



Children celebrate Arbor Day

Children at the West Point Child Development Center plant a Purple Leaf Plum tree in honor of Arbor Day April 14. Brad Brown (with bucket), an intern with the DPW Environmental Dept., helps children water the tree while others help cover it with soil. Bob Jones (green hat), West Point agronomist, watches the operation, while parents and caregivers photographed the event.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Cadets academic capstone comes to fruition with Projects Day

Story and photo by
Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photo

On April 29, firsties and a handful of cows will showcase their capstone projects, which are the conclusion of a yearlong academic adventure.

With countless hours devoted outside the normal requirements of the typical cadet schedule, these students worked late nights and weekends to complete mind-boggling

projects that on many levels are only done by graduate and, in some cases, doctoral level students at other universities.

Projects Day began in 2000 and involves majors from most of the academic departments, plus entries from five other universities. The students' efforts will be presented to 200 invited guests from the Department of the Army, more than 1,000 individuals from various companies and the general public over the course of the day.

"Projects Day has evolved into an amazing

event across the academic program of the academy. From its humble beginnings in two engineering departments, as part of their wrapping up the end of the final semester, Projects Day has become the capstone of the academic year, with an entire day set aside in the academic calendar just to recognize and promote the outstanding work of cadets across the program," Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, Dean of the Academic Board, said. "Now, virtually every department participates in Projects Day—from great engineering and

science projects to Shakespearean plays to briefings of foreign general officers in their native tongue—to showcase the incredible talent and dedication of our students and their faculty mentors."

With more than 250 projects to be displayed this year, three capstone projects have set themselves apart from the field and will be judged during the second annual Scott R. Clark Innovation for Soldiers Award.

The three finalists were selected on the
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criteria that their projects demonstrate an innovative approach to solving a problem of direct application to the Army.

The three are the Bionic Foot project—Civil and Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Target Location Module project—Electronic Engineering and Computer Science; and VA Claims Process Evaluation project—Systems Engineering.

Team Bionic Foot has Firsties Thomas Mangan, Elizabeth Betterbed, Kirsten Rauk, Robert Bucknam, Tiffany Taylor, Kevin McFerrin, Sangwook Han and William Schuh. They are being advised by Lt. Cols. Joe Hitt, Rob Wilson, Lisa Shay and James Merlo.

The Bionic Foot team designed, built and tested a below-the-knee active prosthesis to replicate the calf and foot movements of an 80-kilogram male American Soldier.

Two devices will be tested. One device will be used for walking over ground (outside) and another device will be used to support running. The running leg is the first of its kind.

The goal was to improve the Soldier's metabolic efficiency and produce a more symmetric and comfortable gait when compared to wearing a conventional, passive prosthesis.

Team Target Location Module was designed by Firsties John Eischer, Derek Wales and George Hopkins. They were advised by Lt. Cols. Greg Kilby and Bob McTasney and Wenli Huang, Ph.D.

The project goal is to design, test and build a low-cost, lightweight target location module which Soldiers can use to call for indirect or other suppressive fires.

By keeping the system cost an order of magnitude below the cost of currently available systems, such a system could be fielded to significantly lower levels and to smaller units.

At some point, it might be possible to issue a device to every Soldier. In the current fight, where small units are performing a variety of missions at sometimes remote and separate locations, the ability for all Soldiers to accurately call for fires or support will save lives.

The Veterans Affairs Claims Processing Capstone was developed by Firsties Kurt Bujewski, Matthew McClary, Joseph Van Dusen and Raymond Vetter.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is currently experiencing a backlog of more than 125,000 claims from military veterans seeking compensation for disabling medical conditions related to their military service. Claims are processed at 58 regional Veterans Benefits Administration offices throughout the United States.

On average, the time to complete an individual claim exceeds the processing standard by over 36 days, with a wait of more than five months before claimants receive their disability compensation. At a minimum, any recommended changes to the process must also maintain the current level of accuracy and consistency of the process.

To analyze the current VBA system, the team used the



Firstie Alex Mumford, of Rye, N.Y., welds two steel rods during the fabrication process of the Statue of Liberty capstone project April 16. In this project, eight cadets are working with the National Parks Service on how to transport an injured visitor down the spiral staircase to the pedestal where more conventional rescue equipment can be used.

Systems Decision Process to develop a model and identify the client's requirements.

A discrete event simulation package, ProModel, was used to simulate the claims process and quantitatively evaluate how alternatives improved the overall system.

The simulation accurately models the Philadelphia Regional Office, which the cadets visited several times to conduct interviews, collect data and present results. They also met with the Under Secretary for Veterans Benefits Administration to understand the problem at a holistic level.

Using data from the Philadelphia Service Center, the team's simulation primarily focused on the Philadelphia Regional Office experiences. However, due to VBA's recent

universal Claims Processing Initiative, national integration is feasible.

The project will be of great benefit to any servicemember or veteran that inputs a claim with Veterans Affairs.

While these are three of the featured projects of the day, there will be many more that have the ability to peak just about everyone's interest since many different subjects were researched.

"Projects Day also provides us with an opportunity to reach out to other college campuses and introduce those campuses to West Point. Increasingly students from other schools have been invited and chosen to participate in West Point's Projects," Finnegan said.

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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

Difficulty: Medium

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Cadets 'Win the Peace' in Jersey City

By Firsties Porter Smith and Kyle Staron

One might think that a trip consisting of Egyptian food for breakfast, Pakistani cuisine for lunch and Indian food for dinner would take place at the United Nations or at an international business meeting in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. However, this trip section took place down the road in Jersey City, N.J.

Fourteen cadets from the Department of Social Science's XH467 "Winning the Peace" class visited the multi-ethnic, multi-religious, and multi-cultural community in Jersey City April 15-17, in an effort to better understand different cultures, religious groups and the dynamics of building cross-cultural relationships.

With its large Muslim community, in addition to its diverse and vibrant immigrant populations, this city has dealt with many internal struggles, especially over the past five years. While Jersey City still has occasional ethnic issues, thanks to its very involved city government, police department and ethnic community leaders, the city has diffused many potential problems, thus making it a superb case study for cadets to research prior to witnessing various issues while deployed.

The cadets' trip included visits to Ellis Island, City Hall, Barclay's Bank and a variety of religious institutions.

To further experience the cultural ambiguity that many Army officers face in Iraq and Afghanistan, the class also slept in the Islamic Center of Jersey City (a mosque and Islamic primary school) for two nights, giving



Firsties Kyle Staron, Matt Archuleta and Porter Smith look on as Rabbi Ken Brickman reads from the Torah in a Jersey City synagogue.

