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Service academies' cadet leadership meet

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Wagner
U.S. Corps of Cadets

Cadet and midshipmen leadership from the five service academies came together to improve individual leadership skills in the areas of goal setting, team building and problem solving, as well as strengthening the ties among the cadet and midshipmen leadership of the five service academies at the 28th annual Robert T. Stevens Leadership Conference Aug. 30-Sept. 3 at West Point.

West Point cadets enjoyed meeting their counterparts from the other academies and discussing different leadership techniques.

"It is great to meet with the other academies to see how they approach leadership and how it compares with what I have experienced over the past three years," Cadet Brigade Sgt. Maj. Richard Starks said.

West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy each had eight delegates representing their respective academies, to include the brigade and deputy brigade commanders, executive officers, sergeants major and the four regimental commanders (or their equivalents—as the ranks are different at each academy). The U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Merchant Marine Academies sent their four highest-ranking cadets.

The attendees discussed inter- and intra-academy issues and ways to overcome these challenges to benefit all who are involved. Retired Lt. Col. Barry Berglund, a leadership development professional and honorary senior fellow at the Center for Creative Leadership, has overseen this seminar at West Point for the past 16 years.

He facilitated the interaction among



Thirty-two cadet and midshipmen leaders from West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy attending the Stevens Leadership Conference here Aug. 30-Sept. 3 pose with conference facilitator, retired Lt. Col. Barry Berglund (center in tuxedo), after their banquet at Herbert Hall Sept. 1.

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the attendees and fostered cohesion among the academy leadership through a series of discussions and team development exercises.

When asked what he gained from attending the conference, Naval Academy Brigade Commander Ryan Steenberge said, "It's been fantastic working with the other schools' leadership. We have the great opportunity to watch the services unite, not just the

academies, but also learn how it will work in the different branches of the military down the road."

The Stevens Conference provided lessons that all the attendees can apply during their final academic year and during their careers as officers in the U.S. military.

The delegates attended a formal dinner at Herbert Hall Sept. 1 at which Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck discussed

the importance of joint relationships in today's military environment and how his personal relationships with other branch leadership helped him during his command in Afghanistan.

The Stevens Leadership Conference was first held in 1981, and it is sponsored by a grant from the late Honorable Robert T. Stevens, former Secretary of the Army and 1977 Thayer Award recipient.

Football force protection and parking

By Joe Senger
Directorate of Plans, Training,
Mobilization and Security

To enhance West Point's force protection posture for its residents, the Corps of Cadets and guests traveling to the installation, the following measures will be implemented for all home games.

All games with the exception of the Rutgers game are scheduled for a noon kickoff time.

The Oct. 23 Rutgers game starts at 8 p.m., so separate information will be published before that game.

Parking

The following areas are "No Parking Areas" in support of football operations and force protection.

Any vehicles remaining in these areas after 10 p.m. Friday will be subject to towing—Brewerton Road, Scott Place, Doubleday Lot, Clinton Lot, Cullum Road, Tennis Court Lot, Kosciuszko Statue Lot, lettered lots (AAA, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H), West Point School lots, J Lot, K Lot (FMWR Fitness Center), Bldg.

639 Lot, South Dock (all areas to include Williams Road), lots surrounding Garrison Headquarters (Bldg. 681), Eisenhower Hall lots, Keller Army Community Hospital lots (front lot reserved for KACH employees and emergency room parking only), Townsley Road, Upton Road, East side of Gillis Field House, Buffalo Soldier Field hardstand, the Thayer Hotel Lot, Laundry Plant (Bldg. 845), Thayer Road, Directorate of Public Works areas and Transportation Motor Pool lots.

Other roadway issues

Delafield Road is open both ways for personnel traveling to the Child Development Center, PX and Stony Lonesome Housing Area. However, no parking is allowed on the roadway.

Handicap parking and shuttle services are available in H Lot (PX/Commissary Lot).

The first 14 parking slots on Thayer Road beginning at the Mills intersection and traveling north will be blocked off each Friday before a home game at 10 p.m. to support the Yellow Jacket pay-for-parking plan on game days.

To facilitate the building of Black Knight

Alley, Mills Road will be blocked from the Stony Lonesome intersection to the Howze Place intersection beginning at 6 a.m. each home football Saturday and will not reopen until after the game.

Beginning around 8:30 a.m., all roads leading to Michie Stadium will be blocked near the stadium.

Vehicles without an exemption pass distributed by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security's Force Protection Office will not be permitted entry through the blocking positions into the stadium area.

Merritt Road will be blocked at the Jewish Chapel beginning at 8 a.m. to keep traffic from entering Stony Lonesome Road and will reopen about 30 minutes after the game.

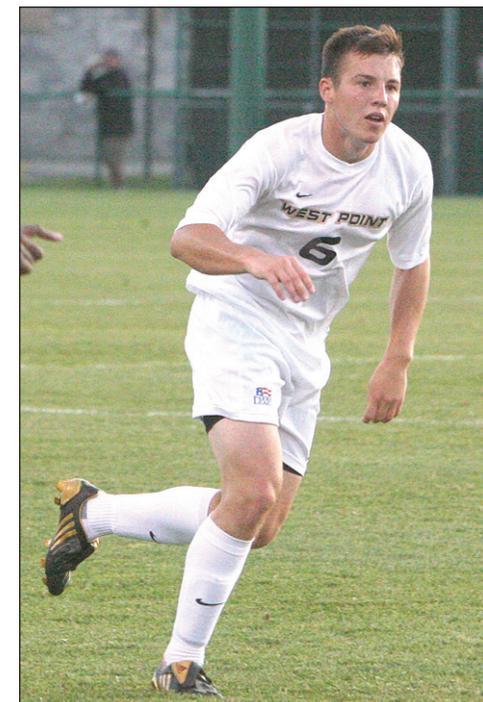
Personnel going TDY or on leave are reminded not to park in any of the parking areas listed.

Military Police will patrol the housing areas throughout the day.

Housing area residents are requested to notify the Provost Marshal of any suspicious activities or unidentified vehicles remaining

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Letter from the Supe: Middle States Accreditation



Dear members of the West Point Community:

As I hope you are aware, this week we will be hosting a team of educators and administrators from the Middle States Commission for Higher Learning who will be conducting the final portion of our decennial accreditation process.

This Congressionally-mandated accreditation process is tremendously important to all of us at West Point.

It not only provides an external validation from an independent body, but it helps us recruit quality candidates and it is the first step toward graduating accredited engineers. However, more importantly, it offers an opportunity for introspection.

West Point is a healthy and vibrant college, and our graduates benefit from a top-notch education. However, we can always improve our systems and reevaluate our objectives to ensure we continue to grow and evolve as an institution. This process of reflection is a healthy and vital part of our sustainment and development as an academy.

This most recent accreditation began with a rigorous two-year self-study, which allowed us to conduct an internal review of our academy to ensure that West Point continues to adapt and improve as it seeks reaffirmation of accreditation. More than 100 members of the staff and faculty participated in this study, and I thank you for your effort, insights and candor.

The self-study had several findings, which I hope you have reviewed. The findings involved strategic planning, resourcing and communications, as well as academy governance, faculty and student diversity and methods of institutional assessment. If you haven't already seen the self-study, I hope you will take the time to look at <http://usma-portal/dean/staff/aad/pages/accreditation.aspx>.

I encourage all of you to seek out opportunities to speak with the accreditation team as they conduct their review. Please be as candid with them as you have been with our self-assessment teams, as your input will have a real and lasting affect on the academy.

Keep up the outstanding work!

The Supe

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck
Superintendent

September is Suicide Prevention Month What are some suicide warning signs?

Submitted by the Community Awareness Campaign Committee

(Editor's Note: This is part 3 of a five-part series on suicide prevention.)

We must know the warning signs of suicide if we are to recognize them in the people around us.

