

Georgia's Ginn Group chosen to supply public works operations and maintenance functions

From staff reports

West Point leadership announced Wednesday that Mission & Installation Contracting Command selected Ginn Group from Peachtree City, Ga., to provide public works operations and maintenance functions to West Point. The announcement regarding the custodial services award was not available

at press time. The tentative decision affects more than 300 federal employees here.

Garrison Commander Col. Daniel Bruno gave the news to DPW employees during briefings at Eisenhower Hall. He praised the study team for making a "tremendous effort" in the competitive process.

"Although the organization proposed by our government employees was not selected, the most efficient organization team put together an aggressive proposal, and I'd like to commend them for their innovative approach and critical look at streamlining opportunities," Bruno said. "I will work to ensure a smooth transition period and an environment in which all displaced federal employees receive the utmost support."

"The goal of competitive sourcing is to ensure West Point's public works operations and maintenance are provided in the most efficient and effective manner possible," he continued.

The commercial activity study of West Point's Directorate of Public Works began in September 2006. The competition establishes

federal policy for deciding whether to keep recurring, commercial-like activities within the government or contract them out to a private source. The guidance tells how to compare performance and cost-related information to arrive at the best overall value for the taxpayer.

A 20-day public review and appeal period must now be completed. After this time, federal government employees and private competitors can review documentation of the cost comparison.

"During this 20-day review period, directly interested parties may contest the decision if they feel an error was made," David Bugger of the directorate of contracting said. "If a contest is filed during this designated timeframe, an administrative board will then review the contest and render a decision prior to the process moving forward."

West Point Civilian Personnel Advisory Center officials said qualified employees have the right of first refusal with the contractor and are entitled to register with the government's Priority Placement Program.

"CPAC personnel will work on placing as many employees as possible into other positions," Carol McQuinn, West Point's civilian personnel director, said.

West Point initially conducted a management study of DPW to decide the most cost-effective and efficient methods necessary to meet mission needs. That work is described in the Performance Work Statement. Both the government and the contractor developed their proposals based on the PWS.

The government has used private industry to deliver commercial services for more than four decades. The Commercial Services Management Program was bolstered in 1998 by passing the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act. That act requires all agencies, including the Department of Defense, to inventory commercial activities annually.

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Garrison Commander



West Point faculty are in the fight

Lieutenant Col. Paul Kucik (class of 1991), Col. Michael Meese (class of 1981), Gen. Raymond Odierno, Multi-National Force-Iraq Commander and class of 1976, and Lt. Cols. Mark Gagnon (class of 1990) and Steve Oluic got together March 13 in Al Faw Palace in Baghdad for a Founders' Day photo. U.S. Military Academy faculty members Kucik, Gagnon and Oluic, from the Depts. of Systems Engineering, Foreign Languages and Geography and Environmental Engineering, respectively, are serving yearlong deployments with MNF-I and Meese, Social Sciences department head, just returned from MNF-I where he most recently served for three months on Gen. Odierno's staff as the Chief of the Commander's Initiative Group.

SPC. KIMBERLY MILLETT/MNF-I PAO

In the FAIR Act's first year, federal agencies identified roughly 850,000 commercial positions. Private firms now perform many former government jobs—from high tech to the routine—worldwide.

Since implementation of the FAIR Act, West Point has announced 1,145 positions for study, competing 614 positions in the custodial, logistics and information technology functions, all of which resulted with continued in-house operation.

In September 2006, 531 positions were announced for study under the Directorate of Public Works, to include custodial services. Past studies, although resulting with an in-house decision, required organization restructuring to the Most Efficient Organizations.

There are about 725 contractors at West Point performing services currently. Future study announcements are unknown.

Checkpoints are to deter drunk driving

From staff reports

The Directorate of Emergency Services will be conducting sobriety checkpoints Saturday at various locations on post. They plan to do this monthly but will announce the date before setting up the checkpoints.

The purpose of the sobriety checkpoints is not to catch and punish drunk drivers but to serve as a deterrent. Through a robust information campaign (TV, newspaper, digital signs), the intent is to force drivers to plan ahead for designated drivers or to drink in moderation and increasing their understanding that if they fail to do, so they run the risk of being checked upon entering the installation or while driving around the installation.

Once a vehicle is stopped, the driver will be asked to show his/her driver's license. If the driver shows signs of intoxication, a field sobriety test will be administered. If the driver fails, he/she will be taken to the Provost Marshal's Office and verified on the intoxilyzer.

According to statistics provided by the PMO, one person is killed in an alcohol-related crash every 32 minutes, not quite a quarter of troops say they drink heavily, and alcohol abuse costs the Department of Defense more than \$600 million a year in medical care and lost time at work.

For more information or questions, call Maj. Derrick Stanton, Deputy Provost Marshal, at 938-7544.

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A Reader's Guide to the Economic Crisis

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

Guest column: A rebuttal to "A Few Pointers for New Spouses"

By Sue Burbelo
Army spouse

After reading the column written by Janine Boldrin in the March 5 edition of the Pointer View, I somehow felt strongly compelled to write this rebuttal.

While I respectfully understand Boldrin's concerns and complaints, I must stop there and address what I believe to be not only an overexaggeration of what is "wrong" with life here at West Point but a counterproductive collection of "pointers" for new spouses to this area.

Boldrin's article can be broken down into 10 complaints about West Point:

1. Highland Falls is too small.
2. The shoppette is failing to provide all of West Point with every grocery item on a Monday.
3. Keller Army Community Hospital appointment system is failing.
4. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas pumps are unreasonably slow and somehow know when it is really cold out.
5. Designated parking areas for staff and faculty is an absurd concept.
6. The commissary should never be allowed to occasionally have an inconsistency in their hours of operation.
7. Having your car towed off post after illegally parking is unheard of in other parts of the world.
8. Too many people eat lunch at lunchtime and, therefore, are overcrowding the Subway sandwich shop.
9. Department of Defense stickers are not sticky enough.
10. Requiring children to obtain physicals before interacting with other children in sports or classes should not be necessary.

This is our second tour at West Point. We have recently returned from a tour in Germany, much of which I spent as a full-time single, working parent because of deployment.

We, like so many other "returnees" here, are thrilled, thankful and honored to be

back. This post is like so few others with its impeccable grounds, spectacular views and surrounding natural beauty.

Agreed, Highland Falls is a small town. However, I can attest that after living in Europe and owning a large truck, I can park my car downtown, drive through town and all without a scratch. Fender benders happen anywhere—just ask my husband—I have had the good fortune of wrecking my van in my very own garage.

Highland Falls is a quiet Northeastern town, supported by the residents of West Point and its natives. Its quaintness and quiet are perhaps what contribute to keeping West Point the quiet and safe community it is.

Sometimes one less strip mall is not such a terrible thing. I would rather let a new spouse to West Point know there are several good restaurants, most of which deliver; a lovely library; an old-fashioned ice cream shop; and even a small grocery store for those times when the commissary is closed.

This leads me to address the issue regarding the shoppette. Highland Falls is only a two-minute ride, and 15 minutes will land you in Harriman/Monroe, where choices are plentiful for that Monday shopping emergency.

After all, the classification of the shoppette is the Class VI, meaning its true function, whether you choose to buy those items or not, is to supply beer, wine, liquor and cigarettes. In a more positive manner, I guess I would rather inform a new spouse that our shoppette carries an excellent supply of beer and wines.

Our commissary is not the only commissary to be closed on a Monday, so plan ahead, and, perhaps, stock up on Saturday or Sunday.

As for the frustration involving the appointment system at Keller Hospital, all I can say is that we are lucky to have a

hospital here on post at all. We did not have an American emergency room in Germany and I have lived at Fort Bragg and other large posts where you can sit on the phone up to 30 minutes waiting for the "live" voice to come on. Keep in mind, we do have an ER. If your child is ever that much in dire need of same-day care, take him/her there.

Also mentioned in the column was your concern regarding physicals for children for Child, Youth and School Services classes. This is a DOD standard put in place for all posts and not meant to torture parents at West Point.

Had my son not been required to have one done for CYSS last fall, we would have never discovered his hernia that required surgery. I am thankful, needless to say, that it saved him some potentially serious consequences down the road. Physicals are a necessary part of everyone's life. Plan ahead—it only makes good sense and will save some frustration.

In reference to concerns regarding parking and towing at West Point, there is not much to say. West Point is built into the side of a mountain. Parking is minimal and sometimes at a premium.

