



Round Table discussion with Gates

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates taught two classes, "American Diplomacy Abroad: Idealism vs. Realism in History" for the Advanced International Relations theory class and "Employment of Military Power" for a combined group from the National Security Seminar and the Defense Politics and Policy classes, April 23 at West Point. The 28 cows and firsties from three different Department of Social Sciences classes enjoyed the presentations from the guest lecturer, who took time out of his busy schedule not only to share his vast experiences in international relations, national security and defense, but left plenty of time for questions and discussion. Gates also met with the West Point and U.S. Corps of Cadets leadership during a reception April 22, watched the noon formation and gave a brief address to the entire Corps before joining them for lunch April 23. After lunch, he held a Round Table discussion with 10 firstie leaders prior to his departure.

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President Obama to speak at Class of 2010 graduation

By Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

The White House announced April 21 that President Barack Obama will address the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2010 at the annual commencement ceremony. West Point's graduation is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 22 at Michie Stadium.

Obama returns to West Point nearly six months after his visit to the academy Dec. 1 where he unveiled his strategy to deploy additional troops to Afghanistan.

The announcement came during a nationally-televised speech at Eisenhower Hall to the 4,400-member Corps of Cadets.

During his speech, he outlined

a basic strategy to increase troops by 30,000 early this year with an acceleration of training Afghan military and security forces to allow them to better secure their country against al-Qaida and Taliban insurgents, and, eventually, give control back to them.

He made it clear that night why it was important to continue fighting in Afghanistan and also made it evident during his speech why he did it at West Point.

"It is an honor for me to (speak) here—at West Point—where so many men and women have prepared to stand up for our security and to represent what is finest about our country," Obama said.

As the U.S. military continues to make inroads in Afghanistan,

Obama's graduation speech to the future military officers comes at a time of great turbulence with the controversial healthcare overhaul and regulations being placed on the financial industry.

The 44th president of the United States may touch on subjects related to the ongoing surge in Afghanistan and continuing operations in the Middle East.

In the past, presidents have used the podium to announce policies such as what President George W. Bush spoke about in 2002 with employing pre-emptive strikes against other nations that harbor terrorists, which later became known as the "Bush Doctrine."

Born Aug. 4, 1961 in Hawaii, Obama would graduate years later

from Columbia University and Harvard Law School.

He became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review.

Obama served three terms in the Illinois Senate from 1997-2004. Following an unsuccessful bid for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000, he ran for U.S. Senate in 2004.

He won election to the U.S. Senate in November 2004.

As a U.S. Senator, he reached across the aisle to pass groundbreaking lobbying reform and brought transparency to government by putting federal spending online.

He was elected president Nov. 4, 2008 and was sworn in Jan. 20, 2009.



President Barack Obama returns here May 22. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

West Point to experience major construction through summer

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Community members may have noticed the increase in construction activity, especially in Central Area.

Construction is scheduled to be ongoing throughout the summer months.

Although the Directorate of Public Works is working hard at reducing the impact on community members, staff and employees, some road closures and parking restrictions are to be expected.

"The construction that is being done in central post this summer is needed to upgrade and improve the facilities and utilities in the area," Garrison Commander Col. Daniel Bruno said. "West Point was fortunate to obtain stimulus funding for many of the projects and we must now execute the projects.

"DPW, in cooperation with other agencies on post, has worked hard to coordinate all the projects to minimize the impact and limit the inconvenience of the construction activity to the community," he added. "We all need to remember that the result of our inconvenience now will be better and more efficient facilities for the future."

Current construction projects during April and May:

- Taylor Hall roof repairs, Bldg. 600—through August;
- Science Building (Old Cadet Library), Bldg. 757—through December 2011;
- Bradley masonry repairs, Bldg. 756—through September;
- Lee masonry repairs, Bldg. 738—through September;
- Steam manhole repairs in various areas and steam tunnel work resulting in some

parking restrictions—through September;

- Lincoln Hall interior and roof, Bldg. 607—through August;
- Eisenhower Hall, Bldg. 655—ongoing through March 2011, which will cause a limited closure of Ike Tunnel;
- Taylor Hall moat masonry, Bldg. 600—road to the moat is currently closed. Work is scheduled through May;
- Thayer Hall emergency A/C, Bldg. 601—through April.

Projects that are beginning between May 24-June 27:

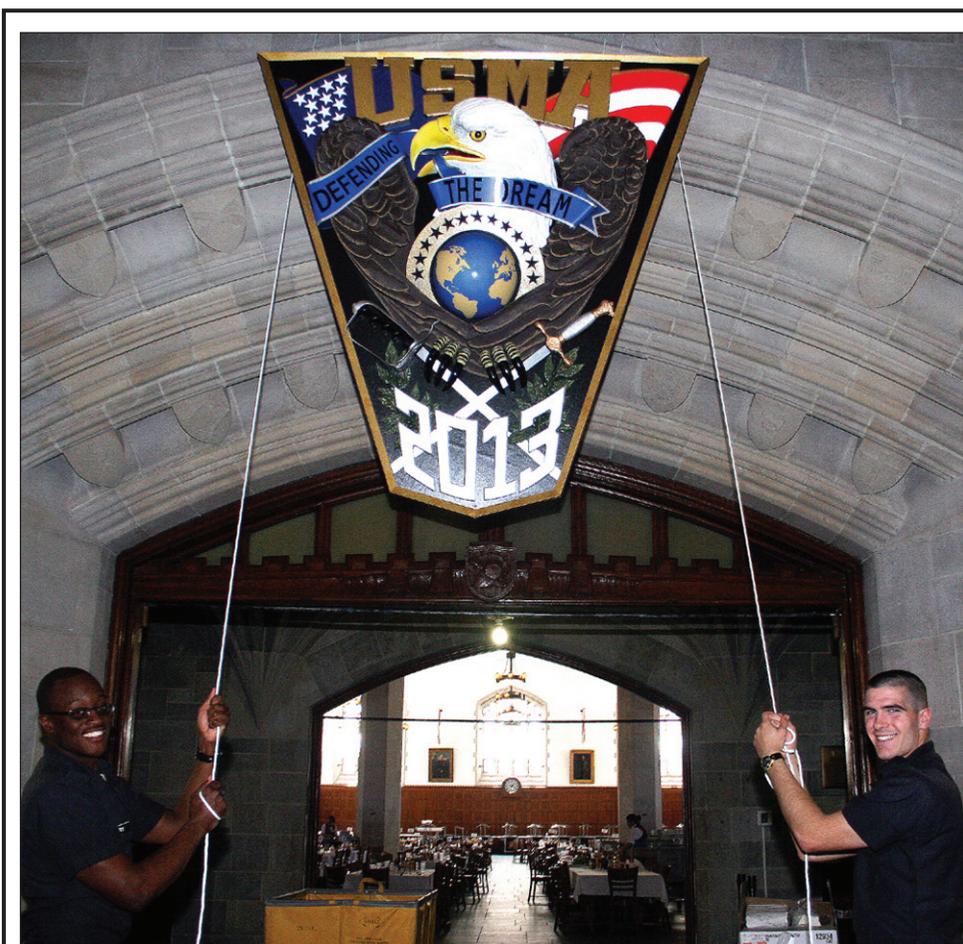
- Mahan Hall parking deck repairs, Bldg. 753—through September.
- Mahan Tunnel will be closed and Brewerton Road is one lane during June for pipe installation;
- Buffalo Soldier Field steam manhole repairs—through August;
 - Loading dock door replacement, Bldg. 745;
 - Pedestrian overpass in the vicinity of Bldg. 600. The pedestrian overpass will be closed in June.

