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Noon Saturday,
Michie Stadium.
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Spiker named new Army men's basketball head coach



Zach Spiker (center) was introduced as the new Army men's basketball head coach by Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson (left) at a press conference Tuesday. He was named coach Oct. 3 after spending five years as an assistant at Cornell University. Spiker was instrumental in helping Cornell's recruiting efforts that culminated in the Big Red winning consecutive Ivy League titles and earning two NCAA Tournament appearances the past two seasons. (See page 11 for story and more photos.)

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Concerns addressed at RCI Town Hall meeting **INSIDE**

Story and photo by
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Directorate of Public Affairs &
Communications

The recent Residential Communities Initiative Town Hall meeting, held Oct. 1 in Robinson Auditorium, addressed many concerns about the new Stony Lonesome I housing area construction and the resulting on-post relocation process.

West Point Garrison command and Balfour Beatty LLC staff gave a presentation on project progression and answered questions from community members. The meeting was broadcast live on the Command Channel, and those watching from home were able to call into the meeting with their questions.

Michael Colacicco, RCI manager, began the meeting by reading the results of the recent resident survey. West Point scored

below 3.5—the Dept. of the Army's goal—in 11 of the 14 factors surveyed on a one-to-five point scale. Those scores set the tone for what greater West Point residents want improved: community management, customer service and responsiveness.

Balfour Beatty will develop action plans on how to improve overall satisfaction, which will be published in the *Pointer View* at a later date.

"If you do have a problem in housing, we do have a chain of command (you can call)," Colacicco said.

He encouraged residents to call community management at 446-6407 with their concerns, and to call Richard Wagner, Balfour Beatty project manager at West Point, at 446-3960 if matters are not resolved.

Wagner explained they are way ahead on the construction of 158 new homes in Stony I. In the first phase, 28 units will be ready by

March 2010, another 42 by August and 88 more units in 2011.

Construction safety is one of the greatest concerns expressed by the community. A number of measures are in place at the sites, such as road guards, a surrounding chain-link fence, on-site safety officers and continuous air quality testing.

"The bottom line is that it is a safe environment," Wagner said. "We're not worried about anyone getting hurt up there."

There is still some blasting taking place in the area, which is closely coordinated with local officials. Wagner encouraged residents to be vigilant in keeping everyone safe by keeping control of children and pets, and observing safety notices.

Residents who observe unsafe activity in or around the sites, or would like a 30-minute-prior courtesy call before blasting can contact

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Readying West Point for the flu: Don't be scared, stay informed, be prepared

Submitted by Joseph Colombo
Chief, Plans and Operations
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West Point emergency management officials plan for all kinds of emergencies—and so can you. By taking an active role in preparing yourself and your loved ones for a possible health emergency—like pandemic influenza—you are reinforcing our community's first line of defense. To assist you and your Family, during the week of Oct. 13-16, West Point will focus its attention on installation flu awareness and preparedness measures.

Pandemics, much like hurricanes or floods, are natural disasters. No one can predict exactly where it will strike or how severe it may be.

There are two strains of flu, the seasonal flu and the H1N1 (Swine) flu, that are currently circulating in the United States. Most healthy people recover from the flu without problems, but certain people are at high risk for serious complications.

H1N1 flu symptoms are very similar to seasonal flu symptoms. The most common symptoms are fever, cough and sore throat. Symptoms also may include body aches, headache, chills, runny nose and fatigue. Some people also experience diarrhea and vomiting. Symptoms might last up to a week or more.

Should West Point be impacted by either strain of the flu, we are committed to getting accurate information to you as quickly as possible. Our preparedness efforts will help us detect the spread of the flu virus within our community quickly, minimize the spread of infection, maximize the speed of recovery for those who need care and continue operations and services throughout West Point to the greatest extent possible.

There are common sense steps you can take to help protect against infection from flu viruses, and there are steps you must take if you become infected. Those steps are:

1. **Protect yourself and prevent the spread of the virus.** You can reduce your risk of getting or spreading a flu virus by making simple health habits part of your daily routine.

Someone with influenza may be contagious before symptoms appear and until several days after symptoms are detected. By taking care of yourself, you are protecting your Family and the communities in which you live and work. Some reliable ways to help prevent the spread of the flu are:

- Use a tissue, your arm or your sleeve—not your hand—to cover coughs and sneezes. Throw tissues away immediately after using them;
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands, especially after being out in public. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. When you wash your hands—with soap and warm water—do so for 15 to 20 seconds. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers should be used;
- Stay home if you become ill, and do not send your children to day care or school if they are sick. If you are sick with a flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, except to get medical care or for other necessities;
- Keep your distance from others when you are sick, and avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you must be in a public setting during an outbreak of influenza, distance yourself—at least three feet—from other people.

2. **Prepare now for an extended stay at home.** Stock extra non-perishable food, water and frequently-used items such as toilet paper, soap, diapers and pet supplies in your home to minimize trips to stores. Keep a supply of over-the-counter medicines like pain and fever relievers, stomach remedies and cough and cold treatments to ease flu symptoms. Check your prescriptions to ensure you have a multi-week supply. Talk to your employer and your children's day care provider or school about their pandemic influenza response

plans.

3. **How a pandemic may affect West Point.** A pandemic influenza outbreak could last several weeks to months, and could have a significant impact on West Point. Schools, day care centers and non-essential activities may suspend operations to reduce the spread of the virus. Clubs, sports and social activities may be suspended.

Public health officials may recommend people with flu-like symptoms or people who have been exposed to symptoms stay separate from others. There may be traffic delays or access restrictions at access control points. Many people may be sick at the same time, so there may be crowding at West Point's hospital and clinics.

The Commissary and PX, along with similar off-post facilities, may be short on supplies like food, water and gas. Office operations may be affected as workers fall ill or stay home to care for Family members.

Personal and Family contingency plans, as well as organizational continuity-of-operations plans, will reduce the impact and speed the recovery should a widespread influenza epidemic strike our community.

4. **Stay informed.** Staying informed of a potential or actual emergency is a critical component to you and your Family making sound and timely decisions.

Pay close attention to the West Point Command Channel, *Pointer View*, the Ready West Point Web site (<http://www.usma.edu/Garrison/sites/directorates/dptms/cepip/>) and the local news media for updated information.

Additionally, reliable, accurate and timely information is available at the following Internet sites—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), New York State Department of Health, Department of Defense Pandemic Influenza Watchboard and the World Health Organization.

Sorenson hired as new AOG VP for Development

Submitted by the
Association of Graduates

President and CEO of the West Point Association of Graduates, Robert L. McClure, announced that Kristin Sorenson has accepted a position as Vice President for Development for AOG. She will be responsible for all of the association's fundraising programs, which support the U.S. Military Academy and the Long Gray Line.

McClure said, "Kristin will be the lead member of our team working to sustain West Point's history of excellence in leadership development and academics."

Sorenson said that she welcomes the challenges ahead.