Luckily, there is a shuttle bus, and, even though it may take a little longer, everything here is in walking distance. I see cadets doing it every day, so if the best spot isn't available or it is designated for someone else, it does no one any good to complain. Parking rules and regulations are enforced everywhere. It's just a part of life that we all have to deal with.

I cannot ignore the issue brought forth regarding the overcrowding at Subway at lunchtime. What can I say? People eat lunch all over the world at noon or around that time. If they are working, this is the only time they

have to do it.

Of course the need for improvements will always be out there. But rarely is there ever a need for negative energy. I would personally like to see more spouses providing positive influences to newer spouses. As an Army spouse of 18 years, I can without hesitation say my best mentors were those who valued the Army for what it is—a great institution.

My life has been enriched in ways I could never have imagined. I have met and loved people I would never have had the chance to meet, seen countries and cities I never would have seen and watched my children grow into outgoing, compassionate, flexible people because of it.

Those are messages I would like to spread to new spouses. Be proud of your Soldier, remain true to yourself, keep up with your own dreams and aspirations and continue to support your community. Those who address issues as they arise in a productive and thoughtful manner will reward themselves and their community.

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Sue Burbelo
Army spouse

Remember, the AER Campaign runs through May 1

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

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

Difficulty: Medium

See SOLUTION, page 11

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harassment/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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Local and National News

West Point officer is one of MacArthur award recipients

By Jim Fox
Directorate of Communications

The Department of the Army announced the winners of the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for 2008 and included several U.S. Military Academy mentions.

Captain Paul Lester, class of 1996, an instructor in the Dept. of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, is one of the 28 company-grade officers, including six other academy graduates, who were named.



Captain Paul Lester

“It is a tremendous honor to be recognized for my leadership accomplishments,” Lester said. “I am quite humbled to be selected. I am elated that I was able to represent junior officers from the United States Military Academy and the Dept. of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership in this way. I wish to thank my wife and Family, students, fellow faculty, mentors and the Soldiers I have served with over the years who helped me earn this prestigious award.”

Other academy graduates were Capts. Joshua M. Gaspard, class of 2002 and an incoming Dept. of Systems Engineering instructor; David A. Uthlaut, class of 2001, a former first captain and a future BS&L instructor; Kevin L. Hadley and James C. Howell, class of 2002; Neil A. Hollenbeck, class of 2003; and Erik C. Oksenvaag, class of 2000.

The MacArthur award is given annually to Army officers—active duty, National Guard and Reserve—who exhibit extraordinary leadership abilities and embody the ideals embraced by MacArthur.

Criteria for the award include the ability to motivate others; understand fellow Soldiers; and inspire commitment, teamwork and esprit de corps.

The award states that “these officers epitomize the ideals for which Gen. Douglas MacArthur stood: Duty, Honor and Country.”

The awards will be given in May in Washington.

PV staff, stringers receive 4 Army awards

From staff reports

The Pointer View’s staff proved to be among the best in the Army in 2008 and received recognition in the Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Journalism Competition.

The competition’s results were announced Friday, and four awards came to West Point.

Jim Fox, Directorate of Communications, received first place for a stand-alone photo by a civilian depicting an Army football player leaping into the end zone for a touchdown during the Army-Texas A&M game in September, which was printed in the Oct. 2 edition.

Major Ben Ring, Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and a stringer for the Pointer View, received first place for a stand-alone photo by a stringer depicting a plebe taking down a black belt during Judo training, which was printed in

the March 28 edition.

Emily Tower, “Pointer View” staff writer, received second place for a commentary by a civilian about her struggles to overcome witnessing a horrific event and returning to the source of the trauma to cover a football game, which was printed in the Oct. 9 edition.

Colonel Bryan Hilferty, Director of Communications, received third place for a commentary in the military category about experiencing the switch in post housing when Residential Communities Initiative took over and the benefits of the program, which was printed in the Jan. 11 edition.

All award-winning pieces can be seen in the “Pointer View” archives at www.pointerview.com.

The competition judges the best print and broadcast media from across the Army and Army Reserve. Top winners go on to compete in the Thomas Jefferson Award, a Department of Defense-level competition.

New Army Scholarship program has global focus

From staff reports

The Army’s evolution to meet emerging threats now includes an annual scholarship providing two officers with two years of advanced education, foreign language skills and cultural immersion.

The West Point Association of Graduates, in cooperation with the Department of the Army and the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, has established a scholarship named for the late Gen. Wayne A. Downing, who was the first distinguished chair of the CTC.

Vincent Viola, a 1977 U.S. Military Academy graduate and national business leader, began the program.

“I see this program as a natural extension of my commitment to the Combating Terrorism Center and a fitting tribute to General Downing,” Viola said. “To share his legacy with a new generation of officers, who must fully grasp the nature of terrorism and how we fight it, is a privilege.”

Institutions recommended for the academic study portion for Downing Scholarships include Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs; Georgetown

University National Security Program; Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government; Johns Hopkins, School of Advanced International Studies; Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs; and Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Foreign-based schools are located in the United Kingdom, Israel and Singapore.

The goals of the program range beyond academic study.

“There are cultural immersion aspects that will build on the classroom portions to provide maximum benefit and a truly formative experience,” Viola said.

During their tenure as Downing Scholars, officers also will serve as fellows of the CTC at West Point, which will help them design an individual program including exposure to foreign counterterrorism forces and language training.

The program is open to Army officers from all commissioning sources who have three-11 years of service. Qualified candidates will be nominated through the Army’s Human Resources Command, and final selection will be made by the West Point Association of Graduates.

Army publishes first Reserve Retirement Guide

By Laura Paul
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—The Army has created a retirement guide just for Army Reserve Soldiers and their Families.

The 26-page Army Reserve Non-regular Retirement Information Guide resulted from a collaboration between the Army G-1 Retirement Services Division, part of the G-1’s Human Resources Policy Directorate, and the Army Reserve Command.

“Publishing this guide represents a big step forward in helping to ensure that Reserve

Soldiers and their Families receive the Army’s full support before and after retirement,” John Radke, chief of Army G-1 Retirement Services, said.

Reading this guide should make it easier for Reserve-component Soldiers to understand the chronological steps they need to take before their actual retirement, Radke said.

Until the guide is distributed through the Reserves, it is available online at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/retire> under the “What’s New” tab and on the special Army Knowledge Online site for Army retirees at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/559734>.

Soldiers Magazine looking for troops' photographs

By Elizabeth M. Collins
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—If Soldiers have a good photograph, "Soldiers Magazine," the Army's official magazine, wants to see it.

The magazine has launched its first 'Of Soldiers, By Soldiers' cover photo contest, which runs through April 21.

"We really want to highlight Soldiers and their abilities in the magazine," Editor Carrie McLeroy said.

Soldiers should be behind the camera

and in the shots. They can be from the active and reserve components as well as veterans, but they don't have to be professional Army photographers. Each Soldier is limited to one submission.

The photos can be of anything: Soldiers in the field, downrange, training, garrison life, even off-duty or studio shots. Any photos taken in-theater or of sensitive training must be cleared by Soldiers' commands before submission. All photos must be in focus and at least 5-by-7 inches at 300 dots per inch.

If Soldiers would like their photos to be

considered for the cover, McLeroy said they should submit vertical, right-facing photos. That means the action in the photo should aim to the right or the person should be looking to the right, leading a reader to open the magazine. She said photos that don't make the cover but are still good, dynamic images will run in one or two photo features this summer.

"Soldiers" already has received an image that will probably be used on the May cover. It's a studio shot that fits with memorial stories often run in that month's issue, which focuses

on Memorial Day.

But that doesn't mean the search for a great cover photo is over. McLeroy said she'd really like multiple outstanding photos she can use for several issues during the summer.

Participants should include their contact information and their supervisors' names and contact information with their submissions. Winners will receive a copy of the magazine, and letters of appreciation will be sent to their supervisors.

To submit, send images to *carrie.mcleroy@afn.dma.mil*.



Supe visits China

West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and his wife, Judy, traveled to Beijing to speak at a Founders Day event Feb. 26 during which they formally dedicated the West Point Society of China. During his visit, he met with eight of the 13 cadets who are currently exchange students in Chinese universities and is pictured (second from left) with (from left) Cows Eric Williams, Blaine Williams, Siu Cheung and Kendall Poling at the Great Wall. Brig. Gen. Charles Hooper (USMA '79), the U.S. Defense Attaché in China and his wife, Caroline, also hosted the Hagenbecks and some of the cadets at a gathering.

