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## USMAPS groundbreaking begins next big project



Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck and the Army Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Robert L. VanAntwerp (fourth and third from left, respectively) along with six other distinguished guests toss a ceremonial shovel full of dirt during the groundbreaking of the new U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School Sept. 18. The new prep school is being built on the grounds of the old Transportation Motor Pool, which is being relocated to Eichelberger Road.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

## TMP moves to temporary new locations

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Editor

The latest domino effect of the Sept. 18 U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School groundbreaking at the old Transportation Motor Pool site, Bldg. 783, and related facilities, will take place in the near future as the TMP moves its daily operations to three new trailers on Eichelberger Road, located in between the headquarters of the Directorate of Emergency Services and the Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics Service and Storage Facility.

As TMP customers bring their business to the new trailers, it won't feel like old business as vehicles will be kept in several different locations during the construction of the permanent TMP being built at Camp Natural Bridge.

The permanent facility construction is expected to take between 8-to-10 months, with all sights set on May 2010 as the opening month for the new TMP, Carmine Rizzo, Directorate of Logistics Motor Pool Officer/Vehicle Operations manager, said.

"Construction always has some 'ifs' to it," Rizzo said. "We should be out of our temporary facility before the next football

season, which is a key for us."

The move to the permanent facility before next football season is key because during football games at West Point, all the vehicles placed at J Lot are moved to Camp Buckner to accommodate football parking.

In the meantime, the TMP's customers should be aware of the many changes ahead for them when dealing with getting a vehicle from the TMP over the next few months.

While the buses, which run throughout West Point, and the maintenance facility remain at the old TMP site, the smaller-type government vehicles (vans, sedans) and smaller tactical vehicles (humvees) will take residence at J Lot (across the street from the veterinarian's office, residence of the Army mules) and the bigger tactical vehicles will be housed at Camp Buckner. This changes the one-stop shop to a multi-stop shop for TMP customers.

"There aren't any changes in requesting vehicles because they still will go to the transportation coordinator (at the new trailers on Eichelberger Road) and the requests still get sent through e-mail to us," Rizzo said.

"However, we'll need more time with the customers to make sure we can get them to that particular location to get the assets that

they need.

"This challenges the coordination with our customers because, for example, if they need tactical vehicles, we have to take them out to Buckner," he added. "Then we have to have a timeline to pick them up when they bring the vehicles back. So the coordination is a significant effort when the (displaced) transportation is involved."

Rizzo wants to reassure his customers that they will be transported to whichever location they need to go depending on the type of vehicle they're going to pick up.

When the movement is completed, it will be a short walk from the TMP trailers to J Lot, where the smaller vehicles are located.

The double-wide trailer right at street side houses the TMP dispatch office where customers should report, and it will lodge the driver examiner's office.

The single trailers will accommodate vehicle operations and the contractor's management.

While the new USMAPS takes a foothold at the footprint of the old TMP site and before the new \$43 million TMP is completed just outside Camp Buckner on Route 293, there will be a few more changes other than to

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# Here are some answers to your H1N1 questions

Dear West Point community:

People have many ongoing questions concerning the flu. I hope that I can answer some of them here.

Three people tested positive for Flu-A (presumably H1N1) over the weekend. They were all visiting from off-post, but did have contact with some cadets. The incubation period is three-to-10 days, so we should know this week if we're going to have a spike in cases.

The good news is, it was only three, and our total number of cases continues to be small. However, that doesn't mean you can stop washing your hands.

We should talk about seasonal flu vaccine. There's a big demand for it this year, which means there are shortages nationwide. That includes West Point. FluMist is a weakened (very much weakened), live-virus vaccine intended for young adults. We received about 4,500 doses of that, and immediately vaccinated the Corps of Cadets. We also received a small amount of injectable vaccine and used that to vaccinate healthcare workers and some high-risk patients. We do not yet know when we will receive more of either type of seasonal flu vaccine. However, when we do, we will get it where it belongs—into our patients.

The H1N1 vaccine also continues to be a concern. It is now approved by the Food and Drug Administration. We do not yet know when we will receive ours. Again, as soon as we get it, we will distribute it. One peculiarity of the distribution program deserves mention. The Department of Defense will receive enough H1N1 vaccine for all active duty. That's all.

The vaccine for everyone else has to come through state or local health departments. If those shipments don't come in at the same time, someone is sure to ask "How come they're getting it first?" The answer is easy—DOD-supplied vaccine has to go to active duty (to include the cadets). Vaccine supplied by the health departments has to go to non-active duty.

In the meantime, continue to wash your hands, cough and sneeze into your sleeve, and, if you're sick, stay home. Your supervisors and co-workers will thank you.

If you think you have the flu because you have body aches, fatigue and sore throat, you probably do. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that only those people with severe symptoms be given antivirals. For everyone else it's acetaminophen, fluids and rest.

We need to see you at the clinic if you're getting dehydrated (haven't urinated in eight hours or are getting light-headed when you stand up), are having trouble breathing, are having trouble thinking or have any other serious concerns.

We will continue to send updates. Thanks.

Michael Deaton, M.D.  
Colonel, Medical Corps  
Academy Surgeon and Keller Army Community Hospital Commander

## September is Suicide Prevention Month Facts about suicide in the Army

Submitted by the Community Awareness Campaign Committee

(Editor's Note: This is part 5 of a five-part series on suicide prevention.)

The Army has a growing population of Soldiers at risk for suicide. Deployments are taking a toll on Soldiers and their Families, Armywide. Depression, post traumatic stress syndrome, increased substance abuse, street and prescription drugs and alcohol can influence the decision to attempt suicide.

In 2008, the Army had 141 active duty and 57 non-active duty suicides. In 2009, the Army had 87 active duty and 39 non-active duty suicides between January and June alone.

Improving the physical, mental and spiritual health of our Soldiers, their Families and civilian employees is a big step in the right direction in preventing suicides. Leaders, Soldiers and all individuals need to know the signs and symptoms of suicide and know the programs that are out there to obtain help.

If you know or worry that someone you know is thinking about committing suicide, 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 at 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.

## Force protection info provided for Saturday's WP yard sale

The West Point Fall Yard Sale takes place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, so residents can expect increased traffic flow throughout the installation, especially in the housing areas, during those hours.

Residents and guests are reminded to remain cautious while driving in the housing areas since there will be an increased amount of vehicle and foot traffic. There will also be an increase of Military Police patrols in the housing areas.

In accordance with a Force Protection directive, all vehicles entering post without the proper identification will be searched.

Drivers with DOD stickers and either the CAC or military ID card may want to enter the installation through Washington Gate to avoid possible lines during the morning rush of shoppers.

Residents are reminded to remain vigilant and report any suspicious individuals or acts observed such as persons taking atypical photographs or asking abnormal questions about the installation. Report any incidents to the MP Desk (938-3333) immediately.

Should the yard sale be delayed by rain until Oct. 26, the same force protection measures will apply.

Point of contact for the above information is Joe Senger at 938-8859. See What's Happening on page 9 for other yard sale information.