These signs include:

- Threatening to hurt or kill oneself, or talking of wanting to hurt or kill oneself;
- Looking for ways to kill oneself by seeking access to firearms, medications or other means;
- Talking or writing about death, dying or suicide, when these actions are out of the ordinary for the person;
- Feeling hopelessness, rage or uncontrolled anger or seeking revenge;
- Acting recklessly or engaging in risky activities;
- Feeling trapped—like there is no way out;
- Increasing use of alcohol or drug use;
- Withdrawing from friends and Family;
- Feeling anxious, agitated or unable to sleep or sleeping all the time;
- Experiencing dramatic mood changes;
- Seeing no reason for living or having no sense of purpose in life.

If you are feeling overwhelmed, desperate and alone or know someone who is—talk to someone.

For concerns or answers to questions about suicide or suicide prevention, call:

- Behavioral Health or Social Work services at 938-3441;
- Employee Assistance Program at 938-2912;
- Chaplain, day or night, at 845-401-8171;
- Center for Personal Development 938-3022;
- See your Family health care provider;
- Military Police (938-3333) or go to the ER;
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, day or night, at 1-800-273-Talk/8255.

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Maj. Maria Burger (USMA/USCC), Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Ortland (Dean).

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

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

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The 2009 Customer Service Assessment is going on now. Visit www.myarmyvoice.org before Sept. 18 and share your feedback about Garrison services.



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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Difficulty: Hard

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

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Army supports Soldiers and Families in current housing market situation

Submitted by Residential Communities Initiative office

As anyone knows who has heard any news over the past year, the United States is suffering from an economic crisis and the housing market is one of the major components of the crisis.

While there are no major issues for most West Point community members, those who recently moved to West Point, those who are moving to other installations and those who are deploying may encounter some of these issues.

Frequent moves can play havoc with selling or renting property and managing the potential debt because of a falling market value for such property and the potential financial stress this can cause.

West Point and the Army have established a number of programs to assist Soldiers and their Families should such situations arise.

Free confidential information, training and resources are available to Soldiers, their Families and Department of Defense civilians to overcome housing and financial

challenges through West Point's chain of command, Army Community Service, the Residential Communities Initiative Housing Services Office and Army One Source.

Local and installation resources include:

- Army Community Service located at Bldg. 622.

- ⇒ Financial Readiness Program at 938-5653 for budget counseling, money management, Housing Assistance Program (covered in the June 25 issue of the Pointer View on page 3);

- ⇒ Relocation Readiness Program at 938-3487 for relocation counseling and PCS moves;

- ⇒ Information, Referral and Follow-Up Program at 938-2519 for centralized point for information and referral to external and internal agencies, services and programs and crisis intervention;

- ⇒ Army Emergency Relief at 938-5839 for emergency financial assistance.

- RCI Housing Services Office located at Bldg. 2101, 4th floor, and 938-2500/6205 for off-post rentals and the Housing Referral Program;

- Staff Judge Advocate located at Bldg. 606 and 938-4541

for legal assistance (Soldiers and their Families);

- Chaplain's Office located at Bldg. 692 and 938-2003 for religious support and counseling assistance.

There are also a number of Web resources:

- Army One Source (Soldier and Family Housing link) at www.myarmyonesource.com for information about:

- ⇒ Homeowners Assistance Program, which is an expanded temporary Army Corp of Engineers program to lessen the financial burden of selling homes in depressed housing markets through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009;

- ⇒ Making homes affordable with information about government programs for mortgage refinancing and loan modifications;

- Automated Housing Referral Network at www.ahrn.com for information on available local rentals and homes for purchase;

- Military One Source at www.militaryonesource.com for information on relocation planning, money matters and counseling services.

These services are available to all Soldiers, their Families

KACH has some flu vaccine

By Lt. Col Alden Weg
Chief, Preventive Medicine and Wellness

Keller Army Community Hospital received an initial shipment of seasonal influenza vaccine with the majority of this shipment in FluMist form, the intranasal preparation. FluMist is only approved for those ages 2 to 49 who are not pregnant and do not have certain health conditions. Immunization with this vaccine has begun in the U.S. Corps of Cadets and for installation health care workers.

KACH has only received a limited quantity of the injectable vaccine, which is approved for individuals 6 months and older. Because of the limited quantities, this vaccine is only being offered to those who are pregnant, fall into certain high-risk categories and health care workers who cannot receive FluMist.

The remainder of the injectable vaccine ought to arrive soon, so all beneficiaries who wish to receive a flu shot well before the seasonal influenza season arrives will be offered immunizations. This vaccine does not offer protection against the currently circulating H1N1 virus, but complications from seasonal influenza result in about 30,000 deaths each year.

A separate vaccine is in production for H1N1 and should be available by November.



Dutch Royal Family visits West Point

His Royal Highness, Prince Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands (second from left), speaks with Firstie John Gilmore on the steps of Washington Hall Tuesday. The Prince, and his wife, Princess Maxima, in red speaking with Firstie Eric Bernau, visited West Point to commemorate the Quadricentennial of Henry Hudson's passage up the waterway that bears his name. The Dutch Royal Family had lunch with the Corps of Cadets before the Prince spoke to about 80 cadets in the Haig Room of Jefferson Library.

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Trophy Point team place five in top 25

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

In June, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center enlisted 20 community women in a 12-week triathlon-training program to prepare for the Aug. 30 New York Diamond Girl Sprint Triathlon at Harriman State Park.

"We spent an average of four hours per week during the 12-week training program swimming, biking and running all around the West Point area," Dana White, personal training and athletic development instructor for the West Point team, said. "Fourteen women entered the triathlon and all completed the entire event, which included a 500-meter swim, 15.5-mile bike (ride), and four-mile run."

This is the first time the fitness center sponsored training for the annual Diamond Girl event and eight of the women competed in their first triathlon.

Members of the Trophy Point Triathlon Team included moms with 25 children combined, a firefighter, four former active duty servicemembers, two West Point graduates, one tactical officer, one participant whose spouse is deployed, one

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in the housing area during and after completion of the game and related activities. Call 938-3333 to notify the MPs.

General Football Information

Michie Stadium gates open at 10 a.m., the Cadet Reviews begins at 9 a.m. and Black Knight Alley opens at 9 a.m.

Everyone attending the games at Michie Stadium goes through security checkpoints in the vicinity of gates 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 6A and 7.

Each security point will have an "EZ Pass" lane set aside for Department of Defense personnel (both military and civilian) with DOD identification. They must accompany Family members and guests. Everyone must present photo identification (16 years of age and older).

All bags and purses will be searched at the security checkpoints. No weapons or alcohol are allowed in the stadium.

RV and oversized-vehicle parking is available at North Dock beginning at noon the day before a game and must leave the North Dock area no later than noon the day after a game. Walking and using shuttle buses are highly encouraged.

For additional information or answers to questions, call DPTMS at 938-8859.

Six of the fourteen-member West Point Trophy Point Triathlon Team, which had five of the top finishers in the Diamond Girl Triathlon at Harriman Park Aug 30, are pictured (from left)—Melanie Shattan, Cathy Baka, Lisa Kling, Andrea Harrison-Wells, Gina Lawney and Beth Feldman. The women spent 12-weeks training for the event and competed with 67 other competitors.

DANA WHITE/FMWR



wife who is expecting and three women who own a business or freelance.

"Out of 81 women who entered the race, our group had five place in the top 25," White said.

"Our top finisher was Andrea Harrison-Wells, who took 10th overall with a total time of 1:46:49. Wells along with Cathy Baka, Lisa Kling and Melanie Shattan swept the top four slots in the Athena Division. Beth Feldman finished third in the 35-39 age group."

White said several members are competing in the inaugural Vassar Triathlon Sept. 12, two are running the Marine Corps Marathon in October and about half of the group has started training for the Philadelphia half-marathon in November.

"We will continue to train informally through the off-season," White said. "I plan to start another official group in February in preparation for a May 2010 triathlon."

For more information or questions on triathlon training, e-mail White at teamwhitefitness@gmail.com.

'64 and '69 Alumni Classes give back

By Megan Dill
West Point Association of Graduates

The Class of 1964 returns for its 45th reunion celebration this weekend. Since graduation, members of the Class of 1964, whose motto is 'Stars in Store for '64,' have given more than \$3.8 million to West Point, and more than \$1.49 million of the money was given since their 40th reunion.

