

THREE-PEAT: Boxing wins championship

Story and photos by
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The true spirit of the amateur athlete was showcased on the squared canvas in Crest Hall as student boxers from coast to coast made their way to West Point with the goal of being named a national champion. More than 48 bouts in 12 weight classes determined these winners as West Point hosted their first National Collegiate Boxing Association's Championship tournament April 8-10.

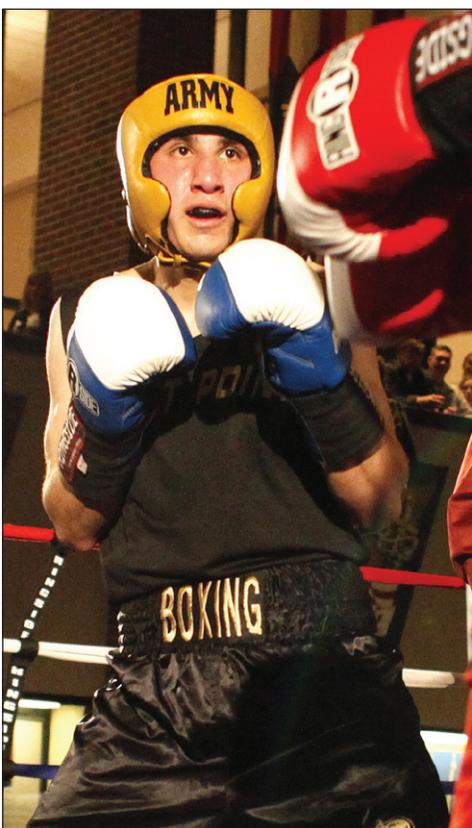
The Black Knights took five individual titles and was named the overall team champion, beating out archrival Navy for their third straight national championship title. Air Force placed third, giving a service academy sweep during the three-day event.

Cow Danilo Garcia won his third consecutive national championship after defeating Jerome Foster from the University of Nevada Las Vegas by decision. In the second round of the three-round bout, Garcia was stunned by a body shot that sent the defending champ into the ropes.

With a full house chanting "Army, Army, Army..." Garcia regained his composure and fought back to finish the round strongly.

As the decision was announced, Garcia threw his arms up with excitement and immediately looked into the crowd for his family. As Garcia was handed the belt, he

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Cow Danilo Garcia won his third consecutive boxing national championship April 10.



Sandhurst exhaustion

Yearling Cody Millhouse, from Company G-2, pulls the RB-15 boat, commonly known as a Zodiac, back to shore with his teammates inside during the Boat Site portion of the 2010 Sandhurst Competition April 10. The Sandhurst Military Skills Competition has been running in various configurations since 1967. See Page 4 for the story and more Sandhurst photos. A Sandhurst photo gallery is available online at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/sets/72157623709182165/.

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TRICARE won't be affected by healthcare reform

From staff reports

Servicemembers and retirees enrolled in one of several forms of TRICARE won't have to buy additional health insurance and won't see a change in their healthcare coverage in the near future, according to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates.

The new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act signed by President Barack Obama March 23 requires all Americans to have health insurance, and places strict guidelines for insurance companies to follow.

However, TRICARE already meets the goals and requirements of the reform, and will not be affected, according to the Army Surgeon General's office.

"Families can be reassured that the health care reform legislation being passed by the Congress will not negatively impact the TRICARE medical insurance program, as it

already meets the bill's quality and minimum benefit standards," Gates said.

TRICARE will remain under the sole authority of the Defense Department and the Secretary of Defense.

"As Secretary of Defense, the health and well-being of America's men and women in uniform is my highest priority. The president and I are committed to seeing that our troops, retirees and their families will continue to receive the best quality health care," Gates said.

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker blogged about the many inquiries on the maximum age of dependents receiving TRICARE. The new act states that parents can choose to keep children on their health insurance plan until their 26th birthday, but that is not the case for TRICARE.

"By law, TRICARE covers eligible dependent children up to the age of 21, or up

to age 23 if enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education and reliant on the sponsor for more than 50 percent of their financial support," Schoomaker wrote.

Based on current legislation, TRICARE is not required by the healthcare reform provision to cover older dependent children.

Keller Army Community Hospital Commander Col. Michael A. Deaton reiterated that he and his staff are committed to providing the community up-to-date information about this and any other medical issues as soon as they have it.

"We will continue to monitor developments and keep the community informed. We are committed to providing world class health care to the entire West Point Family," Deaton said.

Also, the Tricare Web site—www.tricare.mil/NHCB_default.aspx—is another source for all TRICARE.

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handed it to his brother who met him in the center of the ring.

Army took the next three championship fights before the most anticipated fight of the evening, between Firstie Ryle Stous and University of Maryland's Ryan Roach.

Roach defeated the two-time defending national champion of the 165-pound weight class in the regional tournament less than a month ago.

Stous entered the ring with his signature high black socks and a look of determination in his eyes. The fight went back and forth, with Stous and Roach trading punches over three two-minute rounds.

The fight lived up to its expectation, as both fighters stood with intense looks on their face awaiting the ring announcer to give the decision.

"The winner..." ring announcer Firstie Orlando Zambrano paused, "...out of the blue corner, Ryle Stouse."

The crowd erupted with cheers and Stous embraced his competitor after the hard-fought battle.

All 10 West Point boxers who fought during the weekend earned All-America honors, with five cadets earning first team, four earning second team and one earning third



Firstie Ryle Stous exacted some revenge on University of Maryland's Ryan Roach, who beat Stous a month ago in the regional tournament. Stous won to earn his third national title.

team. However, it took the 50 other cadets on the team to get them the results in the ring, head boxing coach Ray Barone said.

"Guys like (Firstie) Billy Myers and (Firstie) AJ Pisano who did not fight over the weekend, really pushed our guys during sparing sessions throughout the season," Barone said. "Stous fought a southpaw in the finals and Billy,

who is a southpaw, really pushed him during training rounds to give him a true look at what he was going to be competing against."

Reflecting on the weekend, Barone said fighting in front of the home crowd was a huge factor in the team's championship performance.

"Hearing the crowd cheer 'Army' helped our guys through the fights," Barone said.

In Memoriam

First Lt. Robert W. Collins, a Class of 2008 graduate, died April 7 in Mosul, Iraq, when his vehicle was attacked with an improvised explosive device.

Collins, 24, was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Stewart, Ga.

The vehicle's driver, Pfc. William Blount, was also killed in the attack.

Collins deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in the fall of 2009, and served as a platoon leader while his unit provided support during the national elections in Iraq.

He also maintained the unit's Facebook page to post photos and keep Family members connected to their deployed Soldiers.

Collins, of Tyrone, Ga., is survived by his parents, retired Lt. Col. Deacon and Sharon Collins, and Nicole, his childhood sweetheart and girlfriend of eight years.

A viewing will take place at 5-8 p.m. Friday at Parrott Funeral Home, 8355 Senoia Rd. (Highway 74), Fairburn, Ga., 30213.

The Funeral service is scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday at



First Lt. Robert W. Collins

the New Hope Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ga. After the service, interment will follow at the Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Newnan, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, the Family asks for people to consider donating to a scholarship established in Robert's memory:

The 1LT Robert Wilson Collins Patriot Spirit Scholarship
c/o The Bank of Georgia
100 Westpark Drive
Peachtree City, GA 30269

The scholarship is awarded to a deserving Sandy Creek High School student.

Free Army Athletic Clinics

Army Swimming: Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon, at Crandall Pool for children ages 9-16. All skill levels welcome.

Army Women's Volleyball: Saturday, 4-5 p.m., at Gillis Fieldhouse, for girls 8-18. All skill levels welcome. The clinic will be hosted by reigning Patriot League Coach of the Year Alma Kovaci, with Jeremy Sands and Julie Chester, assistants. They will be joined by players from the 2009 Patriot League Championship team.

Army Women's Softball: Sunday, following the Army-Holy Cross doubleheader scheduled at 1 p.m., at the Army Softball Complex. Clinic is for girls 18 and younger. To register, call 938-0390 or e-mail jeffrey.helion@usma.edu.

News notes

• Klosky to receive ASEE National Outstanding Teaching Award

The American Society for Engineering Education announced April 9 that Dr. James L. Klosky, Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering faculty member, was chosen to receive the 2010 ASEE National Outstanding Teaching Award in recognition of his accomplishments.

The presentation of the award will occur June 23 in Louisville, Ky., at the ASEE annual awards banquet.

Klosky's selection for the national teaching award was initiated by a nomination complete with references.

The ASEE Awards Policy Committee evaluated the nomination in comparison to other nominations received. After the thorough review process, Klosky was chosen for the award.

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SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harassment/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 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call 938-3369.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

Difficulty: Easy

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Cadets experience warfighter sim

Submitted by the
Department of Military Instruction

It was 24 hours after their movement into the small village area in the Kunduz Province in Northern Afghanistan when the task force was forced to address enemy activity as well as engagements between platoon leaders and locals on the ground.

However, this didn't happen on the ground in Afghanistan, but at the Warfighting Simulation Center at West Point. Twenty-eight cadets simulated 15 platoon leaders, four company headquarters and a battalion headquarters in the largest Warfighting Simulation Exercise ever conducted at West Point April 1.

The exercise was part of an assignment in MS498 Colloquium in Military Affairs, their capstone course for the Defense and Strategic Studies major.

The cadets spent a week-and-a-half planning their mission. However, it took months of planning and the efforts of 10 staff and faculty to bring the exercise from an idea to execution. Maj. Steve Banks, the officer-in-charge of the WARCEN, was pleased with the results.