## Town Hall Meeting

The Residential Communities Initiative office and Balfour Beatty Communities are holding a town hall meeting from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 1 in **Robinson Auditorium** in Thayer Hall. [NOTE the location change]. All housing residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

The meeting will also be televised on the Command Channel 23.

The call-in number is 938-0851, so if you are unable to attend the meeting, you can call in your questions. For more information, call Eileen Kaczkin, RCI Community Relations Specialist, at 938-2500.

## Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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	1			9				
	7							2

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

Difficulty: Hard

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

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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](mailto: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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# Eslinger, Class of 2007, receives 2009 Nininger Award

Story and photo by Tommy Gilligan  
Assistant Editor

From the day recruits enter the Army, the training they receive can save their lives and the lives of others. The lessons that Soldiers are taught become second nature, without thinking about what the situation is, and the Soldiers react to overcome any adversity that is presented to them.

Four years ago, the Association of Graduates created the Alexander Nininger Award, which is presented to a company grade officer who displayed a selfless act of heroism in combat, much like the actions the award's namesake performed to receive the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions in the Philippine Islands Jan. 12, 1942.

The AOG selected 1st Lt. Nicholas Michael Eslinger, Class of 2007 and Silver Star recipient, as this year's recipient for his actions on his last combat deployment.

On Oct. 1, 2008, then 2nd Lt. Eslinger led his unit's second dismounted patrol of the day through the city streets of Samarra, Iraq.

"We left our forward operating base to search five houses in a neighborhood that had not been searched in some time," the Oakley, Calif., native said. "We were well-rested and prepared for the evening that we were about to endure—just like any other night."

The mission of the evening was similar to many others—comb the area for insurgents and gather intelligence from all individuals encountered through the evening.

"As we entered the alley next to the third house, I saw a grenade come over the wall, much like we have been briefed about," the 25-year-old said. "I was the only one in position to grab the grenade."

Eslinger explained with the way his men were positioned, he was the only one who had the potential of preventing his Soldiers from getting wounded or killed.

"I dove in front of the grenade as it rolled toward my saw gunner," Eslinger said. "As I blocked it, in the same motion, I rolled and threw it in the air toward the wall it had been thrown over."

Eslinger said by what he had learned about the physics of how a grenade rolls—he had to react fast.

"People have asked me why I did not just scream 'grenade,' but I just knew that would not have done anything," Eslinger said.

The former platoon leader of the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, feels there are many people out there that do not get recognized for their actions. Before departing for Ranger School, Eslinger was awarded the Silver Star for his actions during that patrol on March 16, 2009, by U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., in a ceremony at Fort Campbell, Tenn.

"There are heroes at every rank from E-1 to O-10, and way too often the American public just does not hear about what they have done," the recent Ranger school graduate said.

This past week, Eslinger came back to West Point for the first time since he graduated in 2007 to speak to the cadets during some of the Junior Leader Panels held Sept. 17-18.

"This panel gives us (Soldiers in the field) the ability to



**First Lt. Nicholas Michael Eslinger, the 2009 Alexander Nininger Award recipient, standing with outgoing Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Michael Linnington, waves to the Corps of Cadets during the 3rd quarter of the Army-Ball State game Sept. 19. Eslinger was selected for his actions in Samarra, Iraq Oct. 1, 2008, for which he received a Silver Star.**

speak with Firsties in an open forum to answer any questions they may have about the field," Eslinger said. "It also allows me to share my experience that I had when I got to my first unit."

Eslinger credits his experience at USMA and his noncommissioned-officer-in-charge in the field for making him the leader he has become.

"The number one thing I learned is to take care of my

Soldiers," Eslinger said. "You have to be able to relate to your people because without that you cannot effectively lead your troops."

The 2009 Alexander Nininger recipient embodies the spirit of the award's meaning. He is a prime example to the cadets, who shortly after they leave West Point could be in the very same shoes as Eslinger and be called upon to make those very same decisions.

# West Point BOV member is now SECARMY

From Army News Service

WASHINGTON—John McHugh was sworn in as the 21st Secretary of the Army Monday following his nomination by President Obama and confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

As Secretary, McHugh has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the U.S. Army—manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications and financial management.

He is now responsible for the Army's annual budget and supplemental of more than \$200 billion and leads a work force of more than 1.1 million active duty, Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers, 221,000 Department of the Army civilian employees and 213,000 contracted service personnel. Also, he provides stewardship over 14 million acres of land.

Also sworn in at the Pentagon ceremony was Dr. Joseph Westphal, who assumed duties as the 30th Undersecretary of the Army.

Westphal has served in distinguished positions within academia, private and public service, including a brief tour in 2001 as acting Secretary of the Army.

McHugh served more than 16 years as a member of

Congress representing northern and central New York.

During his service, he earned a reputation as a staunch advocate for Soldiers and their Families, working tirelessly to ensure they had proper facilities, training and the quality of life necessary to carry out wartime missions while caring for those at home.

Over the last eight years, McHugh made 10 official visits to Iraq and four visits to Afghanistan and other deployed locations to visit U.S. forces.

During his nomination hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee July 30, McHugh said that he was excited, humbled and honored at this new opportunity to serve, but also that he understood the challenges facing the Army.

"They are strained by the frequency of constant deployments and stress by the pressures levied against



**John McHugh is sworn in as the 21st Secretary of the Army during a Pentagon ceremony Monday. Joyce Morrow, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, administers the oath of office as Anne LeMay, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, holds the Bible.**

STAFF SGT. MATTHEW CLIFTON/U.S. ARMY

McHugh was co-chair of the House Army Caucus, a bipartisan organization that works to educate fellow House members and their staffs about Army issues and programs, and a 14-year member of the U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors.

their Families," he said. "Too often—far too often—they return home only to be disappointed by a network of support systems that, despite high intentions and constant effort, continue to fall short of the level of support they so richly deserve and each and every one of us so deeply desire."

As Secretary, McHugh will draw on his years of experience as the ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, which oversees the policies and programs for the Department of Defense and each of the Armed Forces.

At the time of his nomination,

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operational dwellings.

The current location of the Directorate of Public Works' roads and grounds storage site for gravel and dirt, across the street from the old TMP, will become home to a new fuel point.

"The alternate fuel point at the north end of Washington Road will be for those people who don't need to drive all the way out to the Camp Buckner vicinity," Dick King, DOL Logistics Integration Officer, said. "We'll also have a full-blown fuel point at the new motor pool and we'll have an on-post site as well. We'll have two full-blown fuel points when we're all done."

King said that the fuel point at the Washington Gate TMP will continue to operate until the new one at the DPW site is up and running, which is slated for this December.

Eventually, the main fuel point will be reestablished at the new TMP near Camp Buckner. Both the new alternate fuel point and the new TMP location will provide regular gasoline, diesel and E-85 fuel for government vehicles.

The TMP move, coordinated with the USMAPS arrival because of the Base and Realignment Army Closure of Fort Monmouth, caused much concern.