Class of 1969 alumni, who are celebrating their 40th reunion this weekend, are presenting \$3 million in support of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic to establish the Class of 1969 Endowment for Leaders of Character, which will primarily fund the Chair of Officership in the SCPME.

This gift is an extension of the Class' support for the academy's mission to develop leaders of character over the years. From 1994-96, before the formal founding of the SCPME, they made annual gifts to support the Honor Conference. In 1997 and 1999, the Class endowed the Class of 1969 Honor Library on the first floor of Nininger Hall.

Since graduation, class members have given more than \$11.5 million to West Point, and more than \$4 million of that was given since their 35th reunion. The Class of 1969 continues to honor their class motto—"Best of the Line."

TAXI SERVICE

Transportation Provider is now available 24 hours a day, year-round, for taxi service at West Point and throughout the area.

Customers can get rides "at will" or through scheduled appointments. Taxis will be standing at the PX, Grant turnaround and on the side of the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. Pick-ups at other locations can be arranged by calling 845-565-6123.

Customers are encouraged to travel in groups, as the fares are divisible by the number of people in the group. Transportation Provider has a growing fleet that already includes five sedans, eight mini-vans and two 15-passenger vans. For more information on pricing and reservations, call 845-565-6123.

AAFES, Harley and Dr. Pepper Say 'Let's Ride' with Newest PX Giveaway

By Alvaro Portilla
West Point AAFES Public Affairs Representative

Hogs, choppers and sissy bars aside—anyone who has come within 500 miles of Sturgis, S.D. knows that motorcycle riders have a language all their own. And whether they ride on two or four wheels, one word that everyone on the road understands is “free.”

That's the word on the street in September as the Army & Air Force Exchange Service partners with Harley Davidson and Dr. Pepper to give away a Sportster to one lucky PX customer.

Authorized exchange shoppers at West Point can enter to win the Harley Davidson Sportster 883 Low, valued at \$10,000, by simply filling out an entry form at the PX and/or Shoppette from now through Sept. 17.

“Entry forms are available at AAFES locations around the world, but the grand prize winner must take delivery of their new Harley-Davidson at a U.S. domestic location,” West Point exchange's General Manager Dennis Patton said.

“So, whether a Soldier stops into an exchange in Afghanistan for a cold soft drink or an Airman is looking for lawn mower at a BX in Louisiana, both shoppers have an equal chance of taking home the grand prize.”

No purchase is necessary to enter AAFES' Dr. Pepper Harley Davidson sweepstakes. Complete details and entry forms are now available at the West Point PX and Shoppette.

AAFES officials will randomly select a winner of the Sportster 883 Low on or about Nov. 2.

Retired Buffalo Soldier Sgt. Sanders Matthews (left); 1st Lt. Jessie Mooney, Military Police Company platoon leader and wreath bearer; and Col. Ricanthony Ashley, chief of radiology at Keller Army Community Hospital, Class of 1986 and guest speaker for the 48th annual Buffalo Soldier Memorial Ceremony held Sept. 6, placed the wreath during the ceremony and rendered appropriate honors. The ceremony honors the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments of the Buffalo Soldiers. A Buffalo Soldier motorcycle group from New Jersey, other retired members of the original Buffalo Soldiers and their Families, and members of the West Point and Highland Falls communities were on hand to pay tribute to these gallant Soldiers.

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Buffalo Soldier Memorial Service



Messenger belts out a song

Sergeant 1st Class Mary Kay Messenger, band vocalist, belts out a song accompanied by the Concert Band during the 1812 Concert, the final concert in the Music under the Stars series for 2009, Sept. 5.

ERIC BARTELT/PV

Secret Service AIAD leads to meeting with President

Story by Master Sgt. Dean Welch
Dir. of Public Affairs &
Communications

An Academic Individual Advanced Development trip is designed to introduce cadets to the world, to give them insight into potential majors or hands-on experience with chosen career paths.

Rarely, if ever, does it afford a cadet the opportunity for face time with the senior person in the organization. However, for Yearling Sam Lough, his path to his summer AIAD with the U.S. Secret Service started at the top with the director, Mark Sullivan, and led to some one-on-one time with President Obama.

A competitive swimmer, Lough swam on a summer team in his hometown of Chevy Chase, Md., that included Sullivan's daughter. Lough would occasionally mention to Sullivan that he would like to do an internship with the department.

His opportunity came in May when he spent three weeks in Washington with the Secret Service in its forensic sciences and criminal investigative divisions.

"It was very interesting with the sciences used and the investigative techniques," Lough said of his time there.

But his chance meeting with the commander in chief was just about being in the right place at the right time, and being in the right uniform, which he credits with getting him noticed by a White House staffer.

"I was in white over gray, so I assume he (White House Trip Director Marvin Nicholson) knew I was a cadet," Lough said.

On this day, Lough, who hopes for another AIAD this coming summer, possibly with NASA, was spending it with the Secret Service detail charged with guarding the President as he headed to FEMA headquarters.

While the President was inside discussing hurricane preparedness, Lough waited outside. Nicholson approached him and asked

if he had met the President. When the 19-year-old Lough said 'no,' Nicholson told him to wait there and he would meet him when he returned to the motorcade.

The meeting never materialized as the agents he was shadowing said it was best to wait in the car and be ready to move. It was an opportunity lost, or so it seemed.

Back at the White House, specifically "the south lawn with the big looped driveway," he waited until the "important people were out of the cars" and then saw a target of opportunity.

"I noticed Nicholson, so I may have kind of stuck my foot out a little bit and he saw me and came over," Lough smirked.

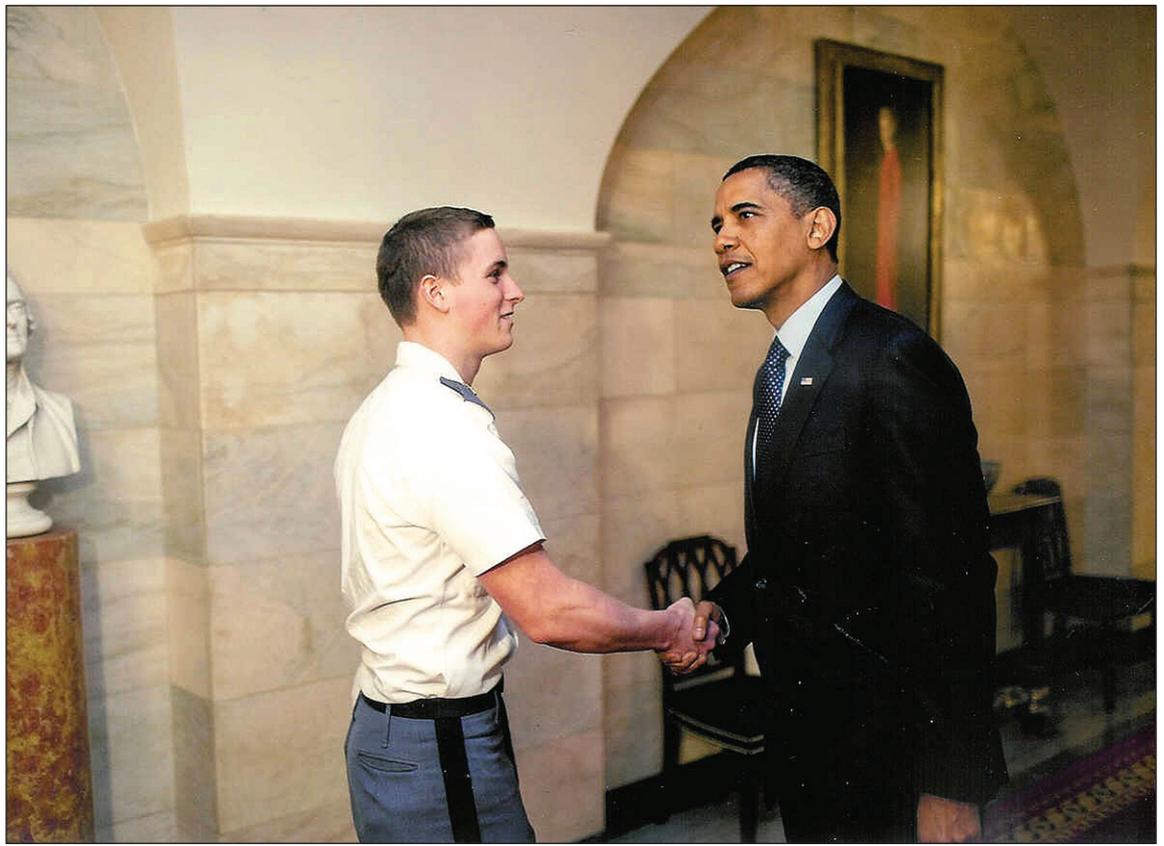
Lough, who earned Patriot League Academic Honor Roll status last season, accompanied Nicholson into the basement of the White House where the President was taping his weekly address. This time he waited and before the President went in, he came over to shake hands and spoke with Lough.

