald, Systems Engineering Dept., took his one-year-old Black Lab, Jazz, to see Santa Claus Dec. 10 at the Veterinarian Clinic. Animals received a present from Santa after their photo shoot. The annual Santa Paws event provides opportunity for Families and their pets to have their photos taken. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Resolve to be ready in 2010

Commentary by Christine Guerriero Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

For many, the new year is a time for making resolutions and goals for the year to come. The Ready Army, Ready West Point Campaign is asking you to "Resolve to be Ready in 2010" by putting emergency preparedness at the top of your Family's list of resolutions.

Floods, winter storms and other natural disasters can all happen in our area. Preparing ahead of time can mitigate the surprises, speed recovery and reduce losses.

By following the Ready West Point Campaign's simple yet important three steps, preparing for an emergency is a realistic resolution you can keep all year long:

1. Get an emergency supply kit;
2. Make a Family emergency plan;
3. Be informed about the types of emergencies that can happen in our area and what appropriate responses you can make.

Emergencies will happen, but taking action now can help you minimize the impact they will have on you and your Family's lives. Preparedness is contagious.

What starts within your Family can spread throughout our West Point neighborhoods, and every prepared neighborhood frees up emergency responders to take care of those who are in more need.

For more information, visit **www.usma.edu/Garrison/sites/directorates/dptms/cepip**, call 938-8862 or contact the local American Red Cross Office, in Bldg. 2104, at 938-4100 or via their Web site at **http://my.nyredcross.org**.

Both sites include information, checklists and guidelines for other key components of preparedness.

Have driving plans for holiday events

Submitted by Alcohol & Drug Control Office

Since 1981, every U.S. president has proclaimed December "National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month" to help underscore the public's commitment to prevent impaired driving and promote the use of designated drivers and sober-ride programs.

In December, there are also significant increases in state and local law enforcement efforts to combat impaired driving by using sobriety checkpoints.

Driving while impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for DWI can be significant and not the way you want to spend your holiday season.

If you are hosting a party this season, offer alcohol-free beverages during the event and make sure all your guests leave with a sober driver.

Nationally, more than 17,000 people died in alcohol-related highway crashes during 2003.

Every 30 minutes, or nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. Hundreds of thousands more are injured each year. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

Designating a sober driver before a party begins is just one of several simple steps to remember to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving. Below are other simple reminders for a safer holiday season:

• Don't even think about getting behind the wheel of your vehicle if you've been out drinking;

• If you are impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or get a sober friend or Family member to come get you;

• Just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

Remember—friends don't let friends drive drunk. Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired.

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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

Difficulty: Hard

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SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Maj. Maria Burger (USMA/USCC), Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Ortland (Dean). Community members can e-mail Burger at *Maria.Burger@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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DPTMS provides crime prevention and safety tips

By Joe Senger
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The holiday season gives us the opportunity to spend time with Family and friends, reflect on the past year and look forward to future opportunities.

As always, situational awareness is paramount and we encourage everyone to remain observant and aware of your surroundings regardless of where your travels may take you.

To help ensure that we all enjoy a safe and crime-free holiday season, take time to incorporate the following tips into your busy schedules and share them with Family and friends:

• Coordinate shopping trips with a friend or Family member—there is safety in numbers;

• Park in a well-lit space and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk. Have your keys out and ready before you get to your car. As you approach your vehicle, scan the area, glance underneath the car and take a quick look inside before entering;

• Return to the mall or store for assistance if you spot suspicious activity near your vehicle. If someone approaches, and you feel threatened, get in the car and lock up until they leave the area. If they loiter, drive away;

• As you shop, be alert in crowded places. Among pickpockets' favorite spots are revolving doors, jammed aisles, elevators and public transportation stops and vehicles, especially at rush hour;

• Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry your purse under your arm. Keep wallets in an inside pocket. Men should carry their wallet in their front pocket;

• Thieves often target food courts. Don't leave handbags or gifts unattended. Women, do not hang your purse across a chair—keep it between your feet while seated;

• Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with checks or credit/debit cards;

• Be aware of where your purse is when you go to restaurants or hotel lounges. Thieves prey on purses hung over the back of a chair or left on the floor;

• If you're using an ATM, choose an active location during daylight hours or one inside a mall. Don't waste time. Have your card ready, complete your transaction and leave as soon as possible. Don't flash cash around and withdraw only the amount of cash you need.

Installation specific measures:

• Before going on leave, take the time to institute a "clean desk" and "clean work space." This will ensure that anything out of place upon your return is easy to spot. When you return to work, take a minute to survey your workplace and determine if everything is the way you left it. If not, say something;

• Ensure that all papers, correspondence, digital media or other documents are properly stored or shredded in accordance with your office SOP. For information on OPSEC procedures, contact the West Point Installation Security Office at 938-2717;

• Remove all passwords from under your keyboards or desk calendar—this is an OPSEC issue that should be practiced daily;

• Remove rosters, manning boards or out-of-office signs on doors during leave time. This includes the dry erase boards annotating leave dates that are popular in offices, especially those that are posted in public areas where they are visible to visitors and delivery people and others that do not have a need to know;

• Inspect and secure all unused rooms or storage areas. Lock all external windows that may also provide access. Upon your return, check these areas again to ensure that nothing is out of place;

• Ensure that you log off your computer and take your CAC card with you.

While this is not an all inclusive list, these are a few measures to remember as you prepare for a much deserved holiday break.

Developing personal habits and practices, like those noted above, can frustrate criminals and also go hand-in-hand with combating terrorism.

Incorporating these measures along with the Level I Antiterrorism Awareness training measures will help effectively reduce the criminal's advantage. Also, as a standard procedure, remember to report suspicious persons, vehicles and crimes promptly to the local law enforcement agency.

For additional information or assistance, feel free to contact DPTMS at 938-8859 or 938-3650.