"The exercise was a resounding success," Banks said. "We were able to expose the cadets to a wide variety of events while we stretched the boundary of the capabilities of the WARCEN. We leaned heavily on the expertise of Vincent "TJ" Taijeron in both scenario creation and execution to give the cadets a first class training event to cap their DSS studies."

Taijeron, who has worked in the WARCEN for more than six years, agreed with that assessment.

"(It was) without a doubt the biggest and most ambitious exercise we've conducted, involving a range of events spanning the lethal and nonlethal spectrum implemented using both a computer simulation and live role playing to create an immersive environment for the cadets," Taijeron said.

The MS498 course director, Maj. Chris Kasker, wanted the cadets to become more involved than the simulation program allowed. The goal was for them to do more than just react to situations that popped up on the screen. They had to talk to the locals and deal with the results of their conversations. The solution to this shortfall was to incorporate role-players, making this a hybrid type of simulation exercise, which is largely where the DSS faculty came in.

The main role player, Maj. James Smith, embraced his roles and reacted to the way the cadets talked to



Building bridges

Firstie Kyle Miner, from Company C-1, is one of six cadets working on a yearlong capstone project. Cadets designed and built a bridge, which will be displayed April 29 during Projects Day. Cadets welded pieces of steel measuring 3.5 feet in length or less. The pieces, when assembled, will measure more than 20 feet and weigh 350 pounds. All the pieces have to fit in a 6-by-6 foot box, with the goal of assembling the structure on site within eight minutes.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV



Firstie Eric Filipek battle tracks the incidents reported to the task force headquarters during a large-scale Warfighter Simulation Exercise April 1.

CAPT. KELLI MOON/DMI

him. He knew the cadets developed a strategic narrative during their planning process and that they were trying to keep their actions in line with their words. If they weren't meeting the intent of their narrative, Smith would become difficult. If the cadets were on the ball, he would cooperate and give them useful intelligence.

To add another layer of external involvement, 11 graduate students from the New York University Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, acted as embedded reporters. For their NYU class, they turned in stories written as if they were really there.

The cadets experienced what life is like as an embedded reporter and the journalism students were exposed to battlefield situations they could report on as a combat correspondent.

The simulation ran for almost two hours in which the task force had approximately 15 face-to-face conversations with locals, received 10 important intelligence tips on enemy activity, rescued a kidnapped brother, helped a farmer get a tractor out of the mud, recovered a Humvee stuck in the mud, discovered a weapons cache, searched for a downed UAV and dealt with numerous small arms attack, IEDs and snipers.



Participants work as teams to overcome adversity in a series of challenges at the annual Sandhurst Competition April 9-10. (Left) Negotiating a rope bridge was just one test of a teams' ability to work together. (Above) Even those cadets not competing provided moral support and encouragement throughout the day's events.

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Sandhurst tests team unity

By Sgt. Vincent Fusco
Dir. of Public Affairs & Communications

The overall winner at the 44th Sandhurst Competition April 9-10 was ... Sandhurst. The team from the Britain's Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, after which the annual competition is named, bested nearly 50 other military teams to claim the 2010 title at West Point.

While the British claimed the top two finishes in the competition, the next three spots went to West Point. The two Sandhurst teams finished at 5:26:05 and 5:33:00, respectively. The Company C-1 team finished the highest (5:49:15) among the West Point teams, while 1st Regiment earned a trophy for best cadet regiment.

The Royal Military College of Canada, defending champions and winner of four titles in the past five years, finished sixth and was awarded first place in marksmanship. The Navy and Air Force service academies finished 18th and 21st, respectively.

Brigham Young University was awarded best in land navigation, and George Mason University was recognized for being the fastest team on the commandant's challenge.

The competition is an occasion in which team spirit comes out in obvious ways. Cow J.D. Menges, Company A-3, from Red Lion, Pa., donned a green bodysuit and joined the drove of cadets supporting their fellow Anacondas running through Sandhurst.

"You don't see people bond together as much as we do now," Menges said. "That shows our unity as a company.

"Regardless of what we place, we're still here for each other, that just shows how close-knit we are as a company," he added. "(The parents) were just as supportive as us, just as enthusiastic. It showed how close-knit (we are) as a company and how close our Families are with the company as well."

The Company E-1 Sandhurst team started strong, but finished 13th overall, which was eighth among the West Point teams.

Firstie Anthony Wrench, their squad leader, remarked how the high level of cohesion carried them through the race.

"We have a very cohesive squad, and it really showed during the competition," Wrench said. "We've had remarks from several of the site cadre that we were one of the most motivated squads to come through there. Everyone picked each other up when they were down."

Every team had its own throng of motivating spectators. Besides water and energy food, Wrench and his comrades ran off of the support from the sidelines in the form of blaring bullhorns and raucous cheering from cadets and Family members.

"We had a great turnout today," the Williamsport, Pa., native said. "Almost all of the team had Family or parents here, and we had a huge contingent from the company. They were really screaming for us."

For Wrench, the toughest part of the competition was pushing forward when everyone was tired. The mental aspect of pushing through the pain was a challenge in of itself.

"Around the back side of the lake there were a lot of land (navigation) points," Wrench said. "It would have been easy just to quit and say we're walking this, but we kept pushing the entire time. Even when people were hurt or cramping, we helped them out, got them some water and drove on."

Win or lose, the Corps and their guests were able to enjoy the day of high-paced competition followed by a bountiful barbecue that evening.

"It was great spending time with these guys doing a physical challenge," Wrench said. "It was great to get out there and compete against everyone else."



West Point cadets from Company B-3 strain under the weight of a massive tire, which they struggled to move to complete one obstacle during the annual Sandhurst Competition.

Diversity Conference addresses progress, challenges in way ahead

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

The Army defines diversity as “the different attributes, experiences and backgrounds of our Soldiers, civilians and Family members who further enhance our global capabilities and contribute to an adaptive, culturally astute Army.”

Advancing diversity was the focus of the 11th annual West Point Diversity Leadership Conference April 7-9, with a series of speakers and panel discussions addressing the way forward on this topic.

Andre Sayles, deputy director of the Army Diversity Office and conference co-chairperson, said the Army’s vision extends not just to recruiting and retaining a robust ethnic workforce, but one which attracts other attributes. Gender, age and even experience are all components of diversity.

Using West Point as an example, Sayles mentioned the Soldier Admission program, which encourages more prior-service Soldiers, with rich fields of experience, to apply to military academies.

Experience is gained within the academy as well, Sayles said, with cadets benefitting from the Semester Abroad or other cultural immersion programs.

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck, West Point superintendent, addressed the academy’s advancement in diversifying its Corps of Cadets through national exposure, citing last year’s ESPN coverage of West Point on Veterans Day

and the college ranking article in “Forbes” magazine. Sports and entertainment, he said, are what West Point candidates find most interesting. Leveraging these opportunities to showcase West Point has reaped dividends in recruiting, as indicated in the class composition percentages.

“Admissions for the Class of 2014 have gone up dramatically,” Hagenbeck said. “A 12 percent increase in applications, with 25 percent increase in African-Americans, 26 percent in Hispanics ... we really do get the best and brightest and we’re pleased with that.”

Reaching those faraway towns and cities is the mission of the academy’s Minority Admissions Office, headed by Maj. Michael Burns and his staff.

Col. Deborah McDonald, director of admissions, mentioned the recent Minority Educator visit and Congressional Staff visits as ways of providing information to those who can assist potential West Point candidates.

McDonald cited increases in the numbers of female and African American admissions in the Class of 2013 and a promising outlook for the Class of 2014. However, having never reached the composition goals for African-American or prior-service cadets means there is still much work to be done.

A couple of years ago, every qualified African-American applicant were offered admission into West Point, yet the class composition goal was still lacking, McDonald said. Therefore, success can be measured when there are enough qualified candidates to

have their names added to the national waiting list.

Burns joined a diversity panel to include Maj. Brian Easley, Soldier Admissions Officer; Cow Devin Adams; Meg Gordon, Class of 1984 graduate and mother of a Class of 2013 cadet; and Wal-Mart Stores Regional General Manager Noah Johnson.

The panel offered unique perspectives about reaching out to those who influence the futures of the youth population.

Brig. Gen. Michael Garrett, U.S. Army Recruiting Command deputy commanding general, showed a short video clip about socialnomics—the saturation of social media in everyday life—to prove the point that the youth market is more technologically savvy than ever before.

The conference was co-hosted by the U.S. Military Academy and the Diversity Leadership Council of the West Point Association of Graduates.

Among the invited guest speakers this year were Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Th.D., and Frances Hesselbein, chairman of the Board of Governors and Chief Justice Carolyn Wright, Texas’ Fifth District Court of Appeals.

Last year’s conference unveiled an Army policy memorandum calling for the Army to be the “national leader in embracing the strengths of diverse people in an inclusive environment.”

Col. Bryan Goda, conference co-chairperson said the conference attendance totaled 350, coupled with the great level of corporate sponsorship, making this the largest conference in its 11-year history.

“I think the message of diversity was well-received by the participants, and I’ve heard nothing but praise,” Goda said.



Mary Beth Smith and Heather Sapp listen to Don Hulst, operations coordinator for Child, Youth and School Services, as they tour what will be the reception area of the new Child Development Center, located behind the FMWR Fitness Center.

CDC Sneak Peek

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Community members got a sneak peek at the new Child Development Center located behind the Fitness Center, by touring the almost completed building April 8.