"Working for West Point at this particular moment in its history is very compelling,"

Sorenson said. "The country and world are in great need of the 'ethical and agile leaders of character' that West Point is producing."

Referring to West Point's recent top rankings by *Forbes*, *Princeton Review* and *US News & World Report*, Sorenson said, "The education that cadets receive is clearly exceptional and designed to prepare them to respond intelligently and effectively to the uncertain and ever-changing times in which we live."

Sorenson brings nearly 20 years of
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Kristin Sorenson

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

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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 Orland (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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Luke Lightner, Balfour Beatty safety officer, at 904-239-2387.

Balfour Beatty is asking current Stony I residents, who expect to PCS/ETS between next January and July, to provide those dates to help vacate the area. Those who will not leave West Point will be relocated on an order of merit list.

First priority will be given to Soldiers expected to deploy for more than three months at that time. The next priority will be those with a four- or five-bedroom requirement, followed by rank, date of rank and construction plan.

Renovations of older homes are underway, with 15 projects finished and another 20 in the process, Wagner said.

Improvements include kitchen upgrades with granite countertops and new appliances, and bump-out additions to add 180-square-foot family rooms.

Randy Tucker, the new Balfour Beatty community manager, discussed how maintenance operations will improve based upon feedback from the West Point

community, such as the tracking and processing of work orders.

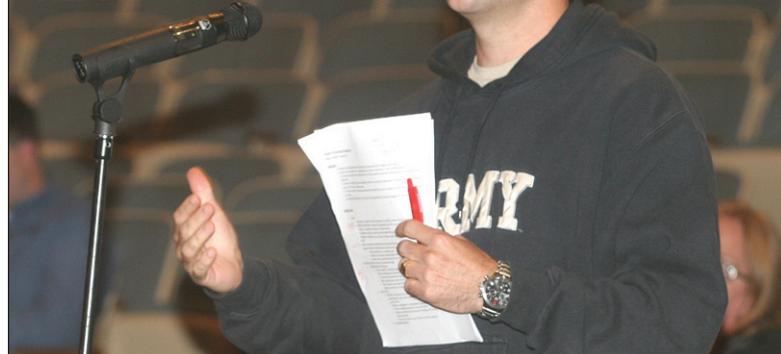
Each work order called in is now assigned a confirmation number, and receptionists monitor a new tracking board at the maintenance office to review those orders and call residents with the status of their request.

"We know the response of maintenance is the most important part of our job at West Point," Tucker said. "We do need your help and advice on the quality of our services."

Tucker encouraged residents to complete comment cards, which are eligible for a quarterly \$100 prize drawing regardless of positive or negative feedback. Those cards are available to residents upon moving in or out, or when maintenance personnel are called to a home for repairs.

Garrison commander Col. Dan Bruno had praise for Tucker's customer-oriented style of management, and expects to see "great improvement" in customer satisfaction as a result.

Major Mark Crow, a Dept. of Social Sciences instructor, asks the Balfour Beatty and garrison command panel a question during the RCI Town Hall Oct. 1.



Adkins performs with cadets

Trace Adkins performs "Till the Last Shot's Fired" with the U.S. Military Academy Cadet Glee Club at Eisenhower Hall Oct. 2. Adkins spoke about his experience at West Point and said, "In the 40 years I've been in the music business, I've had the opportunity of seeing and experiencing hundreds of once-in-a-lifetime moments, but they all fell short on Friday night and Saturday morning. This was truly the most moving experience in my career, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart." Adkins also performed the national anthem with the Cadet Glee Club at the Army-Tulane football at Michie Stadium Oct. 3.

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fundraising experience at major educational, international and arts-related institutions to her new position at West Point.

She has expertise in assessment, strategic planning, major gifts, planned giving, capital campaigns, alumni relations and institutional and annual fund giving.

Since 2002, she has served as Senior Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations at The New School in New York City.

Her professional affiliations before The New School include Museum of Modern Art, The Americas Society and The Council

of the Americas, The United Nations Foundation and The Simon Bolivar Foundation.

Sorenson also spent eight years at Harvard University during its \$2.1 billion capital campaign.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Comparative Religion from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Nine cadets receive Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Nine Firsties will spend an extra year abroad after graduation to increase their knowledge of Middle Eastern studies, economics, languages, civil-military studies and international relations through the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Program.

"The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship sponsors one academic year (per student) to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas," Maj. Melissa Ringhisen, international relations instructor and secretary of the scholarship committee, said. "The scholarship provides \$25,000 for a one-year program outside the country in which the student resides.

"While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary Clubs and other groups," she added.

The cadets who received Ambassadorial Scholarships are Firsties Stephanie Mckiernan, Brennan Roorda, Benjamin Backsmeier, Jonathan McCann, Orlando Zambrano, Tyler Matthews, Iain Cruickshank, Anthony Lupo and Margaret Fountain.

Mckiernan plans to continue her education with an advanced degree in Middle Eastern Studies.

"I would like to attend St. Andrews University in Scotland," the future aviator said. "Seeing as how I would like to continue my studies, I think this scholarship will allow me to gain a better understanding of the region we are in (the Middle East), and thus better allow me to lead troops there."

Roorda plans to continue his education studying the Middle Eastern and Arabic languages.

"I would like to go to the American University in Cairo to help prepare me to go abroad and operate in a different environment," the future infantryman said. "It will give me more experience with Arabic and Middle Eastern cultures, and it will hopefully help prepare me for a life of serving the U.S. government through the Foreign Service."

Backsmeier, who hopes to branch infantry or armor, plans to continue studying American politics, policy and strategy.

"I would like to study in England at the London School of Economics," he said. "I hope to pursue a degree in Public Policy and Administration. This program of study prepares individuals to serve as

managers at every level of government, as well as with nongovernmental and nonprofit organizations.

"The skills I will learn in the classroom can be directly applied with working with nonprofit organizations in Afghanistan or Iraq," Backsmeier added.

McCann, an economics and operations research dual major, wants to branch into the Corps of Engineers, but said his first preference for school is the London School of Economics or Oxford University.

"As a scholarship recipient headed to a foreign country, I am in a unique position to make a difference," McCann said. "I want to dispel the notion of the rude and boisterous American, and to become an authentic Soldier-scholar.

"I want others to have that surprised look on their faces when I tell them that I serve in the American military," he continued. "Today's officers must act as diplomats as well as warriors, who are sensitive to the cultural characteristics of the world's citizens with whom we interact.

"Mature and educated leaders are in high demand, and receiving this scholarship would validate my effort in trying to become one," he added.

Zambrano is an economics and Arabic double major, and he hopes to earn a master's in development management at the London School of Economics.

"I think the scholarship will help me to better address the development challenges that junior officers are currently facing in Iraq and Afghanistan," the future infantryman said. However, this won't be the first time Zambrano has worked abroad.

"I worked as an intern for Dunia Frontier Consultants in Dubai (United Arab Emirates) and studied abroad in Amman, Jordan. I also worked in the Dominican Republic for Seeds of Hope for La Victoria, Inc., an organization that does small-scale development work," Zambrano added.