Candy cane delight

The West Point Fire Dept. drove through the housing areas Dec. 12 as firefighters gave candy canes, cookies and fire prevention flyers to children during the 2nd annual Candy Cane Drive. The drive also included a visit from Santa, who gave a hearty hello to the neighborhood children.

Photo By Janine Sangster

PointerView
wishes everyone a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

There are no papers Dec. 24 and 31.

Military siblings are not a new tradition

BySgt. Vincent Fusco
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The tradition of brothers—now siblings, in our day and age—serving in the military has been part of every generation in American history. Today, that tradition continues with the brothers Ferrara.

The four young men—Maj. Marcus Ferrara, Capt. Matthew Ferrara, 1st. Lt. Damon Ferrara and Firstie Andrew Ferrara—have given, are giving and will give their selfless service as Army infantry officers.

Only Damon, who graduated from the University of Southern California in 2008, escaped the call of West Point.

The Torrance, Calif., Family embodies a more unique history of service—their grandfathers served in World War II—the maternal in the Royal Air Force, the paternal in the U.S. Navy—and their mother's brother, the Hon. Phil Goff, served as the New Zealand Minister of Defence from 2005-08.

Their history of service started with Marcus, who according to classmate Maj. Tim Knoth, instructor of philosophy in the Dept. of English and Philosophy, made a name for himself as a student-athlete.

"I met Marcus as a cadet here, early in our cadet days in 1993," Knoth remembers. "He was relatively well-known because he was top-ranked in our class for physical performance, but also a really smart and likeable guy."

Marcus, Class of 1997, set the standard for the rest of the brothers to follow—all were recruited for track at their respective schools and deeply involved in academics as well. By the time Andrew, Class of 2010, came to West Point, Matthew, Class of 2005, had ranked 13th overall in his class and Damon was becoming fluent in Chinese at USC.

"With Matthew good at academics and Marcus good at physical stuff, I had to find a niche somewhere," Andrew said.

He was apparently successful, as today he is the 2nd Regiment cadet commander and an Army track captain. Major Kwok Chiu, an instructor in the Dept. of History who served with Marcus during a tour at Camp Casey, Korea, and a deployment to Ramadi, Iraq, has seen how each brother stood on the shoulders of the next in their personal and professional development.

"It seems like Marcus was the vanguard and each one followed (and became) better," Chiu said. "Marcus was a good cadet, but he was nowhere near the top of his class like Andy is."

While Marcus was at West Point, his parents bought a wholesale bread bakery where Andrew and his brothers would work on the weekends. They learned about work ethic and how time and effort, however great or small, put into working affects the Family's overall standard of living.

"My parents both work extremely hard in that business," Andrew said. "When you own your own business, there's a drive to do whatever's necessary to succeed."

Andrew and his brothers also found motivation in track and field, a sport in which healthy competition has contributed to achieving their successes in life.

"Track is a pretty cut-and-dried sport, in that you know exactly who wins and loses," Andrew said. "I think part of it is that you need a lot of heart for track—it's a painful sport and you're really pushing yourself."

Firstie Andrew Ferrara runs the 800-meter leg of one of the relays at the 2009 Patriot League Indoor Championships. Ferrara is the reigning PL indoor champ for the individual 800-meter run.

Courtesy Photo

"The type of discipline and focus that I have seen Marcus and Andy display in sports," Knoth said, "and the sense of service they picked up from their Family and taking care of others (makes them) interested in things above and beyond themselves."

When Matthew died Nov. 9, 2007, in Afghanistan of wounds sustained from direct enemy fire during a patrol, the entire Family was shaken to the core as the reality of war entered their lives. Andrew was in New York City when he received the early morning call from his parents.

"The first thing you think is you don't want to believe it, the initial report is wrong," Andrew said. "It settles in pretty quick, initially, then it reverts back to you don't want to believe it (still) until that casket comes out on the tarmac; you read the dog tags attached to it, and it has your brother's name on it."

Andrew, his brothers and his sister Simone all quickly came home upon hearing the news. Marcus flew home from Thailand, where Matthew had planned to spend his R&R. After the first service in Los Angeles, the Family came to West Point for a second service during which Mario and Linda accepted their son's Silver Star—an award Mario's father earned in World War II.

It was shortly after Matthew's death that Andrew considered, for the first and only time, leaving the academy. He changed his mind after reflecting on what Matthew's sacrifice meant not just to him and his brothers, but also the defense of the nation.

"I think it actually solidified my desire to be here and support the cause he was killed in supporting," Andrew said. "He believed in what he was doing, my Family still believes in what's going on over in Afghanistan."

Since talking to Matthew's battalion commander, Andrew learned that the best thing his brother did during the Aug. 22, 2007, battle in which he was awarded the Silver Star was "maintain a cool, calm and collected mentality and voice, especially when he was on the radio calling in dangerous close air support."

"You get two people on each end of the radio getting excited, miscommunication can have deadly results," Andrew said. "I think that maintaining that cool, calm and collected attitude is a key takeaway I can only hope to (achieve)."

Marcus, a foreign area officer in Thailand, has a sense of adventure his brothers have come to emulate, Chiu said. The eldest brother has traveled across the Pacific theater, learning rudimentary Korean along the way and inspiring the rest to travel the world with the same zeal.

"All the brothers are very close, but they all look up to Marcus," Chiu said. "They're always hearing stories about where Marcus is, what country he's in, so I think that kind of motivates them and opens their eyes to so many different possibilities."

While Knoth admits that West Point produces many smart, athletic and tactically sound leaders, he finds Andrew an exceptionally capable leader with a genuine personality that will serve him well as an infantry officer.

"I think that he is a strong, independent person, but in addition to being independent he understands the importance of the team needing to succeed," Knoth said. "I'm guessing that's probably why he was chosen as a regimental commander."