The USMAPS facilities have to be ready for occupancy

by May 2011 to meet BRAC requirements.

King said every step of these moves has been carefully planned.

"We're moving temporarily because they will be demolishing Bldg. 781—our motor pool operations facility, Bldg. 783—the dispatch office and vehicle wash facility, and Bldg. 719—the Directorate of Information Management's Electronic Maintenance Center, in the very near future, which is why we're being displaced now," King said. "The remaining maintenance facilities, Bldgs. 793 and 795, as well as DOIM's Warehouse, Bldg. 817, will stay in place until about May 2010 when the new maintenance building at the new TMP site is slated to be ready for occupancy.

"That's why we're using the maintenance lot to keep the buses because we don't have enough room for the buses anywhere else," he added. "Full operations for the new TMP are expected to be in place around May 2010, when we will remove the last vestige of the old motor pool to enable completion of the USMAPS campus in time for their move in 2011."

This is a major project for West Point, and it has been a concerted effort since 2005 to bring this new TMP to fruition. While there are many challenges, King said the project is

important because it keeps all of the academy's missions going.

"We're starting to see the fruits of the project, but it is certainly challenging for us with the multiple moves," King said. "It's essential to support the command's decision to get USMAPS here. In essence, we salute the flag, fall in line and do what we need to do to meet the command's mission."

While the main reason for the move goes back to USMAPS, the benefit, in the end, not only assists USMAPS, but also DOL, which gets a state-of-the-art facility.

"DOL, the U.S. Army Garrison West Point and West Point at large will end up with a brand new modern purpose-built facility that will greatly improve our working and living conditions, and our efficiency and operations," King explained. "There's pain to get to that point, but the end result is we will have a better operational situation than we have now."

"There is some distance involved ... it's a bit of an inconvenience to think for the next 20, 30, 40 years that people will have to drive six more miles (up Route 293) from where the (old) motorpool (at Washington Gate) was to where it will end up," King said. "There's some inconvenience to a degree, but it will bring a more efficient facility, and therefore a more efficient operation for DOL and all our customers."

# Wells, USMA CSM, retires after 26 years

By Master Sgt. Dean Welch  
Directorate of Public Affairs & Communications

Serving in the United States Army ranks high on his list of life's highlights.

Just a notch below his faith, being a husband and a father.

As Command Sgt. Maj. Martin Wells readies for retirement, following a 26-year career, it makes sense he spends little time looking backward at his career, but forward to the opportunities waiting for him and his Family.

"I've been telling people this is our retirement," Wells said. "Retirement is as much for my Family as it is for my future."

As he leaves West Point and the Army, he is focused on Family issues that have sometimes been pushed aside by duty to his country.

He has a job he starts in October, but his retirement is as much about what he plans to do with his wife, Gert, and three children, Rosalie, 15; Jeremiah, 14; and Noah, 9.

There's Taekwondo with the boys and the possibility of a private pilot's license for himself and the two oldest children. The youngest has a desire to act, so there might be a role in a community playhouse in his new hometown of Columbia, S.C.

However, before he starts his next job with the 81st Regional Support Command at Ft. Jackson, he hopes to learn the game of golf.

"I've got about 2-3 days before Gert will be tired of me



Command Sgt. Maj. Martin Wells

hanging around the house, so I'll take some golf lessons," Wells said.

South Carolina will be like a homecoming for the Wells Family. They've been stationed there three times during his career, one spent initially in the field artillery and then as a career recruiter.

The son of a career Air Force officer, it is no surprise he put on the uniform.

"I learned from my father and how proud he was to serve," Wells said. "I always knew that the military was long-term for me."

As a recruiter, it was his job to fill the ranks. And because of that Wells discussed how he missed out on a chance to serve his country while at war.

"I regret I was never able to deploy during a time of war, but as a career recruiter we stay here and provide the (Army) strength," the Auburn University alum said.

According to his former boss in Recruiting Command, Maj. Gen. Thomas Bostick, Wells, who served as the USAREC command sergeant major, was just as important to the Army mission as the Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq.

During their service they oversaw the transformation of

the Army's recruiting efforts in 2007.

Having missed recruiting goals in back-to-back months, Bostick likened Wells, and his urging to stay the course, to "Joshua Chamberlain and his heroic actions at the Battle of Gettysburg."

"He led our 9,000+ recruiters in a 'fix bayonets' charge that resulted in success during one of the most challenging years in the history of recruiting," Bostick, a 1978 West Point graduate, said.

Wells' successes there led to an opportunity to be the senior enlisted advisor to the superintendent at West Point. Typically, the USAREC command sergeant major retires from that position, but Wells was selected to serve here and he embraced the opportunity.

He has left his mark here as well by increasing the visibility of the enlisted Soldiers.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Wells has left his mark on the Army as a recruiter, and here as well," Superintendent Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck said. "During his watch, West Point has started a local chapter of the prestigious Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, worked closely with the Admissions Office to increase awareness of the Soldier Admissions Program and helped make better leaders by increasing NCO participation in the cadet' counseling lab as part of their PL300 class. He has served the Army, and this institution, well."

No doubt he and his Family will continue to serve the Army well in his new endeavors.



## Bionic foot gets adjusted

Cow Chuck Baldinger places sensors on the leg of Sgt. Rob Brown, a wounded warrior. Cadets and faculty are working with amputees to improve the biomechanics of prosthetics so that more injured Soldiers might be able to return to active duty. This is the second year of a multi-year project involving several academic departments at West Point.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

# Cadets experience many facets of engineering at Expo

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Cadet yearlings who have not decided on a major field of study participated in the annual Engineering Expo Sept. 18 at Eisenhower Hall. The Expo promotes diversity in engineering across a variety of engineering disciplines, such as Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Mathematical Sciences.

At first sight, it might seem as if the cadets were playing computer games or trying to deal with something called Oobleck, which is a strange substance that at different times is either a malleable liquid-like goop that slips through the fingers or an unpenetratable substance.

Although Oobleck may be fun to play with, it does have practical Army applications.

"(The Army) is trying to make it into liquid body armor," said Maj. Craig Ruzick, CE instructor. "It could be part of a fabric that is weaved. It can stop bullets or be used to slow aircraft on the runway."

Oobleck is a mixture of corn starch and water that changes behavior depending on how it is used. When playing with it such as running it through the fingers, it behaves like a liquid, but under applied force, it solidifies.

Also on display were small arms, night vision and field equipment from the Army Research Laboratories, Program Executive Office Ammo and Special Operations Peculiar Modification.

Engineering instructors, along with several engineering societies and training application displays, exposed cadets to practical applications in engineering, such as new training and technologies the Army has developed or is developing to help fight the war on terror.

Systems engineering instructor Maj. Robert Dees was on hand to introduce cadets to a computer system designed to train operators of Apache Helicopters and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to work together with ground vehicles to defeat IEDs, a major cause of deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This is a cadet-designed system," Dees said. "Cows Mike Watson and Russ Mixon went to the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization during their Advanced Individual Academic Development trip and worked on developing scenarios used in simulations to counteract IEDs."