The new CDC, slated to open Aug. 2, will give the current CDC some growing room, opens the Youth Center to more middle school and teens while school-age children can seek activities in the new building.

The 15,029 square-foot building will be called the Lee Area CDC and contains two childcare classrooms, two multipurpose rooms and a demonstration kitchen, which will allow children to learn how to cook, and will have a café or eating area next to the kitchen.

The new CDC also includes seven computers and homework spaces, an arts room and a room for extended care programs.

“The new CDC will allow for enhanced support in existing Child, Youth and School Services facilities by having Parent Central, which allows parents to sign up and receive information on all CYSS programs in one location,” Don Hulst, operations coordinator for CYSS, said.

The project is part of the Army Family Covenant initiative to enhance the quality of support for Soldiers and Families. The new CDC will expand the services of the current CDC and expand services to teens and school-age children.

“The new CDC will also allow for additional full-day care space at our current CDC, by relocating part-day pre-school and kindergarten programs from the current CDC to the new CDC,” Hulst said. “The relocation of preschool and elementary age instructional classes from the Youth Center to the new CDC will make the Youth Center more age appropriate for middle school and high school students and allow for enhanced programming for these age groups.”

The new facility will also provide increased hourly care support, part-day preschool programs, before and after school kindergarten care, summer camp expansion, SKIES instructional classes, extended care and special program support.

The new CDC also includes a playground and 11 bathrooms.

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Book Fair features children's favorites

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The West Point Elementary School hosted the first of the four-day bi-annual Scholastic Book Fair Monday in the school's lunchroom. The book fair is both a fundraiser for the Parent Teacher Organization and a way to increase children's desire to read.

WPES hosts the event in the fall and spring. Last fall, the fair raised \$17,000.

"Children are funny," PTO member Jessica Long said. "They look surprised when they see their lunchroom turned into a bookstore."

Adam Hall, 6, said he enjoys reading and reads a lot.

"I like to read joke books," he said. "I like to read regular book, too."

Hall said the last book he read was "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." Written by Jeff Kinney, the book is one of a series detailing the everyday life of a kid named Greg who talks about his Family, friends and summer vacations.

Ethan Rabb, 9, said he enjoys humor, Science Fiction and mysteries.

"I think it's a great selection (of books)," Alicia Hall, parent and community member, said. "My first-grader loves reading and this just began this year."

Scholastic is a global children's publishing, education and media company that helps children read and learn, according to the Scholastic.com Web site. Scholastic produces educational materials to cultivate minds and is in contact with educators throughout the world to provide tools to help teachers' interest



Lt. Col. Robert Rabb, Civil and Mechanical Engineering assistant professor, attends the Scholastic Book Fair at the West Point Elementary School with his children Ethan and Lauren Monday. The twice-annual book fairs (fall and spring) raises money for the Parent Teacher Organization.

West Point Hosts Special Olympics

By West Point Directorate of Communications

More than 500 athletes from Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties and more than 800 cadet and community volunteers will gather for the 2010 Special Olympics Spring Games at West Point April 24.

The competition kicks off at 10 a.m. with opening ceremonies at Shea Stadium. Events will continue through 4 p.m., at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, Shea Stadium and North Athletic Field. The games will include

numerous track and field contests, adaptive games and aquatics.

Lt. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck will be the grand marshal for the event. Omicron Delta Kappa, the Leadership Honor Society at West Point, sponsors the annual games. The Cadet Sport Parachute Team, U.S. Military Academy Band and the Army mascots are among those scheduled to participate during the day's activities.

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees should enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates. Proper identification will be required upon entering academy grounds.

Retiree Council provides vital link

Submitted by the West Point Military Retiree Council

The purpose of the West Point Military Retiree Council is to assist the garrison commander and the superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy meet the objectives of the retirement program.

The council serves as an effective ongoing communication link between the retired military community and the active Army, providing insight into vital issues and concerns of military retirees.

All members of the retiree council are volunteers and are appointed upon recommendation of the council chairman and the approval of the West Point garrison commander. Council positions include a chairman, a secretary, and public affairs and agency liaison representatives.

The council, co-chaired by retired Brig. Gen. Robert Winzinger, and retired Sgt. Maj. Venis Knight, has 14 members, both officer and enlisted retirees representing the West Point geographic area of responsibility, which includes more than 75,000 military retirees from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

The council meets quarterly on the second Saturday of March, June, September and December, meetings are open to all military retirees.

Retiree council meetings provide an information exchange which includes installation updates, events, agency overviews, committee liaison activity results and open discussion on all

matters pertinent to military retirees.

Council members also act on behalf of the garrison commander, functioning as liaison officers when coordinating with installation agencies regarding retiree community issues and services.

Council member liaison involvements include working with agencies such as medical, dental, education, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Commissary/AAFES and Veteran Affairs benefits.

The council supports the Military Retiree Appreciation Day, scheduled for May 1, which has been set aside to thank and honor military retirees and Family members for their selfless and dedicated service and support.

For additional information on this event, contact the West Point Retirement Services Office at 938-4217/3527 or e-mail RSO@usma.army.mil.

The council is an excellent communications vehicle and provides retirees an opportunity to communicate with the active Army on key issues affecting the community.

In 2009, the top retiree issues reported to the "Chief of Staff Army Retiree Council" in the Pentagon focused on health care, communication and education.

A good installation retiree council has an enormously positive impact in the military community.

The members serve as the commanders "eyes and ears" and as a bridge for continued positive action on a wide variety of activities that help Soldiers and all Family members.

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Cadets bring leadership full circle in Chicago

By Cadet Benjamin Ordiway
Black & Gold Leadership Forum

A diverse group of 15 cadets and three officers from the Black and Gold Leadership Forum recently traveled to Chicago to convene with distinguished leaders in the corporate and non-profit sectors.

The mission of the Forum is to build stronger leaders for the Army by providing cadets the opportunity to engage with prominent leaders and leadership thinkers from all walks of life.

By meeting with successful leaders in various sectors, cadets learn to demystify the basic principles of leadership and form analogies to their imminent professions as Army officers.

The Forum's first meeting, a round table discussion with retired Maj. Gen. George Fay and the executive management of CNA Insurance, highlighted two themes that arose time and again throughout the trip—the imperatives of calculated risk-taking and an uncompromising moral character.

Fay and others insisted that effective leaders must simultaneously mitigate and welcome risk in their organizations, while remaining true to a professional moral code. At the end of the meeting, Fay noted, "The first aspect of leadership—character—is by far the most important."

The cadets then received an insider's tour of the Chicago Board of Trade, complete with a guided expedition through the frenzied trading floor. As they navigated past the organized chaos of commodity trading, the crowd erupted with cheers and applause.

"Walking past the thousands of businessmen in the floor pits who stopped trading to applaud us was a humbling experience," Cow Sam Goodgame said. "It was an unwavering demonstration of the faith and respect that the American people hold for the institution that we represent."

The cadets dined at the prestigious Chicago Club with Stephen Calk, chairman and chief executive officer of Chicago Bancorp, along with other members of the Chicago Chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization.

The YPO is a non-profit organization that brings together pre-eminent executive managers with the mission of developing better leaders through communication and intellectual collaboration.

To round out the day, the Forum met with David Hiller, president and CEO of the McCormick Foundation. The



Cadets met with (above) Stephen Calk, Chicago Bancorp chairman and CEO, and were photographed with (left) Eugene Morris, E. Morris Communications chairman and CEO, during a recent trip to Chicago. COURTESY PHOTOS

cadets absorbed nuances from Hiller about running a major philanthropic organization designed to "advance the ideals of a free, democratic society by investing in our children, communities and country."

Hiller is a leader who has seen his fair share of change. A former publisher of both the Los Angeles Times and the Chicago Tribune, he emphasized that leaders must expand their comfort zones by welcoming challenge and risk.

"If everything is working, and you're not hitting any bumps, you're not trying—you'll eventually be overtaken," Hiller said.

The day ended with cadets and faculty rendering honors to the national anthem and presenting the game ball at a Chicago Bulls basketball game. The cadets were especially pleased when Charles Barkley emerged from the crowd and posed for some quick photos.

The next day began at the esteemed Union League Club, where cadets received leadership lessons over breakfast from members of Chicago's West Point Society. The panel of experts represented an array of occupations and insights, providing attendees a wealth of applicable knowledge. Though the group was diverse, each panel member underscored the central tenant—honorable living—regardless of vocation.

Following breakfast, Jon McCabe, Union League Club general manager, arrived on the scene. McCabe spent much of his day imparting valuable wisdom from his broad career, all the while stressing the importance of social networking, business etiquette and culture as foundational for effective leaders.

The cadets then met with the chief financial officer of

Navistar International Corporation, Andrew Cederroth.

Cederroth's address was particularly interesting, as he seamlessly united anecdotes from the manufacturing sector with the business of leadership.

Cederroth focused on the need for diversity of thought when it comes to solving problems as leaders.

"The more diversity of thought you have around a problem, the better chance you have to find a good solution," he told the cadets.

The last captain of industry that the Forum met was Eugene Morris, chairman and CEO of E. Morris Communications.

Morris offered cadets personal stories about his rise to success, ultimately crediting the U.S. Army for fostering his resolute spirit.

Morris charged each cadet to develop a strong social network to be able to consult others and to offset personal flaws, and said the right professional associates "helped me to extend myself beyond myself."

The culminating experience was participation in a West Point admissions event, where cadets and faculty spoke to high school students from the Chicago area in small group settings. The event ended with a rousing speech from Col. Bernard Banks to the West Point hopefuls and their parents.