The lesson that the Ferrara brothers teach with their service is a continuing one, handed down from generations of brothers before them who chose to serve not just for their Family but their country as well.

"I just think it's remarkable that at least two of the brothers have chosen to enter the service during a time of war," Knoth said. "The way that they have continued to serve the country even during a significant time of need says a lot about the type of Family they come from."

Mitten tree

Jodi Gellman, Balfour Beatty Communities LifeWorks coordinator, adds another mitten to the mitten tree Monday at the BBC office. Community members have donated mittens, boots, hats and scarves to present to children at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center. Donations are accepted until Saturday.

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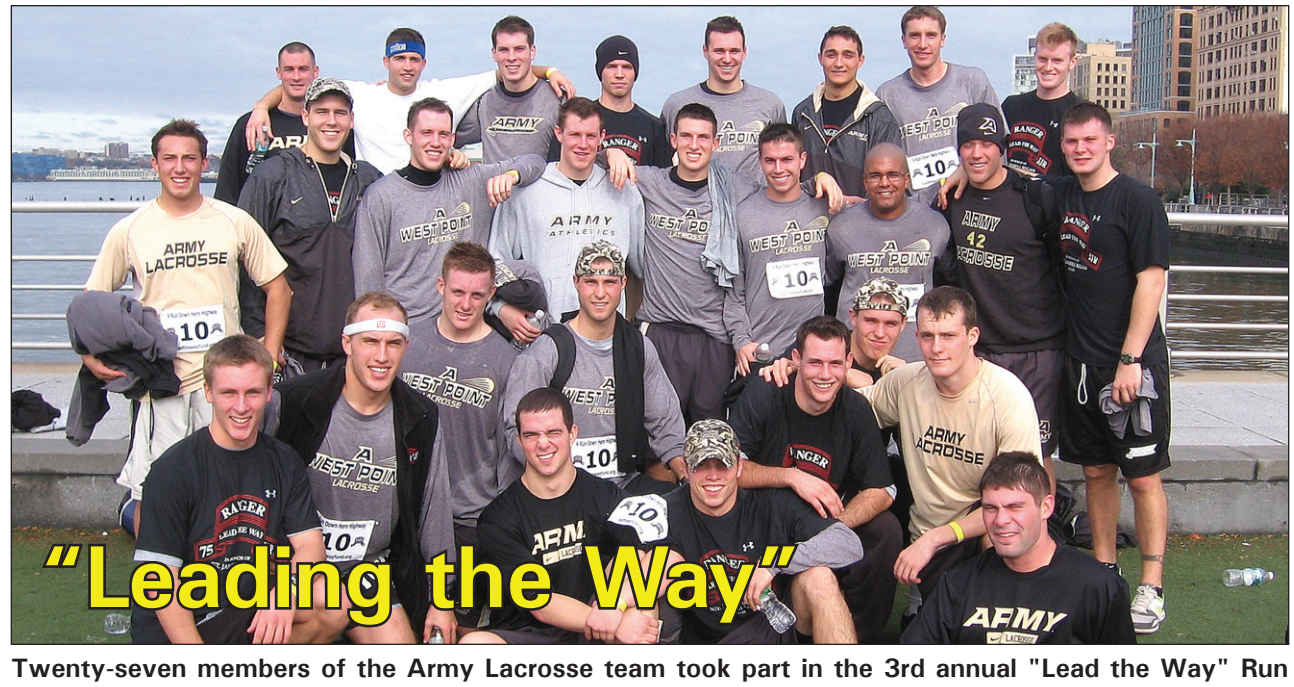


Twenty-seven members of the Army Lacrosse team took part in the 3rd annual "Lead the Way" Run down Hero's Highway in New York City recently. The run is dedicated to Sgt. 'Jimmy' Regan, a former Duke Lacrosse player, who enlisted and served with the Army Rangers after 9/11. The funds raised provide spouses and children of deceased, disabled or active duty Rangers with assistance for health and wellness programs and other financial aid programs. The Lead The Way Fund, Inc., was created in honor of Sgt. James J. Regan, who was killed in Iraq while serving with Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

PHOTO BY DAVID DOMINICK

PWOC's party on wheels went over the river

Submitted by the Protestant Women of the Chapel

While counting their blessings and the days left until Christmas, women from West Point's Protestant Women of the Chapel also planned a very special Christmas party. PWOC took its first "Christmas Party on Wheels" to the Walter Hoving Home located across the river in Garrison Dec. 10.

The Home provides Christian-based residential rehabilitation for women struggling to rebuild their lives as they overcome drug and alcohol addictions.

"It's a place where you can see God at work in such powerful ways. Miracles are taking place in these women's hearts and it's amazing to be a part of their journey to healing," PWOC's Sheryle Miller, who visits the home regularly as part of a monthly outreach group, said.

As military Families can attest, the holidays can be especially tough when missing loved ones. PWOC's traveling Christmas party was originally planned as an opportunity to share blessings with women who can't be home with their own Families during this holiday season.

Instead, the PWOC members found themselves incredibly encouraged by the spirit of love and joy they experienced among the Home's residents.

"At first, it may seem these ladies have little reason to rejoice this season, but they are filled with such hope and determination to build better lives, by God's grace. We felt so blessed to celebrate with them," Anna Mayo, who organizes PWOC's special programs, said.

Kara, a resident of the Home, enjoyed the singing and the time spent together in prayer and conversation.

"Sharing love and joy, that's what it's all about," she said.

Amidst the music, crafts and piles of festive food, the women took time to reflect on the changes in their lives since last Christmas.

"Last year, I was focused on the material parts of Christmas, but I had no joy, I was ungrateful. This Christmas, I have no money, I'm not at my house, I'm making stuff for my kids instead of buying it, but I have joy this year, all because Jesus is in my life," Kara said.

For Ludmila, another resident, a year has meant dramatic changes.