"We had a brief 2-3 minute conversation," Lough said. "It was a good conversation."

Lough accompanied President Obama into the taping room and "stood 10 feet to the side while he (the President) gave his update on Judge Sotomayor."

As luck would have it, NBC was at the White House taping its own special, "Inside The Obama White House," and Lough's chance meeting was recorded and aired several days later.

"They (parents) couldn't believe it," Lough said of his parent's reaction to him



Yearling Sam Lough meets President Obama during a three-week Academic Individual Advanced Development trip spent with the U.S. Secret Service.

COURTESY PHOTO

meeting the President. "I came home and knew the special was going to be on, so I said watch it. They said 'you're probably not going to make it,' but 10 minutes into (the show there was) a five-second clip of me, which is really cool!"

Although meeting the President was clearly the highlight, there were other exceptional opportunities during his AIAD.

"I spent a day with counterfeit investigators," the West Point swimmer said. "I got to see upward of millions of dollars of the supernote, which is a very difficult counterfeit bill to track and detect."

He also witnessed a polygraph test and gained a further understanding of the results. Lough volunteered to take a test but was told 'it might be best to hold off on that.' In addition, he saw how the department tracks and combats credit card fraud.

Lough, whose grandfather, Frederick, graduated from West Point in 1938, said the infantry lifestyle is fairly appealing to him but he remains uncertain of his major. He narrowed his choices down to computer science, physics and, possibly, civil/mechanical engineering.

Lough, a member of the academy Plebe

record-setting 200-meter medley relay team, said the academy is the only school he wanted to go to. And considering his Family history here, it is easy to see why.

Besides his grandfather, who served as the Director of the Law Dept., he lists his father, Frederick, Jr. (Class of 1970), an uncle, Charles Thebaud (Class of 1974) and brother, Frederick, III, (Class of 2008) as members of the Long Gray Line. Waiting in the wings to join them are his sister, Margaret (Class of 2011); his twin brother, James; and a cousin, Chrissy Thebaud, who entered this year.

While he said he will hold his meeting with the President over James', who interned with the State Dept., head for a while, he thinks Fred and Margaret's opportunity to lead through Cadet Troop Leadership Training is just as noteworthy.

"I think they got really good experiences, some of the best experiences that you'll get as a cadet," the unassuming cadet said.

(Editor's Note: Lough can be seen in the program on the worldwide web at <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/30892505/#31073943>. Lough appears in Part 3: Anatomy of a Talking Point, about 3:30 into it.)

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DPW NOTES

Traffic restrictions at Washington Gate/Road

Fifteen modular units required for the construction of the new Child Development Center will be delivered Sept. 29-30.

The exact times have not been determined.

The units will enter Washington Gate and travel along Washington Road.

The units will turn left onto Buckner Hill Loop at the West Point Cemetery and then proceed to the work site behind the FMWR Fitness Center (Bldg. 683).

Drivers on Washington Road during the transport of these units may experience minor delays.

For more information, contact Bob Frederick, Directorate of Public Works operations officer, at 938-2926.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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7	1	5	4	8	6	2	3	9
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Autograph session

Three-year-old Jackson Rainey (hand on cheek) received autographs from the Army football defensive backs during the Michie Movie Night event Sept. 2 at Michie Stadium. Around 500 people attended the event that included an autograph session with the Army football players, inflatables for children to bounce on and slide and the showing of "Remember the Titans" to finish the evening. It's the first time the football team put together an event like this and it proved to be a good luck charm as Army won its first game Sept. 5.

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Sept. 10-17

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday-Friday, Monday-Wednesday
and Sept. 17
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752
Friday — The Hurt Locker, R, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday — Aliens in the Attic, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday — I Love You Beth Cooper, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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

What's Happening

Commissary food fair

The West Point Commissary is having a food fair with sampling Friday and Saturday.

Volkssport Club of West Point

Join the Volkssport Club of West Point in a day of fitness and fun at the annual event walk, coinciding with the Nyack September Fest. Register from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday at Franklin Street Park, corner of Cedar Hill Avenue and Franklin Street in Nyack. The walk is free, but there is a fee for AVA credit.

The trails, 5- and 10-kilometers, will be on sidewalks and paved roads and are rated 2+ with two hills not suitable for wheelchairs or strollers. The walk begins on the Esposito Memorial Trail, a one-mile section of the former Erie Lackawanna Railroad's northern right of way.

The trails continue through the villages of South Nyack and Upper Nyack along tree lined streets with Victorian architecture, unique shops and galleries, antiques, crafts and fine restaurants.

There are views of the Hudson River and Tappan Zee Bridge. Walkers will pass the homes of painter Edward Hopper and actress Helen Hayes. The Nyack September Fest features arts and crafts and food.

Protestant Religious Education

Come to Thayer Hall third floor from 9-10 a.m. Sunday for Protestant Religious Education.

Encouraging and challenging classes are taught by Dwain Gregory (The Jesus Everyone Should Know, study of Mark 1-4), Ian and Laurie McCulloh (Rocking the Roles, Marriage Study), Dave Hampton/Greg Parnell (Salvation by Faith Study, Romans 1-8), Mike Warren (Discipleship and Bible Study) and Mike Durham (Max Lucado, Traveling Light).

Register your children (preschool through high school) so the Cadet Teaching Teams can prepare by contacting Eric Bryan at eric.bryan@usma.edu or 938-3412/4369.

Middle States Commission assessment

The Middle States Commission of Higher Education visits West Point Sunday-Wednesday to conduct West Point's decennial accreditation assessment.

The team invites the entire West Point community to attend the final briefing from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Thayer Hall, Room 144.

Wyldlife Bowl-A-Rama

Wyldlife is holding a Bowl-A-Rama from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the West Point Bowling Alley.

For more information on costs and registration, go to the Web site at <http://sites.younglife.org/sites/Oneill/default.aspx>.

Young Life Bowl-A-Rama

Young Life is sponsoring a Bowl-A-Rama from 6-9 p.m. Sunday at the West Point Bowling Alley.

For more information on costs and registration, go to the Web site at <http://sites.younglife.org/sites/Oneill/default.aspx>.

USMA Bookstore event

Author Jon Krakauer will be at the USMA Bookstore from 1-3 p.m. Monday for the debut of his new book "Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman."

He will also speak at a lecture at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall. The lecture is sponsored by The Center for Enhanced Performance.

PME2 programs

The Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic has an upcoming presentation that is open to the West Point community on a space available basis.

Gus Lee, best-selling author, nationally-recognized expert on leadership and ethics and part-time Chair of Character Development for SCPME, will address the Class of 2012 from 12:50-1:45 p.m. Tuesday in Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall during their PME2 lesson PME 3-3—Courage by Example.

For more information, contact Maj. Chad DeBos at 938-3028 or

chad.debos@usma.edu.

Lecture about Kosciuszko

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Alex Storozynski will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Haig Room located on the sixth floor of Jefferson Hall (Cadet Library).

He'll speak about his highly regarded new biography of Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

Cadets, faculty and interested members of the public are all invited to attend.

Contact Larry Mansour at 845-938-4349 for more information.

FAST class

A Functional Academic Skills Training class will be held from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Sept. 30 at the Army Education Center.

This class strengthens skills needed to improve the General Technical score on the Armed Forces Classification Test.

For more information, contact Neil at 938-5389 or Nancy at 938-3464.