MAJ. ANGELICA MARTINEZ

them the chance to observe daily prayers that occur throughout the evening and early morning.

"It was a fascinating and eye-opening experience," Firstie James White, Company F-2, said. "It was especially enlightening to see how the various different ethnic communities and religions that historically have been in conflict with one another can so easily work together within the larger community of Jersey City."

For the past six years, retired Jersey City Police Detective Rich Boggiano and local business and religious leader Ahmed Shedeed have facilitated the "Winning the Peace" visit to the Jersey City community, coordinating with other community and religious leaders who gladly open their doors to West Point cadets.

"This trip is a great opportunity for the cadets to come here to Jersey City and learn about what Jersey City has to offer," Boggiano, whose sons are West Point graduates and Army Infantry officers, said.

In the three-day trip, the class visited an Egyptian Coptic Church, Aghazaly Islamic School, the Sunni Rizvi Mosque, a Jewish temple, a Hindu temple, a Christian church, a Jehovah's Witness temple and various other cultural and religious places throughout the city.

These visits, combined with frequent discussions regarding foreign policy, economics and social change within the assorted ethnic communities, allowed the cadets a unique chance to consider different perspectives and beliefs.

"We are privileged to spend a few days with such a wonderful community of caring people who welcome us into their lives so that we may learn from each other," Maj. Angelica Martinez, the course director, said.

West Point teams place at MIT Design Competition

Submitted by Lt. Col. Greg Kilby
Photonics Research Center

The West Point cadet design teams competed and won second, third and fourth place prizes at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2010 Soldier Design Competition.

The 11 teams, six from West Point and five from MIT, presented their final designs to judges from industry, academia and the Army April 15. The competition's goal is to generate new products and systems that will help the modern Soldier both on and off the battlefield. Focused on practical, non-weapons products such as Soldier identification systems and battery rechargers, the technology that comes out of the competition often has dual-use potential for firefighters, police

or even athletes.

This year, Cow Michael Weigand, a computer science major, won second place after building and demonstrating a low-cost and lightweight, unmanned aerial system. The Soldier Tactical Aerial Reconnaissance Systems is Soldier deployable and operates autonomously to provide Soldiers an on-demand aerial observation capability. The system exceeds many of the currently fielded small UAV systems' capabilities and costs less than 1 percent of similarly fielded systems.

Firsties John Eisner, George Hopkins and Derek Wales, all electrical engineering majors, won third place after building a low-cost position location system. The project, known as DemonEye, integrates a laser range finder, compass, GPS sensor, computation algorithms and a microprocessor to

provide Soldiers with accurate location data to any point up to a mile away with a push of a button. At a cost of approximately \$1,000, DemonEye is inexpensive enough to be issued down to the squad and smaller-sized units.

Civil and Mechanical Engineering Firsties Nate Humbert, Steven LaFave, Brad Mirkovich and Jordan Morris won fourth place for their prototype design of a universal weapons mount for military vehicles. The Integrated Soldier Protection and Elevation Kit provides Soldiers with a significantly expanded elevation range for mounted weapons while providing enhanced Soldier protection inside the turret. Currently, fielded systems limit the elevation range of mounted weapons and expose Soldiers to small arms fire when elevating to extreme angles. ISPEK solves both of these problems.

Resolve, Recover, Restore

Antiterrorism Exercise Tests West Point's Responsiveness



West Point first responders and cadets operate a triage unit away from the 'active shooter' site while awaiting the arrival of ambulances during the force protection exercise April 14.

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
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Personnel from the Directorate of Emergency Services and Keller Army Community Hospital took immediate action, filtering civilian casualties through medical triage after a random shooting occurred April 14 at West Point. Meanwhile, military police officers executed appropriate crowd control measures and secured the area, awaiting the arrival of hostage negotiators from the Criminal Investigation Division.

Nearby, the mobile DES Incident Command Post commanded the scene, keeping tabs on casualties and units, while reporting updates to the main Emergency Operations Center.

The incident was staged, but the actions of nearly 100 first responders and personnel from dozens of organizations were precise and real.

It was basically a "worst case scenario" played out at West Point to test the installation's preparedness, response and recovery capabilities.

Joe Colombo, plans and operations

chief at the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, said this was the capstone force protection event that started a week earlier with three evacuation exercises. In March, active shooter response strategies were discussed at a seminar here, inviting local, state and federal agencies to include the American Red Cross, the New York State Police and the FBI.

"The active shooter event is really a driver for us to identify where we have some shortcomings in our tactics, techniques and procedures," Colombo said.

The active shooter exercise engaged everyone from security personnel at the gates to the emergency operations center sending out alerts, initiating protocols and coordinating responses. Supporting this effort required the oversight of several directorates and organizations, from the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations-G3, the West Point Public Affairs Office, Department of Public Works to the Corps of Cadets. Participants directed incident response actions from the Incident Command Post, supported first responders from the EOC at DPTMS, acted as role players or contributed as controllers and evaluators on site. Nearly 50 role players, mostly cadets and community members, acted as casualties during the mock incident.

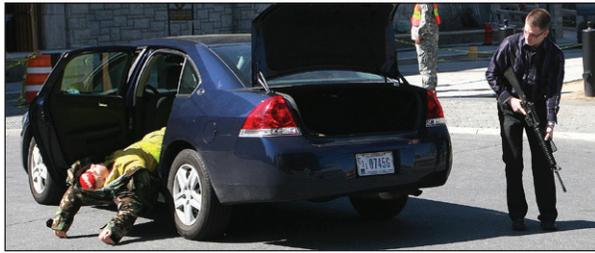
Yearling Daniel Humenuck was eating in Grant Hall when it was announced there was a shooter outside.

"They told us to get away from the windows

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Cadets assist a wounded colleague to safety (first photo) while the military police secure the area (second photo). Inside the Incident Command Post, Directorate of Emergency Services personnel are the "eyes on the ground" coordinating support activities and sending situation reports to the Emergency Operations Center.



How to Shelter-in-Place

One component highlighted during the April 14 force protection exercise was shelter-in-place, which involves taking refuge in a secure location during an incident involving hazardous materials. The following are some guidelines taken from the DPTMS Web site for the home and office:

At Home:

- Close and lock all windows and exterior doors;
- If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds or curtains;
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems and close the fireplace damper;
- Get your Family disaster supplies kit (www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/supplies.html) and make sure the radio is working;
- Go to an interior room without windows that's above ground level. In the case of a chemical threat, an above-ground location is preferable because some chemicals are heavier than air, and may seep into basements even if windows are closed;
- Bring your pets with you and be sure to bring additional food and water supplies for them;
- It is ideal to have a hard-wired telephone in the room you select. Call your emergency contact and have the phone available if you need to report a life-threatening condition;
- Use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal all cracks around the door and any vents into the room;
- Keep listening to your radio or television until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate.