"Last Christmas Eve, I was on my way to my third rehab. It was hard to tell my kids I was leaving and that I'd be gone for the holidays," Ludmila said.

This year, Ludmila's holidays will be especially joyful—after finishing six months of rehabilitation, she will reunite with her Family in time for Christmas Day.

When looking over the river and through the woods, know there are many ways to share blessings in the local community. For example, Higher Ground (a men's ministry from the Post Chapel) and Officer Christian Fellowship also lend their support to the Walter Hoving Home.

In fact, Higher Ground volunteers recently began renovating the exercise area at the Home to encourage the women to live healthier lives.

PWOC's outreach groups also visit several times each month to bring fresh fruit, study the Bible and teach the women to knit. They also support local organizations like the Newburgh Soup Kitchen.

While preparing for this holiday season, perhaps everyone can find encouragement from Caroline, a resident of the Walter Hoving Home, for whom the Christmas party provided an opportunity to reflect on her spiritual growth.

"Last year, I felt desperate and alone. This year, I'm excited, just being here. For the first time in my life, God is showing me what Christmas is really about," she said.

If you are interested in sharing time or talent beyond the gates in this upcoming New Year, contact Maureen Batchelder from PWOC at 446-6581 or Cal Christensen from Higher Ground at 446-6522.

Residents at the Walter Hoving Home in Garrison fill their plates from the many festive dishes that were part of the Protestant Women of the Chapel's "Christmas Party on Wheels" celebration. The party included gifts, crafts, music and singing. The PWOC women planned it because many of the residents are not able to be with their Families during the holidays. COURTESY PHOTO

Cow G.B. Durham looks onto the field with a sea of cadets and the American Flag in the background during the first quarter of the Army-Navy game. Durham leads the Spirit Band during every football game.

Don Bell (center stage) speaks with West Point cadets prior to the golf challenge of the Patriot Games at the Liberty Mall in Philadelphia.

The Army-Navy Experience

110th Army-Navy Game

Two male Rabble Rousers shoulder press females over their heads during the pep rally in the Liberty Mall.

Story and photos by
Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor

Far too often during the course of a major event, only one aspect of the event is focused upon—yet when it comes to Army-Navy football, the story lines far exceed the white markers on the field.

There are some who would claim their school's rivalry is just as fierce as this one. However, when looking into the players, cadets, alumni and many fans throughout the world, the game brings a much different meaning to what it represents and embodies.

The Army-Navy game has been referred to as America's Game, as well as the President's Game, although the game appears to be more for the people of the 233-year-old United States.

The cadets who matriculate throughout the storied grounds of West Point, as well as the midshipmen at Annapolis, are from all walks of life that stretch to all corners of the earth.

They are direct representatives of where this country has come from and where the country is potentially heading—and their immediate future was Philadelphia Dec. 12.

As light broke in Philadelphia, the parking lots began to fill with vehicles of all kinds—limos, RV's, cars and buses—that carried hordes of people to the event.

There wasn't any division of who one was affiliated with as everyone parked. Everyone staked their class and academy flags, wore their favorite academy garb, started up the barbeques and fire pits and cranked up the music to enjoy the cool, crisp mid-December morning.

Walking into any of the parking lots that surrounded Lincoln Financial Field, there was a feeling of pride and togetherness that filled the air. Not unlike the feeling of a Southeastern Conference football tailgate, which is an experience in its own right, where as much as the spectators want to see their team win it becomes more about the experience of the day—it's more than just a game.

"Our Family and friends come together during the Army-Navy weekend to support the team and to be a part of this community," Pat MacArevey, Class of 1978, said. "We recognize that there are young people overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan that we care deeply about and this in some small way shows we care as we come out and cheer for these kids who will be over there in the next year or so."

While some of the spectators never attended either academy and others who have never served in the military, it was a chance for young and old alike to see a historic rivalry. Children threw footballs around the parking lot, adults talked about memories of times past and alumni, who have played in this game, talked about the deeper meaning of what the day represented to their children and grandchildren.

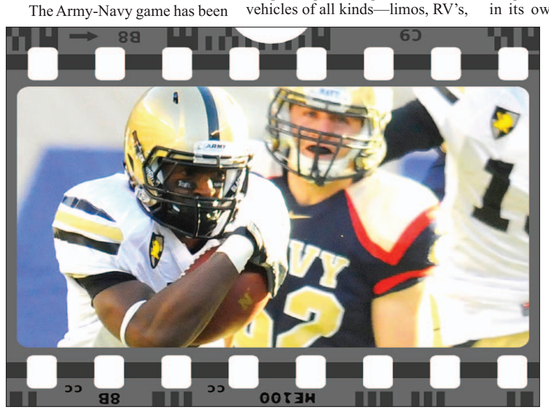
"They are just playing for the fun of playing, they are not going to the NFL," John Brenner, Class of 1970, said. "They are just playing because this is what it is for them."

Brenner, a former Black Knights defensive back, continued about the game, saying, "It is a tradition that goes back so long, that is why we keep on coming. We mix it up with the Navy folks and have a great time—it's 3.5 hours that we are enemies in spirit, but after that we are all on the same team."

So as the cadets and midshipmen prepared to march on the field, nearly 68,000 fans filled the stands with countless others watching the game worldwide to see not just one of the most historic rivalries, but one of—if not the greatest—productions in college sports.

From the academy's spirit bands battling to the cadets and midshipmen getting behind their teams, someone would have to have no pulse to not feel and embrace the excitement of the day.

No matter the outcome of the game, they play for the purity of the sport and embody the greatness of the future of the United States of America's military.



Firstie wide receiver Damion Hunter runs the ball for three yards after making a reception during the 110th annual Army-Navy game.

Cadets use a company guidon to hoist the head of the Naval Academy's mascot Billy the Goat during the Army-Navy game Dec. 12 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

A man who poses as Rocky Balboa speaks to cadets and midshipmen prior to the kickoff of the Patriot Games.