The admissions event reminded Black and Gold members of Fay's remarks at the trip's beginning—that true leadership not only requires developing personal "character and competence," but it is more about "encouraging the heart in others."

ACPME conducts major combat ethics study

Submitted by ACPME

West Point, in its role as the Army Center of Excellence for the Professional Military Ethic, conducted the second wave of a major combat ethics study with a heavy brigade combat team at Fort Hood, Texas.

The brigade was deployed to Iraq from late 2008 to early 2010, and several hundred Soldiers and leaders participated in the survey. A pre-deployment survey was conducted in November 2008.

The study conducted by ACPME in

concert with University of Washington researchers aims to help the Army understand and learn how a combat operating environment influences leadership, unit culture and, ultimately, ethical outcomes. Several recent West Point graduates who deployed with the brigade participated in the effort, affording them the opportunity to comment on the viability and effectiveness of the training and education they received at West Point. The majority of recent and future West Point graduates can expect to serve in such an environment where a unit's leadership and

culture can be severely tested.

The Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. George Casey, designated West Point as the ACPME in 2007 to capitalize on the resident intellectual capital at West Point in order to advance the Army's Ethic and achieve his vision of "a U.S. Army that lives the Army values and embodies the Professional Military Ethic to meet the challenges in an era of persistent conflict."

In March 2008, the CSA tasked the Superintendent and West Point as the Army proponent for the professional military ethic

and character development—responsible for curriculum development, doctrine and all other areas of responsibility for ethics Army-wide. The survey of the HBCT is just one of many diverse projects that the ACPME is currently undertaking at West Point.

"Once final data analysis has been accomplished, results and recommendations will be shared with senior Army leadership and factored into future moral, ethical and character development training, education, and development programs and products," Col. Sean Hannah, ACPME director, said.

Marathon team readies for Boston Marathon

Story and photo by Sgt. Vincent Fusco
Dir. of Public Affairs & Communications

The West Point Marathon Team is lacing up its running shoes and readying for running the 114th Boston Marathon Monday and hoping to claim bragging rights amongst service academies.

Last year the U.S. Naval Academy's runners took the top two of three military academy spots, with the fastest West Point runner close on their heels. This time, men's team captain Yearling Matthew Ryan hopes he and his runners will pass the Annapolis team and take the top spots.

"We're practicing every day after school," the Centennial, Colo., native said. "At least two or three days during the week (we're) running for about two hours. On most of our Saturdays ... we run about 20 miles."

The team is in the last of a 14-week training cycle, which Ryan put together with Col. Thomas Kastner, Dept. of Math professor and one of the officers-in-charge of the club.

In the first "build" phase, the team concentrated on putting miles beneath their feet by running about 18 miles every weekend, with Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays reserved for recovery days, and Tuesdays and Thursdays slotted for runs of 10-to-16 miles.

The team focused on speed during the second "sharpening" phase, in which the team ran to Camp Buckner and back at the pace they plan to keep for the Marathon.

Now, in the last "taper" phase, the team has decreased the volume of its training while

maintaining their high pace and recovery times.

To qualify for the Boston run, the team participated last year in the SunTrust Richmond Marathon in Virginia. Including Ryan, nine men and seven women qualified for Monday's race, the signature event in American road racing.

Ryan, who finished in 2:56:26 at last year's Boston Marathon, and the other race veterans took time to educate the new members on what to expect in Boston. Using a virtual online tour of the route and personal experience, they identified potential breaking points and taught them (newbies) how to anticipate and push through them.

"There's a hill at about mile 20 in Boston they call Heartbreak Hill," Ryan said. "It's a very long, sustained hill that tends to break people down. Knowing that's there and having experienced that before can help."

A risk the team has to consider while training is that in the warmer weather, tendon injuries and knee problems can occur more frequently, Ryan said. While gradually building strength during the first phase of training, the runners need to learn the difference in pain between injury and fatigue.

"Everybody experiences it sometimes," Ryan said. "You have to manage that while distinguishing between injury type of pain and fatigue type of pain."

Cow Janet Noreen, women's team captain from Cedar Springs, Mich., ran the Marathon last year. Although back injuries she sustained earlier this semester will keep her from running this year, she has been working



Yearling Matthew Ryan, third from left, men's captain of the Marathon Team, leads a recovery run through Central Area April 7 during team training for the 2010 Boston Marathon.

closely with the new runners to prepare them for Boston.

"We have a couple of new girls on the team who have never run it before and all the girls are qualified to go," Noreen said. "It will be a good experience for them."

Three women on the marathon team also competed in the Sandhurst Competition April 10. They are hoping that the nine days in between the two grueling events will be enough time for them to recover without

much difficulty.

"That's a little stressful on the team just because they're off at other practices and keeping up with their running at the same time," Noreen said. "They're a great group of girls."

Other than taking the top three finishing spots from Navy, Ryan hopes everyone will run their best while not hurting themselves so they can prequalify for next year's Boston Marathon.

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Keller Corner

A Spouse's Point of View

Activity/Exercise related health concern?

West Point Sports Medicine can help with an activity/exercise related health concern.

Talk with your Primary Care Manager for details.

Call 938-7992 or 800-552-2907 for an appointment.

Newborn Enrollment

Make sure newborn or newly adopted children are formally registered in DEERS and enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

Follow the same steps if you become the legal guardian of a child.

- Complete a DD Form 1172 and register your newborn or newly adopted child in DEERS through the unit personnel office or at the nearest uniformed services ID card facility as soon as you receive a birth certificate.

The preferred document is the certified state birth certificate. You may also use a properly signed, sealed certificate of live birth issued by the hospital in which the child was born.

- On the same day, complete a TRICARE Enrollment form and hand-carry it to the TRICARE Service Center at 273 Main Street in Highland Falls or mail the form to the address that appears on the enrollment form.

Allow extra time if you plan to mail the form to Health Net.

Do you have your TRICARE Prime Card?

If you're enrolled in TRICARE Prime you are required to present your TRICARE Prime card along with your military ID card when

you receive civilian health care.

Getting a replacement card is as easy as calling Health Net at 877-874-2273.

Medication Disposal

Medications play an essential role in our society, but medications are powerful.

They should be used with respect and discarded with care. Following these simple guidelines can help protect your Family and community, prevent the illegal diversion of unused medications and minimize a potential negative impact on the environment.

In response to a growing concern about the improper disposal of unused or expired medications, the American Pharmacists Association recommends these simple steps:

1. Do not flush unused medications down the toilet. Recent environmental impact studies show that flushing medications could be having an adverse impact on the environment.

2. When tossing unused medications out, protect children and pets from potentially negative effects. APHA recommends:
 - Crush solid medications or dissolve (solid and liquid) in water and mix with kitty litter or solid kitchen substance. Place in a sealed plastic bag before tossing in the trash.
 - Remove all personal information from prescription labels.

3. Talk to your pharmacist (KACH pharmacy—938-2271). As the medication experts, pharmacists are available to guide you on how to properly dispose of unused medications.

Rounding the Corner

By Janine Boldrin

Watching the moving trucks maneuver through the neighborhood last summer provided hours of endless entertainment. At least once a week, a driver would try to round our corner with his tractor-trailer.

This would result in one of two things: the truck driving up on the hill opposite to our house or clipping the corner on our side of the street.

If they chose the hill, the truck would tip precariously and dirt would spin up from their tires. If they chose the corner, the truck might hit our lamppost which, by the looks of things, was what most drivers chose to do the previous year.

During the summer, when I heard a truck making its way up the hill next to my house, I knew exactly what was coming.

First, there was the sound of brakes when they saw the corner they were facing. Then the driver would jump down from the cab and the other movers would get out and

survey the situation. They would talk for awhile, point a lot, walk back and forth and rub their heads.

When they thought they figured out the best way to take on the corner, the truck would start back up and head for the hill.

They always seemed to think the hill was the best bet but, as soon as they saw their truck was tipping up, they would reassess and back up. Then the lamppost, along with the lawn, was in jeopardy once again.

As an observer of the situation, the whole thing became pretty predictable. For the drivers who were new to my corner of the world, it was a struggle they didn't expect to face and an outcome that was uncertain. But, never once, did I see them decide to back that truck all the way down the hill.

Military moves and getting from Point A to Point B always seems to involve a lot of corners.

This summer, we were supposed to move. And, even though we've been through many moves, suddenly I was like one of the moving guys facing a corner.

Our plans encountered a huge bend that we didn't expect and all of the decisions surrounding what was going to happen left us

standing around, scratching our heads, wondering if we should take on the hill or just go ahead and hit the lamppost. There will be no backing this truck down the hill.

Last year, I called to see if I could get the lamppost fixed. The glass was cracked. Because I couldn't figure out who replaced glass on lampposts after three phone calls, I gave up. Hey, I figured it would be our moving truck that might hit it the following summer.

In the case of our move, I know we can't give up and decide not to fix things if I can't reach someone after three phone calls. There will be preschools to rearrange. Housing to change. And a lot of explaining to our children who were just getting used to the original plan.

But, right now, we are at a standstill as we look at the corner ... comparing the lamppost and the hill. And wondering which route will successfully get us to Point B.

(Editor's note: Janine Boldrin is a writer, a mother and an Army spouse. To contact her about your experiences as a military spouse at West Point e-mail her at janineboldrin@gmail.com or visit her Web site at www.janineboldrin.com.)