Hispanic Heritage Festival

The West Point EO office is sponsoring the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Festival from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at Trophy Point.

The entire West Point and local communities are invited to enjoy food, dancing, piñatas and more.

There will be live salsa music provided by Orlando Marin y Su orq. For more information, contact the West Point EO office at 938-2621/4478.

West Point Engineering Expo

The 7th annual West Point Engineering Expo takes place from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 18 at Eisenhower Hall.

The event promotes diversity and interest across all engineering disciplines.

All cadets, staff and faculty and their families are invited.

Scout Day 2009

Scout Day 2009, sponsored by the Cadet Scoutmaster's Council, starts at 9 a.m. Sept. 19 at Daly Field.

Scouts can experience the life of West Point cadets and join in their

training and traditions.

Troops and Packs may take part in many different sites providing physical, mental and military challenges.

Tours occur throughout the morning to explain the many traditions and unknown facts about West Point.

Training exercises and club demonstrations give a look at what cadets do everyday.

See the profession of arms in a review conducted by the U.S. Corps of Cadets and, last but not least, see the Army football team play a home game.

For more information, contact Cow Bryce Martens at Bryce.martens@usma.edu.

PWOC hosts a Movie Night

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite everyone to watch "Fireproof" from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Post Chapel basement.

Invite a friend or neighbor and come join us for movie snacks and fellowship as we enjoy this great movie, starring Kirk Cameron; this event is free.

Motorcycle Safety training

There are openings in the upcoming Basic Motorcycle Rider Courses scheduled to start:

- Sept. 23 for staff and faculty;
- Sept. 25 for cadets only;
- Oct. 14 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.

Religious education

The West Point community is invited to attend religious education classes at the Catholic Chapel. Classes are for 4-year-olds through adults beginning Sunday.

Most classes will be held 9-10:30 a.m. Sundays on the third floor of Thayer Hall.

The pre-K class will meet 9-10 a.m. Sundays in the chapel's Cloister Room.

Registration is underway at the Religious Education Office in the Cloister Room.

Catechists are still needed.

For more information, contact Cindy Ragsdale at 938-8761 or cynthia.ragsdale@usma.edu.

West Point Yard Sale

The West Point Fall Yard Sale is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 26. The rain date is Oct. 24.

DUSA Grants

The Daughters of the U.S. Army is accepting applications for the fall continuing education grants through Oct. 2. Applicants must be DUSA members by Sept. 30 to qualify.

To obtain a grant application, e-mail Patty Bastianelli at pbastianelli@hvc.rr.com or pick one up at the DUSA gift shop.

For more information, call Bastianelli at 446-6684.

Arvin locker renewal

Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will be conducting their annual renewal of the staff and faculty lockers through Sept. 30.

A green locker renewal slip will be placed inside your assigned locker.

Fill out the slip and return it to the Arvin front desk no later than Sept. 30.

Failure to comply by this date will result in the loss of your assigned locker.

Jewish High Holidays

During the Jewish High Holidays, there will be worship services for those who want to attend.

The dates and times of the worship services at the West Point Jewish Chapel, located at 750 Merritt Road, are:

- Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)—evening worship services at 7 p.m. Sept. 18;
- Rosh Hashanah (first day)—worship services at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 19;
- Rosh Hashanah—evening worship services at 7 p.m. Sept. 19;
- Rosh Hashanah (second day)—worship services at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 20.

For more information about traffic and parking issues because of the Ball State football game Sept. 19, contact the Jewish Chapel staff at 938-2710.

FMWR Blurbs

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 childcare 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.

EFMP Expo

The Exceptional Family Member Program Expo and information conference to help support EFMP Families' needs is Tuesday.

Topics include basic education rights and responsibilities, transitioning with special needs, a Tricare/Echo brief, and wills, guardianships and special needs trusts.

Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Advance registration is required. Log on to www.westpointmwr.com, click on the Army Community Service drop-down menu and select the EFMP Web page link.

For more information, call Josephine

Toohy at 938-5655 or email josephine.toohy@us.army.mil.

Ballroom dancing

Ballroom dance classes are being offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting Tuesday.

The classes run every Tuesday for six weeks through Oct. 20. Couples and singles are welcome.

To register, call ITR at 938-2401 with a credit card on hand, or stop by ITR at 695 Buckner Loop.

For questions concerning the class content, call the instructor at (914) 489-1444.

Defensive driving classes

The next defensive driving classes will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at ACS, Bldg. 622. To register, call the ITR office at 938-2401.

Intermediate women's running group

The 12-week session begins Sept. 17. The group will run 4-6 miles each week.

The running group meets once a week on either Wednesdays or Thursdays (to be determined) at 9 a.m.

Come out and run for fitness, friendship and fun. Feel free to bring your dog.

For more information, call the FMWR Fitness Center at 938-6490.

Babysitting classes

Babysitting classes are offered for adolescents ages 12 and up from noon-6 p.m. Sept. 20 and 4-8 p.m. Sept. 28-29.

Teens must attend all classes to receive certification. Contact Kim Tague at 938-3921 to register.

Bow Hunting Course

A Bow Hunting course is scheduled from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 21-22 at Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond.

To qualify, you must attend both nights.

Bow and target arrows are needed for the Sept. 22 class.

To register, call Round Pond at 938-2503.

Career Fair

There will be a Career Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 29 at The Thayer Hotel, Bldg. 674. For more information, call 938-5658.

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. 3.

For more information, call 938-3921.

Lap swimming at Arvin CPDC

Lap swimming at Crandall Pool in Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center is scheduled as follows:

- Mon.-Fri.—noon-12:40 p.m. and 12:50-1:30 p.m.;

- Mondays and Wednesdays—6:30-7:10 p.m. and 7:20-8 p.m.;

- Saturdays—noon-12:40 p.m. and 12:50-1:30 p.m.

The 40-minute sessions are limited to two swimmers per lane.

Those eligible to participate in those sessions include:

- Active duty military and immediate Family members;

- DOD civilians and immediate Family members;

- Retired military and DOD civilians and immediate Family members under age 21.

There is a minimal cost per person for the bi-annual, non-transferrable, non-refundable swim card through ITR for the '09 fall academic year and the '10 spring academic year.

Active duty military personnel will be issued a swim pass at no charge, but they must still obtain a pass for identification to give to the Arvin and lifeguard personnel.

Due to the short notice, there will be a 14-day grace period to purchase a swim pass until Sept. 28.

Entry to the pool will be by CAC or FMWR card.

The pool is staffed with a Red Cross certified lifeguard at all times.

ACS Respite Care Program

ACS subsidizes up to 40 hours of respite care per month for each eligible Family member.

The program is designed to provide a break for Families who are responsible for the regular care of an exceptional Family member.

Eligibility is based on Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment and the exceptional Family member's medical or

educational condition.

Families are free to choose their own respite care provider as long as they meet the requirements set forth by the Army.

If you do not have a provider in mind, you can select one from ACS' central contractor, Align Staffing Respite Care Network.

Care may be provided in the EFM's home or in another setting such as special needs camps and enrichment programs.

For more information, call Josephine Toohy at 938-5655 or e-mail josephine.toohy@us.army.mil.

Auto Safety Training

Auto Safety Training is mandatory for all self-help patrons at the West Point Auto Shop.

Training sessions are held Wednesday through Saturday 30 minutes after opening.

This training is free and will cover lift safety, shop safety and proper disposal of fluids and includes a tour of the shop and overview of shop rules.

For more information, call 938-2074.

NFL Ticket available

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

The West Point Club has NFL 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. Don't forget that the full service bar and food menu will be available.

For more information, call 938-5120.

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.

Running group

The six-week fall session begins 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through Sept. 25 and starts at South Dock.

Begin with one minute or one mile. Bring your running shoes, water bottle and the will to improve your run. Strollers are welcome.

The class is lead by Group Certified Fitness Instructor Kristine Hays.

For more information and to sign up call 859-4965.

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.

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. 5;

- 8 p.m. Dec. 15;

- 5 p.m. Dec. 17.

Tickets are limited, so don't delay.

For more information, call 938-3601.

SKIES Instructional Program

CYSS SKIES Instructional Program sessions are ongoing.