Members from the Spirit Band salute the colors as the flag passes them by during the pregame festivities.

What's Happening

O'Neill Chamber Singers perform

The James I. O'Neill High School Chamber Singers (also know as the Select Chorus) is presenting "A Traditional Service of Lessons & Carols" on two consecutive evenings.

The first performance is Saturday at the Most Holy Trinity Chapel at West Point and the second show is Sunday at the Church of the Holy Innocents in Highland Falls.

Both performances begin at 7 p.m.

The program includes several readings, choral anthems and congregational carol singing, led by the Chorus.

The public is invited.

Arvin holiday schedule

The Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will have varied hours throughout the holidays.

It is closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Other hours are:

- 8 a.m.-4 p.m.—Dec. 19, 21-23, 26, 28-30 and Jan. 2;
- 1-9 p.m.—Dec. 20 and 27 and Jan. 3;
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m.—Dec. 24 and 31;
- 5:30 a.m.-11 p.m.—Jan. 4.

PenFed Holiday hours

The Pentagon Federal Credit Union branch in Taylor Hall, Bldg. 600, is closed from Monday through Jan. 1 for the cadet semester break.

The Highland Falls branch at 481 Main Street will be open except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Protestant Community Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Everyone is invited to attend a combined West Point Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Cadet Chapel.

This will be a unique and meaningful service for the entire Family to enjoy.

DUSA Gift Shop

The Daughters of the U.S. Army Gift Shop at the West Point Museum is having a storewide sale now through Dec. 28.

Hours of operation are from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The shop will be closed Dec. 24-25, 29-31 and Jan. 1.

International Rosary

The Military Council of Catholic Women is hosting the International Rosary, a moving rosary experience with five decades in five different languages recited together, at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at Most Holy Trinity Chapel.

Refreshments and social time will follow in the rectory.

For questions, contact Susan Lathrop at 859-4987.

Post Chapel 801 Worship Service

The West Point Community is invited to attend a contemporary worship service at Post Chapel at 8:01 a.m. Sundays.

The service features a Cadet Praise Band, a time for prayer and reflection and relevant preaching for practical Christian living. Watch-care is provided for preschool children.

A fellowship—including coffee, juice, pastries and sausage biscuits—follows the service.

Mine Torne Road closure

Mine Torne Road is closed from 6 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Sat. from Route 293 to the Stilwell Pump House through the entire month of December.

The closure is necessary to install water pipes under the road for the new Transportation Motor Pool being constructed in Training Area V.

Emergency vehicles will be able to pass, if needed. Flagmen will be on-site full-time and they can pull the heavy equipment off the road to allow passage in an emergency.

Army-Navy shirts available

The 2009 Army-Navy shirts are available at the USMA Bookstore or can be ordered online at **www.usma.edu/uscc/dca/stores/2009ArmyNavy.pdfgame**.

Sizes range from small to 2XL. The shirts are black with long sleeves. The Bookstore is located in Thayer Hall, fourth floor.

Spouse BATTLEMIND telephone support groups are available now

A Department of Defense and Army-funded research study administered by the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center for spouses of servicemembers who have been deployed at least one time to Iraq or Afghanistan offers free confidential telephone support groups.

The groups are one–hour, one–time a month for 12 months. Spouses can learn ways to manage stress and solve problems related to reintegration education about post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and other common problems.

For Information or to enroll, contact Spouse BATTLEMIND at **www.memphis.va.gov/spousebattlemind/** or contact Sgt. Maj. Robert D. Wojtaszczyk, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and TRICARE Management Activity Senior Enlisted Advisor Office, at (703) 681-1730 or Fax (703) 681-3665 or at **www.health.mil** or **www.tricare.mil**.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—Michael Jackson's This Is It, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—A Christmas Carol, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Law Abiding Citizen, R, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT **WWW.AAFES.COM.**

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Friday (closing at noon), Dec. 24 (training holiday), Dec. 25 (Christmas), Dec. 31 (training holiday) and Jan. 1 (New Year's Day).

The emergency room will remain open.

Blood Drive kickoff campaign

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting from 2-3:30 p.m. Friday in the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683, Training Room #10 to prepare for the Armed Forces Blood Program's Jan. 11-14 Blood Drive.

Key personnel from each activity should attend this meeting.

Provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD) or via e-mail at *mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil* on or before Friday.

Holiday Wishes

A holiday wish list is one way to ensure that all your desires are made known.

Keller Hospital would like to wish that all our female beneficiaries make yearly well-women appointments, all children are up-to-date on their immunizations, that vision and hearing screening is part of your yearly exam and that all beneficiaries are informed about their TRICARE benefits.

Keller dining facility patrons

Due to increased issues with parking and seating in our dining room, and to enhance our patient access and customer/staff satisfaction, beginning this month, our dining room seating area will be open only to the individuals meeting the following categories during lunch hours—11 a.m.-1 p.m.:

- Hospital employees (government workers, military and contractors with valid hospital badge);
- Hospital inpatients/outpatients;
- Contractors with specific duties in the hospital (must have a valid hospital badge);
- Guests of hospitalized patients.

However, we invite all other individuals to purchase meals to go, although we are no longer able to accommodate them in our dining room.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

For questions or comments, please contact the Nutrition Care Division at Keller Army Community Hospital.

TSP TICKER

DECEMBER share prices (as of 12/11)

C Fund —	+ 0.04	(13.1034)
S Fund —	+ 0.03	(15.8954)
I Fund —	– 0.36	(18.3215)

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

FMWR Blurbs

Right Arm Night

A bring your right arm night will be held at the West Point Club from 5-7 p.m. tonight.

Wrap your worst gift for a holiday gift exchange. Wine, cheese and finger foods will be served.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Golf retail store at the West Point Club

There are huge holiday discounts on golf items in the West Point Club's Benny Haven's Lounge.