JIEDDO works by combining multiple sources of data with analytical technologies from several civilian and military organizations to provide an operational picture on worldwide IED systems, according to [www.jieddo.dod.mil/index.aspx](http://www.jieddo.dod.mil/index.aspx). JIEDDO's strategy is to "attack the network (of IED's), defeat the device, and train the force to counteract IED's."

Dees also highlighted a modification to the America's Army game by adding the XM-25, which allows cadets in a tactical scenario to engage the enemy behind rocks or in buildings.

Lieutenant Col. Paul Kucik, SE instructor, said the Army and cadets working with the Engineering Research and Development Center, part of the Army Corps of Engineers, helped design systems used at checkpoints to prevent IED's.

"The object is to detect IED's before they do any damage,"

he said. "This is what the cadets were working on when I was in Iraq."

Firstie David Jacobson, engineering management major, was also on hand to talk to cadets about entering the field of engineering.

"I just talk to them about what I enjoy in the engineering field," Jacobson said. "I wanted a diverse major and engineering management was the best combination and (has) practicality in the Army."

"I try to find out what (the cadets) are interested in and see if there is a match (to engineering)," he added.

Many of the cadets at the Expo were considering majors in one of the engineering fields.

"I'm definitely interested in chemistry or mechanical engineering," Yearling Matthew Dibasilio. "That's why I'm here."

Cadets weren't the only participants. Children at the Expo played with the Oobleck by squeezing it or experimented with creating a rocket of foam through plastic bottles of soda.

Through play, the children observed aspects of a chemical reaction first hand.



Major Andy Pannier, chemistry instructor, entices Yearlings Jose Ramirez (left), Geoffrey Ranowsky and Matthew Dibasilio (front) to punch the Oobleck as hard as they can to show how the substance, made up of corn starch and water, can solidify when exerting force.

"If you put your fingers in (the Oobleck), it's soft," said 11-year-old Tristan Nevels. "If you punch it hard, it's solid and you can't get through it. They are trying to make bullet proof vests with it."

## Scout Day brings 2,600 scouts and Family members



A Cub Scout from den 19 located in Randor Township, Pa., gives a high five to Black Jack, the Army mule mascot, during the 2009 annual Scout Day Sept. 19. With 2,600 scout and Family members in attendance, scouts and their Families were exposed to military training stations, 10 different club demonstrations, a jump team exhibition by the West Point Sport Parachute Team, a review on the Plain, a tour of the campus and an Army football game. Scout Day is an annual event scheduled by the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Army Ticket Office, and its supported by the Directorate of Cadet Activities through the Cadet Scoutmaster's Council Club. The event is also a tune-up for the scoutmaster's club leadership in preparation for the annual West Point Camporee April 30-May 2.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/ PV

# Patriotic Adkins plays West Point Oct. 2

By Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Country music artist Trace Adkins clearly loves what he does—entertaining people and getting involved with worthy causes. Adkins specifically credits his grandfather for giving him his love of music.

“My first influence is my granddaddy,” Adkins said, during a phone interview Sept. 18. “He was an old bass singer and, as a kid, I just stood next to him when he was singing the old gospel songs. I started singing bass in a quartet when I was 11, and I did that for about five years.”

After completing a grueling 90-city summer tour Tuesday, Adkins is entertaining the West Point community at 8 p.m. Oct. 2 at Eisenhower Hall.

“After I went (to West Point) to rehearse with the cadets (for the song “Till the Last Shot’s Fired”) for the American Country Music Awards show, I just thought we should do a show (at West Point),” he said.

“Till the Last Shot’s Fired” is a haunting melody that recalls the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam and Afghanistan wars through the eyes of a Soldier.

Adkins sang the song at the ACM show in Las Vegas April 5 with the Cadet Glee Club singing a cappella for the last half of the

song.

That version of the song is included on his album “X.”

“My producer Frank Rogers said it would be awesome to get a military choir to sing a cappella at the end of the song,” Adkins said. “I immediately said ‘yeah, who are we going to get?’ I immediately thought about (the cadets) and we thought about it and did some research (before deciding on them).

“We had to go pretty high up to the Pentagon to get permission to use the cadets on that album and that’s the way it should be,” he said. “I’m just happy it worked out.”

Adkins said he is very proud of the song “Till the Last Shot’s Fired.”

“Someone asked me in an interview what song I was really proud of (recording) in my career,” he said. “I can’t put anything above ‘Till the Last Shot’s Fired.’ That song is a really, really special song.”

Outside of singing and performing, Adkins is involved with the Wounded Warrior Project, which is a national non-profit project providing services and programs to severely injured servicemembers transitioning from active duty to civilian life.

Adkins performs and contributes a percentage of his proceeds from many shows to the WWP and other projects. He donated the proceeds from musical downloads of his



Country music singer Trace Adkins and the Cadet Glee Club will perform Adkins’ haunting melody, “Till the Last Shot’s Fired,” which they sang during the American Country Music awards show in April, at Eisenhower Hall Oct. 2.

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songs from the ACM awards to the WWP.

“I’ve done a lot of stuff throughout my career,” he said. “I just try to do what I can. I do a lot of USO stuff and my door is always open to noble causes. I don’t have a problem lending my time to causes (because) of the work the USO and the WWP does. I’m always willing to help out whenever I can.”

On top of touring, Adkins has

acted in television and is making an independent movie “Lifted,” where he plays an up-and-coming young singer whose life is disrupted when his Marine father redeploys to Afghanistan.

“I’ve always been eager to do any of that stuff, if I have time,” he said. “That’s the key for me. I’ve turned down a movie this fall because of the time commitment. I know where my bread is buttered

and that is country music. I’ve worked long and hard to get my career to where it is now, and I’m not going to turn my back on it.”

Besides his Oct. 2 performance, Adkins will join the Cadet Glee Club to perform the National Anthem before the Oct. 3 football game between Army and Tulane.

For tickets, go to [Ikehall.com](http://Ikehall.com), the Eisenhower Hall Box Office, or call Telecharge at 800-233-3123.

## Third annual W.P. Community Emergency Preparedness Fair is Sat.

By Christine Guerriero  
Directorate of Plans, Training,  
Mobilization and Security

West Point is hosting the third annual Community Emergency Preparedness Fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the Post Exchange mall and parking lot. It is part of National Preparedness Month and the Ready Army Campaign. Participants from local,

county and state agencies and organizations will be on hand and passing out emergency preparedness information materials. They’ll answer attendees questions about emergency readiness during the fair.

Ready Army is the Army Emergency Management’s proactive campaign to increase the survivability and resilience of Army communities, including Soldiers, cadets, Families, civilians and contractors. Through

education and community awareness activities, the Ready Army Ready West Point campaigns encourage individuals and Families to plan and prepare for all hazards through a simple, yet important central theme—“Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Be Informed.”

Attendees at this year’s fair will receive information to assist in creating Family emergency plans and supply kits, see interactive displays and get materials on child emergency plans as well as pet emergency plans.