Matthews is an American Politics, Policy and Strategy major, and he plans to study for a master's degree in development studies at the London School of Economics.

"General (David) Petraeus has made it clear that in a counterinsurgency, Soldiers must also act as diplomats," he said. "During this opportunity to be an 'ambassadorial scholar,' I'll have a chance to grow intellectually and develop some of those diplomatic skills that today's platoon leaders need."

Cruickshank is a mathematics and Arabic major, and plans for a degree in applied mathematics.

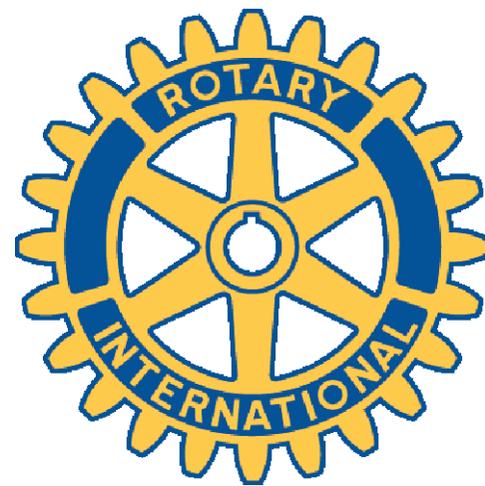
"I think the scholarship will better prepare me to be immersed in a foreign culture," he said. "I hope to apply my mathematical skills to solve the real world problems that our nation faces today."

Lupo, a philosophy major, hopes to attend Oxford in England or St. Andrews in Scotland to continue his studies in philosophy.

"Philosophy underwrites everything in professional military ethic and the just war," he said. "Philosophy as a methodology separates good thought from poor thought."

Fountain is an American Politics, Policy and Strategy major, and she hopes the scholarship will help her attain a master's degree in war studies from King's College in London.

"More than ever civilian and military



entities are working together to help solve the security threats facing this country," the future military intelligence officer said. "There is no longer a defined sphere for each where authority and responsibilities are discreet entities. As an Army officer, I will have to integrate civilian players into my operations and understand the motivations and limitations of both the military and civilian side, which will prove invaluable to my success."

Ringhisen said it is the Ambassadorial Scholarships program objective to increase awareness and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country.

"The Rotary Foundation's ultimate goal is world understanding and peace by developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community," Ringhisen concluded.

Giving West Point classes return for Homecoming

By Megan Dill
West Point Association of Graduates

The Classes of 1974 and 1984 are returning to West Point for their reunion celebrations this weekend.

Since graduation, members of the Class of 1974 have given more than \$5.36 million to West Point, and more than \$1.8 million of that since their 30th reunion in 2004. Seventy-five percent of the class has given back to West Point since graduation.

Members of the Class of 1984 have given more than \$1.26 million to West Point over their lifetimes with more than \$646,000 of that since their 20th reunion in 2004.

In total, 68 percent of the class has given

back to West Point since graduation.

In addition, the Class of 1984 is being recognized for a \$300,000 Class Gift Project they completed this year to fund research at the Combating Terrorism Center (www.etc.usma.edu).

The CTC was founded in February 2003 with the mission of arming current and future leaders with the intellectual tools needed to defeat and deter terrorist threats to our nation.

By developing a curriculum of the highest quality, producing theoretically informed studies and crafting relevant policy recommendations, the CTC is an internationally-recognized center of excellence dedicated to the advancement of

terrorism knowledge and expertise.

Thank you and welcome to the Classes of 1974 and 1984 for their generous support for USMA over the years.



Community children learn fascinating coin-making facts

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

About 80 community school-children learned about making money the old-fashioned way—by manufacturing it. Cherry Cwojehowski, from the United States Mint, talked to the children on the history of coins Sept. 24 at the West Point Elementary School. The event was sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities.

Topics of manufacturing coins included the history of the U.S. Mint, metals used in coins, stamping procedures and the four words or phrases that, by law, must be on all coins.

“The first mint in the United States was built in 1792 in Philadelphia,” Cwojehowski explained to her young audience. “Before we made our own coins, people were using coins from various states and countries or bartering, so there was no (formalized) way of paying for goods or services.”

George Washington donated silver for the first coins made from his household goods.

Today, the government buys strips of rolled metal, which are fed through a blanking press punching out smooth round forms called blanks, and they are eventually stamped and made into coins.

“Now, no coins are made of pure silver,” Cwojehowski said. “It’s too expensive. A penny today is made of copper-plated zinc, and the nickel is made of 75 percent copper and 25 percent nickel alloy.”

Cwojehowski said coins are standardized to identify where they were minted and in what year.

“Every coin except for the penny made in Philadelphia has a mint mark, which indicates where the coin was made,” Cwojehowski explained.

The mint mark is the letter usually located on the obverse (front) of the coin such as D-Denver, P-Philadelphia, S-San Francisco and W-West Point.

“Sometimes people can make a mistake,” she said. “We try very hard not to, but sometimes people can make a mistake when stamping, which then makes the coin extremely valuable. There are many people who go through their coins to check for errors.”

The students seemed particularly interested in the mistake factor and began asking questions about the worth of such a coin.

Another interesting fact the children learned was why coins have ridges.

“The coins were reeled or ridged to make it difficult for counter fitters or crooks to successfully dig out the precious metal of gold and silver in the real coins without anyone noticing,” Cwojehowski said. “Now, they are used to help

the visually-impaired identify the coins.”

Parents and children seemed interested in the subject of coins.

Children asked many questions and a few discussions took place.

“I think taking the opportunity to add on to any child’s education is important,” Beverly Kaiser, community member and mom, said.

Cwojehowski asked the children if they knew what four things must, by law, be on the coins.

“The date,” one student said.

“Yes, the date is always on the coin, but not by law,” Cwojehowski said.

Liberty, E Pluribus Unum, In God We Trust and United States of America are the four words or phrases that must be on every coin minted in the United States.

Along with fruit juice and snacks, the children were treated

to a shiny new blank penny, which prompted one child to ask, jokingly, if he could buy anything with it.



Cherry Cwojehowski, from the United States Mint, talks to third graders and home schoolers about how money is made, what metal is used and a brief history on stamping the coins.

A question of honor—a lesson learned

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point's primary goal is to develop leaders of character, and to that end, adherence to the Honor Code is a serious undertaking for cadets. Cadets found in violation of the Honor Code may have several options open to them, which depend on decisions beginning with the Cadet Honor Committee up to the Superintendent. At the discretion of the West Point Superintendent, one of the options open to a cadet, who has violated the Honor Code, is admission to the six-monthlong Honor Mentorship Program.

Cow Kristin Lemieux, Company F-4, knows first-hand how the Honor Mentorship Program can help a cadet identify and redirect ethical shortcomings.

"Our time at (West Point) serves as a transition period between the moral and ethical standards in the civilian world to the higher standard that the military holds for its leaders," Lemieux said. "People look to those in the military as role model Americans, and they will always associate our behavior with the military, the Army and the academy. We must represent them well."