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Command Channel 8/23

April 15-22

Army Newswatch (broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and Monday through April 22
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—Shutter Island, R, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Cop Out, R, 9:30 p.m.

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

BBC LifeWorks events

National Stress Awareness Day

Balfour Beatty Communities is forming a 10,000 steps-a-day walking program called "Fit Life for Walking." Strollers are welcome.

Meet at 132 Bartlett Loop by 10 a.m. Friday.

For more information on the event, contact Jody Gellman at 938-6407 or jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

Earth Day story time, video and craft

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day at the West Point Library. BBC will assist the library staff in hosting a preschool story hour that will feature "Go Green" books, a video and a Litter Bug Bag.

The story hour is open to all West Point community children ages 3-5. Call 938-2974 to sign up for either the 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. session.

Gardening Time

Assignment of garden plots behind Bowman Loop in Lee Housing will begin Monday for residents of West Point interested in gardening.

Call the Leasing Office at 446-6407 to reserve a plot—space is limited. Residents assigned plots last year who wish to take the same plot again must complete the spring cleanup of your plot by today.

FMWR Blurbs

Tax Deadline Buffet

Enjoy a stress free buffet at the West Point Club's Pierce Dining Room from 5-8 p.m. tonight.

The Club will feature debt stew, refund meatloaf and other delights. Spouses of deployed personnel eat at half price.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Hunter Safety Course

Round Pond is hosting a New York State Hunter Safety Course from 6-10 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Bonneville Cabin.

All participants must be 12 years or older and must attend both classes.

For more information or to register, call 938-2503.

WFSG Hearts Apart Support Group

The WFSG Hearts Apart Support Group, presented by the ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program, is for Families of deployed Soldiers.

Group meetings will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15 and June 19. Dinner and special activities will be provided for the entire Family.

Group meetings will take place at Youth Services, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-5658.

Administrative Professional's Appreciation International Luncheon

The Administrative Professional's Appreciation International Luncheon at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday.

Enjoy this around the world themed luncheon with entertaining action stations prepared by trained culinary staff.

For more information call 938-5120.

Culture Club

The Culture Club meets once a month to play multicultural games, learn about other cultures and sample foods from around the world.

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

Regardless of ethnicity or country of origin, all are welcome to discuss citizenship issues, provide a forum for practicing English skills and share knowledge about different cultures.

Call 938-3487 for more details.

The next meeting is 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at ACS, Bldg 622.

FMWR Sports Office tournaments

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports Office will conduct a pre-season softball tournament for all USMA personnel 18 years of age and older.

The tournament will be double elimination and deadline for entry is April 22. The tournament will start the week of April 26 and conclude, weather permitting, by May 6.

Games will be played at 8:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. at the FMWR H Lot complex.

To enter contact Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail jim.mcguinness@usma.edu.

(New Info) West Point 5K/10K and Decades Car Show

Registration is ongoing for the West Point 5K/10K on active.com (keyword "West Point").

The West Point 5K/10K will be held May 15, which is Armed Forces Day, with both

races kicking off at 8:30 a.m. and the Kids' Fun Run at 8:45 a.m.

For more information, call 938-6497.

The car show immediately follows the race from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with cars from each decade, starting from the 1900s.

(New Info) Army Ten Miler

West Point Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring a team of four active duty runners to represent West Point at the Army Ten Miler Oct. 24.

To qualify, you must register to run in the West Point 10K May 15.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Art EDGE! Spring Photography

Art EDGE! Spring Photography classes start Friday for grades 3-12 and run weekly Mondays or Fridays after school, depending on grade level.

Register at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500) or for more information, call 938-3727.

Army Family Team Building training

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program is offering Army Family Team Building Level I training from 9-11 a.m. April 22 at ACS Bldg. 622.

Free childcare will be provided for registered participants.

For registration and information, call 938-5654.

CYSS EDGE! Fun Run/5K Conditioning

The CYSS EDGE! is having a fun run/5K conditioning event for children in grades 3-12 through April 29 (Tuesdays and Thursdays), after school.

Register at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-0829.

Horse Riding Camps

Register now for one of Morgan Farm's three- or five-day summer riding camps.

Dates are available in June, July and August.

For more information, call 938-3926.

CYSS Fit EDGE! Intro to Yoga

Fit EDGE! Introduction to Yoga classes begin Wednesday for grades 3-12 and run weekly on Wednesdays after school until May 5.

Register at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500) or for more information, call 938-0829.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

It's time to recognize all of the volunteers that give their time throughout the year.

The annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held April 26 at the West Point Club.

To ensure that your volunteers are properly recognized, contact the Army Volunteer Corps coordinator at 938-3655 or christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

FMWR Ballroom Dancing Classes

Eight classes of Ballroom Dancing will take place at 6:30 p.m. through April 27 at Cullum Hall.

Registration is at Leisure Travel Services, 628 Hodges Place, or with credit card by phone at 938-2401.

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

AER Campaign

The West Point Army Emergency Relief Campaign continues through May 15.

For more information, call 938-5839.

Ski Rental Equipment and Ski Locker Returns

All seasonal equipment rentals must be returned no later than April 23 to avoid late fees.

Equipment can be returned from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the ski rental building. After April 23, drop off your equipment at Round Pond.

You will be charged \$1 per day for every day the equipment is late.

All season lockers must be cleaned out by May 1 to avoid late fees.

Karaoke Night

Karaoke Night at the West Point Club's Grey Room takes place from 5-11 p.m. April 23.

Come out and strut your stuff and become a West Point star.

Month of the Military Child Luncheon

The Month of the Military Child Luncheon is a great day for children at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge, rain or shine, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 24.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. There is no charge for Families with a deployed spouse or Warrior Transition Unit members.

Tickets on sale now through April 23 at the Child Development Center (Bldg. 1207).

For more information, call 938-3921.

PCSing with school-age children

Getting ready to PCS with school-age children? Join ACS and CYSS as they discuss everything you need for a successful school transfer.

ACS and CYSS will go over everything you need to get your child from here to there as well as provide you with a one-of-a-kind resource book to take with you.

We will meet at 1 p.m. April 27 in the ACS Training Room.

RSVP to ensure you receive the resource book.

Call 938-3487 or e-mail william.luna@us.army.mil for more details.

Earth Day Hudson River Cleanup

In honor of Earth Day, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is teaming up with DPW and Youth Services to do a Hudson River cleanup at North Dock.

The event takes place from 2:30-5:30 p.m. April 29.

There will be a barbecue following the cleanup at the North Dock picnic area.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Jermaine Malone at 938-8063 or Sheryle Miller at 938-6497.

ACS Out & About Series: Springtime in the Hudson Valley

Do you wish you had more to do in and around West Point? Come to the next Out & About Series Workshop and watch your schedule fill up fast.

"Springtime in the Hudson Valley" will show you where to go and what to do once the frost is gone and the flowers are blooming.

Join us at 3 p.m. April 29 at Army Community Service (Bldg. 622).

For more information, call 938-3487 or e-mail william.luna@us.army.mil.

Art EDGE! Make a Birdhouse

Art EDGE! Birdhouse-making sessions are on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. May 12, 19 and

26 at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500) for grades 6 and up.

Register at the Youth Center or for more information, call 938-0829.

Memorial Day Ceremony at Castle Point VA Hospital

BOSS is heading to the VA Hospital at Castle Point for its Memorial Day Ceremony May 28.

Volunteer a few hours of your time to help escort the veterans to and from the ceremony.

Transportation is provided and will be leaving the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion at 1 p.m. and returning by 4 p.m.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Jermaine Malone at 938-8063 or Sheryle Miller at 938-6497.

English for Language Learners

English for Language Learners is a free class for anyone who wants to improve their English skills.

Classes will be held in the ACS training room, Bldg. 622. Classes will continue each Monday through May 31.

For more information and to register, call 938-3487 or e-mail william.luna@usma.edu.

Lunchtime Spin Class

Enjoy a lunchtime spin with Kate for 45 minutes every Monday at noon.

For more information and to register, call the Fitness Center at 938-6490.

2010 ACS Needs Assessment Survey

Input from Soldiers and their spouses is critical for ACS program managers in making assessments of the utilization of ACS services by specific groups and decisions about the suitability of current ACS services.

The local community Needs Assessment takes place every three years. It's your chance to make an impact on West Point's Army Community Service.

Complete the ACS Needs Assessment Survey to let us know how to better serve you. There are two ways to complete the survey: Complete the paper form or the form online at https://www.myarmyonesource.com/survey_WestPoint.

There are 62 questions in total and the survey only takes about 10 minutes to complete.

For more questions regarding the survey, call Amy Rodick at 938-5658 or amy.rodick@usma.edu.

(New Info) BOSS Six Flags Trip

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is going to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey June 5. A limited number of spaces are available.

Call now to reserve a place for you and one guest at 938-2070 or 938-8063.

(New Info) FMWR Craft Shop

Do you have a graduation, retirement or promotion gift that you need framed or engraved? The FMWR Craft Shop can do it for you. Most work is completed in about three weeks.

The Craft Shop is conveniently located in Bldg. 648 behind the Post Office.

For more information, call 938-04812.

Leisure Travel Services has moved

Leisure Travel Services is now located at the FMWR Fitness Center.

For more information, call 938-3601.

What's Happening

Baggers needed

The West Point Commissary needs baggers. Duties include bagging groceries and carry out service.

Baggers work for tips only.

For more information, call Christina at 938-3663, ext. 224.

Financial Readiness Classes

The following Financial Readiness Classes are scheduled at the Army Community Service conference room, Bldg. 622.