Representatives from more than 30 agencies, to include the Dept. of Homeland Security, Orange County Fire Divisions Bureau

and Sheriff’s Office, the U.S. Coast Guard, Indian Point Nuclear Energy facility and Orange and Rockland Power Company, along with a number of West Point organizations, will have displays at the fair.

They are available to answer questions and provide information about emergency preparedness.

The entire West Point community is invited to attend this informative event. Make sure you and your Family are prepared for any emergency. It’s up to you.

Play it smart—preparing for emergencies doesn’t take a lot of time or effort, but it brings peace of mind.



Ready Raccoon will be out to greet community members from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the third annual West Point Community Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Post Exchange mall and parking lot.

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# What's Happening

## PWOC hosts a Movie Night

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite everyone to watch "Fireproof" from 7-9 p.m. tonight 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.

## West Point Yard Sale

The West Point Fall Yard Sale is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

The rain date is Oct. 24.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Upper Nyack, whose mission is to "honor the dead by helping the living," will be at West Point to receive donated items from the Yard Sale.

The VFW representative will have a marked trailer in the Directorate of Emergency Services/Post Library Parking Lot (by Thayer Gate) from noon-3 p.m.

The items they can collect and requested are slightly worn garments to include adult jackets, coats, hats, shoes, belts, ties, blankets, linens and new (unworn) socks and underwear.

They cannot accept ski clothing, ski boots or children's clothing. They request that donated items be placed in strong plastic bags.

For other items, the following Highland Falls churches will accept donations:

- Sacred Heart Thrift Store, 353 Main Street, (store hours, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Contact Linda at 446-4609 for more information. They ask that you please call if drop-offs are outside store hours.

- Holy Innocence Thrift Shop, 401 Main Street. Call 446-2197 for more information.

They ask that you call first to coordinate drop-offs.

## DUSA Grants

The Daughters of the U.S. Army is accepting applications for the fall continuing education grants through Oct. 2.

Applicants must have become DUSA members by Wednesday to qualify.

To obtain a grant application, e-mail Patty Bastianelli at [pbastianelli@hvc.rr.com](mailto: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 Wednesday.

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 Wednesday.

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

## Motorcycle Safety training

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

- Friday 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.

## FAST class

A Functional Academic Skills Training class will be held from 12:30-4:30 p.m. through Wednesday 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.

## MCCW Event

The Military Council of Catholic Women presents 'Why do Catholics do that?' at 7 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Most Holy Trinity Rectory.

The guest speaker is Father Edson Wood.

For more information or answers to your questions, call 859-4987.

## Volkssport Club of West Point

Volkssport Club of West Point is walking for fitness and fun Oct. 4 at a special event walk in Beacon.

Registration is from 9 a.m.-noon at the start point—Beacon Newburgh Ferry Dock at the Beacon Metro Train Station.

The dock is on the Hudson River at Red Flynn Drive off of Beekman Street off of Route 9D.

The 5- and 10-kilometer trails, rated 2+ (hills), go through the historic city of Beacon.

The entire walk is on city streets and sidewalks.

For more information, contact Joan Kimmel at 845-462-6845.

## 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](mailto:triccio@aol.com).

To download order forms and pictures from previous fashion shows, go to the school Web site at [www.mpbwalden.org](http://www.mpbwalden.org).

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**Saturday — Post Grad, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday — G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM).

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**Command Channel 8/23**

**Sept. 24–Oct. 1**

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

**Oct. 1**  
8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**1812 Concert** (broadcast times)  
**Friday, 7:30 p.m., Monday, 2 p.m.,**  
**Wednesday, 5 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.**

**RCI Meeting (Live)**  
**Oct. 1, 7 p.m.**

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# FMWR Blurbs

## Bike Rodeo

The Bike Rodeo is at the West Point PX parking lot from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday (rain or shine).

The rodeo is open to West Point, Town of the Highlands and DOD civilian children ages 5-12.

Meet McGruff the Crime Dog and learn about bike safety and security.

For more information, call 938-0249/4585.

## Career Fair

There will be a Career Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at The Thayer Hotel, Bldg. 674.

This event is geared toward transitioning Soldiers, military spouses, Family members and civilians who are searching for employment, educational and volunteer opportunities on post and in the surrounding community.

For more information, call 938-5658.

## N.Y. State Hunter Safety Course

Classes for the N.Y. State Hunter Safety Course will be offered 6-10 p.m. Oct. 9 and 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond.

Classes are free and pre-registration is required.

For more information, call 938-2503.

## 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.

# 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. Tuesday.

The screenings are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 938-6868/2698.

## KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Oct. 12 for Columbus Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

## Access to care standards and definitions

Acute appointments are made within 24 hours.

An urgent (acute) care appointment is reserved for nonemergency, urgent care that is typically delivered by a network Primary Care Provider.

Acute care services for active duty and TRICARE Prime enrollees should be

## Intermediate women's running group

The 12-week session is ongoing. 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.

## 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.

## West Point Golf Course specials

The West Point Golf Course is offering late summer/early fall specials.

- There is a 15 percent discount on green fees between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday;

- A Lunch and Drive Special Tuesday-Thursday is ongoing where if you spend \$5 or more on lunch at the Golf Course, you receive a free small bucket of balls;

- Veterans receive preferential guest rates at a savings both weekdays and weekends;

- Buy a 10-Play general public punch-pass for the price of eight.

For more information, especially about pricing, call the West Point Golf Course at 938-2435.

## 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.

## 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. 10.

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 Monday.

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 Toohey at 938-5655 or e-mail [josephine.toohey@us.army.mil](mailto:josephine.toohey@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.

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](mailto: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. 9;
- 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](http://www.westpointmwr.com) or call 938-3727/8893.

## 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.

### Second annual fire safety open house

West Point Fire Department and Balfour Beatty Communities will hold the second annual fire safety open house at Fire Station II on Stony Lonesome from 2-4:30 p.m. Oct. 6. Firemen will give a fire prevention and safety talk and a tour of the fire house. Refreshments will be served.

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

# Schoeneman leads a young, talented group of runners

Story and photos by  
**Eric S. Bartelt**  
Editor

It's been a long, grueling injury-filled road to the starting line for Army women's cross country runner Firstie Stephanie Schoeneman. After a strong 2007 season, Schoeneman couldn't make the leap forward last year because of injuries.

Looking to get back on track, Schoeneman wanted to put the injuries of last year behind her with a strong start at the Army Open Sept. 4. Unfortunately, she finished in 10th place with a time of 20 minutes, 33.60 seconds and felt she wasn't at her best because she has been fighting a leg injury.

"I was somewhat disappointed with my finish, but I think after the first race I now know what I need to do in the races to come," Schoeneman said.

Schoeneman would not get a chance to run in the second race of the season with her injury as Army lost a dual meet to Cornell Sept. 11.

"I was out for a week battling a stress reaction (in my left leg), an injury that started hurting after the Army Open," Schoeneman said. "However, I think it held me back during the Army Open race."