In July, the ramp to the Bldg. 600 basement will be closed and Brewerton Road at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will have limited one lane availability.

The road is closed for the extensive work from 10 a.m. Thursday through midnight Sunday and from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. The road is open from 1-10 a.m. Monday-Thursday.

It is expected that Brewerton Road will be open by Aug. 6.

There will be limited closure of Ike Tunnel through July. Most of the construction should be completed in September. Renovation work for quarters 100 will begin in October and will be ongoing through 2011.



Crest Unveiling

Plebes Tim Berry (left), vice president of the class of 2013, and Matthew Letarte assist in hanging the class crest at the Mess Hall April 23. Plebes design the crest, but certain elements must be incorporated such as a bald eagle, a flag, the letters USMA, cadet and officer's sabers, olive branch, arrows, class motto and the year of graduation.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

"Community members (should) keep in mind that the construction plans for the summer are constantly evolving," Martha Hinote, operations representative for DPW,

said. "We can get the work done efficiently and within the timeframes, while, at the same time, minimizing the impact to the community as much as possible."

Stay safe on the road, get off the phone

Submitted by West Point Safety
Office and the National Safety
Council

More than 50 research studies have shown that using phones while driving is risky. Each year, distracted driving results in about 1.6 million crashes, hundreds of thousands of injuries and thousands of deaths.

Yet, while many people understand the increased crash risks caused by drivers talking and texting while driving, the lack of understanding about the dangers of hands-free phones remains a challenge.

Using a cell phone, hands-free or handheld, requires the brain to multitask—a process it cannot do safely while driving. Cell phone use while driving not only impairs driving performance, but it also weakens the brain's ability to capture driving cues. Drivers who use cell phones have a tendency to "look at" but not "see" up to 50 percent of the information in their driving environment. A form of inattention blindness occurs, which results in drivers having difficulty monitoring their surroundings, seeking and identifying potential hazards and responding

to unexpected situations.

At any time, 11 percent of all drivers are using cell phones, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The National Safety Council estimates more than one out of every four motor vehicle crashes involves cell phone use at the time of the crash.

"Cell phone use while driving has become a serious public health threat," Janet Froetscher, NSC president and CEO, said. "Even though some states (including New York) have passed legislation allowing hands-free devices while

driving, evidence has clearly demonstrated that even hands-free phones are not a safe alternative. Understanding the distraction of the brain will help people make the right decision and put down their cell phones while driving."

To explain the limitations of the human brain as it pertains to multitasking, NSC has released a white paper, "Understanding the distracted brain: Why driving while using hands-free cell phones is risky behavior."

To learn more about cell phone use while driving, visit distracteddriving.nsc.org.

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: Hard

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FDNY, cadets team up for crisis exercise

Story and photos by
Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photo

Cadets in Social Sciences SS464, Homeland Security and Defense course, traveled to Brooklyn April 20 to take part in an exercise with the Fire Department New York's antiterrorism unit.

More than 60 cadets took part in a daylong venture where they worked side by side with the seasoned firefighters, and it marked the second consecutive year the class has taken this trip.

The exercise objectives were broken down into three parts: provide the cadets with an opportunity to enhance their leadership, decision-making and crisis management skills during a stressful situation; provide an opportunity for the cadets to familiarize themselves with the Incident Management Systems during a simulated emergency; and to reinforce the understanding of close coordination between sections of the Incident Management Team, which is needed to plan, support and execute objectives during a crisis.

The scenario started at approximately 4:30 p.m. April 19, when a 6.0 magnitude earthquake occurred on the 125th Street fault line.

FDNY units had been operating during the overnight period, as per departmental procedures.

The West Point cadets' incident management team was called up to

coordinate the military resources in conjunction with the civilian authorities in the borough of Manhattan for the next operational period.

The cadets were split up into different cells of responsibilities prior to arriving, each cell having an important role on how to combat a simulated earthquake that affects downtown Manhattan.

As the scenario played out, each team identified what tasks needed to be accomplished to assist and coordinate in the recovery and re-establishment of order to the city.

"We are hoping that the cadets will gain an understanding of how the IMT works and we can share the knowledge of what we have learned since 9/11," FDNY Fire Commissioner Salvatore Cassano said. "I believe that they are well prepared to take on this challenge and, with the training they have gone through at West Point, I know they are up for the task."

Cassano continued by saying he hoped and expected through the interaction his people have had with the cadets that they will gain just as much from the cadets as they gained from them.