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

BBC LifeWorks events

Kids Craft Day

Join us for Balfour Beatty Communities Kids Craft Day from 3-4:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Chapel Nursery (Bldg. 791). The children will be making "Look it's me" posters.

Don't forget to bring in pictures of you, your Family, friends or pet to make your poster a little more personal. Please RSVP to Jodi Gellman by Monday.

History of Making Coins

Balfour Beatty Communities invites Home School residents for a class on History of money and making of coins. Cheryl Cwojehowski from the United States Mint will speak to the group from 10:30 a.m.-noon Sept. 24 at Post Chapel (Bldg. 799). Please RSVP to Jodi Gellman by Sept. 17.

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

Keller Corner

Free developmental/hearing screenings

Not all children develop the same way, some children need extra help.

If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior, and/or social interactions, join us at our free developmental/hearing screenings.

The screenings will be conducted at the Child Development Center in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point Schools for ages birth to 5 years.

It will be held from 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 29.

The screenings are by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-6868/2698.

Cadet tobacco cessation program

A new cadet tobacco cessation program will be managed by Lt. Col. Paul Morrissey in Scott Barracks, 51st Division.

Any cadet interested in stopping smoking

or dipping, call 938-3022/4054 for more information.

The services include medication management along with short relapse prevention counseling appointments.

The medication interventions are Chantix or Zyban and nicotine replacement patches.

Breastfeeding class

There will be a breastfeeding class from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the KACH second floor classroom.

Call 938-3210 to register.

TSP TICKER

SEPTEMBER share prices (as of 9/4)

C Fund	—	—	0.04	(11.9703)
S Fund	—	—	0.03	(14.8283)
I Fund	—	—	0.14	(17.3546)

Injury hasn't stopped leading scorer Connolly

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Editor

Scoring winning goals or making stalwart defensive plays are ways to define a collegiate soccer career for a midfielder. However, a career-threatening injury almost derailed Firstie midfielder Bryan Connolly's chances at ever achieving any career goals on the soccer field at West Point.

Just before his yearling year, Connolly visited a teammate's home in Texas and took part in a recreational soccer game. During the game, Connolly abruptly got tackled by another player and heard a noise that would engulf his life for the next year.

"(My knee) popped. He caught me just right and my knee buckled inward," Connolly said. "I knew immediately that I was done. People tried to reassure me that I would be fine, but I knew the second it happened (it was bad)."

At that moment, Connolly had torn his anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament. From then on it would be a daily struggle to regain the strength and flexibility in his left knee, to not only play a sport he loves, but a sport that is unforgiving on the knees.

The road to becoming fully mended didn't come without its bad days. He had the surgery to repair his ACL and MCL in July 2007, a surgery that took part of his patellar tendon to repair the damaged knee and left a permanent reminder of the devastating injury. For Connolly, the visible scar was less of a daunting image than the actual rehabilitation process was to his body.

"It took around nine months to rehab it," Connolly said. "It's a very slow and frustrating process. There were times I was like, 'I'm never going to get to play again,' and then it's an up and down process all the time."

Connolly said it wasn't easy the first month after surgery because he barely noticed any progress and, by the third month, he was only up to a slow jog.

"You want to push yourself harder, but the harder you push yourself it kind of defeats the purpose," Connolly explained. "You have to listen to your trainers and trust that they know what they are doing."

He credited his trainer, Sam Visco, for helping him through the rough patches, but it was the support and dedication of two other teammates that helped him get through it all. The bizarre part of the recovery process was that one of the guys he trained with was classmate Evan Seale, who he was visiting in Texas when the injury happened.

Seale tore his knee in the first game of the 2007 season, and the two drove each other to get back onto the soccer field.

"It was a big thing for me, for each other actually, because we would work out together and push each other," Connolly said. "If one of us didn't want to work out one day the other person did, so it was 'lets just go do it,' and it was really helpful to be there for each other."

"I don't know how I would have done (rehabbing) by myself," he added. "It would have been lonely and 100 percent worse to deal with. It helped so much, and I know it's a terrible thing to say but I'm glad he tore his ACL because we really did help each other out by going through the healing process together."

After 13 months of getting himself prepared for his big moment, Connolly stepped on the field against St. Bonaventure last August.

He got through the initial butterflies of his first collegiate game and the thoughts of getting through the game healthy to do something more dramatic—scoring his first collegiate goal.

"Scoring my first collegiate goal was such a great feeling because it had been so long since I'd played in high school and scored a legitimate goal," the Brookville, Ohio, native said. "It felt so good despite the fact I lost two years (of playing)."

Connolly went from a guy who couldn't crack the lineup his plebe year to an injury-lost yearling year to a cow year that saw him tied for the team lead in goals (3), assists (3) and the leader in points (9). His impact on the team has been embraced by Army men's soccer head coach Kurt Swanbeck.

"Bryan has displayed a level of desire and willingness to improve and be an impact in any way possible," Swanbeck said. "He has recovered from challenging injuries that would have sidelined many for their careers. He has done this without ever complaining and with a passion for competing in a sport that means so much to him."

Connolly continued his knack of scoring in the first game of the season when he scored the game-winning goal in the season opening 2-1 victory over NJIT Sept. 1 at Clinton Field.

Although Connolly scored a goal in the first game the last two years, it is seen as very important for a player who struggled to score over the final 11 games last season despite leading the team in scoring.

"It is important for him and his confidence that he continue to work to get back to where he was last season," Swanbeck said. "The goal was instrumental in helping him do just that."

The goal was something Connolly thought about the whole day before the game. He focused on scoring the big goal, and it came to fruition despite missing most of the second half with a slight hamstring injury.

"I was so pumped up and

amped," Connolly said. "To me, it's like if I don't score in the first game then when is it going to come? Then it would be like I'm trying too hard or something, but once you score that goal you can play to your ability without pressing and the game will just come to you."

Connolly was recruited by many schools including the University of Dayton, which is near his Brookville home, but he chose the U.S. Military Academy, not only for soccer but for the challenge.

"I came and visited here (on a recruiting trip) and I saw how different it was. It was something I've never experienced and no one from my Family has served in the military," Connolly said. "I knew it would be a challenge coming here and trying to graduate from this place. But, I wanted the challenge and that is why I came here."

West Point has offered Connolly many opportunities as he traveled to Honduras for a month on a Cadet Troop Leadership Training experience, working with the 228th Aviation Regiment out of Soto Cano Air Base.

He also spent four months on a semester abroad at Voronezh State University in Voronezh, Russia.

While the Honduras trip may have steered him into a future in the aviation branch and the Russian trip gave him a chance to understand and interact with a different culture of people, none of it would have been possible without coming to West Point.

But, West Point has meant more



Firstie Bryan Connolly overcame a torn anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament to lead the team in scoring last season.

to him than getting the chance to travel around the world, the education and playing soccer—it has been about the people he's met.

"I've made friends here that I don't think I'll ever lose. I know I'll have these friends forever," Connolly said. "I can't thank West Point enough for that because I

know I wouldn't have met people like these at any other college.

"West Point has its ups and downs. Sometimes you can get depressed and then you get moments of happiness, but overall, I'm glad I went here," he added. "The experiences and moments I've had here have been some of the best I've ever had in my life."

After tough 2008, men's soccer looks for improvement in 2009

Story and photo by
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Last season was tumultuous for the Army men's soccer team. The team was mired in a scoring drought to finish 2008 as they scored only five goals and were shutout seven times in the final 11 games.

Army concluded its season with a 1-0 victory over Navy, but it also put an end to a forgettable 3-14 campaign.

The team is optimistic that this year will bring different results, and the first game versus NJIT Sept. 1 offered a glimpse of hope that a better year is ahead. Army defeated NJIT 2-1 on Firstie midfielder Bryan Connolly's goal that lifted the team over its first hump of the season.

Army lost its first five games and nine of its first 10 last year, and much of that could have been placed on the lack of firstie leadership. Last year's squad only had three firsties, all of whom were goaltenders, so the

team never had much on-the-field leadership.

This year's squad has eight firsties, including Connolly, which could have an affect on games because Army played in 10 one-goal games a year ago.