The time away from the cross country course allowed her to view the team from an outsider's perspective. It gave her, as the team

captain, an opportunity to see how the team deals with a race mentally throughout the course of 5-to-6-kilometer races.

She was able to take notes and lead her peers and give them direction, which certainly is a quality that head cross country coach Troy Engle has not missed in his women's captain.

"She's been a phenomenal leader," Engle explained. "She is a great example of somebody who can absolutely be a leader on a team without necessarily having to be the No. 1 runner. She's been a great resource for me as a coach and coach (Jayne) Penn, my assistant, as we rely on her as a great soundboard during our first full year as coaches of (the cross country) team."

The Fort Worth, Texas, native's importance to the team is amplified as 33 percent of the squad are plebes.

"We've got a significant infusion of great talent from (Jillian) Busby, (Mary) Praker, (Cecilia) Forshee and (Claire) Betterbed, and those four kids could be in our Top 7," Engle said. "It's an interesting dynamic when you've got such a big injection (almost 33 percent) of very talented newcomers, but Stephanie has done a great job of bringing that group together and keeping them focused."

The team has come out strong this season, although no one has been stronger on the team than

Plebe Jillian Busby. She finished first at the Army Open with a time of 18:58.80, which was 37 seconds better than second-place finisher Cow Courtney Clement.

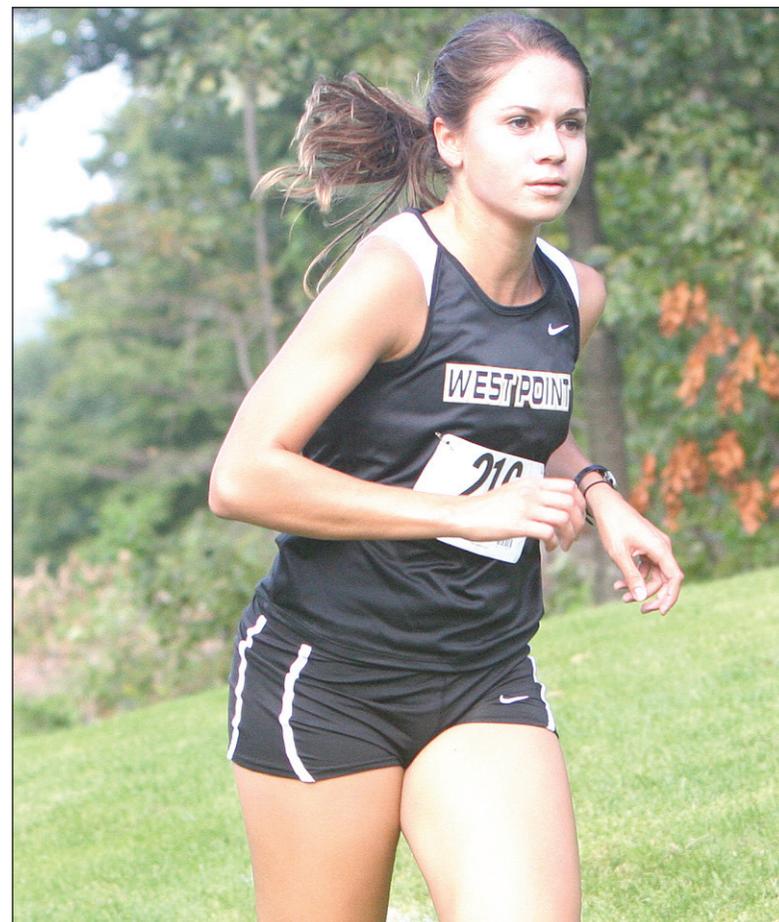
The Merrimack, N.H., native followed her stunning debut with another great performance finishing fifth overall, first among Army runners, versus Cornell with a time of 18:59.70.

Teammates and the head coach have all been highly impressed with Busby's ability to lead the pack early in her collegiate career.

"I knew she was good, and that she was going to be a great addition to the program," Engle said. "However, the thing that surprised me through her (first two) performances was that with Cadet Basic Training she wasn't able to get very much training in, so I'm even more excited about her potential and upside—if she's able to stay healthy and gets through a full season with some high volume running under her belt."

Schoeneman feels that Busby has a chance to surprise many people, but also become a premier runner and as strong as last year's top Army runners, Megan Curran, who graduated, and Firstie Ashley Morgan.

"We've seen her run at practice in the front, so it's not too much of a shock to us," Schoeneman said. "But, that gap she had between her and the second runner at the Army



Firstie captain Stephanie Schoeneman has been fighting injuries, but she is still a valued member of the squad with her leadership skills and ability to motivate.

Open was pretty big. I think she'll surprise teams like Navy. When Jill goes out in front, I think we'll have a lot of runners try to go out with her, so I think we'll have a really good pack this year."

In addition, Morgan should continue being Army's top runner as she performed well in her first race at Cornell finishing in sixth place with a time of 19:02.20. Morgan, who also competes with the Army Triathlon team, was Army's top runner in five of the team's eight competitions last year.

Yearling Chelsea Prah, who competed in her first race of the season at Cornell, finished 10th overall.

With the infusion of young blood and a strong veteran presence, it gives the Army women a chance to possibly earn their first Patriot League Championship title since 2004.

"I think what drives us as a team is the fact we haven't won a title in awhile, and this year we look really strong," Schoeneman said. "It would mean the world to the girls and the coaches if we won the title. It would be amazing, considering we haven't beaten Navy my three years here or won the Patriot League, as we came in fourth (last year)."

Engle believes the team can do better than its fourth-place finish a year ago, although he recognizes teams like Navy and Bucknell in the Patriot League are going to be tough to leap frog over to become the best. With thoughts of winning a Patriot League title, Engle also doesn't want to put too much pressure on his young squad.

"I'm careful not to build up

expectations because I do want to look at it from a long-term development standpoint," Engle said. "I have every bit of confidence that this group will be very competitive within the conference."

"I think we will turn some heads this year despite our fourth-place finish last year," he added. "I think a lot of people will look at us and go, 'holy cow, that's a different group,' in a good way. We're really in a good place right now in terms of attitude and commitment, and I think it'll show at the end of the season."



Cow Courtney Clement finished second behind Busby at the Army Open Sept. 4 with a time of 19 minutes, 35.30 seconds.



Plebes Cecilia Forshee (left) and Jillian Busby are two of Army's young runners who head coach Troy Engle hopes take the team to the top of the Patriot League in the years to come.

# Travis' touchdown leads Army past Ball State

Story and photo by  
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Editor

Cow free safety Donovan Travis' interception return for a touchdown with 6:41 left in the fourth quarter led Army (2-1) to a 24-17 victory over Ball State (0-3) in front of 25,646 spectators at Michie Stadium Sept. 19.

With Ball State starting the drive at its own 8-yard-line, freshman quarterback Kelly Page bootlegged and thought he had his tight end open, but Travis anticipated the pass and ran in front of Cardinals' freshman tight end Zane Fakes for the pick and returned it 18 yards for the winning touchdown.