At Work:

- Close the business;
- Bring everyone into the room(s). Shut and lock the door(s);
- If there are visitors in the building, provide for their safety by asking them to stay—not leave. When authorities provide directions to shelter-in-place, they want everyone to take those steps immediately, where they are, and not drive or walk outdoors;
- Unless there is an imminent threat, ask employees and visitors to call their emergency contacts to let them know where they are and that they are safe;
- Turn on call-forwarding or alternative telephone answering systems. Change the recording to indicate that the business is closed, and that staff and visitors are remaining in the building until advised it is safe to leave;
- Close and lock all windows, exterior doors and any other openings to the outside;
- Have employees familiar with your building's mechanical systems turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems;
- Gather essential disaster supplies, such as nonperishable food, bottled water, battery-powered radios, first aid supplies, flashlights, batteries, duct tape, plastic sheeting and plastic garbage bags;
- Use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal all cracks around the door(s) and any vents into the room.

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and then I heard an explosion," Humenuck said.

The cadets were told to stay inside the building and the front doors were locked, but a few exited the back door to assist casualties outside Grant Hall.

"I remembered seeing a trolley which we could use as a litter. It wasn't perfect, but it would work," the New Freedom, Pa., native said. "I'm a former lifeguard and an Eagle Scout, so I used to teach a lot of these basic first aid skills."

The Central Area still bustled somewhat with normal traffic, creating a realistic environment for the MPs who had to cease cadet activities in the vicinity and control movement as ambulances and first responder vehicles arrived.

The irregular surge tested the hospital's capacity to respond to the large influx of patients in a short period of time. Col. Edward Trudo, chief of ophthalmology, coordinated the immediate care of casualties a few hundred feet from the kill zone, directing Keller personnel and cadets as they treated wounds and assessed each patient prior to the arrival of the ambulances.

One evaluator applauded the initiative of some cadets who observed the activity and took active roles in the exercise. At Keller, hospital personnel were alerted about the exercise, but Joe Pfanzer, emergency management director, said it was a complete surprise when the casualties arrived.

"The casualties arriving to the hospital had many different types of injuries and looked and played the part well," Pfanzer said. "Some required decontamination and, hence, were sent through the hospital's decontamination shower system prior to them entering the hospital. Hospital staff responded according to Keller's Mass Casualty Response Plan and managed the incident well."

Several Orange County ambulance agencies, specifically from the towns of Highlands, Cornwall, New Windsor, Warwick and Mobile Life of Newburgh provided the necessary transport for the casualties from the incident site to the hospital.

Emergency preparedness is not limited to police, fire and medical personnel. It starts at home, and that's what DPTMS wanted to incorporate into the two-week exercise.

"This exercise was meant to combine the collaboration of the academy, the garrison and medical staff in a partnered event to ensure we can provide the highest level of protection, emergency response and recovery to West Point should the need arise," Col. Gus Stafford, USMA G-3, said. "We took into account lessons learned from the tragic incident at Fort Hood and other campus shooting events. I was very happy with the results of the exercise. However, more work needs to be done and we now begin to plan for our next exercise."

West Point supports a year-round outreach effort to involve

the community in emergency preparedness, most visible in September throughout Emergency Preparedness Month.

"We try to engage the entire community in aspects of force protection, preparedness and readiness," Christopher Hennen, DPTMS Emergency Plans officer, said. "This includes shelter-in-place, first aid kits and how to recognize various alerts and warnings so you know how to respond. The better they are able to do that, the quicker we're able to resolve an incident, recover and restore operations."

On April 15, the focus switched from first responders to Families, as the exercise moved to the Family Assistance Center. The FAC is managed by Army Community Service and is activated during natural disasters, ongoing contingency operations and emergencies. Joe Gall, ACS director, said the mission is to provide Families with a "seamless flow of services" during and after an incident.

"This is a one-stop shop to provide on-site services for Soldiers and their Families," Gall said. "We can focus on cognitive and behavioral well-being, and reduce the stressors associated with traumatic events."

The FAC is fully-staffed with representatives from the American Red Cross, Balfour Beatty and the chaplain's office, to name a few, to provide information, referrals and other aid.

"It's also a place where Family members can decompress and talk to other Families," Gall added.

Chris Remillard, a Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation evaluator, worked with DPTMS on creating the FAC exercise.

"It's all been good here," Remillard said. "The one area that we've been impressed with is the behavioral health aspect. There are a lot of specialists here and it's working better than planned."

Col. Dan Bruno, U.S. Army Garrison commander at West Point, was appreciative of the combined efforts involved in preparing and executing the exercise, but said more needs to be done to prepare West Point as a whole.

"Our biggest lesson learned is that this is not primarily about first responders who train and execute their duties daily, but about our cadets, employees and residents, and the proper actions they take and the attention and seriousness they give to this critical area," Bruno said. "We should never be satisfied that we are prepared."

Are You Ready?

For useful links and articles on emergency preparedness and hazard awareness, visit:

www.usma.edu/Garrison/sites/directorates/dptms/cepip/

'Red legs' honored at St. Barbara's Day Ball

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The annual St. Barbara's Day Ball was held in honor of the 'red legs'—Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery branches of the Army—April 16 at the West Point Club.

The guest speakers were Brig. Gen. Ross Ridge, commandant of the U.S. Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., and Col. Joseph DeAntona, Class of 1984 and 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade commander.

Soldiers in the FA are often referred to as 'red legs' because of the red stripe worn down the sides of their pants during the Revolutionary War. Although the two branches are still considered separate branches, they have the same headquarters at Fort Sill as mandated by the Base Realignment and Closure commission, which directed ADA to move from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Fort Sill. The ADA is now part of the Fires Center of Excellence.

The St. Barbara's Day Ball is the event that bestows the Honorable Order of St. Barbara to Soldiers who have demonstrated the highest level of integrity and moral character along with the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher award to women who voluntarily contributed to the Air Defense Artillery branch in a significant way. Capt. Tod Willoughby received the Honorable Order of St. Barbara while his wife Cheri received the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher along with Elke Rittger.

The event is full of tradition from toasting the United States; Commander-in-Chief, Army, West Point, Field Artillery, Air Defense

Artillery, Combined Arms Team, Artillery Soldiers past, present and future, fallen comrades and the ladies "who make all things worthwhile" to the punch ceremony often referred to as "Grog."