As the morning progressed, each cell worked within the scenario guidelines and determined how to combat the highest priorities from search and rescue, electric and gas issues to bringing in aircraft support for various emergencies.

The cadets acted as the military arm of the operation, much like a real life situation, while working primarily on reaction to the updates that were given from the



Two cadets from the Social Sciences Homeland Security and Defense course SS464, examine a map during an exercise at the Fire Department New York Headquarters April 20. More than 60 cadets worked alongside members of the fire department's antiterrorism unit during a simulated earthquake in Manhattan.

various cells. Members from the FDNY assisted them with some of their decisions based on their career experiences in the fire department.

As the event came to a close, Battalion Chief Joe Pfeifer, who was the first Battalion Fire Chief to respond to the attack on 9/11, said, "The cadets did an amazing job working with the various communication mediums they were tasked with to accomplish the goals set forth on them this morning.

"To begin to foster the relationship with the cadets and civilians on working together through scenarios such as these," he

added, "is truly important when we (could) work together in the event of something like this happening in the future."

Prior to breaking for lunch at the close of the live evolution, Alex Gallo, Class of 2001 and professor

in the Social Sciences department, looked to his students and after speaking with the members of the FDNY, said, "You all did a fantastic job and we believe that you met your objectives and exceeded what last year's class accomplished."

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.



Social Networking: The Silent Counterinsurgent

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

West Point cadets and officers are bringing social networking out of the classroom and into the fight by improving how intelligence analysts process vital data on insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Maj. Ian McCulloh, an assistant professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, has streamlined counterinsurgency methods by using the Organizational Risk Analyzer program to determine what persons in a terrorist network hold the most valuable information.

The program was developed by Kathleen Carley, Ph.D., a computer science professor and director of the Center for Computational Analysis of Social and Organizational Systems at Carnegie Mellon.

McCulloh first used ORA while working on his doctoral dissertation there and contributed to further development of the software. After completing graduate school, he decided that ORA was a valuable and user-friendly program to process meta-network data and started adapting it to use for counterterrorism.

Meta-networking, McCulloh said, is the study of how people, knowledge, resources and tasks relate to each other. He reasoned that much of the intelligence gathered on terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan is meta-network data.

To prove ORA's processing utility, McCulloh went to Afghanistan to meet with an intelligence analyst, review the analyst's data and use a program he wrote to translate the analyst's notes and process it through ORA.

"Once we could do that, I could do what would take a traditional analyst a week to do in a couple of hours," McCulloh said. "That impressed them, and it was actually able to be a more objective analysis of the data they were looking at."

Though his work didn't find any new insights, McCulloh proved the work could be done much faster. This led to interest in teaching analysts how to use social network analysis, so he put together a modified version of PL470 to teach analysts in Afghanistan and deploying mobile training teams.

Maj. Ed Teague, the chief operations systems research analyst for Combined Joint Task Force Paladin in Afghanistan and a Class of 1995 graduate, is a beneficiary of that class.

He is currently assigned to the Joint IED Defeat Organization, where he uses ORA to track down chief IED makers and key connections in the terrorist network.

"If I do my math right, I can point to one guy and get just as much information (from) one guy as I can from 50 random guys," Teague said.

Teague was a Dept. of Systems Engineering instructor from 2006 to 2009. The department invited him to come to West Point March 11 to teach cadets about social networking and counterinsurgency.

"It (social networking) allows us to look at a network of personnel that are related through action, resources (and) knowledge as links between different organizations," Teague said, "and it lets me figure out who I should focus on in order to disrupt or get more information about those particular networks."

By using ORA to quickly pinpoint key targets, social networking reduces the risk in the patrolling Soldier's job in three ways, Teague said. First, it prevents the Soldier from pursuing the wrong targets.

Next, that Soldier can pick up the people with the most information using improved intelligence briefs. Finally, if that Soldier helps to successfully unhinge the network, then that network's strength dissipates.

McCulloh and Maj. Tony Johnson, a mathematics professor, are both promoting ORA's utility. Johnson has been in Afghanistan since last August working with analysts using ORA.

McCulloh has a reachback cell in Thayer Hall set up with SIPR computers where a team of cadets receive data from theater to process through ORA and make target recommendations.

Johnson's son, Yearling Benjamin Allen Johnson, from Richmond, Va., is a member of that team which serves as a "piece of the puzzle" in bringing together data from the field in an objective manner to see who in a terrorist organization is most important.

"From the information analysis standpoint, that's a



Maj. Ed Teague, the chief operations systems research analyst for Combined Joint Task Force Paladin in Afghanistan and a Class of 1995 graduate, talks to cadets about how social networking is used in counterinsurgency March 11.

really big thing, especially that we can do it so fast and have it back out to them," Johnson said. "If it takes a week to analyze it, then that's a week lost already which could have been used to find the (targets)."

Once the software is approved for use theater-wide, Teague expects it will become an important part of the day-to-day operations of analysts focused on counterinsurgency.

Arabic Language Club meets Saudi General

Submitted by the West Point Arabic Language Club

The West Point Arabic Language Club recently met with Gen. Amin Shakir, the Saudi Arabian Military Attaché to the United States, at the Saudi military office in Washington D.C. to learn about U.S.-Saudi military relations. The cadets were welcomed by a party of officers representing each of the Saudi military branches, and received a video overview of Saudi Arabia's history, culture and government. The cadets were given a presentation on Saudi Arabia's military forces, during which traditional Arabic coffee and tea were served. Cadets discussed with the attaché's team the Saudi military, U.S.-Saudi strategic relations and about Saudi Arabia in general. The meeting concluded with a traditional Saudi

meal and an opportunity for the cadets to socialize with the Saudi officers. Generosity seemed to be the hallmark of the office, from the welcoming party, the tea, to the traditional lunch.

"It was very impressive how formally they seemed to view the event, but how kind and generous they were toward our group," one cadet said of the experience.