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Crew visits former teammate

Members of Army Crew recently traveled to San Antonio to visit a former teammate who is recovering from combat wounds. First Lt. Samuel Brown, U.S. Military Academy class of 2006, was wounded in Afghanistan when his platoon came to the aid of another platoon being attacked. The team visited Brown, his mother and his friends. After Brown treated the team to a visit to the Alamo, the team gave Brown a plaque and a print of the "Daybreak at West Point" painting of Caulfield Boathouse signed by the current team members.

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Community Features and Photos

USMA instructor, cartographer illustrate Iraq war

Story and photo by
Emily Tower
Staff Writer

A road map to freedom was born when swishes of blue arrows drew liberty's march on the brown terrain of Iraq.

Academia around the world now can see a visualization of the opening days of that march thanks to the efforts of the U.S. Military Academy's Dept. of History.

Maj. Tom Rider, a USMA history instructor, and Frank Martini, USMA cartographer, have been tasked with creating a set of maps illustrating the Iraq war.

Plans are underway to create maps outlining the Afghanistan war, too.

To make the maps, Rider studied the opening campaign of the Iraq war for weeks.

He checked and rechecked each unit's location and movements. He noted the actions of thousands of Soldiers.

Rider then took his research and

developed story boards.

"It was difficult narrowing it down," Rider said. "If you make a map with too much on it, it's confusing and doesn't tell you any more than having too little on it. There was a lot of thought process in choosing what to include. Hundreds of events happen in a week. History is fact, but it's also interpretation of fact."

Once events were narrowed down into a story board, Martini turned Rider's text into map symbols.

He drew unit locations and movements on top of what he called a base map, a map of Iraq containing major cities, borders and rivers he obtained from a government agency.

Two Iraq war maps have been completed that tell the story of events that occurred March 20-April 7, 2003.

Map readers can see the progress of the 3rd Infantry Division; 101st Airborne Division; 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division; 1st

Regimental Combat Team, 1st Marine Division; and 1st British Armored Division against the Iraqi 51st Mechanized Infantry Division of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Rider thinks a total of 10 Iraq war maps will be completed, but "it all depends on where the research takes me," he said.

The Dept. of History's Center for Cartographic Excellence has been producing atlases at least since the 1950s, Martini said. More than 1,000 maps have been created to illustrate the Crusades, Revolutionary War, Napoleonic Wars, War of 1812, Civil War, both World Wars, Korean War, Vietnam War, ancient warfare and other conflicts.

A need for Iraq and Afghanistan war maps has existed for a long time, Martini said.

"It is exciting to put the maps together because we have had a lot of requests for (Iraq war maps), but they've never been done before," Martini said, adding that requests have come from around the world.



Maj. Tom Rider (left), U.S. Military Academy history instructor, and Frank Martini, USMA cartographer, check over progress on maps of Iraq they are creating for academic use in the Dept. of History's Center for Cartographic Excellence.

The two Iraq war maps, as well as the more than 1,000 other maps created by the cartography center, are available free online at www.dean.usma.edu/departments/

history/web03/atlas/AtlasesTableOfContents.html.

Text accompanies the Iraq maps, as does a guide to the map symbols.

Diversity leadership conference set for April

From staff reports

The U.S. Military Academy and West Point Association of Graduates' 10th annual West Point Diversity Leadership Conference is scheduled for April 2-4.

The conference will focus on diversity in the private sector, government and academia and how it fits in with recent Office of the Secretary of Defense, Army, Navy and Air Force diversity investments.

The conference is scheduled to feature several speeches and panel discussions featuring West Point and USMA leaders and high-profile visitors. Army Secretary Pete Geren is scheduled to speak and sign a diversity policy letter.

Visiting keynote speakers include Gen. Kip Ward, commanding general of U.S. Africa Command; Lt. Gen. Kathleen Gainey, Joint Staff J-4; retired Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba, former deputy commanding general for Army Reserve Command for Transition

and Transformation; retired Brig. Gen. Francis Taylor, vice president and chief security officer of GE; and Michael Montelongo, Sodexo senior vice president and chief administrative officer.

Leaders from USMA, U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy are scheduled to speak about diversity at the academies.

Presentations are expected from several cadet clubs including the Asian Pacific Club, Contemporary Affairs Seminar, National Society for Black Engineers, Spanish Club, Native American Heritage Forum, Gospel Choir, Korean-American Relations Seminar and Margaret Corbin Forum.

Registration is required at www.westpoinaog.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=3258.

For more information, contact Col. Bryan Goda at bryan.goda@usma.edu or 938-5572, Andre Sayles at saylesah@conus.army.mil or (703) 696-4241 or Jim Johnston at jim.johnston@wpaog.org or 446-1510.

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West Point sends priest to deploy with Long Knives

Story and photo by
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4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div., PAO

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HUNTER, Iraq—The U.S. Military Academy at West Point sent one of its own, a Catholic priest, to the front lines to minister to the border-watching Long Knife Brigade.

Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy Valentine is the only Catholic priest assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, to provide spiritual fitness to Soldiers at the many bases and outposts in the tri-province areas of Dhi Qar, Maysan and Muthanna.

"I have a great relationship with the chaplains out here," Valentine said. "The (battalion-level) chaplains have to be all things to all people. They take care of not only their (denomination) but all other denominations."

Forward-deployed battalion chaplains provide religious services, which are open to troopers and civilians of all denominations. However, when Valentine is expected to arrive, the word is quickly spread throughout the remote bases because he conducts



Second Lt. Walter Gradzik (left), a platoon leader in B Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, and Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy Valentine, the Long Knife Brigade's Catholic chaplain augmentee, pose for a photo after Mass at Forward Operating Base Hunter's Solid Rock Chapel March 11. Gradzik befriended Valentine at West Point while still a cadet and was surprised to meet his old chaplain in Iraq.

a bi-weekly Mass for Soldiers.

Valentine commonly encounters a familiar face during his visits. He worked at West Point while 2nd Lt. Walter Gradzik, class of 2008, was a student there and was happy to see his old friend at the forward

outpost.

"I was wondering what services I could get out here," Gradzik, new platoon leader of B Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, said. "It was extremely refreshing for me to see him."

Mullaney's book offers lessons to future officers

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Assistant Editor

Life is full of lessons to be learned. It's an education to go through the trials and tribulations of life and come away with a deeper understanding of its meaning.

Craig Mullaney, a 2000 U.S. Military Academy graduate, put his lessons learned down on paper and came away with a riveting portrayal of cadet life, life as a young officer and his ability to conquer West Point, the crucible of Army Ranger School, the stimulating educational experience and love found at Oxford and a life-changing deployment to Afghanistan.

Mullaney returned to West Point March 13-14 during a five-week long book tour to promote and sign his new book, "The Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier's Education."

The book is a portrait of a young Soldier grappling with the weight of his hard-earned knowledge while coming to grips with becoming a man. The book's title reflects his growth in becoming a man as it's a nod to Rudyard Kipling's poem "If," where he transcends from his early experiences and grows into the 30-year-old adult he is today.

Growing up in a blue collar household in Wickford, R.I., was just a taste of what lay ahead for Mullaney as the book gave a glimpse of his background before he set his path at West Point. However, it was West Point that formed him into a leader to prevail over future events including a deadly firefight at Losano Ridge, near the border of Pakistan, in Afghanistan with al-Qaida fighters that led to the death

of one of his Soldiers.