"Traditions do matter and West Point is surrounded by tradition," Ridge said. "Traditions help define who you are, your team and the veterans who went before you. We strive to produce fire Soldiers of the quality of St. Barbara."

St. Barbara is the patron saint of artillerymen, protector from thunderstorms, fire and sudden death. The tradition began with the development of the early artillery pieces, which were unreliable and often exploded without warning, wounding and killing Soldiers. St. Barbara was killed by her father around 300 A.D. when she converted to Christianity and defied her father when she built a bathhouse with three windows depicting the holy trinity, going against her father's design.

DeAntona said he was here to encourage cadets to join ADA or FA. Sixty-two cadets who branched into field artillery and 11 cadets who branched air defense artillery were in attendance.

"West Point is leading the way," he said. "It's a great time to join the Air Missile defense because of the growth in more countries and the development of new weapons. In 2004, the Air Defense was located in only three countries—Germany, Fort Bliss (U.S) and South Korea. Now Air Defense is located in many countries including Japan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Poland and Israel."

One tradition of the St. Barbara's Day

Ball is the secret punch ceremony. The punch is a concoction of off-the-wall ingredients representing the blood of the fallen, mud from the trenches, the French who contributed significantly to our freedom and an ingredient to tie the concoction together.

Dry ice provided atmosphere as the punch

bowl began to smoke while being stirred by a saber.

By tradition, one person is designated to taste the punch and declare an ingredient missing. Members provide the missing ingredient and once a taster declares the punch fit for consumption, the others partake.



Maj. Donald Cherry, Department of Military Instruction, pours in the first ingredient of the grog during the punch ceremony at the St. Barbara's Day Ball April 16 at the West Point Club. The St. Barbara's Day Ball honors those who branched field artillery or air defense artillery.



Plebe Christian Beckler gets a lift from Spring Fest.

Cadets unwind at Spring Fest

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Plebe Christian Beckler soared high in the air, leaving all the tension and stress of being a freshman cadet elsewhere for the moment. Strapped into the Euro-Bungy, Beckler was among hundreds of cadets enjoying a day's respite from the hustle and bustle of academics to enjoy the 2010 Spring Fest April 17.

"It's toward the end of the year, so things are kind of escalating for us," Beckler said. "This is a nice break."

That's exactly what the Directorate of Cadet Activities had in mind when planning last year's inaugural event. It was back in the spring of 2008 when Col. J. Craig Flowers, DCA director, was walking down Central Area and reflected on his own college experience. A spring festival is a common event for students to alleviate some of the stress encountered toward semester's end. With project deadlines and impending exams, Flowers thought it would be morale-boosting to provide cadets with both a needed distraction and that traditional festival experience he had as a college student.

"This is unique because it is right outside their barracks," Flowers said, "It can be a stressful time now because there are only another 30 days until graduation and a big rush of exams. To give them an outlet like this is an absolute thrill for all of us on Team DCA."

And it was a thrill for the entire West Point community to enjoy a day of food, live music and fun in an area typically trafficked with cadets and faculty rushing to classes. More than 1,500 cadets, staff and Family members attended the second annual event, which featured electric car racing, a

"Guitar Hero" station, a live reptile tent—courtesy of "Snakes Alive!"—and an assortment of characters parading up and down the street, to include jugglers, a pirate, the Oreo Cookie and a life-sized Toy Soldier.

Flowers credited DCA personnel like Ron Harsch, Tom Oldham, Maria Hoagland and the Cadet Store staff, to name a few, for their efforts in putting together the best possible event for the West Point community.

"It begins with a concept, a little guidance and brainstorming; and then just allowing good people the freedom to do what they do best," Flowers said. "As we like to say, it's 'All for the Corps.'"



Plebe Katie Leonard charms a snake at Spring Fest.

First phase complete on Stony Lonesome construction

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

In August 2008, Balfour Beatty Communities began the daunting responsibility of building and renovating housing at West Point. A ceremony was held April 15 for the Overstreet Family who cut the ribbon to their home, celebrating the completion of phase one of the construction in the area a month before deadline.

"The total construction for this area is due to be complete August 2011," Paul Merritt, Residential Community Initiative engineer, said. "Out of 158 new housing (units

at Stony Lonesome I), we have 28 already occupied. There were some issues that had to be worked out such as traffic patterns, especially with school buses and storm drains, before we could occupy the homes."

Phase two of the construction has already begun with an additional delivery of 42 new three- and 4-bedroom homes slated to be turned over in August, according to the West Point Family Housing Web page. Phase three of the construction begins in January 2011 to deliver the remaining 88 homes, including new senior NCO homes, with completion scheduled by August 2011.

"This construction was a challenge," Rich Wagner,

RCI project director, said. "There were a lot of cut and fill problems because Stony Lonesome I is built on a mountain, along with environmental issues and storm drain issues that popped up, so we had to scale it back a bit. But we all worked through the problems to complete phase one."

Wagner said there wasn't a lot of new construction at West Point because of the historical nature of the buildings and area, some homes built in the late 19th century. Balfour Beatty is renovating many of the historical homes and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the first completed home June 16, 2009. As of March, the renovation project completed 29 of 315 historical homes.

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Closure of Stony Lonesome Gate

To place and secure structural steel supports for the new ID check area, Stony Lonesome Gate is closed from 5:30 p.m. today until 5 a.m. Friday. The gate will also be closed from 5:30 p.m. Friday until 8 p.m. Sunday.

During the closure, all traffic will be diverted to Washington and Thayer gates. Washington Gate will remain open 24 hours daily for both DOD and non-DOD vehicles to accommodate traffic during this time frame.

For more information, call DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407 or DPW Operations at 938-0300.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Annual CSA: Now we're cookin'

Submitted by Plans, Analysis and Integration Office

Like the Chinese Proverb says, "Talk doesn't cook rice."

Last fall, West Point community members had the opportunity to participate in the annual Customer Service Assessment. You may recall an image of Uncle Sam on flyers and posters around West Point or an e-mail from your boss, or maybe you even read an article about it in the *Pointer View*.

This survey was open to active duty, Family members, retirees and civilian employees and allowed respondents to rate the Garrison services on performance and importance. This is where the Chinese Proverb comes into play.

The annual Customer Service Assessment is but one tool used to capture the voice of the customer. The results of the survey have been received, analyzed and compared to the other customer service data that is captured every day at West Point.

Whether through the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, the

Army Family Action Plan process, Community Action Council meetings or another Garrison forum, the leadership values customer feedback and acts on comments and suggestions to improve life at the West Point garrison.

After thoughtful review, areas were identified as high priority issues for the West Point Community. These issues include service orders and maintenance in housing, the club system, Military Personnel Division and the Civilian Personnel system.