"They were doing a lot of bootlegs and play action, and I'm responsible for any crossers and deep posts," Travis said. "I saw him looking at (Fakes). I didn't think he was going to throw it because I thought he saw me. I just stepped in front of (Fakes) and then after that it was clear cut to the end zone."

Army's defense was opportunistic on the afternoon as they intercepted Ball State four times, including two in the fourth quarter by Travis.

Although Army gave up 375 yards on defense, the team was around the ball all day, which included two team sacks and 15 tackles by Cow middle linebacker Stephen Anderson.

"I was getting my feet wet the first two games in this (double-eagle flex) defense ... I really didn't like that I wasn't getting a good grasp of it," Anderson said. "We (coach Payam Saadat and I) went over game film and I was able to make the transition this week. I just needed to get to the ball."

"I was lucky enough to be the first guy (to the ball on many plays)," he added. "You have to play with passion. It just makes the game that much more fun."

Both teams scored first quarter touchdowns as Army pulled ahead early on a one-yard run by Cow slotback Jameson Carter.

The 13-play, 80-yard drive gave Army its third consecutive score on the initial drive of the game this season.

After Army and Ball State traded field goals in the second quarter, Army took a 17-10 lead late in the first half on a 24-yard touchdown reception by Firstie Ali Villanueva.

Villanueva made the key play on the scoring drive by making a 22-yard one-handed, tipped catch in heavy pass coverage on a third-and-20. It was the first of three big plays Villanueva made against Ball State.

"We just said, 'lets see if we can let the big guy be the big guy,'" head coach Rich Ellerson said. "There are some good things that can happen in those situations. Ideally, we don't want to be in a lot of third-and-20 situations, but the good news is we still had a chance."

"He is more than a speed bump out there," he added. "(Villanueva) creates some space for us on the perimeter. The good news is that the experiment is working (moving him from offensive line to wide receiver). It will continue to be a challenge, but his presence will force teams to defend that part of the field."

Ball State tied the game at 17 early in the third quarter on a 34-yard pass from Page to sophomore wide receiver Torieal Gibson. Gibson dashed past Cow safety Jordan Trimble and came down with the ball in the end zone to even the score.

The defense came up big in the fourth quarter creating two turnovers, both interceptions by Travis.

However, the biggest play of the game, which preserved Army's victory, was Villanueva's fumble recovery of Cow fullback Kingsley Ehie's fumble with two minutes remaining on the clock.

"On the fumble, I just thanked God (I was in the right spot)," Villanueva said. "Those drills I did with coach (John) Mumford my freshman year when I was playing defensive end paid off. It was a great feeling to know the ball was secured in my hands."

Despite the fumble, which was one of six by Army (although the team only lost one of them), Ehie led all Army runners with 67 yards while Carter finished behind him with 57 yards on the ground.



Cow free safety Donovan Travis (#6) stepped in front of a pass intended for Ball State tight end Zane Fakes (#88), and returned it for a touchdown to give Army a 24-17 win Sept. 19 at Michie Stadium.

Plebe quarterback Trent Steelman ended the day with 39 yards rushing while completing 3-of-7 passes for 58 yards and a touchdown.

The win gives Army its first winning record after three games since 1996. It was also the first win for Ellerson at Michie

Stadium.

"It is great to win a hard-fought game like that," Ellerson said. "We know it is going to be hard (the rest of the way). But, we know we are getting better and we look forward to a lot more days like this."

## Army football looking to finish September strong

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Editor

Army (2-1) returns to action at 7 p.m. Saturday in Ames, Iowa, where they face Big 12 opponent Iowa State (2-1) at Jack Trice Stadium.

The Cyclones come into the game with a 34-14 win over Kent State as junior running back Alexander Robinson rushed for 143 yards and a touchdown.

Robinson enters the game with 326 yards on the ground this season, but he isn't the only weapon that Army head coach Rich Ellerson is focusing on.

"Their running back (Robinson) and quarterback (Austen Arnaud) have been very productive," Ellerson said. "They have a stable of good receivers who are polished, efficient and make for great big targets. They make it hard to have enough defenders on the field to defend all the things they do."

It'll be a big game for Army's defense, a defense that has allowed only 278 yards a game (25th in the nation in total defense) and 77 yards on the ground per game, ranking 16th

in the nation.

One of the big cogs on the defensive side of the ball is Cow middle linebacker Stephen Anderson. Anderson, who moved from weakside linebacker to the middle during the offseason, had his biggest game against Ball State Sept. 19 with 15 tackles and a half of sack.

Anderson with Cow free safety Donovan Travis, who had two interceptions in the Ball State win, are starting to see the fruits of their labor, especially in positions that offer them chances to make big plays.

"(Anderson) and Donovan play positions in the middle of our system that gives them a chance to get to a lot of balls," Ellerson said. "They both stepped up in a big way and that speaks to the game slowing down for them."

"They're seeing things better, they're more confident, they're more precise with their eyes and they're understanding how to control the space they've been given against good opponents," he added. "That bodes well for us because, frankly, those positions should be productive."

Anderson agrees that the game is slowing

down a bit and that he finally feels comfortable with the position he's playing.

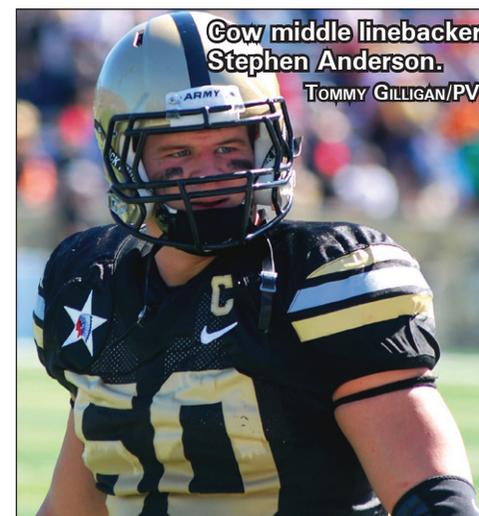
"I'm starting to see things a little quicker," Anderson said. "Last year, I was about four or five yards (off the line of scrimmage) and I was at weakside linebacker where I had a different angle to view the offense."

"Right now, I'm over the ball about seven yards back ... I have to make quick decisions on where the ball is going to be," he added. "I have to rely more on my instincts than thinking about it."

Anderson believes the defense as a whole is beginning to put it all together as shown by their respectable numbers nationally.

"(We're) finally realizing how good we can be when everything is going on all cylinders," Anderson said. "We're going to have to continue to play like this if we're going to turn the tables and set a new standard for this program."

Setting new standards for Army's program would require a victory against a big conference opponent like Iowa State. A stellar performance on the road in a hostile environment would be the cure for a team



Cow middle linebacker Stephen Anderson.  
TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

looking to make its mark.

"I think a win at Iowa State would say we're finally going in the right direction," Anderson said. "I know we have a coaching staff that puts us in the best position to make plays and win. We really need to prepare ourselves to play great for another day, and, hopefully, we'll get to 3-1."