- Debt Liquidation/Credit Management: 3-4:15 p.m. Wednesday (free and open to military and civilians);

- Money 101: 3-4:15 p.m. April 28;

For more information or to register, call 938-5653/4621.

Book Signings

Jim Frederick will be at the Cadet Bookstore at 1:15-4 p.m. today to sign copies of his new book and N.Y. Times best seller, "Black Hearts."

Tanya Biank will be signing copies of her runaway bestseller—turned TV series "Army Wives," at 8:15-9:45 a.m. Friday at the Cadet Bookstore, which is on the fourth floor in Thayer Hall.

School Re-registration

West Point Schools will have a one-stop re-registration service from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today and Friday.

The re-registration will be held in the West Point Middle School Auditorium.

Parents must bring a completed re-registration packet to complete the process. Re-enrollment and class assignment are dependent upon the completion of re-registration.

For more information, call Steve Suarez at 938-2923 or Angie Suarez at 938-2313/3827/2997.

Be Food Safe

The West Point Commissary has scheduled two Food Safety weekends, noon-4 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and noon-4 p.m. April 23 and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 24.

The U.S. Army Veterinary Command will provide information and handouts.

For more information, call 938-3663.

Army Spring Cycling Classic

The 27th annual Army Spring Cycling Classic is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

Alternate traffic patterns and parking around the race areas of Shea Stadium and North Dock areas and along Ruger, Tower, Townsley, Uptown, Picher and Howard Roads will be in effect.

Greek Independence Day celebration

Highland Falls will observe its 15th annual Greek Independence Day celebration at 2 p.m. Sunday at Memorial Park in Highland Falls.

Mayor Joe D'Onofrio hosts the ceremony and the keynote speaker is Anna Condoulis, executive director of NYU School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Following the ceremony, there will be a reception at the Highland Falls Fire Department Hall.

Both the ceremony and reception are open to the public.

Engineering Ethics Lecture

Marc Edwards, a Charles P. Lunsford Professor of Civil and Environmental

Engineering at Virginia Tech, will present a lecture on engineering ethics at 1:55 p.m. Wednesday in the Washington Hall Auditorium.

The lecture is entitled "Lead in Drinking Water and Public Health: A Scientist's Descent into the Activist Netherworld." All are invited to attend.

Special Olympics

The 2010 Hudson Valley Region Special Olympics takes place at 10 a.m. April 24 at Shea Stadium.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Col. Tom Hiebert at Thomas.Hiebert@usma.edu.

Run for Education

Sacred Heart School in Newburgh is hosting a "Run for Education" four-mile race and one-mile kids' run April 24 at Chadwick Lake Park, Route 300 in Newburgh.

Race day registration begins at 8 a.m., with the kids run (children 13 and younger) starting at 9 a.m., and the four mile race beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is available online at www.sacredheartschoolnewburgh.org.

For more information, call 565-1637 or 566-6892.

Revisit the Revolutionary War

New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site hosts a weekend of Revolutionary War period activities 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24-25.

A battle demonstration takes place 2 p.m., each day with uniformed Soldiers firing muskets and maneuvering to the music of fifes and drums. Admission is free.

The New Windsor Cantonment is co-located with the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, at 374 Temple Hill Road, Route 300, in the Town of New Windsor.

For more information, call 561-1765 (ext. 22).

West Point Military Tattoo

The United States Corps of Cadets Pipes and Drums Club presents the 30th annual West Point Military Tattoo from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. April 25 at Trophy Point Amphitheater.

Formal Awards Dinner/Induction Ceremony

The Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering will be conducting a formal Awards Dinner/Induction Ceremony at 6 p.m. April 27 in the Black, Gray and Gold Room of the Cadet Mess Hall.

The guest speaker will be Commander of the Missile Defense Agency, Lt. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, who was also an instructor at the academy.

Cadets will be inducted into both the Society of Physics Students and the American Nuclear Society.

For more information, call Maj. John DeLong at 938-3082.

Deliver the Pointer View

A newspaper carrier position is available for delivering the Pointer View in the local area.

For more information, call 346-3214.

(New Info) Garrison Retirement Ceremony

The West Point community is invited to attend the Garrison Retirement Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. April 28 at Crest Hall, Eisenhower Hall.

For more information, call Jane Ganly at 938-3910.

(New Info) Keepers of the Peace Powwow

The Native American Heritage Forum is coordinating Keepers of the Peace powwow at the Trophy Point Amphitheater from 1-5 p.m. May 2.

Enjoy Native American dancing, singing and drumming. The event is free.

For more information and directions go to www.dean.usma.edu/english/dfaf/nativeamerican.htm.

Community Farewell Tea

The West Point Women's Club and the Daughters of the United States Army will host a West Point Community Farewell Tea for Judy Hagenbeck and Joan Finnegan from 4-6 p.m. May 5 at the Haig Room in Jefferson Hall.

(New Info) West Point Middle School track invitational

The West Point Middle School will host its 32nd annual modified track and field invitational at 2:30 p.m. May 7 at Shea Stadium.

Come and support the WPMS Bulldogs.

For more information, call Kristina Thompson at 938-4929 or 499-0120.

(New Info) Family Fun Day

The Children's Angel Network of Highland Falls is hosting its 2nd annual St. Jude's Family Fun Day May 22 at Holy Innocents Church; Main Street, Highland Falls.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of pony rides, petting zoo, vendors, food and a giant slide. The event is free, but donations are being accepted for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

For more information, call 446-2030.

Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School is in need of adult/teenager and pre-teen volunteers from June 21-25 at the West Point Elementary School.

Volunteer positions include music, game, bible story, craft, crew and assistant crew leaders.

If interested in volunteering, contact Melissa Prosperie at 859-4351 or e-mail her at mprosperie@hvc.rr.com.

School Board elections

The West Point School Board has announced that an election will be held May 12 to fill four vacancies on the Board.

We encourage all interested community members to submit petitions to run for a position on the West Point School Board.

Petitions are available in the following locations:

- Office of the NY&VA DDESS Superintendent, Bldg. 705.

Contact Eileen Ellingsen at 938-3506 or e-mail her at Eileen.Ellingsen@am.dodea.edu;

- Youth Services, Bldg. 500;
- Office of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Bldg. 681.

The completed petition, with the signature of one eligible voter, must be returned to the NY&VA DDESS Superintendent's Office by close of business April 26, for names to be placed on the official ballot.

School Board members are elected by parents of children attending school at West

Point Elementary and Middle Schools and serve a two-year term.

PTO Elections

The West Point Schools PTO will hold elections for the 2010-2011 School Year Executive Board May 12 during the General Membership Meeting.

A committee has been formed and is now accepting nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and School Board Liaison.

Nominations must be made with the permission of the nominee.

Eligible members may self nominate. Nominees must be active, dues paying members of the WPSPTO and should expect to remain at West Point for at least 12 months (e.g.—plan to serve the full term.)

Names of the candidates will be published no later than May 4.

After May 4, all additional nominees will be made from the floor at the general membership meeting following guidelines stated above.

Contact Susan M. Luther, Parliamentarian WPSPTO, with all nominations at susan.luther@am.dodea.edu, or call 938-2313.

All nominations must include the nominee's name, affiliation to West Point, and contact information such as e-mail address and phone number.

(New Info) Boys Basketball Camp

Army Men's Basketball Head Coach Zach Spiker will be directing the 2010 West Point Boys Basketball Camp July 5-9.

Boys ages 8-18 are welcome to participate. Early registration is suggested.

For more information, call 446-4996 ext. 119 or visit www.goarmysports.com.

(New Info) Phi Kappa Phi Luncheon

The West Point Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society will host its annual induction luncheon at noon-12:50 p.m. April 22 at the West Point Club Ballroom.

The guest speaker is retired Col. F.H. (Bud) Griffis, Class of 1953 Distinguished Chair in Civil Engineering.

For more information, call Michelle Gerdes at 938-7824.

Talented team continues women's tennis dominance

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

Army women's tennis continued its dominance of the Patriot League with a hard-fought 4-3 victory over Bucknell at the Lichtenberg Tennis Center April 10.

The Black Knights (18-8 overall, 5-0 Patriot League) head into the 2010 Patriot League Championships Friday through Sunday as the No. 1 seed for the seventh straight season. The win over the Bison gave Army its 42nd consecutive regular season match win against Patriot League competition, which dates back to 2002.

Firstie co-captain Kristin Beehler clinched the victory with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Bucknell's Dumitrita Iepuras. However, it was a marathon 9-8 win in doubles by the No. 2 doubles team of Plebe Erin Colton and Cow Annie Hang that helped Army earn the important doubles point against the Bison.

Army is searching for its sixth straight Patriot League title this weekend, and much of it is due to a combination of experienced talent and youngsters who stepped in for departed graduates.

"(Graduates) Niki (Flach) and Sarah (Giles-Madden) were important players for us the previous four years, but what's nice is we have enough depth where we had players who stepped in and filled these spots," head coach Paul Peck said. "Last year, (Cow) Jess Ahn wasn't able to play (due to injury) and this year she's been solid. We also have a nice freshman, Erin Colton, who has a ton of talent, so I feel we're about where we were last year at this time, maybe even a little bit stronger.

"I really think we're deep all the way through the lineup," he added. "I would feel very comfortable putting my No. 12 player in if I have to. Everybody pushes each other in practice and we have a lot of upperclassmen who understand what the deal is and know what the standards are (of this team)."