The United States and Saudi Arabia have a very close and long standing strategic relationship based on a number of strengths that both countries bring to the diplomatic table. Shakir described the relationship as based on three pillars: economic, strategic and cultural. The general concluded his portion of the meeting expressing a deep desire to allow student exchanges, between college students, and even cadets, in order to deepen and strengthen what he views as already strong ties.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day Sat.

West Point's 36th annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day honors military retirees and Family members for their selfless and dedicated service and support to our nation. Events are scheduled 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday. Activities include a by-reservation breakfast; reception and registration; welcome and briefings and a



chance to meet with various West Point and civilian agencies in a fair-like atmosphere, all at Eisenhower Hall, 7-10 a.m. There is a cadet review preceded by a performance by the Cadet Drill Team, followed by a demonstration by the West Point Sports Parachute Team, 11:05 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (weather permitting) at the Plain and a by-reservation luncheon in the Cadet Mess Hall.

For reservations, call the Retirement Services Office at (845) 938-4217/3527 or e-mail at rso@usma.army.mil.



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Story submissions should include point of contact information (name, phone number, e-mail address).

Travel author explores West Point with cadets

Submitted by the Department of English and Philosophy

Pico Iyer, the international travel writer, journalist, essayist and novelist, visited West Point April 12-15. Iyer is the author of nine books, including the primary text for the Department of English and Philosophy's Advanced Composition course, EN302. Cadets, mostly from the Class of 2011, read "The Lady and the Monk: Four Seasons in Kyoto (1991)."

The highlight of Iyer's visit were four separate discussions with cadets in Thayer Hall 144, where they had the opportunity to hear a professional author discuss how he wrote the book, the book's theme and his ideas about the responsibilities of writers and travelers.

Connecting his experiences 20 years ago to today's political situation, Iyer said that "Japan in the late '80s was viewed very similarly to how China is today, an economic power that threatened U.S. dominance."

Iyer told his cadet audiences that his book was an attempt to "make Japan real, to see the similarities that we had with Japan by

focusing on the private, the human side of Japan rather than the public, corporate world that we saw so much of in the news."

Iyer also told the cadets that while a journalist's job is to report on past or current events, a novelist's job is "to anticipate and address the future."

Iyer's visit was also an opportunity for him to explore West Point. With the assistance of cadets and English and Philosophy faculty, he was able to see and experience many of the trademark sites that West Point has to offer.

During his three-day visit, Iyer was escorted to many places, including Cullum Hall, the Jefferson Hall library, Ninninger Hall, Trophy Point and the Cadet Chapel. He also experienced a couple slices of cadet life, eating lunch with the Corps in Washington Hall and observing the semi-annual SOSH Run.

"While West Point is certainly a beautiful campus, what I find remarkable is you, its students," Iyer told the cadets. "I've taught at Harvard, was a student at Oxford, have presented talks at such institutions as Princeton, Yale, Stanford and Columbia and I've never been more impressed by the student body than I was here. The intelligence, motivation, discipline, and open-mindedness I've found here is unlike anything I've ever seen on a college campus."

Before leaving West Point, Iyer told many of the English and Philosophy Department faculty members that his experience at West Point was "the best travel experience he's had in years."

"I'm going to tell all of my writer friends that they need to come to West Point and see for themselves what a wonderful collection of students the Army has there," Iyer said.



History of warfare

Plebes Gunnar Lopez (left, front), Isaac Gutierrez (right, front) and John Barnes, in back, check out the WWII-era 105 caliber 50 linked API M8 machine gun at the Historic Weapons Shoot April 17 at Range 5. The event demonstrated various weapons dating from the Revolutionary War to allow cadets to see what weapons were used throughout history.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Farewell to the Dean

The first Cadet Review of 2010, to honor the attendees of the Conference of Service Academy Superintendents, also served as a farewell for Brig. Gen. Patrick Finnegan, retiring dean of the academic board, April 21 on the Plain. The ceremony included nearly 2,000 cadets from 1st and 2nd Regiments, the Cadet Color Guard and a demonstration by the Cadet Drill Team. Music was provided by the West Point Marching Band.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

Special bonds formed at annual Olympics event

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Six hundred and fifty cadet and community volunteers who assisted and cheered for 650 athletes were out in force for the 26th annual Hudson Valley Regional Special Olympics held at Shea Stadium April 24.

Athletes participated in the 30-meter, 50-meter and 100-meter track and field events, swimming, long jump, high jump and shot put. Adapted games for wheelchair races and other events were also included.

"The best part (of the Olympics) is the cadet and athlete relationships," Firstie Caroline Taft, cadet-in-charge of the Special Olympics, said. "The cadets work closely with the Special Olympics. It's great leadership training and some cadets still stay in contact with their athletes. It's a fun day for everyone."