Lemieux is undergoing mentoring in the Honor Mentorship Program. While in the program, she must create a character development plan, undergo counseling sessions with her mentor, write 48 journal entries, write self-evaluations on the Army values, interview a role model and write a final paper on the whole process. Failure to complete the program results in a suspension

and probable separation from the academy.

"Every cadet placed in the Honor Mentorship Program must plan and carry out a project that serves the community or educates people about honorable living in some way," Lemieux said. "The idea I came up with was to plan a mini-boot camp for the children in my hometown."

Lemieux conducted a mini-Soldier camp July 11 in her hometown of Dearborn Heights, Mich. She gathered about 40 grade-school children from the community and with the aid of Dearborn Heights local military veterans, local Cub Scout Pack 1152, local businesses and recruiters, Lemieux put the children through physical training, obstacle courses and team-building events.

"I knew the only exposure the children have had to the military is from the veterans who come in and talk about the wars they served in from a history lecture," she said. "I thought that providing an introduction to each of the different branches (in their current state) could spark a deeper appreciation for the military, even if they are not a part of it."

Lemieux said the project taught her lessons that she didn't expect to learn. Because there was no funding for the project, she developed a renewed faith in the goodness of people because of the outpouring of her community who volunteered and worked with her, to include classmates Angela Deger and Zachary Daugherty, both from Ohio, who drove three hours to help.

"Watching as the veterans marched out to face the small Soldiers and three cadets, who stood waiting for them during the parade at



Cow Kristin Lemieux (right) talks to a couple of mothers from her hometown of Dearborn Heights, Mich., where she set up a mini-Soldier camp for the community children as part of her Honor Mentorship Program.

COURTESY PHOTO

the end of the event, symbolized both respect for their service and a passing of the torch to a younger generation," she said. "One of the most moving moments of the ceremony was watching two World War II veterans refuse to sit in the chairs offered to them as they struggled to stand at attention during the parade. The oldest veteran stood there, with his ribbons proudly displayed on his plaid button down shirt, and that was a great moment."

According to Lemieux's F-4 tactical officer, Maj. Josh Bookout, Lemieux should successfully complete the mentoring program.

"Cadet Lemieux is a motivated cadet," Bookout said. "The small Soldiers project is evidence of her initiative and motivation. In the company, she goes out of her way to help her fellow cadets. She has volunteered her expertise as a certified Emergency Medical Technician on numerous occasions to support company medical training."

"Lemieux's honor violation has taught her many things about the Honor Code and herself," he added. "The Honor Mentorship Program has enabled her to appreciate more fully the value of integrity. I know that she is a better cadet for it, and will be a better officer for going through this learning experience."

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BOSS travels to the Falls

The West Point Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers took their first international trip in late September to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. Twenty-six members of the BOSS program, including two Soldiers from Fort Monmouth, N.J., made the trip. The trip included a Jet Boat tour and an excursion to the Cave of the Winds on the U.S. side.

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Thursday, Friday and Oct. 15
7:30 p.m.

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BBC LifeWorks events

Halloween decorating contest

Grab all your Halloween and Fall decorations and participate in Balfour Beatty Communities' Halloween decorating contest.

Community members can call and nominate their own house or can call and nominate someone else's. The contest winner will be announced Oct. 30.

Candy corn counting contest

Beginning Tuesday, community members can stop by 132 Bartlett Loop and submit their entries for the National Candy Corn Counting Contest.

A pumpkin jar will be filled with candy corn, and everyone has to try to guess the correct number of candy corn. Submit your number by Oct. 29.

Breakfast on the Go

Balfour Beatty Communities will be handing out a free bite to eat Oct. 16 to all West Point residents with a personal safety flyer on emergency preparedness.

For more information on all BBC LifeWorks events or to RSVP, call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407.

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What's Happening

USMA Bookstore book signings

The U.S. Military Academy Bookstore, in Thayer Hall, fourth floor, is hosting three book signings this week.

Colonel Douglas Macgregor will sign copies of his book, "Warrior's Rage: The Great Tank Battle of 73 Easting," from 10 a.m.-noon Friday.

Gail Dwyer is signing copies of her new book, "Tough as Nails: One Woman's Journey through West Point," from 1-3 p.m. Friday.

Mike Krzyzewski is coming to West Point to sign copies of his latest release, "The Gold Standard: Building a World Class Team," from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information on the book signings, call Wendy Nawoichyk at 938-5356.

WTU/Year of the NCO tailgate

A free tailgate in honor of the West Point Warrior Transition Unit and the Year of the NCO is being held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Buffalo Solider Pavilion.

All WTU and West Point Soldiers, NCOs, friends and Family members are welcome.

KACH FRG activity

Keller Army Community Hospital Family Readiness Group will be collecting and sorting donations to send to our 17 medical servicemembers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

Collection boxes are also located in the lobby of KACH.

If you have any questions, call 938-8878.

Motorcycle Safety training

There are openings in the upcoming Basic Motorcycle Rider

Courses scheduled to start:

- Wednesday for staff and faculty;

- Oct. 16 for cadets only.

Registration is required. To register, go to <https://airs.lmi.org>.

To register and ride your motorcycle on West Point, you must take this class or its equivalent and show proof of that when registering the vehicle.

Young Life banquet

Young Life is hosting a banquet at 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at Herbert Hall.

The Oscar-themed banquet is for adults and parents in the community who support the Young Life and Wyldlife programs.

Come hear and see the vision of our mission. Discover how you can support the program.

RSVP to Allison Cook at 938-5386 or allisoncook25@yahoo.com.

For more information, visit www.oneill.younglife.com.

Cornwall-on-Hudson yard sale

From 9 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine, Oct. 17, the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson is hosting a village-wide yard sale with more than 100 participating Families.

A shopping map will be distributed at Village Hall, 325 Hudson St., on that day, or shoppers can roam the village and find many sales.

For additional information, call Barbara Gosda at 534-9367.

American Girl Fashion Shows

Most Precious Blood Regional Catholic School is hosting four American Girl Fashion Shows at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Oct. 17 and noon Oct. 18.

The fun-filled event is for young girls and their Families.

The fashion shows include styles

from yesterday and today, formal to contemporary and sleepwear from years past through today.

There is an admission price. The event includes a light meal and refreshments. There will be door prizes, raffles and a souvenir table.

There is also an opportunity for girls to be guest models during the fashion shows.

MPB School is located at 180 Ulster Avenue, Walden.

For more information, call Katie at 566-5736 or e-mail triccio@aol.com.

To download order forms and pictures from previous fashion shows, go to the school Web site at www.mpbwalden.org.

Personally-owned firearm ranges

The West Point Range Control will host three personally-owned firearm dates.

The dates are from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 31, 1-4:30 p.m. Nov. 3 and 1-4:30 p.m. Nov. 13.

Range 5, where the POF range is located, is off of Route 293 across from the West Point Fire Department.

Military personnel, Family members, retirees and DOD civilian employees are authorized to participate.