Now, with action plans developed, changes are underway.

To improve the processing of housing maintenance requests, changes have been made in service order tracking methods and follow-up procedures.

Customer callbacks are now required, monitored, recorded and reported.

There are additional improvements in this area working through AFAP.

In an effort to enhance the quality and service of the West Point Club, not only will the club be undergoing "Operation Excellence" as part of a new focus on customer service, but the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is also pursuing training on the new Army program—Army Catering.

The Directorate of Human Resources has requested a Lean Six Sigma business process review of the MPD to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

Positive changes abound for the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center as it is restructured. Although some changes may not have an immediate impact, the leadership is considering the concerns expressed by the West Point community and addressing those needs with current developments and considering a very resource-constrained environment.

The garrison's customer feedback mechanisms have also indicated areas that are performing above customer expectations.

Those areas include the religious services at West Point, education counseling services offered at the Education Center, Fire and Emergency Services, child and youth programming and Army Community Service programs such as the Relocation and Readiness Program, Exceptional Family Member Program and ACS Financial Services.

Continue to use your voice. Tell us when things are working right and let us know where we need to improve.

"Talk doesn't cook rice." When the community speaks, actions can be taken and the next thing you know, we have rice.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Command Channel 8/23

April 22-29

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and
Monday through April 29
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and
7 p.m.

BBC LifeWorks events

Mother's Day Wood Project

A Mother's Day Wood Project is sponsored by the Monroe Home Depot. Children ages 3-12 are welcome to come to bring their moms to 126 Washington Road from 3:30-5 p.m. April 29.

BBC will supply everything for the children to make a wheelbarrow planter gift for mom.

Register by today to Jodi Gellman, Lifeworks coordinator, at 446-6407 or e-mail her at jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

Delivery problems?

Contact Matt O'Sullivan at the Times Herald-Record at 800-295-2181 or e-mail mosullivan@th-record.com.

FMWR Blurbs

Karaoke Night

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

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

Ski Rental Equipment and Ski Locker Returns

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

Equipment can be returned from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the ski rental building. After Friday, 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.

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. Saturday.

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 Friday at the Child Development Center (Bldg. 1207).

For more information, call 938-3921.

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 at 9:30 a.m. Monday 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 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 today. The tournament will start Monday 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*.

School Transition Workshop

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. Tuesday 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*.

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.

(New Info) Cinco de Mayo celebration

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo May 5 with dinner and drinks while listening to traditional music and karaoke in the West Point Club lounge starting at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 938-5120.

(New Info) Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Army Family Team Building and Exceptional Family Member Program will present a Cinco de Mayo celebration from 4:30-6:30 p.m. May 5 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Enjoy an introduction to AFTB problem solving, musical crafts, games and prizes, a piñata with traditional music and food.

Call 938-5654 or 938-5655 to reserve a seat for the fiesta.

(New Info) Grand Opening of Leisure Travel Services and Fitness Center Cross Fit Room

Join FMWR from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May 7 in celebration of Leisure Travel Services new location and the brand new FMWR Fitness Center's Cross Fit Room.

There will be Wii Fit demos, food, raffles, a lunchtime sampler and a fitness class from noon-1 p.m.

May 7 is also Military Spouse Appreciation Day, so stop by the grand opening for raffles just for military spouses.

For more information, call 938-3601/6490.

(New Info) Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Come to the West Point Club May 7 for a special lunch and dinner honoring your military spouse during Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

Enjoy lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with half-price pizza bar and free lunch for your spouse with a regular lunch purchase.

Dinner a la Carte will be served from 5-9 p.m. Buy one dinner and your military spouse dines for free.

For more information, call 938-5120.

(New Info) Kids Fishing Derby

Come out to Round Pond from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 8 for the Kids Fishing Derby.

Open to all anglers ages 5-15 who are residents of West Point, Stewart, Town of Highlands, or a child of a West Point

employee.

A safety clinic will be held from 9-9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. Free for Families of deployed Soldiers.

Pre-registration is recommended.

For more information, call 938-2503.

(New Info) Mother's Day Brunch

Two seatings will be available May 9 at the West Point Club for a Mother's Day Brunch.

First seating is from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room.

Second seating is from 1-3:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Spouses of deployed Soldiers eat for half price.

To make your reservation, call 938-5120.

(New Info) Part-day Preschool CDC enrollment

The Child Development Center is starting part-day preschool enrollment for the 2010-11 academic year May 10-14 for deployed Soldiers and Warriors in Transition.

Military Families with children enrollment dates are May 17-21.

DOD civilian children enrollment dates are May 24-28.

No phone calls will be taken for registration.

Parents need to report to the CDC registration at 8 a.m. Patrons can sign up children after June 1 for slots on a "space available" basis.

For more information, call Outreach Services at 938-4458.

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

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

For more information, call 938-5658.

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 is May 15, 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.

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.

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 for grades 3-12 runs weekly on Wednesdays after school until May 5.

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

AER Campaign

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

For more information, call 938-5839.

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.

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 about the use 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.

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

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.

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.

What's Happening

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. today at the West Point Club Ballroom.

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

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

(New Info) Sacred Heart of Jesus School performance

The Sacred Heart of Jesus School presents "The Wizard of Oz" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Tickets can be purchased at the school, rectory and at the door.

Special Olympics

The 2010 Hudson Valley Region Special Olympics takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday 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 Saturday 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.

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. Sunday at Trophy Point Amphitheater.

(New Info) Mickey Marcus Memorial Observance and Wreath Laying

The annual Mickey Marcus Memorial Observance will be held 11 a.m. Sunday at the West Point Jewish Chapel, 750 Merritt Rd., followed by a gravesite wreath laying in the West Point cemetery beginning at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Chapel Office at 938-2710.

(New Info) Book Signings

Kelly Kennedy, author of the book "They Fought for Each Other," which is the triumph and tragedy of the hardest hit unit in Iraq, will sign the book Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the USMA Bookstore.

David Breuhan, Class of 1984, will sign his book "Spread the Wealth: More Haves, Fewer Have Nots," from 9-11:45 a.m. Wednesday at the USMA Bookstore.

The bookstore is located on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

(New Info) A Walk with Grover

Get ready for emergency preparedness with a walk-around with Grover from Sesame Street Tuesday.

Grover will be visiting the West Point Child Development Center at 8:30 a.m., then travel to the West Point Elementary School at 10:30 a.m.

Along with Sesame Street, we can all work together so remember—Get an emergency kit,

make a plan and be informed.

Formal Awards Dinner/Induction Ceremony

The Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering will host a formal Awards Dinner/Induction Ceremony at 6 p.m. Tuesday 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.