"We have captains on the field this year. Not that we didn't last year, but they were all in goal," Connolly said. "I think the difference is that the captains are now able to control the team up and down the field, and they're able to talk to the referee in the center of the field if they need to without problems."

"The captains should be able to keep the team in check and keep the team focused on going to the goal and working hard at all times to win," he added.

Head coach Kurt Swanbeck has high expectations for his club in spite of its awful record a year ago, and much of it has to do with the team's returnees.

"The plan is to get the job done that we fell short of last season,"

Swanbeck said. "Most of the team returns and the senior class is full of major contributors in all areas of the game. They are hungry and desire to finish their careers on the highest note possible."

Connolly believes an impact will be felt from the plebe class, which added 10 players to the squad this season. He also thinks players like Yearling forward Joe Whitacre, who got a high ankle sprain against NJIT, Cow forward Michael Leach, Plebe forward Michael Kim and Yearling defensemen Jeff Pickett, to name a few, should have an impact on the field this year.

"I think they are very hard workers and I think that's something that you don't see sometimes on other teams," Connolly said. "When I was in high school, we had one person on our team who you could tell always worked 100 percent, and I think those people are the difference makers in a game."

Connolly also has high praise
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Reiter, Busby lead CC at Army Open

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

Looking to open the 2009 season strong, the Army men's and women's cross country teams dominated the field at the Army Open Sept. 4 at the West Point Golf Course.

Firstie captain Zac Reiter led the way on the men's side, finishing in 15:48.8, more than one minute ahead of the next non-Army runner.

Cow Bryce Livingston and Yearlings Mike Mitchell and Barrett Lehardy claimed second, third and fourth place, respectively, and were separated by a total of four seconds.

The Black Knights claimed 14 of the top 15 places, including a sweep of the top nine positions in the 51-runner field.

Head coach Troy Engle stressed the commitment and pride of his men's team.

"They are Army cross country guys who are always going to do what they have to do to run tough," Engle said. "There were a couple of really big breakthrough (yearlings) that came through today—Mike Mitchell, Barrett Lehardy and Dan Nix (sixth place, 16:35.9) ... and for

them to step in and bang heads with some of those upperclassmen—Bryce (Livingston), Zac (Reiter), and Kirk (Chitwood), (fifth place at 16:32.1)—was great."

In her first collegiate competition, Plebe Jillian Busby crossed the line first in 18:58.8, while Cows Courtney Clement and Christina Rath turned in times of 19:35.3 and 19:36.0, respectively, to round out a sweep of the podium for the Army women.

Overall, in the women's race, only five runners from other institutions finished in the top 18 as the Black Knights pushed the pace from start to finish.

"For Jillian to run as fast a time as she did on a very challenging course, I think it's pretty clear that she is going to be one of the top runners in the conference if she stays healthy and progresses the way that she thinks she can," Engle said. "We've had a couple of women that are coming off of checkered careers in terms of injury, or who are relatively new to the sport, and they've run well, so the women's team is very exciting."

After guiding the men's squad to a share of the Patriot League Championship last season and

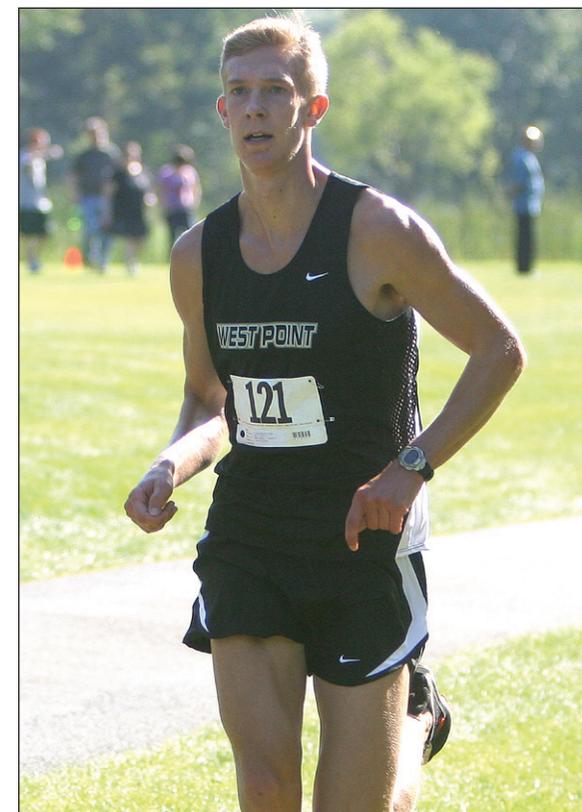


Plebe Jillian Busby

helping the women improve their standing in the Patriot League, Engle had high praise for both of his squads.

"We've got to be exceptionally

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



Firstie Zac Reiter

pleased with the way the group looked," Engle explained. "I would honestly say that both groups exceeded our expectations today. I think we are exactly where we

need to be."

The Army cross country teams will return to action at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Cornell Dual Meet hosted by Cornell University.

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for fellow Firstie wing and team captain Cole Dietz, who had two goals and three assists a year ago.

"(Dietz) is very good," Connolly said. "His speed and quickness is unmatched by most people we play against."

Connolly admitted the team struggled mightily scoring, in its midfield play and just couldn't get over the hump last year. The biggest hump was trying to defeat teams in its own league.

Army finished 1-6 in its conference with its only win against Navy. Army will open up its Patriot League schedule Sept. 26 at Navy, and will try to win its fourth straight against the Midshipmen.

"It's always the last game of the year, but this year it's (much earlier)," Connolly said. "I think if we can win that game and go into the rest of our Patriot League schedule with a win already under our belts, it would be huge because we would have momentum (for

the rest of the season) with the adrenaline from beating Navy."

Connolly recognizes that despite all the troubles Army had winning last year that they did continue its winning streak against Navy.

If they win their fourth straight, it will be the first time since 1950-53 that Army has won that many in a row against their academy rivals in men's soccer.

"It would be extremely special to beat Navy again," Connolly said. "Only one other class has done that, so it's not something that happens very often. I'm sure this year, having been beat three times in a row, Navy really wants to come at us."

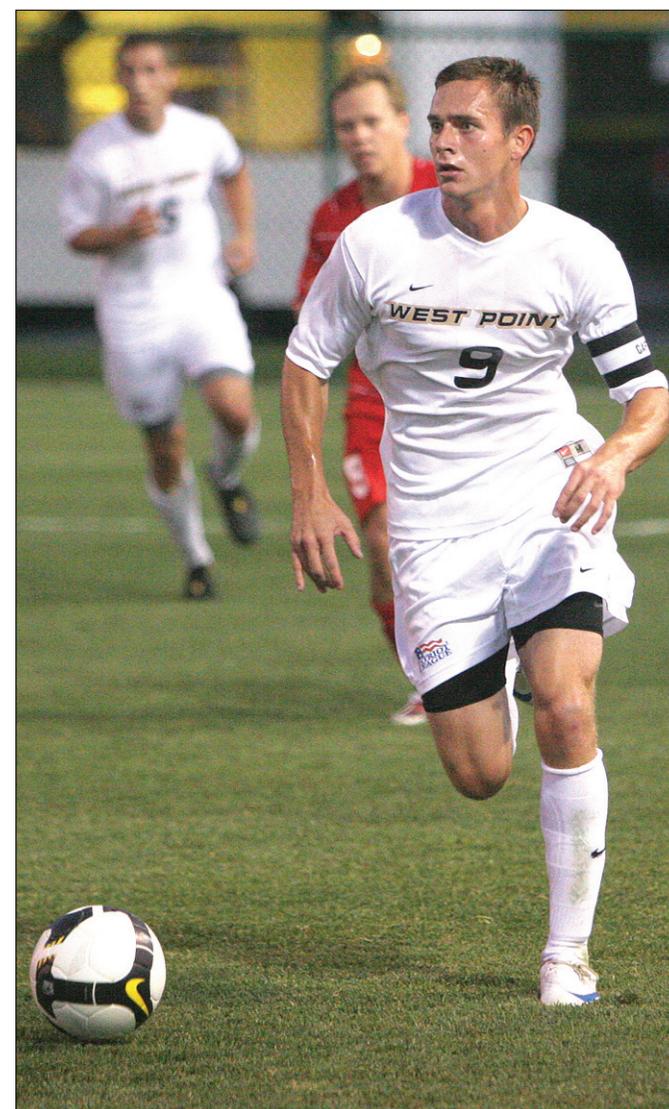
But, the schedule is not made up of only the Navy game and the team is looking to have a respectable overall season.