The store is open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call 938-5120/2435.

Family Fun Night for the Families of deployed Soldiers

Family fun night for Families of deployed Soldiers is presented by the ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Dinner and special activities will be provided for the entire Family.

To register and for more information, call 938-5658.

Crandall Pool holiday hours

The following are the days and hours that FMWR will operate the community swim program at Crandall Pool during the holiday break.

Hours are from noon-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Monday-Wednesday and Dec. 28-30.

Regular hours resume Jan. 4.

For more information, call 938-2985.

CYSS Babysitting Classes

A CYSS babysitting course is designed to help middle school and teenage youth learn what it takes to be a responsible, caring and safe babysitter.

The course is for children ages 12 years old and over. Class dates are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 28 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 29.

Participants must attend both classes to receive credit for the course.

Classes will be held at Bldg. 695 and are free to CYSS member children.

To register, call 938-3921.

Multicultural support group

The Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Program is now offering a Multicultural Support Group known as The Culture Club.

The club will meet once a month to discuss multicultural issues, learn about other cultures and watch patriotic movies.

The goal of the Culture Club is to grow bonds of friendship and support and provide outreach to our community for multicultural understanding.

Regardless of your ethnicity or country of origin, you are welcome here as we discuss citizenship issues, provide a forum for practicing English skills and maybe even taste a few delicacies from other countries.

The first meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at ACS (Bldg. 622).

For more information, call 938-3487.

Les Mills Body Pump certification

Les Mills Boby Pump certification class dates are Jan. 29-31 and will be held at the FMWR Fitness Center.

For more information, call 938-7060.

West Point ski lessons

Registration for ski lessons will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Registration will take place at the Ski Rental office for ages 5 and older.

A CYSS membership is needed for ages 5-17.

For further information, visit our Web site at **westpointmwr.com**.

LTS has moved

Leisure Travel Services (formerly known as ITR) has temporarily moved to the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion, Bldg. 628. No BSP programs or reservations will be affected.

The LTS phone number will remain the same—938-3601.

Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience.

Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building is designed to educate and empower members of the military community to develop skills and encourage behaviors that strengthen self-reliance, promote retention and enhance readiness.

Are you an AFTB Master Trainer or would you like to become a Master Trainer?

For more information, call Army Community Service at 938-5654.

Adult indoor tennis lessons

Tennis lessons are ongoing at the Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Classes are available for beginner, intermediate and advanced players.

Registration is from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday at LTS, Bldg. 695.

For lesson days and times and more information, call 938-3066.

Instructors needed

Certified Kickboxing, Step, Pilates and Body Pump instructors are needed at the FMWR Fitness Center.

If you are interested, contact the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490 or Rita Tenuta at 446-3630.

NFL Sunday Ticket available

Love football, but your team's game isn't available here? No problem.

The West Point Club has NFL Sunday Ticket each Sunday.

Enjoy all of the games on the club's flat screen TVs.

The West Point Club opens at 11:30 a.m., so come early and spend the day watching your favorite teams.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Adult Hockey Program

The Adult Hockey Program is now underway and runs from 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays and 9-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Tate Rink.

All participants must be 18 years of age or older and must purchase a season hockey pass at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion, Bldg. 628.

The program continues through March 10. Participants must provide their own hockey gear and skates.

For more information, call Jim Liney at 938-3066.

EDGE! Fitness and Nutrition classes

EDGE! Fitness and Nutrition classes are available for children in grades 3 and over who are registered in the CYSS program.

Classes run Jan. 19 through Feb. 11.

Register at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-0829.

ACS Employment Readiness seminars and workshops

Why not make your New Year's Resolution something that will pay you back for years to come.

Sign up for an "Employment Makeover" after the holidays. All workshops take place in the ACS Training Room in Bldg. 622.

- Jan. 19, 10-11:30 a.m., Resume Success: Building Accomplishment Statements;
- Jan. 20, 1:30-3 p.m., Interview and Dress for Success;
- Jan. 21, Occupations Inc. interviews and Family empowerment. Call Employment Readiness to schedule an appointment;
- Jan. 22, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Medical Transcription Information Session;
- Jan. 26, 10-11:30 a.m., Business Etiquette 101;
- Jan. 27, 1:30-3 p.m., Career Plan Development.

For more information, call 938-5658 to sign up for a class or to schedule a one-on-one session.

Family Child Care Program

The Family Child Care Program is looking for a special person to provide care for "special needs" children.

Are you that special person willing to be trained to spend time with a special child?

If you are interested in being part of the Family Child Care program, call the Outreach Services office at 938-3921.

Command Channel 8/23

Dec. 17-Jan. 7

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

Band Holiday Concert
(broadcast times)
Dec. 18, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.;
Dec. 21, 11:30 a.m.;
Dec. 22, 2 p.m.;
Dec. 23, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.;
Dec. 28, 10 a.m.;
Dec. 29, 7 p.m.

The house Gillan built

The annual Gingerbread House, built and baked by Zachury Gillan, Mess Hall baker, is traditionally brought to the Mess Hall at Thanksgiving for the cadets to enjoy. The gingerbread house starts with a wooden frame, which is then layered with roughly 25 pounds of candy, 250 cookies and 300 lights inside and outside. Much of the cookies and candy disappear before Christmas.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

BBC LifeWorks events

Celebrate the holidays

Residents are invited to join us at the West Point Bowling Center from noon-2 p.m. Dec. 29 for bowling and pizza.

If you plan to attend, RSVP by Wednesday.

Letters to Santa

Write a letter and drop it into Santa's special letterbox at 132 Bartlett Loop by Friday. Balfour Beatty Communities will get it to the "Big Man" at the North Pole just for you.

Make sure to check your mail box for your letter back from Santa.