# Volleyball takes West Point Challenge, defeated Iowa Fri.

By Tracy Nelson  
Athletic Communications

Army women's volleyball (12-3) rallied to complete an undefeated run at its own West Point Challenge with a hard-fought 3-2 win over Binghamton Sunday at Christl Arena.

The Black Knights' 23-25, 25-13, 12-25, 25-22, 15-9 victory not only captured the 2009 West Point Challenge title, but also marked the team's eighth win in the last nine matches.

Firstie setter Maureen Bannon took home tournament Most Valuable Player hardware, while Plebes outside hitter Ariana Mankus and right side Francine Vasquez also made the all-tournament team.

Mankus' 18 kills led the Black Knights against Binghamton.

The rookie hit for a .364 percentage and topped the team with 16 digs for her fourth double-double of the season.

Vasquez finished with 11 kills and 13 digs for her second career double-double, in addition to her six blocks.

Much of Mankus and Vasquez's success can be attributed to the stellar play of Bannon all weekend long.

The Manhattan Beach, Calif., native capped the tournament with a 45-assist, 13-dig performance against the Bearcats Sunday. Bannon averaged more than 10 assists per set on the weekend, totaling 149 over 14 sets played.

"Maureen played extremely well all weekend," third-year head coach Alma Kovaci said. "She is able to stay composed and is really growing into the setter that four years has allowed her to become. She's the veteran of this team and she has shown that this year.

"I also thought (Firstie) Rachel Dunn showed much leadership by coming up big today," she added. "She struggled a bit in

the first two sets, but bounced back to have a couple of key hits for us down the stretch. As usual, Ariana (Mankus) and (Francine) Vasquez did very well."

Yearling middle blocker Rachel Willis enjoyed a standout match against Binghamton as she led all players with seven blocks, including four of the solo variety, to complement her 13 kills on the match.

Cow middle blocker Amanda Rowell added seven kills and four blocks to the winning effort.

"Rachel (Willis) played great today," Kovaci said. "Her blocking was right on and she came up big when we needed her. Even when the Binghamton hitters knew the ball was going her way, she still hit away and got the ball down. That is a testament to her improvement and competitiveness."

Errors plagued both teams throughout the afternoon with Army hitting for a .195 attack percentage and Binghamton owning a .166 mark. Army totaled 12 blocks in comparison to the Bearcats' seven.

"I knew coming in that Binghamton would give us a really tough match," Kovaci said. "They are extremely disciplined and well-coached. They are a very powerful team as well. My assistants (Jeremy Sands and Julie Chester) did a great job in helping us to make



Yearling middle blocker Rachel Willis (#13) prepares to spike a ball past the Quinnipiac defenders during Army's three-set win to begin the West Point Challenge. Army would go 4-0 during the weekend, including a four-set victory over Iowa.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

adjustments, and we were able to contain that power toward the end of the match.

"I can't sugar-coat it," Kovaci said. "This match was not pretty, but we will take a win any day. We got stuck in rotations and weren't able to get out of them.

"We had strings of missed hits and poor passes," she added. "But we kept working away and at the end of the day, a win is all that matters. We learned to work through those adversities and that counts for a lot."

Earlier in the tournament, Army defeated

Quinnipiac in three sets (25-8, 25-23, 25-9) and Iowa in four sets (25-23, 21-25, 25-16, 25-21) Friday, and then defeated Morgan State in three sets (25-9, 25-18, 25-16) Sunday before beating Binghamton.

The West Point Challenge marked Army's final tune-up before the start of Patriot League Friday.

The Black Knights play their first five conference matches on the road, beginning with trips to Bucknell Friday and Colgate Saturday.

## Betterbed notches winner, Lostetter records history making shutout in win

By Mady Salvani  
Athletic Communications

Firstie midfielder Elizabeth Betterbed scored just 1:57 into the contest and Cow goalkeeper Alex Lostetter recorded six saves as Army made the early lead stand en route to a 1-0 blanking of Hartford for its first-ever women's soccer win over the Hawks before 400 fans at Clinton Field Sunday.

Betterbed scored her first goal of the season when she blasted a close shot into the right side of the Hartford net.

"The scheme was to come out today and put forth a full effort for 90 minutes," head coach Stefanie Golan noted as her team improved to 4-3-1. "We were not concerned about being pretty, but just wanted to be intense for the full 90 minutes. It was huge for the players to put forth such a great effort."

Lostetter recorded her fourth shutout of the season, and the 20th shutout of her career in becoming Army's all-time leader.

She recorded three stops in both

halves with back-to-back saves just 1:15 apart late in the first half as the Black Knights held a 9-7 shot advantage.

Hartford picked up the pace in the second half, outshooting the Black Knights 13-6, but only three were on goal with Lostetter making her first two saves early and last at the 83:19 mark.

Lostetter has been the goalkeeper of record in all five Army shutouts this season.

"It feels good to have the record, especially since I never thought about breaking anything," Lostetter remarked after becoming the school's all-time shutout leader after tying the former school shutout mark of 19 last weekend against Saint Louis (1-0). "It is something that I will always remember, and I am just a junior.

"It is something I will share with my teammates," she added. "It is not just me, it is the girls with me on the team who helped me get here. The defense was awesome and it was a total team effort. The record is just not mine, it is the whole team.



Cow goalkeeper Alex Lostetter became Army's all-time shutout leader with 20. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Army heads to Brown today and then is home for a short stay when it hosts Fairfield Sunday.

The Black Knights return to the road where they will play their first five matches in October when they open their Patriot League slate as the defending champions.

## Sports calendar

Sept. 25–Oct. 4

### Corps

FRIDAY-SUNDAY — WOMEN'S TENNIS, EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALL DAY (EACH DAY) AT LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

SATURDAY — FOOTBALL @ IOWA STATE, 7 P.M. AT JACK TRICE STADIUM.

SATURDAY — MEN'S SOCCER @ Navy, ANNAPOLIS, MD., 8 P.M.

SATURDAY — GOLF @ Navy, ANNAPOLIS, MD., TBA.

SUNDAY — WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. FAIRFIELD, 1 P.M. AT CLINTON FIELD.

OCT. 2 — SWIMMING AND DIVING, ALUMNI MEET, 5 P.M. AT CRANDALL POOL.

OCT. 3 — FOOTBALL VS. TULANE, NOON AT MICHIE STADIUM (CBS COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK.)

OCT. 3 — HOCKEY. BLACK AND GOLD SCRIMMAGE, TBD AT TATE RINK.

### Club

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

SATURDAY — WOMEN'S RUGBY VS. YALE, 1 P.M. AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

SATURDAY — MEN'S TEAM HANDBALL VS. NYC, THE DEFENDING OPEN CLUB CHAMPIONS, 12:10 P.M. AT ARVIN GYM.

SUNDAY — MEN'S RUGBY (ARMY COLTS — C/D SIDE) VS. NEW PALTZ, 1 P.M. AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.

OCT. 3 — MEN'S RUGBY (1ST/2ND XV) VS. NYAC, 5 P.M. AT ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.