Those attending the POF range must bring their own targets, hearing and eye protection.

For more information, contact Alec Lazore at 938-3007.

Wounded Warriors Project

First Battalion, 1st Regiment will be conducting a 12-mile road march Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) as a fundraiser for the Wounded Warriors Project.

The march will consist of three four-mile loops on West Point with a ruck weighing at least 30 pounds.

Cadets will be asking instructors and other personnel on post to sponsor them through a monetary donation.

The goal is to raise \$15,000 for WWP.

For more information about the event, contact Firstie Claire Heid at claire.heid@usma.edu.

Bookkeeper job available

The Constitution Island Association is interested in hiring a bookkeeper for three hours a week.

The office is located in Bldg. 2104, where the Red Cross resides, near the visitor's center.

The applicant must have a knowledge of Quick Books.

For more information, call 446-8676 or e-mail Richard de Koster at info@constitutionisland.org.

"Down Range" premiere

The West Point community is invited to the premiere of "Down Range," a new play about how returning Soldiers survive the war at home.

All proceeds from "Down Range" ticket sales will be donated to Soldier's Heart, which is a charitable organization that addresses the emotional and spiritual needs of veterans, their Families and communities.

"Down Range" opens Oct. 28 and runs through Nov. 14 at Theatre 3, 311 West 43rd St., third floor, in New York City.

For more information about dates, times and prices of "Down Range," call 212-868-4444 or go online at www.smarttix.com.

West Point Middle School Veterans Day assembly

The West Point Middle School hosts its annual Veterans Day reception and assembly for local

veterans.

The event, which this year's theme is America's First Soldiers: The Revolutionary War, begins at noon Nov. 10.

It begins with a reception in the school library at noon. The show starts at 1 p.m. in the auditorium, and the show runs for an hour.

The show consists of vignettes of a Soldier's and colonist's life in the 18th century.

The middle school chorus will sing "Yankee Doodle Dandy," while the band plays selections to honor all the branches of service.

To RSVP the event, call 938-2923.

Post Chapel Harvest Night

The Post chapel is hosting Harvest Night from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 31, just outside the Post Chapel.

The night will include farm-made cider and donuts, horse-drawn carriage rides, crawl through the Tunnel-of-Light, weave through the Hay-Maze and enjoy several Family-friendly crafts and games.

There will also be a costume parade at 5 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the event will move to the Elementary School gymnasium.

The event is sponsored by the Protestant Chapels.

For more information, contact Eric Bryan at 608-0457 or e-mail him at eric.bryan@usma.edu.

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FMWR Blurbs

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 FMWR ITR office, Bldg. 695.

The program continues through March 10, 2010.

Participants must provide their own hockey gear and skates.

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

West Point Golf Course Pro Shop Columbus Day Sale

The West Point Golf Course Pro Shop Columbus Day sale runs from 7 a.m. to dusk Monday-Wednesday.

For more information, call 938-2435/2327.

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career

Army Community Service is sponsoring a seminar entitled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career," from 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683.

Please call 938-4621 to register.

Oktoberfest at the West Point Club

A celebration of Oktoberfest will be held from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 16 at the West Point Club.

Dance away the evening with the Alpine Squeeze Band.

Enjoy specialty German food and beers.

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Monday for Columbus Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

Follow up with your Primary Care Manager

Schedule an appointment with your Primary Care Manager after you've had any kind of emergency care.

This is especially important if you were hospitalized after visiting a civilian emergency room.

Your PCM can help you continue on the return trip to good health by entering referrals for Health Net Federal Services to process.

Make that primary care appointment by calling 845-938-7992.

Joint Commission

Keller Army Community Hospital is being inspected by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Hospital Organizations Tuesday-Oct. 19.

The Joint Commission is an independent, non-governmental agency that inspects

It is a pay as you go menu and bar. For more information, call 938-5120.

Youth Services Halloween Dance

There is a Youth Services Halloween Dance from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 16 at Youth Services, Bldg. 500 for seventh and eighth grades.

For more information, call 938-8525/3727.

Family Fun Night

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program presents Family Fun Night for the Families of deployed Soldiers from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at Youth Services, Bldg. 500.

Call 938-5654 to register.

Defensive Driving

The next defensive driving class will be held from 8 a.m. -3 p.m. Oct. 17 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

To register, call the ITR office at 938-2401.

Fall Story Hour

The West Point Post Library will begin its fall preschool story hour at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday starting Oct. 20.

The sessions are open to all West Point community children, ages 3-5.

Pre-registration is required on a weekly basis.

Call 938-2974, or stop by the library in Bldg. 622 for details.

2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show

KACH every three years.

It does a top-to-bottom evaluation of the hospital, and lets the customer know whether we are a safe, quality place for your medical care.

Army regulations require we adhere to Joint Commission standards. In the civilian sector, federal funding requires Joint Commission compliance.

That's how important it is for us to maintain their level of standards.

Anyone in the community can speak to the surveyors while they are here.

They are especially interested in patient safety, but all subjects relating to patient care are fair game.

If you would like to speak to the Joint Commission, you may contact them at 800-994-6610 or e-mail at complaint@jcaho.org.

KACH referral assistance

Need help or have questions about a referral?

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

The 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show performs one night only at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at Eisenhower Hall.

This Army Entertainment Production presented by FMWR is free and open to the general public.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Quarterback Luncheon

Quarterback Luncheon tickets are on sale now at the West Point Club.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Family Child-care Program

The Family Child-care Program is offering care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Many child-care options are available.

For more information, call Elizabeth Peralta at 938-6170.

Special needs care

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

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

Call the Outreach Services office at 938-3921, if you are interested in being part of the Family Child-care program.

FMWR Reball Mega Arena is here

The FMWR Reball Mega Arena is now available for rent at Round Pond seven days a week.

What is reball? It is like paintball, but uses reusable balls instead.

No paint means less mess.

Play time rental is between 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., which is preceded by a mandatory one hour safety brief/equipment check.

Call 938-2503 to reserve your place today.

English for Language Learners

An English for Language Learners course will begin an eight-week combined class Oct. 26.

This class will meet Mondays from 9:30-11 a.m. in Bldg. 622. Advance registration is required for all attendees.

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

Art with attitude through the EDGE! Program

Get creative and paint a wooden chair, stool, etc., through the EDGE! Program.

The program is offered to adolescents in grades 6-12. There is no fee.

EDGE! runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 26-Nov. 6. CYSS eligibility is required. Register at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500) for classes.

For more information, call 938-3727.

FMWR Haunted Hayride

See what lurks in the haunted forest of Round Pond at the FMWR Haunted Hayride.

The Haunted Hayride takes place from 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 30 at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond Recreation Area.

The hayride is open to the West Point, Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery communities.

Come in your Halloween costume and receive a discount off admission.

The rain date is Oct. 31.

For more information, call 938-2503.

ACS Employment Readiness Program

Want information on a flexible and portable career? The Army Community

Service Employment Readiness Program is hosting a medical transcription information session 10-11:30 a.m. Oct. 30 at ACS Bldg. 622.