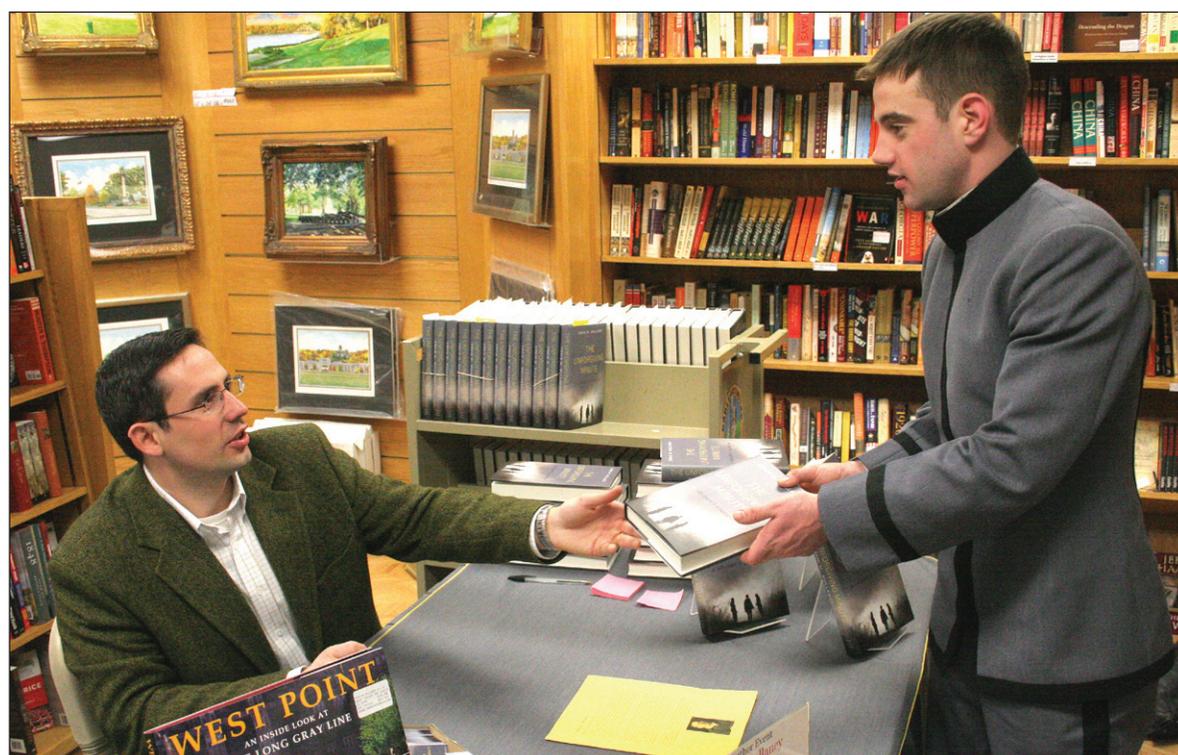
"When I came to West Point, I had discipline and intensity but West Point reinforced it," Mullaney said. "What I learned here that I hadn't learned before was the value of teamwork and the incredible satisfaction that comes from leading a group of people, and a team accomplishment is so much more rewarding than any individual achievements."

By many objective measures, Mullaney was a successful cadet especially considering he finished second in his class academically. But what West Point taught Mullaney more than any mentor or model could, was the ability to learn from failure.

"West Point finds a way to force everyone to fail at something and be uncomfortable and have to get back up (fighting)," Mullaney explained. "For me, take (plebe) boxing, getting knocked out and beaten in every boxing match (0-6 in matches), but I would go back out there again the next day. It was less about how good of a boxer I was but more about the character trait of resolve and being committed to improving myself."

"I think that's really important and it's one of the best things West Point can do—show you how to fail and learn and then go back out there again," he added.

West Point laid the groundwork for his success at Army Ranger School where he went just eight days after graduation. As Mullaney put it, "I went from a graduation parade with a starched uniform to crawling through the mud a week later. West Point teaches you a lot of humility because you sort of always



Craig Mullaney, a 2000 U.S. Military Academy graduate, signs his new book, "The Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier's Education," for Plebe Aaron Pool during Mullaney's visit to West Point March 13-14.

reach a pinnacle to only get brought down a peg and it's good for you."

Mullaney said it defined his perseverance, grit and determination, the only qualities that could get someone through Ranger School.

Mullaney said he hopes the book will help cadets understand how their training and education at West Point connects with what they'll do in the future, but there was a deeper meaning to his book.

Mullaney wanted the book to be a thoughtful piece of non-fiction. Many people made up the journey, but one person in particular was the reason why the book was written.

Private 1st Class Evan O'Neill

was killed during the firefight in 2003 with al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan, and his death continues to be something that's hit Mullaney hard.

"It's the hardest moment I wrote about in the book, and I think it is for a lot of readers, as it was my first real firefight and one of my Soldiers was killed," Mullaney said. "It took me the whole process; it took me the rest of the deployment and years after to come to terms with his death. You recognize when you lose someone how great that responsibility is on your shoulders (as a leader)."

Mullaney spent eight years in the Army while finishing his last three years at the U.S. Naval Academy teaching naval history.

Ten days after he left the Army, he joined President Obama's presidential campaign, and two days after he joined the campaign, he was briefing the presidential candidate on military policy and his experiences in Afghanistan.

Working for Obama was a four-month whirlwind experience after he left the military in June 2008.

Mullaney became interested in serving on the presidential campaign after hearing Obama's foreign policy speech in the summer of 2007.

The speech captured much of what Mullaney felt were the challenges of the 21st Century and how America needs to prepare for it.

"I think I was drawn by the policy first and also his commitment to refocusing our efforts in Afghanistan, which he saw as the priority mission for the military," Mullaney said.

As the former Army captain worked as Obama's national security adviser on the presidential campaign, he was putting the finishing touches on his book.

Once the book was near

completion, he went to visit O'Neill's parents to show them a draft of the book. He talked to them about that fateful day, about five years to the day after O'Neill's death, and visited O'Neill's grave.

"I wanted to share with them a draft of the book before it went to the publisher, and that helped open up communication with them," Mullaney said. "I explained what happened (in detail). It was something I needed to do."

The book also helped Mullaney open up to those closest to him including his parents; his wife, Meena, whom he met at Oxford; and his brother, Gary, who is a 2007 USMA graduate and a recent returnee from an Iraq deployment.

"I was still sort of haunted by a lot of things I brought home with me and some unanswered questions. I tend to resolve those questions by writing," Mullaney said. "I was also starting to forget details and I knew this was an important experience in my life and I wanted to capture it on paper before I forgot."

"It was a way to communicate my experiences with my Family who I had a hard time discussing these experiences with ... sometimes, it's easier to write a letter than to make a phone call. In a letter or book you can choose every word carefully and make sure you are saying exactly what you mean to say," he added.

Mullaney considers himself an author at the moment, but once he finishes his book tour he would like to work in an area that will have the biggest impact on the U.S. policy in Afghanistan.

"My brother's going to deploy there next year and if I have an opportunity to help make smarter policy and impact the strategy of that area, I feel an obligation to do that," Mullaney said. "It is part of the reason why I joined the campaign; it's what I want to do."



Miss USA visits West Point

Miss USA Crystle Stewart visited West Point March 12 as a guest of Cow Christopher Molaro. Molaro (second from right) met Stewart at a New York City debutante ball two weeks before her visit and asked her to come to West Point and she accepted. Stewart ate lunch with the cadets, went on an historical tour of West Point, sat in on a classroom lecture and made a spirit video with the immortal words, "Go Army, beat Navy!"

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Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross is offering a first aid and adult CPR, automated external defibrillator class 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today at the Red Cross office next to the West Point Visitor's Center.

Registration is required, and walk-ins will not be accepted.

To register, visit www.nyredcross.org.

Women's History Month observance

West Point's Equal Opportunity Office is sponsoring a Women's History Month observance luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Guest speaker will be retired Col. Christine Gayagas, U.S. Military Academy class of 1984. For tickets or more information, call 938-2621/7082.

Army Family Team Building

AFTB level II classes will be held 9 a.m.-noon Monday and April 6 and 13 in Bldg. 626, Second Floor—the Soldier and Family Assistance Center Conference Room.

Contact Megan Calero at 938-0632 for more information.

Harborcraft reservation lottery sign-up

Sign-up now through Tuesday for the May-July harborcraft reservation lottery for non-official functions.

The lottery determines the order of selection only.

Results will be available April 2, and selections and reservations occur by appointment April 6-10. To sign-up, e-mail Richard.Camarda@usma.edu.

For more information, call the Harborcraft Division at 938-3011/2137.

Bull Pond lottery

Reservations for Bull Pond are accepted through a lottery system for active-duty military personnel and cadets only.

Military ID is required at the lottery.

Lottery numbers are available beginning Wednesday and can be obtained by calling 938-2503, by visiting Round Pond or at the lottery, which is scheduled for 9 a.m. April 4 at Bonneville Cabin in the Round Pond Recreation Area off N.Y. Route 293. Lottery check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

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

Numbers are drawn at random until all available dates are reserved or all lottery numbers are drawn.

Lottery winners may reserve the

entire complex or just one cottage.

Any dates available after the lottery will be made available to all other eligible personnel beginning at 9 a.m. April 6 at Round Pond on a first-come, first-served basis.

All reservations require a 100 percent deposit.

For more information, visit www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/OUTDOOR/BP_Vacation_Info.htm.