The standard bearers for the squad are its No. 1 singles player Cow Anne Houghton (13-7 record in the spring) and No. 3 singles

player Beehler (11-6), who also tandem up as the team's No. 1 doubles team (14-5 record in the spring). Their exceptional play has helped keep Army on top through graduations and the ever-strengthening competition in the Patriot League.

"Kristin has been tough and has stepped up her play along with (Cow) Michael Tollerton," Peck said. "Anne is always in every match she's in. Day in and day out Anne doesn't get an easy match—but she's been playing great.

"(Houghton) works very hard," he added. "She spends more time on the court than anyone else. She comes up early and stays late. She puts in the work and it pays off."

While Houghton brings the flash, Tollerton brings the power to the team. Using this power to her advantage, Tollerton earned nine straight singles victories this spring before a loss to Fairleigh Dickinson two weeks ago. It is the third straight season Tollerton has had a streak of at least nine straight singles-match victories, including 10 straight last year and 11 during her plebe year.

"She's very talented," Peck said of Tollerton, who won her singles and doubles matches against Bucknell. "She probably has the best serve and the biggest forehand on the team, and she moves extremely well (on the court). She has the respect of her peers on the team because she does all the right things on and off the court.

"She works very hard in practice and tries to do well in the cadet world as well," Peck added. "She is the complete package."

Tollerton is currently 12-5 in the spring in singles, generally as Army's No. 5 singles player, and teams up with Cow Robie Verano as the No. 3 doubles team in conference matches. Tollerton and Verano have a 12-8 record in the spring and 20 wins overall, including the fall record, and complement each other on the court.

"Michael is a power player while Robie is more of a finesse player and a good volleyer," Peck said. "But, Robie feeds off Michael's pace, so when Michael hits a big forehand or one of her big serves, Robie gets



Cow Michael Tollerton is 12-5 in the spring in singles, primarily as the No. 5 singles player. She also teamed with Cow Robie Verano to earn a 12-8 record in doubles.

the opportunity to poach (interception of the return of serve by the offensive doubles net player) and do some things because she's getting weak shots back because of Michael's power. They complement each other well."

Tollerton is continuously evolving as a tennis player as she works on her footwork and makes her powerful serve much better. Tollerton's background as a first degree black

belt in Tae Kwon Do has been a benefit to her game as well, especially her footwork.

"My footwork and flexibility are definitely better (because of Tae Kwon Do) as well as my physical ability," Tollerton said. "It's definitely made me more patient and understanding to the many things that happen on the court."

The Sarasota, Fla., native, who spurned recruiting offers from Florida State and Syracuse to attend the U.S. Military Academy, is happy to be at West Point and a part of something special as the team continues toward another Patriot League title.

"I was recruited here for a reason," Tollerton said. "It's great to be a part of this team and carry on what the Long Gray Line has done previously. Keeping it up (the PL streak) is a challenge for

us and we want to do it and love to do it.

"That's what we're here for and that's to win," she added. "I'm really proud to be a part of a team that works well together at reaching its goals."

The top goal is in front of them this weekend—earning their sixth straight Patriot League title. Probably their biggest obstacle is Bucknell, and it will be another difficult task, considering they only played the Bison a week before the championships.

"They're very talented and have a lot of depth," Peck said. "I think we're similar in some ways and they have a really strong number one and two (Tania Varela and Lauren Lucido). It's always a tough match against them because they're very competitive."

Going to another NCAA is not at the forefront of Peck's mind at the moment, because he is superstitious at the thought of thinking that far ahead.

"We have a great team, but I think about only the next match ... one at a time," Peck said. "Our ultimate goal (is to win), but I don't try to focus on whether we're dominant or not or what our streak is currently—I only focus on the next match."

Peck's levelheaded approach for the team has helped keep this group grounded as they attempt to continue this great feat. Despite being on top for so long, complacency has yet to creep in because the job of winning for Peck and his athletes has not become too much of a chore.

"I enjoy coaching and I have a great group of players," Peck said. "It's fun coming to practice every day because I have a group of kids who work hard and they motivate me.

"They have a good attitude, so it makes it easy to coach," he added. "I'm a lucky guy because I get to do something I enjoy every day."



Cow Anne Houghton continues her strong play as Army's No. 1 singles and doubles player. She is 13-7 in singles and 14-5 in doubles teamed with Firstie Kristin Beehler.

Baseball earns "Star," takes three of four from Navy

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

Yearling Logan Lee and Cows Joey Henshaw and Kevin McKague combined to limit Navy to two runs over nine innings and Yearling catcher J.T. Watkins went 3-for-4 with one run scored and one run batted in as Army registered a 5-2 win Sunday at Max Bishop Stadium in Annapolis, Md., to earn a split of the teams' Patriot League twinbill.

With the win, the Black Knights secured their seventh straight series victory over the Midshipmen. Navy won the first game Sunday by the score of 4-2, riding a three-run second inning that was fueled by a trio of Army fielding errors.

Army, which secured its seventh consecutive series "Star" by virtue of its doubleheader sweep of the Midshipmen April 10, has now won 13 of its last 15 games against Navy and 24 of 29 dating back to 2004. The Black Knights have also won 11 of the teams' last 12 meetings in Annapolis.

Lee worked in and out of trouble throughout his effective five-inning stint, allowing at least two base runners during each of his five frames. However, Navy scored only twice with both runs coming in the fourth inning.

Army had bolted to an early 4-0 lead against Navy starter Wes Olson, scoring three runs on four hits in the second inning and another on two hits in the third.

The Black Knights loaded the bases with no outs against Olson in the second when McKague drew a leadoff walk, Cow left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld singled and Watkins beat out a sacrifice bunt for a single.

Yearling right fielder Cody Murtle followed with a sacrifice fly, delivering McKague with Army's first run, and Cows center fielder David Darnell and third baseman Steve May registered run-scoring singles for a 3-0 Black Knight lead.

Koenigsfeld doubled down the right field line with two outs in third and Watkins stroked a clutch, RBI single to center field, stretching Army's lead to 4-0.



Yearling catcher J.T. Watkins went 3-for-4 with one run scored and one run batted in to help Army defeat Navy 5-2 Sunday. The Black Knights took three of four games from the Midshipmen during the weekend while bringing home its seventh consecutive series "Star."

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Lee, meanwhile, stranded two Navy runners on base in the first, used a double-play to work out of a mini-jam in the second, minimized the damage by leaving two Midshipmen on base during Navy's two-run third and stranded two more runners on base in the fourth and fifth frames before departing with a 4-2 lead after five innings of play.

In all, the Midshipmen placed 12 runners on base across the first five innings, but managed only the two runs.

Henshaw relieved Lee in the sixth and was nearly untouchable as the hard-throwing southpaw permitted just one base hit and two base runners over three innings of shutout

work. He struck out one and did not walk a batter.

The Black Knights added an important insurance run against Navy reliever Joel Rinehart in the eighth inning, once again striking with two outs and no one on base.

Murtle began the attack with a single to left, Darnell walked and Yearling second baseman Zach Price smacked a key single to left, plating Murtle to increase Army's lead to 5-2. McKague worked out of a mini-jam in the ninth, sandwiching three strikeouts around a pair of Navy singles to earn his sixth save of the season.

Lee (2-1) registered his second victory

in three decisions for the Black Knights. The left-hander allowed two runs on seven hits over five frames. He struck out four and walked four. Olson (2-3) shouldered the loss for Navy, yielding four runs on nine hits over six innings. He struck out three and walked two.

Price, Henshaw and Koenigsfeld joined Watkins in registering multi-hit games as Army outhit Navy 12-10. Watkins went 5-for-7 with two runs scored and two runs batted in on the day.

With Sunday's split, Army (15-11, 6-2 Patriot) fell into a first-place tie with Lehigh atop the Patriot League standings.

Softball splits with Lehigh, stays on top of Patriot League

By Mady Salvani
Athletic Communications

Yearling right-handed reliever Shawna Bleyl fired a four-hitter throwing shutout ball over six innings and Yearling center fielder Reanna Johnson went 2-for-3 with three runs batted in as Army took an 8-2 decision from Lehigh in the first game of a Patriot League doubleheader Sunday at the Army Softball Complex.

The defending Patriot League champion Mountain Hawks bounced back behind Rebecca Bliss' no-hitter in an 8-0 five-inning nightcap to gain a split. Army and Lehigh each won two of the four-game series with the Black Knights retaining their first place hold in the league standings at 6-2, while Lehigh and Bucknell are tied for second place at 5-3.

Johnson's two-out double up the middle delivered a pair of runs in the top of the first inning of the opener, scoring Plebe right fielder



Yearling center fielder Reanna Johnson went 2-for-3 with three runs batted in to help Army to an 8-2 win over Lehigh Sunday.

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Tiffany Held and Firstie catcher Erin McClain. Lehigh tied the game 2-2 in the home half of the frame on

Julie Fernandez' two-out solo home run and Liz Lucas' RBI single that drove in the second run.

The Black Knights (18-14, 6-2 PL), who scored runs in the first four innings and five of six innings, snapped the tie on a throwing error by the first baseman in the second inning that allowed Yearling pinch runner Jen Parsons to score. Army added a pair of insurance runs in the third on RBI doubles by Yearling first baseman Alexis AuBuchon and Plebe shortstop Alex Reynolds to pull ahead 5-2.

McClain, 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored, doubled home Held in the fourth inning to boost Army's advantage to 6-2. AuBuchon, who went 3-for-4 in game one, notched her third hit and second double of the game in the sixth inning. She gave way to Yearling pinch runner Clara Navarro, who scored on Johnson's double. Reynolds, who finished 2-for-4, plated Johnson for Army's final run in that inning to close out the scoring. Six of the Black Knights' 12 hits in the game were doubles.