Reservations are required. Call 938-5658 for more information.

FMWR Fitness Center

Please note that the group fitness monthly memberships at the FMWR Fitness Center will have an increase starting Nov. 1.

The FMWR Fitness is closed for all home football games and federal holidays.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Hunting Lottery

The hunting lottery for the opening of rifle season will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Ski Lodge, Bldg 718.

Lottery is open to active duty military, retired military and DOD civilians.

Call 938-2503 to register.

Sunday Breakfast

The West Point Club Sunday breakfast is back from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Sunday.

There is an all-new breakfast menu.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Child care for home football games

The West Point Child Development Center is offering child care for Army home football games (fees apply).

Reservations are required 10 days before game day. The next home game available to reserve is Oct. 23.

For more information, call 938-3921.

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.

Instructors needed

Certified Spinning and Body Pump instructors are needed at the FMWR Fitness Center. Hours are flexible.

Contact Rita Tenuta 845-446-3630 or tenuta06@yahoo.com.

Women's Crossfit Class

Join the crossfit craze with Felicia and Rita at 9 a.m. Wednesdays at the FMWR Fitness Center.

For more information, call 938-6490/7060.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

ITR has tickets on sale now for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular shows on the following dates:

- 5 p.m. Dec. 9;
- 8 p.m. Dec. 15;
- 5 p.m. Dec. 17.

Tickets are limited, so don't delay.

For more information, call 938-3601.

Crisis line

Soldiers and their Families can receive up to 12 free, face-to-face, short-term counseling sessions through the Military One Source Crisis Line.

For more information, call 800-342-9647.

A Spanish line is available at 877-888-0727.

For more information, visit www.militaryonesource.com.

Spiker brings NCAA Tournament experience to Army

By Brian Gunning
Athletic Communications

Zach Spiker, a fast-rising star in the college coaching profession, was named new Army men's basketball head coach by Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson Oct. 3.

One of the architects behind the recent resurgence of the men's basketball program at Cornell University, Spiker has served as an assistant under head coach Steve Donahue the past five years.

Spiker helped the Big Red to upper-division finishes in the Ivy League during each of his five seasons in Ithaca. He was instrumental in helping Cornell's recruiting efforts the last five years, culminating in the Big Red winning consecutive Ivy League titles the past two seasons.

It marked the first back-to-back league titles for Cornell in school history, and it was the first time a team other than Pennsylvania or Princeton copped consecutive Ivy League championships.

"We couldn't be more excited to name Zach Spiker as the head coach of our men's basketball program," U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck said. "Zach impressed us with his high-energy level, intimate knowledge of our program and well-conceived plan to deliver a (Patriot League) championship to the Army program."

With Spiker on the sidelines alongside Donahue, Cornell is coming off the most successful consecutive seasons in school history. One year after establishing school records for victories (22) and consecutive wins (16), points (2,136), three-point field goals made (228) and highest free-throw percentage (.761), the Big Red set school records for points (2,281), three-point field goals made (241) and blocked shots (121) last season.

"We conducted a national search and spoke to a tremendous pool of candidates," Anderson stated. "Throughout the process, one individual clearly rose to the top in my mind.

"Zach is highly regarded by some of the most well-respected coaches in the country," Anderson added. "He is widely recognized as one of the true young talents in the coaching profession, and he is someone we feel is ready to lead our program to a Patriot League championship."

After registering a 22-6 overall record in 2007-08 and a perfect 14-0 Ivy mark, the Big Red posted a 21-10 slate last season, closing

out consecutive 20-win seasons for the first time in school history.

Cornell won the Ivy League championship by three games and tied a school record with a perfect 13-0 home record, extending its home winning streak to a school-record 21 games—the third-longest active streak in the country.

Cornell juniors Louis Dale and Ryan Wittman repeated as first-team All-Ivy League selections, while Jeff Foote was named the Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year and was a second-team all-league selection.

Freshman Chris Wroblewski earned Ivy League Rookie of the Year honors, marking the third time in the last four years a Cornell player was presented with the award. Spiker played a large role in recruiting all those players to Cornell.

With his successes, Army is excited to add a young aspiring coach to its ranks while Spiker is ready to get going with his new team.

"I am extremely humbled and excited by the opportunity that Mr. Anderson has given me to coach at West Point," Spiker said. "I can't wait to get to work, and I am looking forward to serving this senior class to make this season the best it can be. I am confident we will all work together and make this a great experience for everybody."

The 33-year-old had helped Cornell to its first Ivy League title in 20 years in 2007-08 as Cornell became the 13th team in league history to go unbeaten in conference action (14-0).

During Spiker's five-year tenure at Cornell, the Big Red notched a 50-20 Ivy League record. That stands as the best mark among Ivy League teams in that time.

The Big Red finished no lower than third in the conference standings over that stretch. In the previous five seasons, Cornell posted a 20-50 record in conference play.

Spiker joined the Cornell staff in June 2004, returning to Ithaca after spending the previous two seasons as an administrative assistant at West Virginia University under head coach John Beilein.

He helped the Mountaineers to a pair of Big East Tournament appearances and an invitation to participate in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) in 2003-04. While in Morgantown, Spiker was responsible for managing on-campus recruiting visits, opponent scouting, postgame film breakdown and overseeing the team's daily event schedules.

Before joining the Mountaineer staff,



Army men's basketball head coach Zach Spiker stands between his new charges, Firsties Eric Zastoupil and Cleveland Richard, after Tuesday's press conference to introduce the new coach.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Spiker served as a graduate assistant coach at Winthrop University from 2000-02 under head coach Gregg Marshall, helping the Eagles garner a pair of NCAA Tournament berths after winning the Big South tournament in successive seasons.

Spiker joined the coaching ranks after completing his playing career at Ithaca College.

The Morgantown, W.Va., native graduated from Ithaca in 2000, earning a bachelor's degree in communications.

He received a master's degree in sports management from West Virginia in the spring of 2004.

"In many ways, this process reminded

me of the search we conducted when hiring Maggie Dixon to lead our women's program a few years back," Anderson said. "Maggie was a bit of an unknown commodity, but we felt she was the perfect choice to lead our women's program.

"We feel Zach is the right individual to head our men's program at this time for many of those same reasons," Anderson added. "We feel very fortunate to name Zach Spiker as our new men's basketball coach today. We think Zach will inject great energy into our program and provide tremendous leadership to our cadet-athletes."

Spiker will immediately begin his new duties at Army.

Sprint football dominates Princeton, 57-0

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

PRINCETON, N.J.—The Army sprint football team raised its record to 3-0 Oct. 2 in a dominating win over host Princeton in its first Collegiate Sprint Football League contest. The Black Knights gained 316 yards and scored six touchdowns on 56 rushing attempts in a 57-0 win over the Tigers (0-3).

"I thought we played extremely hard," second-year head coach Mark West said. "We looked good in all phases of the game—special teams, offense, and defense."