Financial Readiness Classes

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

- Money 101: 3-4:15 p.m. Wednesday;

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

Garrison Retirement Ceremony

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

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

(New Info) Attention West Point lady golfers

West Point lady golfers can join up for the "Sign up Social" scheduled for 5:30 p.m. April 29 in the Hotel Thayer Lounge.

All levels of golfers are welcome. For more information, call Ellen Stoneham at 614-5495.

(New Info) West Point Strings Spring Concert

The West Point Strings will host its third spring concert at 4 p.m. May 1 in the Haig room on the sixth floor of Jefferson Library.

Refreshments will be provided following the concert.

Program highlights will include works by Mozart, Coldplay and various selections performed in smaller chamber groups.

For more information, call Col. Rod Sturdivant at 938-3322.

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.

(New Info) 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.

RSVP by April 30 to Amy LaGrange at 859-4278 or to wpwreserve@hotmail.com.

(New Info) Retirement Luncheon

A community farewell retirement luncheon

will be held at 11:30 a.m. May 7 for Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan and his wife, Joan, in the ballroom at Eisenhower Hall.

Finnegan will be retiring from active duty June 1.

The luncheon is served buffet style. Tickets will only be sold in advance and may be purchased from David Dominick, the Dean's executive assistant.

Dominick's office is located on the ground floor of Taylor Hall, Room 107.

For details, call 938-2000.

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) National Day of Prayer Breakfast

The annual National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be held from 6-7:20 a.m. May 7 at the West Point Club Ballroom.

Elder Jeffrey Holland, LDS Church leader and former president of Brigham Young University, will speak to the attendees.

The West Point community is invited to attend.

(New Info) WPS Board meeting change

The West Point School Board meeting scheduled for May 5 has been changed to 4:30 p.m. May 12, in the MS Conference Room, B-10.

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 Monday, 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.

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) Girls Basketball Camp

Army Women's Basketball will hold positional series of clinics from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 1-3. Girls must be ages 8-18 to participate.

Fine tune your game with West Point basketball coaches and increase your positional IQ.

Registration is required through the camp section of www.goarmysports.com.

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.

Albornoz' journey not easy, but reward could be PL title

By Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

The journey for Firstie Chris Albornoz has not been an easy one. It's been complicated by injury and then trying to live up to expectations set by his older brothers, who had good to great tennis careers at West Point.

As the No. 2 singles and doubles player for Army men's tennis, the West Babylon, N.Y., native is now finding his groove, earning four victories in his last five singles matches to go 10-7 in the spring while teaming with fellow Firstie John Lucero to go 14-5 in doubles.

The records haven't always been pretty, especially trying to overcome tearing his anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament his plebe year. But he's shown a great deal of strength enduring what he's faced.

"It's definitely one of the most crucial obstacles that I've had to overcome, but with the help of my teammates and the Center for Enhanced Performance, I was able to rebound back my sophomore year to play a few matches," Albornoz said. "I came out trying to find my game last year, and eventually, I found it this year. (My knee injury) did affect me for a little bit during my sophomore year, but as I got older I knew I would make the best of what I could during the next two years.

"I started competing and finding out what kind of game plan was best for me," he added. "So I went out there to create my own personal best record. I've kind of played in the shadows of my brothers the last couple of years, but it's about going out there and playing my best tennis, especially now, which is the highlight of my career."

The shadows are rather large considering his oldest brother (2003 graduate), Arnie, is the team's

second all-time singles wins leader with 65 victories. His other brother (2004 graduate), Rafael, was a tremendous doubles player during his time at West Point.

All the work Chris has put in to get back on the court and not just compete, but thrive, is helped by the skill set he brings.

"He's a scrambler. He's very quick and has quick feet, plus he fights," head coach Jim Poling said.

Albornoz believes his speed, serve and strong forehand keep him on top of his opponents, but it's his mental game that takes over in crucial situations.

"My mental game has improved so much that I'm able to work in any situation and adjust to anything that's going on during a match, especially if something is not working," Albornoz said. "I'm thinking smarter out on the court, and that's been a huge asset I've added to my game this year."

A healthy Albornoz with a good crop of plebes in No. 1 singles and doubles player Gary Kushnirovich and his No. 1 doubles partner, Rashad Shelton, have helped Army return to the top spot in the Patriot League. The men's tennis team heads into the Patriot League Tournament Friday as the No. 1 seed with a 12-7 overall record and a 5-1 Patriot League mark.

During the season, the biggest victory for the team was its win versus Navy April 11—a stunning 4-3 victory at Annapolis. Army has been on the short end of its Navy matches since 2005, losing its last seven matches including the last three years in the Patriot League Tournament.

It was gratifying to Albornoz because he suffered his most disappointing defeat to Navy in the Patriot League Final last year in a 4-1 loss with a two-set defeat that decided the match. Albornoz



Firstie Chris Albornoz, who fought through anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament tears, is finding his stroke this year as Army's No. 2 singles and doubles player. He is 10-7 in singles and 14-5 in doubles teamed with Firstie John Lucero.

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returned the favor with a three-set win against Navy's Marcus Rebersak in singles while teaming with Lucero for an 8-6 win in doubles.

"Winning a match against Navy in doubles and singles is the height of my career, and I'm looking forward to another moment in the Patriot League (Tournament)," Albornoz said. "It gives me a boost of confidence and more drive to work harder the next few weeks. That win is a big lift off of our shoulders ... with me being the team captain. It's motivating that these guys came out on top even after losing the doubles point.

"It was good we sent them home with their tail between their legs ... it was a huge shock to them," he added.

Poling called his guys "warriors," for going down to Navy in its environment and coming away with a season-defining win.

"It was a real special win," he said. "The firsties hadn't had a win against them (Navy). It was special because all the firsties won, Johnny and Chris won at doubles and Johnny, Chris and Bruno (Lucivero) won at singles, so they were all fired up for it and really wanted (the win) —I'm happy for them.

"The atmosphere at Navy is always tough and our guys competed —I was proud of them," he added. "We didn't win the doubles point, but we came back and played tough. Five of the six matches were three sets and we won three of those ... and taking four of six singles from a tough Navy team is saying

something."

Since Feb. 18, Army has won 10 of its 13 matches, and all the team's defeats were 4-3 losses. However, they have also won four 4-3 matches. The team has shown a lot of tenacity to take its opponents to the limit and not give up.

"We feel our mental capacity and stamina are going to outlast any opponent and it has showed in the last six matches," Albornoz said. "We're going to keep thriving on the ability to go out there and have fun and give everything we've got."