Volunteers needed

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

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

West Point Egg Hunt

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

All West Point children 10 and younger are invited to attend and must be accompanied by an adult. Children should bring a basket and can meet the Easter Bunny. Pets are not allowed.

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

Art therapy

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

Therapy will be facilitated by Deborah Farber.

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

Community grants, scholarships

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

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

Diversity Leadership Conference

The 10th annual West Point Diversity Leadership Conference begins at 5:30 p.m. April 2 and concludes April 4.

The theme is "Building a Culture of Diversity and Inclusion."

All members of the West Point community are invited to participate, but must register at www.westpointaog.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=3258.

For more information, contact Col. Bryan Goda at 938-5572 or Bryan.Goda@usma.edu.

Fish fry

Holy Innocents Church, located at 401 Main St. in Highland Falls, is hosting a fish fry from 5-8 p.m. Friday and April 3.

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

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

Garrison retirement ceremony

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

Earth Day celebrations

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

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

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

The theme for both contests is energy conservation. Entries must be submitted by April 7 at the West Point Middle School office, the LifeWorks office or the West Point Youth Center. Prizes will be awarded during the Recycle Center Open House from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 17.

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

American Red Cross youth volunteers

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

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

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

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

West Point School Board elections

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

All interested members of the West Point community are invited to run. Petitions will be available at the superintendent's office, Bldg. 705; Youth Services, Bldg. 500, and the

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Bldg. 681, beginning April 13.

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

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

A voting location is to be determined.

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

Reception volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve beverages and snacks at four receptions at Qtrs. 100 hosted by

West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and his wife, Judy, to honor graduating cadets and their Families and guests. Receptions are scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. May 20 and 21.

The reception will be the official duty station during the time of volunteering for civilian employees.

To sign-up, call 938-5698.

Yard sale

The semi-annual West Point yard sale is scheduled for April 4.

The rain date is May 9.

Baggers needed

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

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in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- He's Just Not That Into You, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Paul Blart: Mall Cop, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Taken, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

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• Army Newswatch

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S Fund --	+ 2.03 (11.2139)
I Fund --	+ 2.08 (12.6200)

DPW NOTES**Repairs to limit access to parking near Eisenhower Hall**

Excavation and repair of a leaking four-inch steam condensate line located in front of Bldg. 667 is scheduled to begin Monday, the West Point Directorate of Public Works said.

To accomplish the repairs safely, there will be some traffic and parking restrictions.

The entrances to the two upper Eisenhower Hall parking lots will be blocked at the traffic circle in front of Bldg. 667.

There will be no pedestrian or vehicle access to the two upper Eisenhower Hall lots through the construction work site.

Access will be available from

the Eisenhower Hall side of the lots.

The current exit road from the Eisenhower Hall upper lots will become two-way to allow for access and utilization of the lots from the east end.

Parallel parking along Pitcher Road from Eisenhower Hall to the front entrance to Bldg. 667 will be eliminated temporarily.

The assigned and handicap parking in front of Bldg. 667 will remain. Pitcher Road from Eisenhower Hall to the front entrance to Bldg. 667 will become two-way for the duration of the project.

The project is expected to take two weeks, weather permitting.

For more information, call DPW Operations at 938-0300.

West Point Club offering free membership to enlisted Soldiers

By Emily Tower
Staff Writer

While the West Point Club maintains one of the most exclusive lists of members in the country, everyone on post is invited to join. The only criteria to join? Being a hero.

All active-duty Soldiers—regardless of rank—and their Families are eligible to join, Denise von Wiecki, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation business operations officer, said. Department of the Army civilians and retirees also may join.

This year, the Army's Year of the Noncommissioned Officer, all enlisted Soldiers may join the club for free, von Wiecki said. Plus, she wants the entire post to know the club is for everyone.

"We are looking to change the impression to one of a club for all," von Wiecki said.

Several other changes also are underway at the club to make it more appealing, and therefore better serve its purpose, von Wiecki, who recently came to West Point after working for an FMWR in Germany for 20 years, said.

Some yearly events, such as celebrations for Mother's Day and Father's Day, will remain, but they'll look a little different this year.

A Mother's Day contest is underway. Participants can send an essay about why their mother should be mom of the year along with a photo of her to nancy.amendola@usma.edu or to the West Point Club, 603 Cullum Road, West Point, NY 10996.

Deadline is April 24, and the winner will be announced May 3.

Essays must contain at least 50 words, and nominated mothers must be members of the club. Submissions must include the nominated mother's name, address and phone number, and the winner's name, child's name, mother's photo and essay will be published on the club's Web site and monthly calendar.

The winner also will receive a free spa pass and four tickets to the Mother's Day

brunch.

This year's Father's Day celebration will be a barbecue instead of the brunch that has been held in years past.

"Bring flip flops and lawn chairs, and let us barbecue for you," von Wiecki said.

The big meal is planned for June 21.

Speaking of special meals, Easter brunch is scheduled for April 12. Meals will be served at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Easter egg hunts are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Meals cost half price for Families of deployed Soldiers. Children younger than 5 eat for free.

Theme nights can be expected, von Wiecki said. Special meals associated with holidays are planned, such as a Mexican feast for Cinco de Mayo.

Right-arm night is scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m. today. A free beach barbecue buffet will be offered in the Hudson Room.

A wine tasting is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday. An appetizer and beverage menu will be available in the Grand Ballroom.

Yuengs & Wings March Madness event takes place 6-10 p.m. today through Sunday and April 4 and 6.

A Bunco tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 16 and May 7 in Benny Haven's Lounge. Also coming in April are Game Show Mania, a tournament April 3; a special lunch for Bring Your Child To Work Day April 23; and events to celebrate Administrative Professionals Week April 21-24.

Some changes are coming to the catering and menu options at the club, too, von Wiecki said.

"Instead of us giving you a menu to choose from, you tell us how much you have to spend per head, and we'll tell you what we can offer you for that price," she said. "You tell us your price range, and we'll put together the list."

For more information about upcoming events, how to join and fees for officer and civilian memberships, visit www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/WPC/index.HTM.

Garrison evaluates community services

Submitted by the West Point
Customer Service Office

According to a recent survey conducted by the garrison commander, the installation excels at meeting the West Point community's needs in the following areas: mobilization deployment support, youth services and legal services. Other areas in which the installation is doing well include substance abuse education, fitness and recreation and dining facility services at Keller Army Community Hospital.

During October 2008, 441 Soldiers, civilians, Family members and retirees completed a customer assessment survey covering every service provided on the installation.

The survey, administered throughout the Installation Management Command, is designed to provide commanders with insight about how well the garrison personnel are performing particular services and which services are considered most important to the community. West Point compared favorably with other IMCOM installations.

Although only 64 percent of survey takers were military members, the results overwhelmingly identified military pay and personnel services such as DEERS enrollment, ID/Common Access Card provision and military personnel processing services as the most important services the garrison provides.

Medical care access concerns being addressed

From staff reports

As wars continue and Army Families grow, the Army's surgeon general is acknowledging that access to medical care is not up to par at military treatment facilities.

Lieutenant Gen. Eric Schoomaker, the Army's senior medical officer, said the service is taking steps to ensure beneficiaries have access to quality care.

At West Point, deployments of physicians have caused a pinch at Keller Army Community Hospital, but officials said a combination of doctors still at KACH and referring patients outside the hospital has kept access-to-care standards met.

Several factors have contributed to what military healthcare providers across the services acknowledge are barriers to efficient and effective access to care.

Most notable is the high number of war wounded and injured since the Global War on Terrorism began in 2001. This situation is amplified by a military healthcare system that already was understaffed and ill-equipped for the volume of war-related injuries. In addition, a growing beneficiary population of active-duty and reserve component Families and an increase in retirees and their Families have stretched the system further.

Beneficiaries enrolled to Army military treatment facilities total more than 1.6 million, about 12,000 of whom are enrolled at KACH.

The most immediate shortfall for primary care providers is at 12 Army installations, and the Army surgeon general has provided

West Point Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno thanks those who completed the survey and said he takes customer feedback seriously.

"When people take the time to give us feedback, we owe it to them to do something with it," Bruno said.

He charged each installation services director to take the survey data into account in developing future plans and allocating resources to continue West Point's reputation as a desired place to work and live.

The Top 2 quality-of-life areas in which the survey found the installation could do better were spouse employment and Army Family housing.

Other areas that need attention are the civilian personnel system and the wireless infrastructure.

Customer feedback was broken into specific areas to allow the garrison to focus its future efforts.

All directorates will receive a breakdown of the feedback concerning their services.