With three wins this season, West has already guided the team to more wins than each of the two previous seasons (2-5), and as many games as the 2006 team (3-3).

Firstie captain Ricky Lentz finished the game with 23 carries for 151 yards and two touchdowns, including the first touchdown of the game, which was a one-yard plunge.

After Army's second safety of the season gave the Black

Knights a 9-0 cushion, Plebe quarterback Tim Meier got into the act with the first of his two touchdown passes to put the Black Knights up by 16 at the 9:12 mark of the first quarter.

Meier had a hand in each of Army's next two tallies, scoring from one yard out on a run, and picking up his second aerial touchdown of the day on a 39-yard connection to Yearling Benjamin Johnson. Lentz capped a four-play, 33-yard drive with a six-yard scamper at the 1:12 mark of the second quarter to give Army a 37-0 lead at halftime.

Meier scored on a 57-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter, and ended the contest with 75 yards and two TDs on just 13 carries. Plebe running back Marquis Morris added fourth quarter touchdowns runs of 18 and 21 yards as he finished with 69 yards on six carries.

The Army defense shut down the Tigers from start to finish. The Black Knights held Princeton to just three total yards while making 14 tackles for loss, five sacks and intercepting five passes.

Volleyball continues hot streak, defeats LaFayette

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

EASTON, Pa.—Cow middle blocker Amanda Rowell led all players with 13 kills and a .435 hitting percentage to lead the Army volleyball team to a commanding 3-0 victory at Lafayette Oct. 3. The win extended the Black Knights' win streak to eight, and improved their record to 4-0 in conference play.

Army (16-3, 4-0 PL) dominated from the start and churned out the win using 25-16, 25-16, 25-20 set victories over the Leopards (9-6, 1-3 PL), who totaled just 18 kills as a team.

Rowell reached double-figure kills for the fourth time in the last five matches, while Plebe outside hitter Ariana Mankus added nine. Yearling middle blocker Rachel Willis, Plebe right side Francine Vasquez and Yearling outside hitter Fabiola Castro chipped in with eight kills apiece.

Firstie setter Maureen Bannon finished with a match-high 32 assists. She also added a pair of solo blocks to help the defense. Mankus, Vasquez and Cow libero Brittany Jensen led the way with

10 digs apiece.

"We made some changes in the rotation just to test out some new combinations and it worked out well," third-year head coach Alma Kovaci said. "We didn't miss a beat and clicked on all cylinders. It was nice to see us adjust to change.

"Our goal was to finish this match in three, and we accomplished that feat," Kovaci added. "We're playing really well right now, and I'm hoping that we can maintain this level of performance throughout the rest of league play."

Army, the Patriot League's kills leader, amassed 46 kills in comparison to Lafayette's 18. The Black Knights hit for a .267 percentage, while the Leopards struggled with a .020 mark. Army totaled six blocks to Lafayette's three.

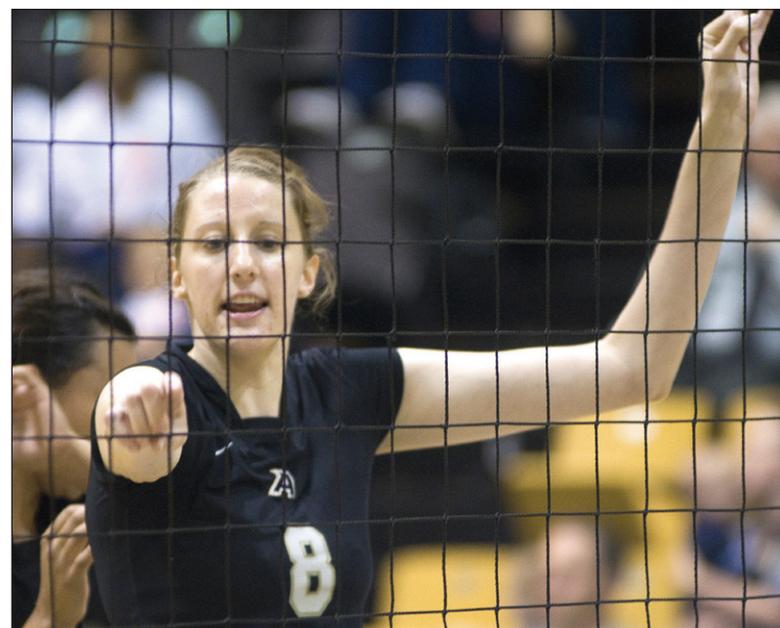
Taking advantage of Bannon's powerful jump serve, the Black Knights scored the first three points of the match, including kills from Rowell and Mankus, and led the rest of the way. The Leopards trimmed the deficit to one (5-4), but Army then used a 15-7 run midway through the action to double-up Lafayette by a 20-10 score. Lafayette outscored Army 6-5

down the stretch, but at that point it did not matter as the Black Knights' reached the finish line (25-16) on a Mankus kill.

The Black Knights showed no signs of slowing down in the second set by jumping out to a 10-5 lead as Castro blocked Lafayette's Katrina Racibarskas. The Black Knights went on to lead by as many as 10 several times late in the frame as Army took a 2-0 lead heading into the break.

The most competitive session of the day, the final set, featured 11 ties and six-lead changes before Army was able to stave off the Leopards. Lafayette hung around throughout the majority of play. A Vasquez' kill late in the set evened the score for a final time at 19.

The Black Knights then embarked on a 6-1 stretch to close the match. Willis, Castro and Mankus each registered a kill and Bannon came up with one of her two solo blocks to help Army pull away.



Cow middle blocker Amanda Rowell led all players with 13 kills and a .435 hitting percentage to lead Army to its eighth straight victory and a 4-0 conference start.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

The Black Knights return to Patriot League action with a single match at 5 p.m. Saturday at Holy

Cross. The Crusaders will offer live stats through www.goholycross.com.



Cow libero Brittany Jensen led Army with 10 digs in the Black Knights three-set sweep of LaFayette Oct. 3.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



Army ruggers tie NYAC

Army men's rugby 1st XV battled Super League (club) quarterfinalist New York Athletic Club and came away with a hard-fought 17-17 tie Oct. 3 at the Anderson Rugby Complex. Cow wing Ben Leatigaga (above) scored Army's first try of the match with his score late in the first half. Army returns to action at 5 p.m. Oct. 17 versus Northeastern at ARC.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Army tries to rebound against SEC foe Vanderbilt

By Tommy Gilligan
Assistant editor

The Army Black Knights (2-3) look to get back to their winning ways Saturday against Southeastern Conference and 2008 Music City Bowl champions Vanderbilt University.

Army lost a hard-fought battle Oct. 3 in the final minutes of the contest to Tulane.

After the game, Coach Rich Ellerson said, "These guys understand that challenge, and we will stay together and hold on to one another. Every player and every coach, particularly myself, will take responsibility and we will find a way to move forward."

Just like every other team in the county, the cadets and the staff went back to work the very next day watching film as Army began preparing for the Commodores.