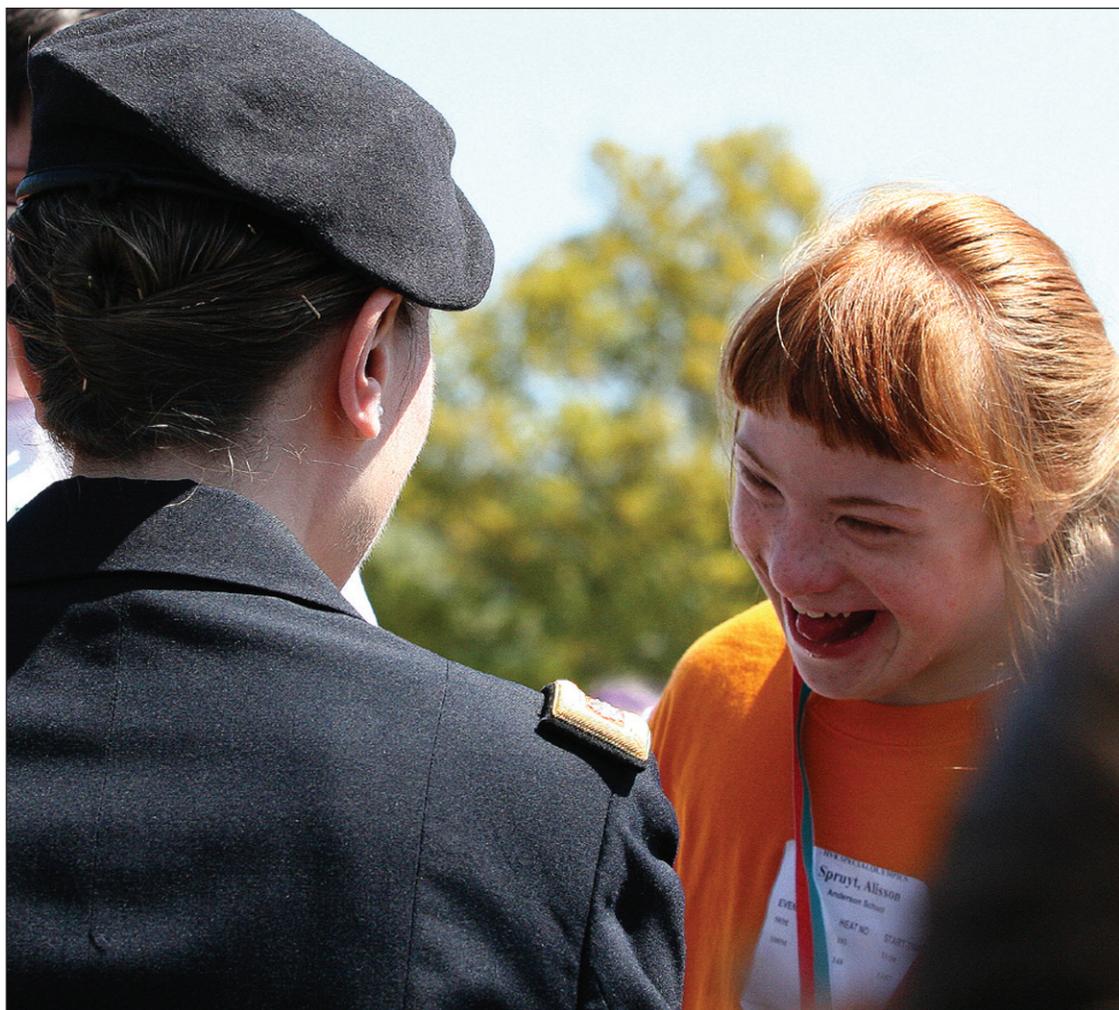
The West Point Sport Parachute Club and the USMA Band field music group, the Hellcats, entertained the athletes and attendees with a parachute demonstration and lively music. Volunteer from the West Point Middle School, Cece Kroeger, assisted athlete Rusty Wilkins in the wheelchair races and said she has a reason for wanting to volunteer at the Special Olympics.

"This is my first year and this is good for me," Wilkins said. "I have two pre-school brothers with autism and this will help me understand people with disabilities."

Before the games began, athlete Michael Camacho from Orange/Ulster County Boards of Cooperative Educational Service received the annual memorial Capt. Andrew Houghton (Class of 2001) award from Bryce Gama, a high school friend of Houghton and friend of the Family. The award is presented to the best athlete who exemplifies "Let me be brave in the attempt," in honor of the son of George and Cindy Houghton, who died from wounds sustained in Iraq, July 10, 2004.

Carl Caldwell, Tom Spear, Mark Kurtz and Robert Nack carried the torch to light the Olympic flame.

The Omicron Delta Kappa, West Point's honor society, sponsors the annual games with competitions at Shea Stadium, Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center and the North Athletic Field.



Alissa Spruyt, 12, of the Anderson Center for Autism, receives a medal for placing second in the 50-meter race from Lt. Col. Diane Ryan, assistant professor in the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Department.

For more Special Olympics photos, visit:
www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/sets/

Letter to the Editor

On April 24, our son Max competed in the 2010 Special Olympics Spring Games at West Point. It was a memorable day and Max took home a Gold and two Silver medals. What made the day even more special was Cadet (Plebe) Jonathan Kaicher, who volunteered to be with Max throughout the competition.

Max is a very active 10-year-old with Down Syndrome. Max and Jon connected immediately and we knew right away that it was going to be a great day for Max. Jon spent five hours giving Max piggyback rides, chasing him around Shea Stadium, providing encouragement and, most of all, being Max's buddy for the day. It was touching to see Jon run on the sidelines alongside



COURTESY PHOTO

Max, cheering him on as he ran the 100-meter track event.

We just want to say thank you to Jon, a very

special cadet, for making yesterday a special day for our special son.

The Popelsky Family

Robots reveal realms of science, math to students

Story and photo by Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photos

Teachers often explore beyond common curriculum to open up new worlds of learning for their students.

West Point Middle School teacher Rooney Coffey has turned to the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department to enrich her students' understanding of how their math and science classes can apply to larger areas of study, even robotics.

"The whole idea of this was to offer them (students) something outside the regular curriculum," Coffey said. "In their classes now, they do not get the opportunity to learn about robotics and be hands-on with them."

For one hour, more than 30 students from the sixth and eighth grades were given the opportunity to operate simple robots and machines that were developed by the Army and are being used in Iraq and Afghanistan by Soldiers engaged in the war on terrorism.

Maj. Ryan Ebel, EECS instructor, along with two of his colleagues and one cadet, set up and demonstrated the five robotic stations, then allowed the students to take over.

"We wanted them to have the opportunity to be completely hands-on with the various robots," Ebel said.

Sixth grader Nick Reyes' immediate reaction was, "This is awesome!" as he took control of one of the five robotic displays.

This is not the first time members from the EECS Department have demonstrated their projects at the Middle School.

When Coffey announced the opportunity to all 6th-8th graders, more than 100 students rushed to sign up.

Because of the overwhelming response from the students, they had to set up a second day to accommodate them.



West Point Middle School students test drive robots during a demonstration from the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department April 21.



(Left) Cow Agustin Bonda demonstrates a couple of miniature wheeled-robotics to a group of West Point Middle School students during a visit to the school by the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department April 21. The purpose of the trip was to show how the application of math and science was used in creating robotics.

Sign Off

The Stony Lonesome Gate electronic sign (right) will not be operational for approximately two months during construction.