Bruno, who called data from the survey "detailed and powerful," has committed to using the data to develop an action plan to improve the identified areas.

To provide additional feedback on garrison services, community members are encouraged to use the electronic Interactive Customer Evaluation system or to contact West Point's customer service officer, Ed Sutherland, at 938-0627 or ed.sutherland@usma.army.mil.

the funding for those treatment facilities to hire the provider and support staff. While it wasn't clear whether West Point is one of the 12 installations, "the shortfall of primary care providers is well-documented at Keller, and funding to bridge these shortfalls is made available," Maj. Barbara Lockbaum, chief of the KACH clinical support division, said.

"In the meantime, Health Net Federal Services serves as a partner to ensure proper patient care," Lockbaum said.

Patients enrolled at KACH can be referred to physicians outside of West Point through Health Net Federal Services.

Though there is a shortage of physicians at KACH, the hospital's space is sufficient for the number enrolled, Lockbaum said. Having enough space is what Schoomaker pegged as key in providing adequate access to care.

Some areas in the Army's medical system have been identified as problematic. Army medical leadership have promised phone service, online appointments and follow-up appointments will be improved.

Medical Command policy is to have 90 percent of appointment calls in a call center's queue answered within 90 seconds, have 80 percent of all primary care appointments on TRICARE online for Internet booking and provide follow-up appointments during the healthcare visitor or place beneficiaries on an automated appointment scheduling list.

KACH appointment line calls are consistently answered in fewer than 90 seconds except at 7 a.m. when the line begins being answered when many people call for

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FMWR Blurbs

AER campaign

Army Emergency Relief campaign will continue through May 1.

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

Basketball party

Yuengs and Wings at the West Point Club takes place today-Sunday and April 4 and 6.

Watch NCAA March Madness on a flat screen TV.

Prize giveaways are planned for Saturday. For more information, call 938-5120.

Right Arm Night

Right Arm Night and Enlisted Soldier Night are scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m. today at the West Point Club.

Bring a "right arm" and kick off the club's new membership program for active-duty enlisted Soldiers, who get free membership this year.

A free beach barbecue buffet will be held in the Hudson Room. Attendees are invited to come in summer shorts and T-shirts.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Wine tasting

A wine tasting is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

An appetizer and beverage menu will be available.

Bottles and cases of wine will be available for purchase by eligible military ID card holders only. For more information, call 938-5120.

Stain glass class

West Point Craft Shop is offering a stain glass class at 10 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call 938-4812.

SFAC April classes

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center is offering several

classes in April.

A money management class is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. April 7. To register, call Clyde Wilson at 938-0629.

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

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

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

Suicide prevention training for adult Family members

Adult Army Family members are invited to attend suicide prevention training from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday and April 8 at Army Community Services, Bldg. 622.

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

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

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

To register for a class, call 938-5654. If the two sessions reach maximum capacity, more sessions will be planned.

Kennel reservations

Reservations are open April 9-19 at Morgan Farm Kennels.

To make reservations, call 938-3926 or go online to www.westpointmwr.com.

Parenting class

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

For more information and to

register, call 938-3921.

Bunco tournament

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

No experience is necessary, but players must be at least 18.

For information, call 938-8185.

Auto safety training

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

For more information, call 938-2074.

Inprocessing briefings

To improve services for incoming Soldiers and Families, Army Community Service inprocessing briefings will take place at 9 a.m. Wednesdays in the ACS Training Room.

These briefings provide information about ACS programs and the West Point community.

Soldiers must attend to receive an ACS signature on their inprocessing checklist. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Ciara Luna, Relocation Program manager, at 938-3487.

Mother's Day essay contest

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

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

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

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

The winner will be announced May 1 and will receive a day at the spa plus four complimentary

Mother's Day brunch tickets for May 10.

West Point 5/10k

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

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

For more information, call 938-6497.

Half-marathon training group

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

Training begins Wednesday, and the group will meet twice a week for 15 sessions.

All runs are led by Certified Personal Trainer Andrea Ingram.

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

Story hour

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

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

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

Volunteer of the Year awards

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

This year, awards will be given in six categories: active-duty military member, military spouse,

military Family, civilian/retiree, youth and cadet.

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

ACS volunteers wanted

ACS can help build marketable skills to incorporate into resumes.

Volunteer and develop professional references and community networks while giving back to the Army community.

Volunteer areas include Financial Readiness, Employment Readiness, Army Family Action Plan and Relocation.

Child care costs will be covered. For more information, call 938-5658.

BOSS resale lot

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

Call 938-6497 for more information.

CYSS SKIES

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

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

Weekly job listings

The Employment Readiness Program offers weekly job listings to military Family members living on West Point and in the surrounding community.

This is a free service.

To list your available openings with the Employment Readiness Program, please e-mail amyjo.johnson@usma.edu.

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same-day appointments, Fran Galu, of KACH clinical support division, stated in an e-mail.

Appointments are available for booking online, too, Galu said. Online appointments can be made at <http://kach.amedd.army.mil>. The appointment line can be reached at 938-7992.

Army medical leaders also hope to improve using the TRICARE contract for all it's worth. The assistant secretary of defense for health affairs has published a policy that requires military treatment facilities to "offer the beneficiary a timely referral to obtain treatment in the TRICARE private sector network" if a military treatment facility is unable to provide access to care within established standards.

"Keller meets or exceeds these standards for its beneficiary population," Lockbaum said.

The Army Medical Command also recognizes how important it is for patients to understand the various ways to obtain care and the processes involved, including how

to obtain appointments by phone and via the Internet. MEDCOM will standardize access to care information on all Web sites and in beneficiary information handouts provided during enrollment.

MEDCOM also is determining how to keep track of beneficiary requests for access to primary care so leaders can know who is requesting appointments but not receiving them. KACH already maintains databases to study patient appointment requests and visits, Lockbaum said.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Keller Corner

Periodic health assessment

The periodic health assessment is now required annually for Soldiers.

This exam replaces the five-year physical.

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

To schedule an appointment, call 938-7992.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 2.

For an appointment to donate whole blood, call Mary Mandia at 938-2583.

Apheresis donors must make an appointment by calling

(914) 760-3177 or signing up at www.nybloodcenter.org.

Donors also can register with the C.W. Bill Young/DoD Bone Marrow Donor Program at the blood drive. A picture ID is required for whole blood and apheresis donations.

School and sports physicals

The Primary Care Department is offering school and sports physicals.

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

For West Point-area schools, a physical exam must be completed within one calendar year to be acceptable.

If the physical expires before the

beginning of another sport, a new exam is required.

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

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

For an appointment, call 938-7992.

Childbirth preparation classes

A four-week series of childbirth preparation classes will be held 6-8 p.m. April 9, 16, 23 and 30 in the second-floor classroom of Keller Army Community Hospital.

To register, call 938-3210.

Mays selfless in his duty with team and as TAC

(Editor's note: In honor of the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer, an Armywide celebration in 2009, the "Pointer View" is presenting a series of stories about NCOs at West Point.)

**Story and photos by
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For cadets to be successful, they need mentors who can guide them through their 47-month journey at the U.S. Military Academy.

Since October 2006, one mentor has demonstrated loyalty to the cadets on the military side and in the boxing room and has been the epitome of one of the Army's seven core values—selfless service.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Mays has spent 19 years in the Army. During the early part of his career, he fought with the boxing teams at Fort Polk, La.; Germany, where he was the U.S. Army Europe 156-pound champion in 1992; and with the All-Army Boxing team in 1993.

Many years later, Mays, a signal support systems specialist (communications), deployed to Iraq twice and now uses all of that knowledge and experience to guide cadets in their military growth and physical prowess in the ring.

The 41-year-old Waynesboro, Miss., native, who spent his youth idolizing Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard, is now the idol of cadets who want to learn from him.

"I have a lot of boxing skills that I want to impart to (the cadets), and they are so ready and eager to learn," Mays said. "I want to pass it on to them so that they can either pass it on to their kids or pass it on to their Soldiers once they leave here."

As a child, Mays, a light middleweight during his Army boxing career, hung a coin sack to a tree in his backyard, put a pair of socks on his hands and worked



The cadets see Master Sgt. Jeffrey Mays, as seen during the 2009 Brigade Boxing Open, as fun and easygoing.

out with his younger brother on his boxing skills. To Mays, boxing was a way out for him, and it was the thing that drew him to the Army in the first place.