All events are free and open to West Point residents. Contact Jodi Gellman, LifeWorks coordinator, at 446-6407 or e-mail her at *jgellman@bbcgrp.com* to RSVP or for more information on any event.

Dominance over Ivy League leads to 7-2 mark

By Brian Gunning
Athletic Communications

The Army men's basketball team won its second straight game by defeating Dartmouth 59-46 at Leede Arena in Hanover, N.H., Dec. 12. The victory ran the Black Knights record to 7-2, while the Big Green fell to 1-6.

Firstie forward Cleveland Richard led the Black Knights with 13 points. Firstie guard Josh Miller scored 11 points, which was his first double-digit total this season. Miller also added a team-high eight rebounds, six assists and a steal.

Firstie center Chris Walker contributed eight points, six rebounds, a blocked shot and a steal.

Jabari Trotter led all players with 14 points, while Ronnie Dixon added 10 points for the Big Green.

The Army defense forced 15 turnovers and held the Big Green to a 30.0 shooting percentage from the field (15-50). The Black Knights have kept their opponents to less than 50 points in back-to-back games and have not allowed their foes to reach the 60-point mark in all seven of their victories this season.

The Army offense committed a season-low nine turnovers while shooting 42.3 percent overall.

The Black Knights missed all seven of their three-point attempts, snapping a 28-game streak with at least one three-pointer. Yearling guard Julian Simmons had his personal 13-game streak with a triple go by the wayside with a 0-for-3 night.

Army was able to score the win despite only five points from Simmons, the Black Knights' leading scorer entering the game at 14.6 points per game.

The Black Knights held a 39-35 rebounding edge. It is the fifth time this season Army held the advantage on the glass, matching last season's total.

Army jumped out to a 7-2 lead, forcing three turnovers in the first four minutes of the contest. The Big Green scored nine of the next 11 points to take an 11-9 lead with 9:08 left in the half. Army shot 1-for-7 from the floor and committed three of its nine turnovers during the spurt.

The lead changed hands five times in the next four-plus minutes before Army took a 17-16 lead on two foul shots by Firstie forward Eric Zastoupil. The Black Knights would not trail again.

Simmons and Richard followed with back-to-back baskets to give the Black Knights a 21-16 advantage with 3:08 left in the first half. The Big Green sliced their deficit to two points on a three-pointer by Dixon, but Army scored the final three points of the half to re-establish a five-point lead heading into the locker room with a 24-19 lead.

Army's entire first-half margin could be traced to a 12-2 lead in the points off turnovers category. Army also held a 10-4 advantage in the paint.

The Black Knights opened the second half by scoring eight of the first 12 points to stretch their lead to 32-23 with 15:24 on the clock. The Big Green would not fold, however, slicing Army's lead to four points. The Black Knights led 37-33 with 9:56 to go before a 6-0 run gave them their first double-digit lead of the night at 43-33 with 7:47 left in the second half.

Dartmouth closed the game to six points with 4:34 to go, but Army went on an 10-1 scoring spurt, including four points by Plebe forward Ella Ellis, to claim a 56-41 advantage with 1:58 left. Firstie guard Marcus Nelson capped the run with a dunk.

Firstie guard Josh Miller scored 11 points and added eight rebounds, six assists and a steal in Army's 59-46 win at Dartmouth Dec. 12. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Army led by as many as 16 points before Trotter hit a three-pointer with 19 ticks left to set the final score at 59-46.

Army is now 4-0 against the Ivy League this season and has won five straight overall against the conference. The Black Knights have won four straight against the Big Green.

The Black Knights are back in action at 4 p.m. Saturday against Mount St. Vincent at Christl Arena.

Army gives No. 16 Oklahoma a stiff test, but lose in end

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

For 35 minutes, the Army women's basketball team hung tough with No. 16 Oklahoma before a 14-2 Sooner run over the final six minutes of the second half sealed a 59-46 Oklahoma victory at Christl Arena Dec. 10.

Cow guard Nalini Hawkins led the Black Knights with 13 points, while Cow forward Erin Anthony was one point short of her sixth double-double (nine points, 11 rebounds).

An Anthony free throw pulled Army within one (45-44) with 6:35 remaining in the game, but the Sooners scored 14 of the final 16 points to spoil the Black Knights' upset hopes. The Black Knights kept the margin to single-digits until the 3:46 mark of the second half.

"Tonight was an opportunity for us and I am very proud of the way our kids responded against clearly one of the best teams in the country," head coach Dave Magarity said. "I thought our defense was certainly a key tonight, along with not falling behind early in the game.

"In the end, we just didn't have enough gas in the tank," he added. "Tonight was a great measuring stick to see where we are as we're nearing the end of the non-conference season."

Just the second team to hold Oklahoma (8-2) under 60 points this season, a staunch Army defense forced 20 Sooner turnovers and a 36 percent (20-of-56) shooting percentage. That number included a rough 1-for-12 start for Oklahoma, allowing Army to jump out to an early advantage.

While the Sooners opened the game with three-straight turnovers, Hawkins' turnaround layup gave the Black Knights an early 2-0 lead. Nyeshia Stevenson hit one of her two free throws (17:36) to get the Sooners on the board. Cow forward Laura Baranek hit a three from the right baseline and a jumper in the lane by Hawkins stretched the Black Knights' lead to 7-1 (15:55). Army's defense stymied and frustrated the Sooners on the offensive end of the floor, as Oklahoma committed five early turnovers and did not register a field goal until the 14:20 mark.

A Hawkins triple from the corner (12:27) and a pair of free throws courtesy of Plebe guard Molly Yardley ballooned the Black Knights' lead to 12-4 with 11 minutes to go before the break. The Sooners, meanwhile, missed 15 of their first 17 field goal attempts and committed six miscues in the first 10 minutes of the game.