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Honoring the military's "Everyday Heroes"

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
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Smiles from ear-to-ear, screams of laughter and unbridled joy of the West Point community's "Everyday Heroes" resonated throughout a sun-filled majestic afternoon at the Month of the Military Child Luncheon April 24 at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge.

The three hours of fun under the sun included a variety of activities for the entire West Point community to enjoy.

The activities included face painting, tattoos, arts and crafts, a giraffe "moonbounce" bouncy room, ski lift ride, horse back riding, a visit from Macaroni the Clown and Brian Robinson, who brought an exhibit of wildlife creatures.

Nearly 250 tickets were sold for the event. It was a great time for those in attendance and those from Child, Youth and School Services and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation who helped bring the event to life.

"This is a day for us to honor our military children as well as all children who come to our military programs," Kim Tague, MOMC event coordinator, said. "The event is enjoyed by the military Families and we enjoy putting this on every year for them."

The event allowed parents and community members to thank the children for everything they endure while their parents are deployed, work long hours or for the times,

either financially or emotionally, that are tough for parents and children to share special bonding moments like these.

"With the long hours I spend at work," Lt. Col. Tim Duffy, podiatrist at Keller Army Community Hospital, said, "it's nice to have this (event) so they can have some time with us."

Duffy's son, Brendan, who was sporting a Sidney Crosby T-shirt, had a great day eating cotton candy and popcorn, things his dad says he doesn't get to eat often enough.

However, his 7-year-old son took pleasure in a couple of other experiences at the luncheon.

"(I enjoyed) seeing the falcon and going in the bouncing house," Brendan said.

Robinson, who offers educational wildlife programs through "Wildlife Lectures with Brian Robinson," showed a number of children and parents his wildlife creatures to include a Harris hawk, Eagle owl, Turkey vulture, Peregrine falcon and a legless lizard. The children were thrilled to see the wildlife and were intrigued by the owl that ate his lunch, a dead mouse, in front of them.

Many of the parents were appreciative of what CYSS and FMWR did to put this event together.

"I think it's neat that West Point and FMWR, specifically, cares enough about our Families that they're willing to put on this event," Maj. Neal Mayo, superintendent's aide, said. "This is our third year back, and clearly it's had an impact



Five-year-old Owen Fetherston takes a ride on Ulysses Grant, a horse from Morgan Farm, during the Month of the Military Child Luncheon April 24 at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge.

on us and I know it has for a number of other Families in the community.

"It's neat the community can come together like this," Mayo added. "To be able to experience some of the things that we wouldn't normally with our kids, such as the animal show, and being able to experience that with them is special and we certainly appreciate these people coming out here and doing this."

One of Mayo's four children, J.T., who came out for the fun, was chomping on some cotton candy while expressing his feelings on the day.

"My favorite (part of the day) was getting tattoos," the 8-year-old said. "(Riding the horse) was also fun. I did it last year ... (the experience) always gets better."

Another great aspect of the event was offering free admittance to children of deployed Family members and Warrior Transition Unit Families.

"We allow them to come out and enjoy the day because we know they are going through a lot being

a deployed Family or Family of a wounded warrior," Tague said. "We feel honored we can do this for them."

Tague was happy with the big turnout of nearly 250 people and that the day was nice enough for everyone to enjoy both the indoor and outdoor activities.

"We're so happy with the weather because it played a big part on how well the day went," Tague said. "It allowed us to have the ski lift, horses and the outside bouncy (house) activities. (The weather) allowed us to spread out things throughout the day and enjoy everything."



Eight-year-old Sam Gwinn (left) and 5-year-old Luke Bennett look at the Peregrine falcon, which is being held by Brian Robinson, who offers educational wildlife programs.



Two-year-old Dreanna White (right), held by dad Staff Sgt. John White, gives five to Ready Raccoon at the MOMC event.

Keller Corner

TRICARE Español

The TRICARE Management Activity has launched the TRICARE Beneficiary Web site “en Español.”

To experience the TRICARE Beneficiary Web site in Spanish, visit <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/espanol/>.

Childbirth Preparation Classes

A four-week series of childbirth preparation classes returns Tuesday.

The series will be Tuesday, May 11, 18, 25. Classes are held in the KACH second floor classroom from 6-8 p.m. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Advance Medical Directive

Did you know that an Advance Medical Directive is a document in which you give instructions about your health care if, in the future, you cannot speak for yourself.

You can appoint someone you name (your “agent” or “proxy”) the power to make health care decisions for you. You can also give instructions about the kind of health care you do or do not want.

A Health Care Advance Directive is not limited to cases of terminal illness.

In your Health Care Advance

Directive, you state your wishes about any aspect of your health care, including decisions about life-sustaining treatment, and choose a person to make and communicate these decisions for you.

Advance Medical Directive forms are available in all Outpatient Clinics and also Admissions and Dispositions, located on the first floor in the Patient Service Center.

Updating your Change of Address

It is important that all Family members are updated in DEERS when there is any change of address.

Updating the service member does not ensure the change for other Family members.

Ophthalmology appointments

All ophthalmology appointments are in Bldg. 606, second floor.

As this is near the cadet area, parking is extremely limited. On-post transportation is recommended.

All patients scheduled for an ophthalmology appointment should have someone else drive them to the appointments, as examinations usually require dilation of the pupils resulting in blurred vision, difficulty walking and driving for several hours.



Hanging with Goodell

Nine Army football players, who belong to the team's 3.5 GPA Club, and other members of the squad went to New York City April 24 to enjoy rounds 4-7 of the NFL Draft. Team members (above) got a photo opportunity with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. Yearling linebacker Justin Schaaf (second from left), a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, also had an opportunity to walk to the podium and announce the Steelers sixth-round pick.

COURTESY PHOTO

Keepers of the Peace Powwow Sunday

By Cow Peter Brainerd
Native American Heritage
Forum CIC

The “Keepers of the Peace” Powwow will be held at Trophy Point Amphitheater Sunday.

The event will open at 11 a.m. with exhibitors demonstrating Native American artifacts and

crafts.