Bleyl, taking over from Firstie

starter Jessi Muckelroy with the score tied 2-2 after the first inning, only allowed Lehigh into scoring position three times.

With Army in front 5-2, Bleyl got out of a jam with runners at first and second in the third on a flyout and strikeout. After retiring six straight batters, she was touched for a pair of hits in the sixth, but got out safely on a flyout to right field.

After yielding her fourth hit of the game in the seventh inning, she retired the side in picking up her second straight over Lehigh.

It is the first time since 2004 that Army posted back-to-back wins over the Mountain Hawks after winning the second and third games of the series.

Tiffany Curtis (12-5), who pitched Lehigh to a 10-3 win in the series opener, got tagged with the loss.

Army's eight runs was the most it scored against the Mountain Hawks since 2000 when it defeated Lehigh 12-8 in 10 innings.

Men's Tennis defeats Navy for first time since 2005

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

Army (11-7 overall, 5-1 Patriot League) won three singles matches in succession to hand Navy (13-11, 4-1) its first league loss and ended a seven-match skid against the Midshipmen Sunday in Annapolis, Md.

Coming into the match, Navy had been a perfect 4-0 in Patriot League matches, but a determined Army squad defeated the Midshipmen for the first time since 2005, when the Black Knights won the first of back-to-back Patriot League titles to advance to the NCAA Championships.

After a loss in 2006, Army suffered defeat to its service academy rival in both the regular season and the Patriot League

Tournament Final in each of the last three years.

"I'm proud of the guys for their effort today," two-time Patriot League Coach of the Year Jim Poling said following his team's win. "We've worked hard to get to where we are, but there is still work left to do heading into the Patriot League Tournament."

Navy claimed the doubles point with wins at No. 1 and 3 to gain an early 1-0 advantage.

Army Firsties Chris Albornoz and John Lucero notched the Black Knights' only tandem win at No. 2.

Lucero opened the singles action at No. 3 with a 7-5, 6-1 decision to knot the score at one, before the Midshipmen rallied behind Owen Bullard's defeat of Plebe Gary Kushnirovich at No. 1 singles (2-6,

6-4, 6-3) to take a 2-1 lead.

At No. 4 singles, however, Army Cow Tripp Johnson sparked his team to three straight victories with a marathon 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) effort that marked his ninth win in his last 12 matches.

Albornoz followed with a three-set win of 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, at No. 2 singles to give Army a 3-2 cushion, before Firstie Bruno Lucivero won at No. 6, his sixth consecutive triumph, to put the match out of reach for Army's chief rival.

Army is now 33-55 all-time against Navy in a series that dates back to 1923.

Army returns to action Saturday against Boston University in its final home match, before traveling to Poughkeepsie to square off against Marist in the regular-season finale Wednesday.

Lacrosse bounces Bucknell in overtime

By Tim Volkmann
Athletic Communications

Army Firstie attackman Tyler Seymour scored the overtime game-winning goal off an assist from Yearling defender Larry LoRusso to steal a 7-6 victory from Bucknell in Patriot League lacrosse action April 10 at Mathewson Memorial Stadium in Lewisburg, Pa.

Bucknell went one man-up with 1:58 to play in overtime following an unnecessary roughness penalty on the Black Knights (5-5, 3-0 PL).

After the restart, LoRusso checked the ball out of Bucknell sophomore attackman Charlie Streep's stick in front of the Army goal.

Following a scrum, Army Cow goalkeeper Tom Palesky came up with the loose ball and sent a long

outlet pass down the right side of the field to a streaking LoRusso, who ran the ball into the Bucknell zone and hit a wide-open Seymour on the left side of the Bison goal where he beat freshman goalkeeper Kyle Feeney for the short-handed game-winner.

Seymour and Plebe attackman Garrett Thul each scored two goals apiece for the Black Knights, while Yearling midfielder Sean O'Sullivan was credited with a goal and an assist in the victory.

It was Army's second straight overtime win after also taking an 11-10 overtime victory versus Colgate April 3 at Michie Stadium.

The victory also broke a five-game skid against the Bison (6-5, 1-3 PL).

Palesky finished with 11 stops for his sixth double-digit save performance of the season.

Sylve leaps to academy record in 110-meter hurdles, Army drops Navy

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

The Army men's track and field team won 14 of the 19 contested events, including an academy record in the 110-meter hurdles from Cow Domonick Sylve (13.79 seconds), and posted a convincing 119-84 win against Navy April 10 in the annual outdoor "Star" meet hosted at Shea Stadium.

Sylve, whose time will likely rank among the top 10 times nationally, shattered the previous academy record held by T.J. Petersen to set the tempo for the Black Knights' drubbing of the Midshipmen.

The 35-point margin of victory is the largest ever since adopting the

current scoring system in 2000, and marks Army's fourth outdoor "Star" in the last five seasons.

Last year, Army posted a 32-point margin of victory.

"If there's one thing we can expect from our team, it's that they will lay it all out on the line," head coach Troy Engle remarked following the meet. "Across the board, our guys did everything that they could have done today, and they really put it together."

Army Yearling Michael Hutchins won three events, as the Saint Charles, Mo., native earned first place in the high jump, long jump and 400-meter contests.

Hutchins' 7.32-meter (24 feet, one-quarter inch) leap in the long jump surpasses the IC4A qualifying

standard of 7.10 meters and moves Hutchins into seventh on the academy's all-time outdoor list in that event, behind Winfield Scott's mark from 1947 (24-2).

Firstie Kurt Bejewski led a strong performance by the Army throwers, winning the shot put (16.38 meters) and discus events (51.05 meters) with IC4A qualifying throws.

On the track, Cow Alfred McDaniel raced to the top finish in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes, while also placing fourth in the long jump at 6.40 meters.

Army Yearling Ian Quinn (4.65 meters) and Cow Evan Nelson (4.50 meters) swept the top two scoring positions for the Black Knights in the pole vault, as did IC4A triple

jump qualifiers Yearlings Thomas Wagner (14.63 meters) and Fred Beebe (14.50 meters).

Firstie team captain Andrew Ferrera successfully defended his 800-meter Army-Navy crown from last season, running to first place and leading a 1-2-3 Army sweep this season in a personal-record 1:50.83.

Yearling Taylor Kensy also defended his 400-meter hurdles title by winning in 54.44.

The Black Knights swept both relay races to add to their tally.

The 4x100-meter team of McDaniel, Sylve, Firsties Chris Clark and Zach Batcho crossed in 41.59, the fastest time by a relay group this season.

In the 4x400-meter, Yearling Taylor Kensy, Firstie Andrew Tingan, Cow Torre Santiago and anchor Firstie Brandon Wright posted a time of 3:17.78.

In the latest USTFCCA Regional Team Index, Army was the No. 3 team in the Northeast, while Navy was the No. 4 team in the Mid-Atlantic.

CLUB RESULTS

• **Men's Handball**—Men's Team Handball had a huge weekend April 10-11. The senior squad traveled to Chatham, Mass., and took on two of the top club teams in the U.S. in Boston and New York.

Army lost a close battle with home team Boston, 41-38, in a match that was closer than the final score indicated.

However, in the second match, Army beat the two-time defending U.S. champions, New York City.

NYC had not lost to U.S. competition in more than two years and they didn't go down easily.

As time ran down, New York pressed and even pulled their goalie to play with a man advantage, but this played right into Army's strength and men's team handball increased its lead, winning a high-scoring match, 49-41.

Fans can check out the latest on team handball at the team's Web site at <http://wpteamhandball.wetpaint.com/page/Results>.



Firstie Preston Pham takes a shot during Army Men's Team Handball's weekend in Chatham, Mass. The team lost to Boston 41-38 and then defeated the two-time defending U.S. champions, New York City, 49-41.

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Sports calendar

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THURSDAY-SATURDAY — GYMNASTICS, NATIONAL COLLEGIATE MEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1 P.M. (APRIL 15) AND 7 P.M. (ALL DAYS), CHRISTL ARENA.

SATURDAY — BASEBALL VS. LEHIGH, NOON (DOUBLEHEADER), DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

SATURDAY — SOFTBALL VS. HOLY CROSS, 1 P.M. (DOUBLEHEADER), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX.

SATURDAY — MEN'S TENNIS VS. BOSTON UNIVERSITY, 1 P.M., MALEK TENNIS CENTER.

SUNDAY — BASEBALL VS. LEHIGH, 1 P.M. (DOUBLEHEADER), DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

SUNDAY — SOFTBALL VS. HOLY CROSS, 1 P.M. (DOUBLEHEADER), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX.

APRIL 24 — MEN'S LACROSSE VS. HOLY CROSS, NOON, MICHIE STADIUM.

APRIL 24 — BASEBALL VS. LAFAYETTE, NOON, DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

APRIL 25 — BASEBALL VS. LAFAYETTE, 1 P.M., DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

Club

SATURDAY-SUNDAY — CYCLING TEAM, ARMY SPRING CLASSIC, 7:30 A.M.

SATURDAY — JUDO TEAM, WEST POINT JUDO CLASSIC, 8 A.M., ARVIN GYM.

SUNDAY — SKEET & TRAP TEAM VS. ULC, 10 A.M., RANGE 10.

APRIL 25 — WOMEN'S LACROSSE VS. AIR FORCE AND COAST GUARD, 11 A.M., DALY FIELD.