Poling added that part of their success has much to do with getting healthier in the spring.

"We've been beat up all year, which is nothing new to us but these guys are starting to get their health back at the right time of the season," Poling explained. "We've got good players and guys with a lot of fight and competitiveness, but they've got to be healthy. If you're in pain and playing, it's a little bit tough."

That's why Poling is thrilled to have Albornoz healthy, something he was waiting a long time to happen. The future field artillery officer is finally tapping into the talent that was expected in him all along.

"He had a great fall semester his plebe year and then he got hurt," Poling said. "Finally, three years later, he's getting to where he's playing at the level we thought he could."

Albornoz' talent is also enhanced during doubles play with partner Lucero as the two have teamed up for a 14-5 record, which ranks

them eighth all-time in men's doubles pairing wins. If they can produce a couple of doubles wins this weekend, the duo would move into third place all-time on the list.

"They're both lefties and are very quick," Poling said. "They're very aggressive and bring a lot of emotion to the court. Under pressure, these guys pick it up and make it happen.

"During the Navy match, I thought that Navy's No. 2 doubles were going to be the hardest to beat, but that's the (only doubles) match we won," he added. "We put the two seniors together and at crunch time, they hung tough."

Albornoz, Lucero and their teammates are looking to win Army's first Patriot League title since 2006, when the team completed back-to-back titles.

For Albornoz, who considers it an honor and privilege to represent his team as captain, it would mean so much to get to those heights.

"We're looking forward to getting to the NCAA Tournament and showing (national competition) what Army's capable of," Albornoz said. "I'm stoked at the possibility of going. I can't express in words what it would mean. I'm so pumped I want (this weekend) to come tomorrow because the whole team is ready to go.

"Going in as a top seed and defending our top spot, I feel everyone is ready for it," he added. "I'm looking forward to finishing those matches and heading to the NCAA Tournament, wherever that may be."



Cow Tripp Johnson is 11-6 this spring as Army's regular No. 3 singles guy. He has teamed with Plebe Alex Holland for an 8-5 doubles record.

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Combat Weapons Team earns national championship



In one of the mixed M9 pistol and M4 rifle stages, Yearling Josh Mathews takes aim and sends rounds downrange with his M4 before he transitions to his pistol.

CRAIG JACKSON/WPCWT

By Yearling Aaron Pool
Combat Weapons Team PAO

What began as a cold, dreary day turned into a terrific glowing victory and a national championship for the cadets competing April 10 as part of the West Point Combat Weapons Team.

The team traveled to the Hartford Gun Club in Connecticut to take on other academy teams at the Joint Service Academy Combat Weapons Competition.

The competition consisted of eight different stages to include M9 pistol, M4 rifle and 12-gauge shotgun shooting.

Each stage was created by the competition's main sponsor, Smith and Wesson, to challenge the shooters to their fullest. In the competition, the shooters worked through each stage to eliminate all the targets accurately while racing against the clock.

Scoring consisted of the shooters being assessed an additional time penalty for every shot missed.

"Adding a timer to the stages increases the complexity because you are forced to choose between getting all of your hits so you don't get penalized, and finishing in as little time as possible," Firstie Jimbo Hughes said.

The West Point CWT's national victory brings the trophy back to West Point, and culminates a year of intense training at small arms weapons proficiency. Since the JSACWC was created more than 10 years ago, the Combat Weapons Team has only lost the trophy three times.

After an unfortunate loss last year, the team was determined not to repeat their mistakes. Practices this year placed heavy emphasis on accuracy and shooting smoothly in all aspects of the competition.

By moving and shooting efficiently, they

significantly decreased the total time of each shooter over the course of the day.

"You could try and pin our proficiency on a number of different material factors," Yearling TJ Snukis said about the team's method of training. "But in reality, our proficiency and, ultimately, our success in what we do hinges solely on our expert training and preparation."

When the shooting stopped and the smoke cleared, West Point's Combat Weapons Team stood alone at the top of the podium.

The team placed first with a dominating team score and put seven shooters in the top 10 overall.

Cow Andrew Beck edged out Navy's top shooter to place first in the entire competition.

Overjoyed with the victory after a year of hard work, the team clamored into the vans to head to a well-deserved victory banquet.

In the midst of the celebration, team captain Cow James Dallman reflected that, "JSACWC is a great time for us to showcase all the hard work and training that not only team members put in, but also the coaches and officers."

Regaining the championship was a great feeling after losing it to Navy last year.

"Our win would not have been possible without the hard work of all the team members, coaches and officers," he added.

Throughout the weekend many of the team members heaped gratitude on coaches Craig Jackson, Joe Seuk, Gary Salman, Lt. Col. Robert Chamberlain and OIC Capt. Ryan Koolovitz.

With the celebrations over, the team already has an eye on the competition for next year. Just before everyone left someone was overheard saying, "the road to JSACWC: 364 days, gentlemen."

Lacrosse stays unbeaten in Patriot League, defeats Navy 7-6

By Tim Volkmann
Athletic Communications

Army Cow attackman Jeremy Boltus totaled three goals and an assist to lead the Black Knights to a 7-6 victory over archrival Navy April 17 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. In the opening game of the Smartlink Day of Rivals, Boltus, who was named the game's most valuable player, broke a 6-6 tie with a tally off a feed from Yearling midfielder Conor Hayes with 4:29 to play in the fourth quarter to clinch a victory in the 88th meeting between the two storied programs.

Plebe attackman Garrett Thul added two goals and an assist as the Black Knights (6-5 overall, 4-0 Patriot League) took sole possession of first place in the Patriot League. Army turned in a stout defensive effort, holding the Midshipmen to one goal over a 32-minute span from the second to the fourth quarter.

"Today was a tremendous game. I was very impressed with how hard Navy played, as you would expect them to, but I was also very proud with how hard our guys battled all the way through," Army head coach Joe Alberici said. "I thought we were two evenly matched teams and we were fortunate to come out

on top."

Boltus got things going at the 10:24 mark of the first quarter, running from behind the Navy goal and stuffing home the game's first goal. The Midshipmen would answer with two goals of their own in the last two minutes of the quarter to take a one-goal lead.

Firstie attackman Tyler Seymour took a feed from Cow midfielder Rob McCallion and scored on a five-yard shot at 13:22 to tie the score, 2-2. Less than two minutes later, Thul bullied his way past a defender and sent a pass to Firstie midfielder Tyler Oates, who ripped a low shot into the Navy goal to make it a 3-2 Army edge with 11:41 to play in the half.