The Sooners answered back with an 11-1 run to take their first lead of the game, 15-13, on a coast-to-coast layup from Amanda Thompson with 7:36 to play. The Black Knights continued to keep things close, as a traditional three-point play and a single Anthony free throw whittled the deficit to one (21-20) with 4:12 remaining in the half.

After Oklahoma's Joanna McFarland drained the front end of a one-and-one, Baranek buried her second three-pointer of the night to ignite a 9-2 Army run. The timely surge, which included four Anthony points and an acrobatic Yardley layup, gave the Black Knights a 29-23 halftime edge.

Senior center Abi Olajuwon scored the first four points of the second half in less than 30 seconds, as the Sooners scored six unanswered points to knot the score at 29-29 two minutes in. Oklahoma proceeded to net nine of the next 12 points to pull ahead by a 38-32 score with less than 14 minutes remaining.

Cow forward Laura Burdick's layup halted the Sooner run at the 12:19 mark and a 38-34 Sooner edge stood until a Cow guard Jessie Coiffard three-ball (11:10) hoisted the Black Knights back to within one (38-37).

After Oklahoma established a six-point lead (43-37), Hawkins' baseline three kept Army's blood pumping and made it a one-possession game (43-40) with 8:32 on the clock. The Sooners promptly went back up by five (45-40), but another Coiffard three-pointer from the opposite base line cut the OU lead to two (45-43) with almost seven minutes remaining. Anthony was fouled after a timeout and hit 1-of-2 to get the Black Knights within one (45-44) with 6:30 left to play.

The Sooners got a quick four unanswered points, taking a 49-44 lead and prompting Magarity to burn a timeout with 5:40 remaining.

Stevenson's three from the top of the key gave the Sooners their largest lead of the game (52-44) with 4:29 remaining. Olajuwon's layup at the 3:46 mark then put the Sooners in front by double-digits (54-44) and they never looked back. Olajuwon paced Oklahoma with a double-double (16 points, 13 rebounds).

Army returns to action at 2 p.m. Saturday when they face Albany on the road.

Judo club possesses many skills and a national championship

Story and photo by Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor

With the ever increasing interest in mixed-martial arts throughout the United States and the world, many feel it has stemmed from school-age children and their devout affinity for extreme sports such as the X Games and Ultimate Fighting Championship.

Through their love affair with these sports, traditional martial arts such a judo participation has greatly increased over the past decade.

In 2006, nearly 7 million people in the United States took part in one or more forms of martial arts.

The West Point Judo club was the 2009 national champion, bringing another title back to the academy.

However, this was the first team national title the Judo club has earned in nearly 50 years as a sanctioned club.

Earning the championship, however, was not necessarily the most important facet that came from last year, as the overall improvement of the club from top to bottom helped shape the 32-member squad.

With the vast majority of the team coming in with little to no experience in classic judo training, Lt. Col. Hector Morales, the team's officer-in-charge, looks for what skills the prospective cadets may possess from other athletic endeavors.

"Our team is comprised of cadets from all different athletic backgrounds and aspects of life," Morales said. "There are five different countries represented on our team and that helps with how to deal with adversity on the team.

"People deal with challenges in different ways," he added, "and, collectively, as a judo team, we can learn from each other on how we can accomplish our set goals."

Firstie Dan Diccicco performs a kata guruma throw, or shoulder wheel, during his victory at the Air Force Academy Nov. 17. During the course of the bout with Air Force, the cadets won 20 of 22 matches. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

With more than 70 corps and club sports offered to the cadets, the judo team must present what judo represents to the new perspective team members to entice them to join.

"With the physical and mental demands that are required to be on the team, it takes someone with great discipline to commit to judo," Morales said. "At the beginning of this season, we had nearly 80 people try out, but after the third day it was down to less than a third of that."

However, Morales wishes he did not have to cut any members from the team, but due to funding of the club the team can only facilitate so many people.

With an entire volunteer staff, the three sensei for the club feel that this (32) is a perfect number of people to have on the team.

Even though some of the most experienced members of the team have only been involved with judo for three or four years, many of them have earned their brown and black belts.

"Our cadets spend more than 20 hours a week training on the mat—nevermind the extra conditioning they conduct on their own time," Morales said. "There are individuals who train on their own time and may only go to one or two (judo) classes a week.

"This is why our students have the opportunity to advance nearly twice as fast as their civilian counterparts," he added.

Recently, Cow Andrew Fant was promoted to brown belt for his efforts during the Dallas Invitational Tournament. During the two-day tournament, Fant, who was a green belt at the time, defeated three black belts and earned third place, which nearly put him on the national roster.

Fant's accomplishments are a direct reflection of his work ethic. The former high school wrestler continues to strive for overall improvement as a budding judo athlete.

"I have the opportunity to earn my black belt this spring, which is very important to me," Fant said. "On top of that, this year I want to place in the senior nationals, which is extremely important to me."

Judo has given cadets an opportunity to participate in a physical sport, but it has also given them a jump start on the new Army combative training requirements that all Soldiers must take part in.

"Once I am in the field, it will allow me to use my training in judo and help train my troops in many of the aspects of the combative training course," Firstie Matt Song said. "From grappling to self-defense, I will be able to lead from the front as a young officer."

A battle lost

Yearling defensive tackle Christopher Swain battles Navy senior guard Osei Asante during the first quarter of the 110th annual Army-Navy game. Swain ended the game with three tackles, including one for loss, in the Black Knights' 17-3 loss to the Midshipmen Dec. 12 in Philadelphia. It was Navy's eighth straight win against Army. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Sports calendar

Dec. 17-30

Corps

SATURDAY—MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MOUNT ST. VINCENT, 4 P.M. AT CHRISTL ARENA.

TUESDAY—MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. NEW HAMPSHIRE, 2 P.M. AT CHRISTL ARENA.

DEC. 30—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. RAMAPO, 5 P.M. AT CHRISTL ARENA.

Club

NOTHING SCHEDULED.