"I stopped by a recruiter's office one day, and we got to talking about the Army," Mays said. "I told him I didn't want to do that, so he asked me, 'what I liked to do,' and I said, 'I like to box.' He told me I could join the Army and box, so I was, 'OK, where do I sign if you're going to pay me to fight.'"

Mays is now in his third year as an assistant coach with the Army boxing team, and it should be no coincidence that Army's best year in boxing was last season as they earned their first national championship. Mays' experience added to Army head boxing coach Ray Barone's deft knowledge of boxing was a combination that set forth the championship to come.

"The credibility that he brings to the cadets is extremely important," Barone said. "He's working with them, and he's telling them to try this and that. He's got a solid foundation. We talk and work together, we're in sync, we're saying the same things to the cadets and it's important to have another person on the team to do that because it's hard to spread yourself among (the 60 team members)."

Barone sees Mays as a phenomenal mentor for the cadets, a man who has a solid rapport and reputation with them. The cadets are thrilled to have him showing them the ropes inside and outside the ring.

"Master Sgt. Mays brings a lot of experience to the table. He's fun, easygoing and has a great personality," Cow Ryle Stous, a team captain and 165-pound national champion last year, said. "He has great experience as an All-Army boxer and does a lot of work behind the scenes giving advice to people. He's got expert knowledge that we could use more of on the team."

Stous said he respects Mays' opinion on boxing and commends him for being helpful in improving his leadership skills as well.

"He's dedicated to our individual development and thinks of us on an individual level," Stous said. "He knows our strengths and weaknesses inside and outside the ring and gives advice to help us out."

Mays has dedicated himself selflessly to the team for three years, but his most selfless act came when he decided to hold off on an invitation to coach for the All-Army Boxing team to continue boxing the West Point team as it heads toward the national championships.

The nationals will be held April 2-4 at the University of Maryland, and that's also when All-Army will be preparing for their championships. Mays chose loyalty



Master Sgt. Jeffrey Mays, Army boxing assistant coach, trains Cow Ryle Stous on the mitts to get him prepared for the upcoming national championships. Stous, under Mays' tutelage, earned the national championship last year at 165 pounds.

to his cadet team over a dream job.

"He's demonstrating selfless service to an extreme," Barone said. "He has an opportunity to coach All-Army (as an assistant), but it happens while we're at nationals and he made the decision and said, 'Look, I've been with the team for more than two years. My loyalty is to the cadets and West Point and what we're doing here.'"

Mays said he doesn't have a problem with it because he made a commitment to the West Point team, and it's a sacrifice he's willing to make for the cadets.

"I asked these kids to go in there and put it on the line every time they get into the ring," Mays, whose goals are to one day coach with the All-Army team and coach at the 2012 Olympics, said. "So I can expect no less from myself and make that sacrifice for them."

While his job as coach has been fulfilling, he's had just as much of an influence as a source of military knowledge for the cadets as Company A-3's tactical noncommissioned officer. He sees it as a very important job because, "America has trusted their sons and daughters to me, and I take that as a big responsibility—to make sure they are prepared to go out and lead."

He sees the job as fulfilling because, as a father of five children, some of whom are interested in joining the Army someday, Mays foresees a day when cadets he's teaching may end up as his children's company commanders or battalion commanders.

"I try to impart as much knowledge of leadership and different leadership styles to them as possible so that my child may say to me some day, 'Dad, I got Capt. Chapman as my company commander, and he's great,'" Mays said. "I want to one day trust my cadet to take my child into combat."

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Mays brings a lot to the table as a boxing coach and a TAC NCO, but he's also knowledgeable enough to have been inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club in 2001 while at Fort Stewart, Ga.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club membership goes to those noncommissioned officers whose leadership, achievements and performance merit special attention. It is a means of recognizing those NCOs who have contributed significantly to the development of a professional NCO Corps and a combat ready Army.

"With the Audie Murphy board, there are some things you have to say verbatim, but it's a true test of your leadership abilities because you are asked situational questions," Mays said. "The main thing the board looks for is that you're leading Soldiers in accordance with the Army Regulation and Field Manual policies."

"Studying and going to the Sergeant Audie Murphy board made me a much better Soldier and NCO," he added. "It was one of the toughest things I ever had to do, and it was definitely one of the toughest mental things I ever had to do."

West Point didn't have a Sergeant Audie Murphy Club before Mays' arrival, but it does now because of his persistence. It currently has seven members, although none of the members received club status at West Point.

"My concern was we didn't have a Sergeant Audie Murphy Club because as NCOs here everything is sort of geared toward the cadets and officers," Mays said. "I wanted to help NCOs get promoted and set themselves apart from their peers in the Army who are deployed to Iraq

and Afghanistan, going to college or going to Audie Murphy boards on other posts."

In the end, Mays' Army career has taken him full circle in terms of his experiences in boxing. However, he didn't avoid the stress and strain of deployments along the way as he served in Iraq during the initial ground war (September 2003-August 2004) and then again from January 2005 to January 2006, a total of 23 months in the region.

Those experiences taught him to be more vigilant and to know when to count his lucky stars after his HMMWV narrowly missed a roadside bomb detonation by 15 feet during his second deployment. It also rekindled his passion for boxing after giving it up competitively many years before.

Army will be looking for a second consecutive national championship in April, and Mays is excited about the team's chances. It will take a lot for them to repeat, but he knows from experience that anything can happen.

"I don't know if words can quite explain (Winning last year's championship), but it was magic," Mays explained. "The previous year, due to a technicality, we ended up in third place and had we won one more fight, we would have won the national championship. To see the look in those kids' faces when we lost the national championship by one fight, it was heartbreaking to me."

"I came back and re-evaluated myself and said, 'OK, what did I do wrong as coach and is there anything I can do better to help us get the national championship,' and I told them we would win it next year and we did," he added. "With our talent and an outstanding work ethic, there's a good chance we could win again this year."

Polchinski's walk-off three-run homer stuns Illinois 9-8

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

LAKELAND, Fla.—Firstie third baseman J.P. Polchinski drilled a walk-off three-run home run with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning, and Army battled from behind after squandering a three-run lead in the top of the frame as the Black Knights fought back for a dramatic 9-8 defeat of nationally ranked Illinois March 20 at Henley Field.

Army (6-6) carried a 6-3 lead into the top of the ninth inning against the highly regarded Illini, ranked 19th in the latest Collegiate Baseball magazine poll and 26th by the USA Today/ESPN Division I Baseball Coaches listing.

But Black Knight closer Yearling Kevin McKague battled a bout of wildness, walking the bases loaded without retiring a batter. A two-run single by Casey McMurray carried Illinois within one run and placed runners at first and third.

Brandon Wikoff's RBI single delivered the game-tying run for Illinois (11-3), before Domini Altobelli's two-run single up the middle provided the Illini with an 8-6 advantage, their first lead since the second inning.

Firstie pitcher Tyler Anderegg replaced McKague on the mound and recorded three outs without permitting another run.



Firstie third baseman J.P. Polchinski smacked a walk-off three-run homer to lead Army over nationally-ranked Illinois March 20.

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Anderegg walked the first batter he faced, but then struck out Pete Capetta for the first out of the inning. He retired Craig Lutes on a flyout and walked Willie Argo to load the bases.

Anderegg escaped further damage as he induced Josh Parr to ground into a fielder's choice to end the inning.

With McKague faltering on the

mound in the ninth, Illinois plated five runs on just three hits to forge in front 8-6.

The Illini inserted Nick Chmielewski (1-1) into the game to protect the two-run advantage entering the bottom of the ninth.

The Illinois closer retired Yearling right fielder Ben Koenigsfeld on a groundout to open the inning, but the sophomore right-hander would

not record another out as McKague singled to center field and Plebe pinch hitter Cody Murtle worked a walk, bringing the potential game-winning run to the plate in the form of Polchinski.

After taking Chmielewski's first offering for a strike, Polchinski smashed a 1-1 fastball over the fence in right-center field for the game-winning blast, touching off

a wild celebration at the plate as Army registered its first win over a nationally-ranked opponent since 2004.

It marked the senior third baseman's first home run of the season after hammering six a year ago.

"I thought our guys played real well all day. We continue to see the ball and swing the bats real well, and we continue to play outstanding defense," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "We're really putting together some good at bats, laying off tough pitches and putting good swings on the pitches we should be attacking. We are very confident with J.P. Polchinski up in that situation. I just knew he was going to have a very good approach and a good at-bat.

"I'm very, very proud of the toughness displayed by the club, the way they bounced back. They showed an awful lot of intestinal fortitude and guts today. I'm very proud of them," he added.