At noon, there will be storytelling and a birds of prey demonstration, where spectators can watch and learn how hawks capture prey.

At 1 p.m., the grand entry of the dancers begins. A second birds of prey demonstration will occur at 3 p.m. The powwow will last until 5 p.m.

The performing Native American drum groups and Native American dancers come from throughout the Northeastern United States.

The Native American Heritage Forum is very excited about the powwow. The powwow will have a direct impact upon West Point through educating the Corps of Cadets and the surrounding

community about the diversity of the Native American culture through the medium of one of the most pure and raw forms of cultural display available—the powwow.

The event will showcase the cultural diversity of West Point, and the acceptance of the diversity of young people as they transition from civilian to cadet and from cadet to

officer at the academy.

This is a great opportunity for Families and the local community to come out and learn about Native American culture and tradition.

This is the first Native American powwow to be held at West Point.

For more information, go to www.dean.usma.edu/english/cfaf/NativeAmerican.htm.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—The Bounty Hunter, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Alice in Wonderland, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Repo Men, R, 9:30 p.m.

May 7—Alice in Wonderland, PG, 7:30 p.m.

May 8—How to Train Your Dragon, PG, 7:30 p.m.

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

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 bring their moms to 126 Washington Road from 3:30-5 p.m. today.

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

To register, call Jodi Gellman, Lifeworks coordinator, at 446-6407 or e-mail her at jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

FMWR Blurbs

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. today.

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. today 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 today (Tuesdays and Thursdays), after school.

Register at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500. For more information, call 938-0829.

Cinco de Mayo celebration

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

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. Wednesday 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.

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.

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.

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.

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) Cash and Carry Sale

FMWR Services Division is holding a cash and carry sale for West Point Club dishes, sold in four-place setting lots.

Sale date is 9:30 a.m. May 12 for eligible personnel only, and 9:30 a.m. May 13 for all others.

For more information, call 938-5120.

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.

(New Info) Fit EDGE! Intro to Golf

There is a Fit EDGE! Introduction to golf for grades 3-5, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. every Tuesday in May.

There is also an instruction class for grades 6-12, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. every Thursday in May.

Register at the Youth Center, 500 Washington Road. Class sizes are limited.

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.

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.

(New Info) CYSS Technology Camps

The CYSS Summer Technology Camps are coming.

Sign up now for four-day classes in Lego Robotics, Stop Motion Animation or Anime Studio.

Class dates are in July and August at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

For more information, call 938-3727.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

Command Channel 8/23

April 29-May 6

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)

Thursday, Friday and Monday
through May 6

8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

What's Happening

West Point lady golfers

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

All levels of golfers are welcome.

For more information, call Ellen Stoneham at 614-5495.

(New Info) Retiree Appreciation Day

West Point's 36th annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day is 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

The day is a way to thank and honor military retirees and Family members for their selfless and dedicated service in support to our nation.

Activities include a by-reservation breakfast, reception and registration at Eisenhower Hall 7-10 a.m.

A cadet review and demonstrations by the Cadet Drill Team and the West Point Sports Parachute Team are from 11:05 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the plain and a luncheon in the Cadet Mess Hall follows those events.

Call the Retirement Services Office at 938-4217/3527 or e-mail at rso@usma.army.mil.

West Point Strings Spring Concert

The West Point Strings will host its third spring concert at 4 p.m. Saturday 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. Sunday.

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. Wednesday at the Haig Room in Jefferson Hall.

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

(New Info) Book signings

Tom Carhart, author of "Sacred Ties, From West Point Brothers to Battlefield Rivals: A True Story of the Civil War" will be signing his book at 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the USMA Bookstore, 4th Floor Thayer Hall.

Nathaniel Frank will be signing his book "Unfriendly Fire, How the Gay Ban Undermines the Military and Weakens America" at 2-3:15 p.m. May 7 at the USMA Bookstore.

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.

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) Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration

The annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration is 4:30-6:30 p.m. May 7 at Trophy Point.

Experience various cultures through food, dance and dance performances with martial arts exhibitions.

In case of inclement weather, the event will take place at Robinson Auditorium in Thayer Hall.

For more information, call the West Point Equal Opportunity Office at 938-2581.

(New Info) Town of Highlands Earth Day program

Bring your ideas and learn more about how we can improve the condition of our corner of the world at the Earth Day program at the Highland Falls Library from noon-3 p.m. May 8.

The Earth Day program consists of information displays by participating organizations and community-based groups to learn and get ideas about sustainable living.

Call Laurie Tautel, Chair of the Green Team Committee, at 300-5841 or Olga Anderson at 839-0155.

(New Info) Yard Sale Donations for the VFW

The VFW will arrive at West Point at noon May 8 with an enclosed trailer and will be located next to the Library Parking Lot adjacent to Buffalo Soldiers Field.

The trailer will remain there until 4 p.m. with VFW signs clearly visible.

The VFW will accept adult military or civilian clothing in clean, ready-to-wear condition, suits, shirts, slacks, as well as briefcases, music CDs and movies.

No toys or children's clothing or sporting goods such as ski boots, shoulder pads or worn underwear or socks will be accepted.

Bring all the donated items to the library parking lot in heavy-duty plastic bags to ensure cleanliness and ease of transportation.

(New Info) Vehicle Removal from D Lot

Due to graduation and the upcoming football season, all RVs, boats and all other vehicles must be removed from D Lot no later than May 10.

Patrons are responsible for the relocation and storage of their vehicles. Please note that all vehicles stored at West Point must be registered with the Provost Marshal's office.

Those authorized to store vehicles on West Point may again use D Lot beginning Nov. 8.

WPS Board meeting change

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

(New Info) Child Safety Seat Inspections

Child safety seat inspections will be performed from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 18 at the Stony Lonesome Road Fire Station.

Certified child passenger safety technicians from the Rockland County Sheriff's Department will conduct the inspections.

Seats will be inspected, checked for proper installation, use and checked against a list of recalled seats.

The event is open to active duty military stationed at West Point and DOD civilians employed at West Point.