Ellerson has continued to preach his philosophy that his team has to be more precise in the way they play to win games.

"If we can learn that lesson and finally come away with that understanding, and come away with a sense of urgency to go forward, believe it or not it can almost be worth it with what we just went through," Ellerson said. "We need one more play, and we see a hundred of them there that are within our grasp."

"The challenge does not get any easier with Vanderbilt coming into town," he added. "I liken them to Iowa State with a better defense."

Vanderbilt is coming into the contest 2-3 with their three losses coming to their conference foes,

which were ranked #1 collectively as conference by ESPN.com.

The SEC traditionally has been known as a smash mouth running attack conference, and Vanderbilt falls along with that persona, with the team nearly compiling a 1,000 yards through five games.

"From an offensive standpoint, their quarterback's legs are very much involved in the run offense," Ellerson said. "They have a bevy of running backs with different strengths and abilities."

The Commodores have a young and potentially explosive running attack, while the Black Knights defense has continued to stop opposing team's offenses. This week, the Army defensive unit comes in ranked among the Top 35 units in the country. Leading the way is Cow defensive end Josh McNary, who is rank fifth in the country averaging 2.1 tackles for a loss per game.

Standout Cow middle linebacker Stephen Anderson expressed how the team needs to finish a few more plays, and, if they do that, they would be in position to achieve the team's goals that they set out for themselves in the preseason.

During Vanderbilt's Monday press conference, head football coach Bobby Johnson spoke about the issues that Army's defense presents to his team.

"They have people standing up instead of being in a traditional three-point stance, and they have guys coming from everywhere," Johnson said. "It's not that they blitz a whole lot, but the interior of their defense gives you problems because they are unconventional."

They do a good bit of stunting, and they play a lot of man coverage so we will have to be able to beat man coverage. Their defense seems to have a knack for giving everybody problems."

Army will try to get their offense going Saturday against the 25th ranked defense in the country. The Black Knights running attack ranks seventh in the country—averaging 231 yards.

Plebe quarterback Trent Steelman is coming off his best running performance of the season. He carried the ball 20 times for a total of 95 yards.

Ellerson praised Steelman's toughness throughout the game and his improvement on the reads through the game, but he and the team must continue to improve to be successful this weekend.

This Saturday's game will be televised on the CBS College Sports Network (Channels Directv—613, Dish Network—152, Time Warner—457). However, the game will be broadcasted on tape delay, so check your local service provider for times.

Army fans can also see the video and audio stream of the game from ITT Army Knight Vision at www.goarmysports.com.



Plebe quarterback Trent Steelman will try to get Army back on track, after two straight defeats, against Southeastern Conference Vanderbilt Saturday at Michie Stadium.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

CLUB RESULTS

• **Grappling:** The U.S. Military Academy Mixed Martial Arts Team dominated the competition at the Grappler's Quest Northeast Championships Sept. 26.

The Grappler's Quest Northeast Championships is one of the largest tournaments in the country, offering approximately 1,300 competitors from around the country, including 16 representatives from West Point—the largest showing West Point has ever produced for a national tournament, a chance to compete.

The team performed exceptionally at the Northeast Championships this year, walking away with 13 medals.

Firstie team captain Travis Anderson led by example, sweeping the competition in his Intermediate Middleweight division, finishing first-place overall. He also competed in the Intermediate Absolute division (all weight classes combined) and earned second place after seven grueling matches.

Cow co-captain Will Nagy had a similarly strong showing, finishing second in his Intermediate Light-Heavyweight division and second in the Blue Belt Heavyweight Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu division.

Team officer-in-charge, Maj. James Smith, epitomized "Army Strong" by fighting through seven long matches to take home first place in the Executive (ages 30-39) Beginner Cruiserweight division and second in the Executive Beginner Absolute division.

An additional milestone for West Point was reached at this tournament when, for the first time, female cadets represented the academy at a national grappling competition.

Plebe Lauren Stich, who has less than two months experience with the team, upset her Women's Beginner Class "C" (the lowest weight class) division by taking her opponents down to take second-place overall. Cow Jennifer Smith demonstrated excellent ground technique, finishing the tournament with a third-place medal in Women's Beginner Absolute division.

Yearling Colby Brunette demonstrated his impressive ground game by finishing the tournament with a second-place medal in the Beginner Lightweight division.

Plebe Mitchell Hansen fought six long matches to earn second place in the Beginner Welterweight division. Cow Shinwon Moon excelled at his first tournament earning a second-place medal in the Novice Lightweight division. Seth Merrigan finished strong as the only plebe to medal in the Intermediate level of competition. He finished the day with a third-place medal in the Intermediate Welterweight division.

In all, West Point Mixed Martial Arts participated in 71 matches over the course of the day at the Northeastern Championships. Nearly 70 percent of the team earned its way onto the podium, with several members winning multiple medals.

• **Women's Rugby:** The Army women's rugby 1st XV (3-1) dominated on its home pitch Sunday defeating Providence College 74-0. Army's try scorers on the afternoon were Cow team captain Sylvia Thomas 3, Yearling Jessica Sexauer 3, Cow Ashley Miller 2, Firstie Krystle Harrell 2, Plebe Giovanna Camacho and Cow Marie Timm with one try each. Army led 74-0 at halftime before the opposing coach agreed to call the match at that point. It was Army's third straight shutout victory. Afterward, Army's 2nd XV outscored Providence 1st XV 27-5.



Cow Will Yankauskas (right) ties up his opponent during the Grappler's Quest Northeast Championships Sept. 26.

Sports calendar

Oct. 8-17

Corps

FRIDAY—SWIMMING AND DIVING VS. STONY BROOK, BOSTON COLLEGE AND VERMONT, 4 P.M. AT CRANDALL POOL.

FRIDAY—SPRINT FOOTBALL VS. PENNSYLVANIA, 7 P.M. AT SHEA STADIUM.

SATURDAY—FOOTBALL VS. VANDERBILT, NOON AT MICHIE STADIUM (CBS COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK.)

OCT. 16—RIFLE VS. NORTH CAROLINA STATE, 2 P.M. AT TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER.

OCT. 16—CROSS COUNTRY VS. NAVY, 4 P.M. (MEN) AND 4:30 P.M. (WOMEN) AT WEST POINT GOLF COURSE.

OCT. 16—VOLLEYBALL VS. AMERICAN, 7 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

OCT. 17—MEN'S SOCCER VS. BUCKNELL, 1 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD (KNIGHT VISION.)

OCT. 17—WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. LAFAYETTE, 7 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

OCT. 17—VOLLEYBALL VS. NAVY, 7 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

Club

FRIDAY—BOXING, WEST POINT RUMBLE, 6 P.M. IN CENTRAL AREA.

OCT. 16—BOXING, FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, 6 P.M. AT NORTH BOXING ROOM.

OCT. 16-18—WATER POLO, USMA INVITATIONAL, AT ARVIN GYM, TIMES TBA.

OCT. 17—MEN'S RUGBY VS. NORTHEASTERN, 5 P.M. AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.