Anderegg (1-0) picked up his first win of the season, while Chmielewski suffered the loss for Illinois. Army extended its winning streak to four games with the victory.

The win over Illinois marked Army's first victory over a ranked team since the Black Knights defeated Florida during their 2004 spring trip.

Sylve qualifies for NCAA Regionals at USF Invite

By Mark Brumbaugh
Athletic Communications

TAMPA, Fla.—Yearling Domonick Sylve qualified for the NCAA Regional Championships in the 110-meter hurdles as the Army men's and women's track and field teams opened the 2009 outdoor season March 20 at the Bulls Invitational hosted by the University of South Florida.

The Army men won three events and also qualified three athletes and two relay teams for the IC4A Championships. Tampa native and Firstie captain Geryah White reached the ECAC Championships standard in the shot put to lead the Army women.

The meet did not feature team scoring. The women's team faced competition including USF, Minnesota and Rutgers while USF and Tennessee were among the challengers for the men's team.

Sylve completed the 110-meter hurdles in 14.24 seconds to place third to start the outdoor season off strong. During his rookie campaign in 2008, Sylve did not run a time below 14.30 until the Patriot League Championships, which he won with a time of 14.07. The Long Beach, Calif., native also earned a Top 5 finish in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.18 to place fourth behind teammate, Yearling Jermaine Wright (third, 11.13).

"That was a tremendous performance by Domonick to open the outdoor season," head coach Troy Engle said. "I was pleased that we had several strong performances today."

Wright, Sylve and Cows Chris Clark and Zach Batcho qualified the 4x100-meter relay team for the IC4A Championships with a time of

42.33 to place second.

White equaled the ECAC qualifying standard of 44-7 ½ to place fourth in the shot put. The reigning indoor conference champion in the event set a personal best at the same meet last season.

Cow Andrew Tingan, Firstie Brandon Thurman, Yearling Chris Wagner and Cow Brandon Wright won the 4x400-meter relay in 3:16.82 to best the IC4A standard. The Army plebe horizontal jumpers were also dominant as Michael Hutchins won the long jump (22 feet, 6 ½ inches) and Tom Wagner (45-½) and Fred Beebe (45-¼) took the Top 2 spots in the triple jump. Hutchins also took fourth in the high jump (6-6 ¾).

Thurman placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles in a personal-best, IC4A qualifying time of 53.71 and now ranks No. 10 all-time at the academy.

Plebe Trent Krachir surpassed the IC4A standard by more than four feet in the hammer throw in his first collegiate attempt at the event to place fourth with a throw of 176-5. Cow Adam Schwartz placed fifth with a throw of 169-3.

Cow Kurt Bujewski came up just shy of the IC4A standard to lead Army in the discus with a throw of 155-08 to place third. Bujewski also earned a Top 5 in the shot put with a mark of 47-6 ¼. Cow Joe Nemeth led Army in the shot put with a third-place finish (49-9 ¾) and was followed by Cow Matt Nulk (48-1 ¼).

The Army women posted several career-

best performances. Cow Lesa Boyd placed third in the 400 in 57.22. Firstie Ellen Sutey, who missed the entire indoor season because of injury, opened her 2009 campaign with a personal-best high jump of 5-4 ¼ to place fifth and move into a three-way tie for eighth all-time in the event at the academy.

Yearling Kaci Clark equaled her personal best pole vault mark of 11-3 ¾.

Cow Ebony Thomas started the outdoor season strong with a third-place finish in the 200 in 22.89.

Thomas also anchored a third place effort in the 4x100 relay in 48.52 and a fourth place effort in the 4x400 relay in 4:02.03. Yearling Hallie Huggins, Boyd and Yearling Carissa Hauck ran the first three legs of the 4x100m while Boyd, Hauck and Firstie captain Lauryn Wierda ran the first three legs of the 4x400.

Wierda improved on her personal best in the 400 hurdles by more than a second with a time of 1:05.84 earlier in the day.

Firstie Cynthea Tossie also earned a Top 5 finish for Army with a throw of 154-2 in the hammer.



Yearling Domonick Sylve qualified for the NCAA Regionals in the 110-meter hurdles at the University of South Florida's Bulls Invitational March 20. Sylve ran the 100 hurdles in 14.24 seconds, a time he didn't achieve as a plebe until the Patriot League Championships.
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Sports calendar

March 27-April 5

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FRIDAY -- TRACK AND FIELD, DICK SHEA OPEN, SHEA STADIUM, HEP/DECATHLON, NOON.

SATURDAY -- TRACK AND FIELD, DICK SHEA OPEN, SHEA STADIUM, WOMEN & MEN, 9 A.M.

SATURDAY -- WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. ALBANY & HOFSTRA, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 9 A.M. & 1 P.M.

SATURDAY -- MEN'S TENNIS VS. HOFSTRA & LEHIGH, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 & 5 P.M.

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

APRIL 3 -- MEN'S TENNIS VS. LAFAYETTE

& HOLY CROSS, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 3 & 8 P.M.

APRIL 3 -- GYMNASTICS, ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS (TEAM), GROSS CENTER, 6 P.M.

APRIL 4 -- WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. LAFAYETTE & HOLY CROSS, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 8 A.M. & NOON.

APRIL 4 -- BASEBALL VS. HOLY CROSS, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON (DH).

APRIL 4 -- LACROSSE VS. BUCKNELL, MICHE STADIUM, NOON.

APRIL 4 -- GYMNASTICS, ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS (INDIVIDUAL), GROSS

CENTER, 6 P.M.

APRIL 5 -- MEN'S TENNIS VS. NAVY, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 P.M.

APRIL 5 -- BASEBALL VS. HOLY CROSS, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 1 P.M. (DH)

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SATURDAY -- MEN'S RUGBY VS. RMC, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, NOON.

APRIL 4 -- ARMY CYCLING TEAM, ARMY SPRING CLASSIC, SHEA STADIUM/CAMP BUCKNER, 8 A.M.

APRIL 4 -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE, ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT (RHODE ISLAND, SYRACUSE & NORTHEASTERN), DALY FIELD, NOON.

No. 19 Army takes down Holy Cross 8-5

By Tim Volkmann
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WORCESTER, Mass.—Army Firstie attackman Jason Peyer tallied two goals and two assists while Firstie midfielder Kevin LoRusso added two goals to lead No. 19 Army to an 8-5 victory over Holy Cross March 21 in Patriot League lacrosse action.

Leading 1-0 after the first quarter, Army broke the game open with four unanswered goals in the second quarter en route to its first conference win of the season.

Yearling goaltender Tom Palesky turned in an 18-save performance to preserve the victory for the Black Knights (5-3, 1-1 Patriot League) over the Crusaders.

Army scored the lone goal of the first period as Yearling midfielder Rob McCallion took a pass from Cow midfielder Andrew Maisano and scored at the 13 minute, 14 second mark.

The Black Knights started their second quarter run with 12:42 on the clock as Firstie attackman

Brooks Korvin checked the ball loose from Holy Cross senior goalkeeper Jimmy Harrison, and Plebe long stick midfielder Tim Henderson picked it up and tossed home his first-career goal to make it a 2-0 Army lead.

Yearling attackman Jeremy Boltus fed Peyer for a goal at 10:18 before Peyer hit Cow midfielder Tyler Oates for a tally at 9:11 to make it a three-goal edge at 4-1.

Peyer scored a man-up goal off a feed from LoRusso at 4:15 as Army built the four-goal lead.

With Army leading 5-1 to open the second half, Maisano added to the lead with a goal off a Boltus assist with 10:28 on the clock following a Holy Cross turnover.

However, Holy Cross would later answer as freshman attackman Colin McGeehin came up with a loose ball and fed junior midfielder Kenny Minor at 3:18 to cut the Army lead to four, 6-2.

With 1:08 remaining in the quarter, Korvin rang a shot off the crossbar, but LoRusso was there to sweep home the rebound to give



Yearling attackman Jeremy Boltus scored a goal and added an assist in Army's 8-5 victory over Holy Cross March 21.

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Army a 7-2 lead after three quarters of play.

Holy Cross junior attackman Chris Smirti opened the fourth-

quarter with an unassisted goal at 14:17, but Army bounced right back as LoRusso scored on a 10-yard shot to make it an 8-3 Black Knight lead

at 11:10. After two late goals in the fourth quarter, Army was able to shut the Crusaders down the rest of the way to seal the victory.