Connolly thinks the talent is there, but it must come together better than it has recently.

"We had a problem gelling together last year even though I thought the talent was there," Connolly said. "We had so many unlucky mistakes that I think we let it get to us."

"We need to forget about last season and focus on today," he added. "I really do believe

that we can accomplish a lot this year, and I think we can play very well and play with some of the best teams out there."



Firstie wing and team captain Cole Dietz uses his speed and quickness to get scoring opportunities.

Army defeats Eastern Michigan 27-14, wins first opener since 1996

By Bob Beretta
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YPSILANTI, Mich.—Army ended a 12-year drought in season openers, topping Eastern Michigan 27-14 in front of 14,499 at Rynearson Stadium Sept. 5 in head coach Rich Ellerson's debut.

The Black Knights are 1-0 for the first time since the 1996 season, while the Eagles fell to 0-1 under first-year head coach Ron English.

The Army defense keyed the victory, forcing three turnovers and limiting the Eagles to just 223 yards of offense. The Black Knights sacked quarterback Andy Schmitt six times, including 2.5 sacks each by Firstie defensive tackle Victor Ugenyi and Cow defensive end Josh McNary. The Black Knights racked up a total of nine tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Offensively, the Black Knights struggled most of the game, but came through when it counted by scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter. Army had 308 yards of offense, including 300 on the ground.

Cow slotback Patrick Mealy led the squad with his first career 100-yard game. Mealy racked up 109 yards on only five carries, including a career-long 75-yard run to set up the Black Knights final touchdown.

He also reached the end zone first this season, scoring from six yards out on Army's first possession.

Cow fullback Kingsley Ehie was a big part of Army's fourth-quarter success, scoring both of his touchdowns in the quarter.

The Springfield, Mo., native had a career night with 75 yards on 12 carries and his first two career scores.

Cow slotback Jameson Carter racked up 52 yards and a touchdown on five carries, while plebe quarterback Trent Steelman ran 13 times for 20 yards.

Steelman, the first Army plebe to start at quarterback in the modern era (since 1944), completed 2-of-5 passes for eight yards.

The win marked the first time a Black Knights rookie won at the helm since the 1987 season, snapping an eight-game losing streak.

McNary led the team with nine tackles, including the 2.5 sacks. Yearling linebacker Andrew Rodriguez made his collegiate debut, making seven tackles. He was also in on one sack and recovered a fumble.

Cow defensive back Donovan Travis recorded seven stops and intercepted one pass. Cow linebacker Stephen Anderson also had seven tackles.

Plebe defensive back Josh Jackson made his first career interception.

The Black Knights have now won all three meetings with the Eagles.

The victory snapped Army's eight-game losing streak in season opener's played away from West Point (1-8).

Army now opens the home portion of its schedule Saturday when it hosts Duke at noon. CBS College Sports Network will broadcast the game live from Michie Stadium to a national-television audience.

Saturday's game is part of Army Sports Hall of Fame weekend.

Among the eight inductees in the class of 2009 is former Black Knights' basketball coach and current Duke mentor Mike Krzyzewski.

The first 5,000 fans through the gates will receive an 8x10 print commemorating the entire class.



Cow slotback Patrick Mealy rushed for a career-high 109 yards on only five carries and added a touchdown in Army's 27-14 victory over Eastern Michigan Sept. 5 at Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti, Mich. The win ended Army's 12-year losing streak in season openers.

Army goes for two in a row against Duke Saturday

By Eric S. Bartelt
Editor

Coming off a season-opening victory versus Eastern Michigan, there is excitement in the air as Army tries to go 2-0 for the first time since 1996 when they face Duke (0-1) at noon Saturday at Michie Stadium.

Army (1-0) has to clean up some messes they made with the 11 penalties and going 2-for-11 on third down conversions, but the positives far outweighed the negatives that led to the Black Knights' win.

The debut of the double-eagle flex defense led to career days for Cow defensive end Josh McNary and Firstie defensive end Victor Ugenyi, who both registered 2.5 sacks against the Eagles.

The team amassed six sacks and three turnovers en route to a solid defensive performance.

"We do have some guys who can make plays and can generate pressure," head coach Rich Ellerson said. "Going into the season, I felt like the best group that could carry our lineup would be our defensive front. Our defensive front has a chance to be very, very good."

Saturday's game will be a test for not only the defensive front, but the defense as a whole, as Army

faces a quarterback who threw for 350 yards and two touchdowns the first week of the season.

"(Duke's) quarterback is one of the best quarterbacks in college football," Ellerson said. "They are very gifted on the offensive side of the ball and they run very well and are committed to throwing the football. (Senior quarterback) Thaddeus Lewis is much more experienced than what we saw this past week ... and they will be a bit more wide open."

Army's secondary will have to contain a pair of wide receivers, sophomore Johnny Williams and junior Austin Kelly, who combined for 14 receptions, 195 yards and two touchdowns against Richmond.

Cow linebacker Stephen Anderson agreed with Ellerson that the key to winning the game is stopping Duke's passing game.

"(Lewis) sits tall in the pocket and finds his targets," Anderson said. "We need to get pressure on him and make sure he sees our defensive linemen more than he sees the backs of his offensive linemen."

Plebe Trent Steelman will get another start at quarterback Saturday. While he was inefficient in the passing game, which only gained eight yards, the running game racked up 300 yards.

Ellerson complimented his young quarterback in the face of adversity during the second half of the Eastern Michigan game.

"His physical toughness and composure were there," Ellerson said. "Even in the second half, when we looked a bit like a clown act because we were jumping offside and doing other things, we didn't have a negative play."

"(Steelman) missed some throws downfield, but he didn't have a negative play," he added. "The fact that he was poised even though he got banged around pretty good and kept his composure is a positive."

The team must keep its composure this week if it wants to continue on its trek of achieving all its preseason goals.

"A win (Saturday) would have us starting to look at the big picture," Anderson said. "We have season goals, and our first goal was to win game one. We did that and now our next season goal is to get to a bowl game. A win Saturday is going to mean the world to us, and I think with more wins the fans will get back on the bandwagon and we'll see a lot more sold out games this year."

Saturday's game starts at noon and will be televised on the CBS College Sports Network. Army fans can also video and audio stream the

game from ITT Army Knight Vision at www.goARMYsports.com.

The game can also be heard on the Army Sports Network through affiliates 77WABC Radio (770-AM), WALL (1340-AM) and WEOK (1390-AM) as well as Sirius

Satellite Radio Channel 127.

Before the game, tune in to the 90-minute "Army Football Tailgate Show," hosted by Rich DeMarco and Bob Outer, at 10 a.m.

The pre-game coverage starts at 11:30 a.m.

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FRIDAY—SWIMMING AND DIVING HOSTS DAVID BERSTEIN CHALLENGE, 5 P.M. AT CRANDALL POOL.

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

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY—GOLF HOSTS MULEKICKER INVITATIONAL AT WEST POINT GOLF COURSE, TBA.

SUNDAY—SPRINT FOOTBALL VS. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON, 2 P.M. AT SHEA STADIUM.

WEDNESDAY—MEN'S SOCCER VS. QUINNIPIAC, 7 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD (INTERNET: KNIGHT VISION.)

SEPT. 18—VOLLEYBALL VS. QUINNIPIAC, NOON AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE (WEST POINT CHALLENGE.)

SEPT. 18—SWIMMING AND DIVING, BLACK AND GOLD MEET, 5 P.M. AT CRANDALL POOL.

SEPT. 18—VOLLEYBALL VS. IOWA, 7 P.M. AT GILLIS FIELD HOUSE (WEST POINT CHALLENGE.)

SEPT. 19—FOOTBALL VS. BALL STATE, NOON AT MICHIE STADIUM (TV: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK.)

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