Navy sophomore attackman Ryan O'Leary cut past a defender behind the Army goal and got open to score at 8:52, but the Black Knights would score two goals of their own to lead 5-3 at halftime. Boltus would notch a man-up tally on a 10-yard shot at 5:26 after Navy goalie RJ Wickham was screened by one of his own defenders, before Thul bounced a behind-the-back shot off the post and into the goal at 4:35.

Junior midfielder Kevin Doyle pulled the Midshipmen back within

one with an unassisted goal at 11:21, but Thul would shake off a Navy defender and jam home his second tally of the game with 2:55 on the clock to make it a 6-4 Black Knight advantage after three quarters.

A pair of Navy goals in just over a minute tied the game back up with 5:35 to play in regulation. Joe Lennon came off a pick and scored an unassisted goal at 6:37, before Davis found the net after a short run for the equalizer.

Two teams that had already each played four overtime games apiece this season appeared to be headed toward their fifth, but Boltus' third goal of the game proved to be the game-winner. Boltus got open on the left side of the Navy goal and scored off a feed from Hayes from 10 yards out to give the Black Knights the one-goal advantage.

"I can't really put into words what we're feeling," Boltus said. "It is amazing, especially after all the tough losses we've had the past two years. It isn't just a feeling for us, but for all our parents, coaches and past players."

"We've been getting text messages all week wishing us luck," he added. "We are just one huge, tight-knit Family that extends around the world. That is who this



Plebe attackman Garrett Thul scored two goals and added an assist in Army's 7-6 win over Navy April 17.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

win was for."

Army Cow goalkeeper Tom Palesky was credited with eight saves to preserve the victory.

"I'm so happy we got that win for our seniors," Palesky said. "They

have done so much for this program and are a really close group. Their leadership has been unreal for the rest of us and I really wanted to win it for them. I've got goose bumps right now."

Thrilling victory earns women's tennis PL title

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

It was not an easy task but the top-seeded Army women's tennis team rallied to defend its Patriot League crown for a sixth year in a row as Cow Jurelle Mendoza's thrilling victory at No. 5 singles clinched a 4-3 win for the Black Knights over Bucknell Sunday in Verona, N.Y.

Mendoza was named the tournament's most valuable player for her performance, which punched Army's ticket to the NCAA Tournament for a sixth straight year.

Army and Bucknell have met in each of the last six title matches and Sunday's battle was as expected—heated and back-and-forth all afternoon.

The marathon contest took more than five hours to complete. Colgate hosted the tournament in its entirety at the Turning Stone Resort.

“Winning the conference is always sweet, but this year it was especially sweet,” Patriot League Coach of the Year Paul Peck said. “We were down one of our starters (Firstie Kristin Beehler) and for this team to battle the way it did today against a very talented and hungry Bucknell team was unbelievable.

“They were really focused, played great doubles and when it came down to crunch time, I couldn't be more proud of the way they delivered,” he added.

The Black Knights got off to an ideal start, sweeping the doubles point in convincing fashion.

Cows Anne Houghton and Jessica Ahn won easily (8-1) at No. 2 doubles, while classmates Michael Tollerton and Robie Verano collected an 8-2 win at No. 3 doubles to give Army a 1-0 edge early in the match.

Tollerton carried that momentum into a 6-2, 6-2 win over Carlin Calcaterra at No. 4 singles.

The Sunshine State native enters the postseason having won 13 of her last 14 singles matches.

The top of Bucknell's lineup battled back, as Tania Varela and Lauren Lucido topped Houghton and Plebe Erin Colton, respectively, to knot the match at 2-2. The Black Knights dug themselves into a 3-2 hole after Ahn came out on the short end of a gripping 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 battle with Bucknell's Demi Iepuras.

The setback left just Mendoza and Cow Annie Hang remaining on the court. Riddled with injuries and lineup changes, the pair stepped up when it counted and delivered. Both dropped the first set, but Hang was able to recover to score wins in the second and third sets (4-6, 6-3, 6-2) at No. 6 to tie the match at three-all.

Mendoza, who spent time in and out of Peck's starting lineup all season, faced Bucknell's Dara Dwojewski at No. 5 singles.

The Garden City Park, N.Y., native fell just short in the first set by a 6-7 (5) tiebreaker score.

Mendoza, who improved to 12-0 in singles matches this spring, rallied to take the second (6-1) and third (6-3) sets to set off an eruption of excitement at the Turning Stone courts.

The title marked Army's 11th Patriot League title overall. The Black Knights earned the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Army will learn its postseason fate during the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Selection Show May 4, between 5-6 p.m.

The show will be aired live on ESPNNews.



Cow Michael Tollerton earned a No. 3 doubles victory with partner Cow Robie Verano and then won at No. 4 singles at the Patriot League finals Sunday.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

CLUB RESULTS

• **Triathlon Team**—In the greatest day in the 20-year history of the West Point Triathlon Program, the Army Triathlon Team upset the field of 110 collegiate triathlon teams to win its third national championship and sweep a heavily-favored Navy squad at the USA Triathlon Collegiate Nationals in Buffalo Springs, Texas, April 17.

The Army Tri women placed an astounding five athletes in the top 40 (out of 450) to win the Women's Triathlon National Championship. Firstie Ashley Morgan led the way with a fourth place individual finish. Yearling Marcie Nordt, in only her second Olympic distance triathlon, finished 15th overall. The title was the first in the women's team history at the USA Collegiate Nationals.

The men's performance was equally impressive. Without any individual superstars, the West Point men's gameplan was to use their depth to make the podium.

Cow Brendan Fox had the 11th best bike split of the day en route to a 14th place finish. Firstie Rob Sherry exorcised his past demons from collegiate nationals and had the best race of his career finishing 19th overall. The men's 2nd place finish at USA Triathlon Collegiate Nationals tied their previous



Firstie Ashley Morgan finished fourth to help lead Army to its third national championship at the USA Triathlon Collegiate Nationals.

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best performance from 2008. In addition to the overall team places, West Point won the Armed Forces Championship by beating the other academies on the combined men's and women's scores.

Sports calendar

April 22-May 2

Corps

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY — BASEBALL VS. MARIST, HUDSON VALLEY CLASSIC IN FISHKILL, 7:05 P.M.

APRIL 29 — SOFTBALL VS. MARIST,

5 P.M. (DOUBLEHEADER), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX.

MAY 1 — BASEBALL VS. BUCKNELL, NOON (DOUBLEHEADER), DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

MAY 2 — BASEBALL VS. BUCKNELL, 1 P.M. (DOUBLEHEADER), DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

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

MAY 1 — ORIENTEERING TEAM, WEST POINT ORIENTEERING MEET, 9 A.M., CAMP BUCKNER.