Parents are encouraged to visit during the earlier hours of the event to allow adequate time for inspections, which could take up to 30 minutes. Parents should have their child with them if possible and be sure to bring your ID card.

Contact the West Point Safety Office at 938-3717 for more information or questions.

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.

(New Info) Clearwater Great Hudson River Revival

Inspired by Pete Seeger's desire to clean up the Hudson River more than 40 years ago, the Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival is now a yearly festival with music, dancing, storytellers, crafts, and the sloop Clearwater and the schooner Mystic Whaler will be conducting sails throughout the weekend as well as rides offered on smaller boats.

This year's event is June 19-20 at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson.

For more information, call 418-3596 or go to www.clearwaterfestival.org.

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.

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.

Second Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the association and its annual reunion in Danvers, Mass., from Aug. 18-22, visit the association's Web site at www.2ida.org or contact Mike Davino at (808) 744-5062.

Baseball sweeps Lafayette, earns top seed in PL Tourney

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

Cow shortstop Clint Moore went 5-for-7 with a home run, four runs scored and three runs batted in to lead Army to its fifth Patriot League doubleheader sweep of the season as the Black Knights defeated Lafayette 7-4 in the first game, then posted a 5-2 victory in the nightcap Sunday at Doubleday Field.

Army (23-13 overall) clinched at least a share of its third consecutive regular season Patriot League championship, and the top seed and home field advantage for next month's conference tournament.

Sitting atop the conference standings with a 13-3 Patriot record, the Black Knights own a four-game lead over Holy Cross (9-7) and Lehigh (9-7), which stand tied for second place with four games to play.

Army holds the tiebreaker over both teams by virtue of the Black Knights' series wins earlier this month.

Army broke up a 1-1 tie in the bottom of the third inning of the seven-inning first game, bunching together five base hits opposite Lafayette starter John Gentile. Moore smacked a leadoff single and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Cow designated hitter Brandon Hines. Cow first baseman Kevin

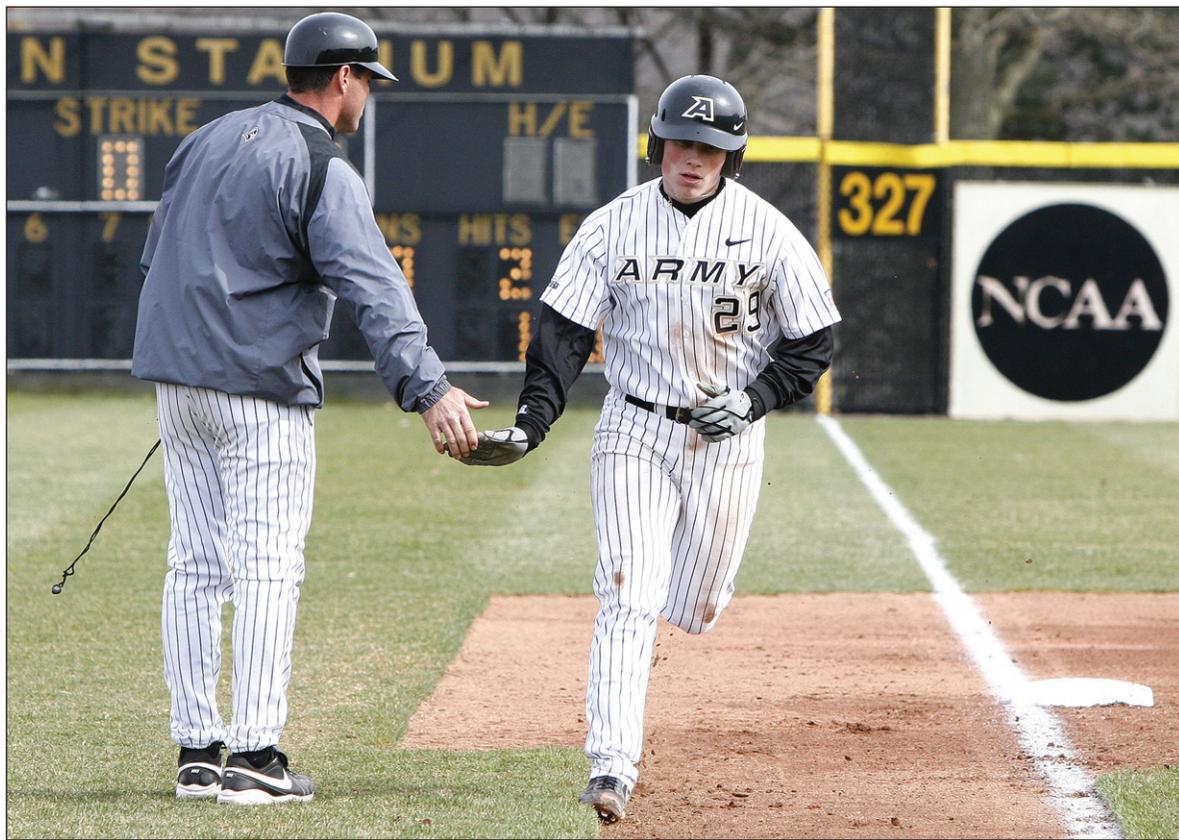
McKague laced an RBI single to center field, the first of three straight base hits for Army.

A hit-and-run single by Cow right fielder Shaun Wixted pushed McKague to third base and Yearling catcher J.T. Watkins stroked a run-scoring single to center field, extending Army's lead to 3-1. A two-run single to left by Cow center fielder David Darnell built the Black Knights' cushion to 5-1.

Bobby Fagnoli's two-run home run off Army reliever Yearling Manny Fernandez with one out in the fourth inning carried the Leopards within 5-3. But the Black Knights responded with two runs in the bottom of the stanza on a clutch two-out, two-run double to right-center field by Wixted for a 7-3 Army lead.

Cow pitcher Ben Koenigsfeld, who relieved Fernandez following a leadoff single by Matt Fenster in the fifth, closed out the victory for Army. In his first mound action in three weeks, Koenigsfeld permitted one run on three hits over the final three frames to earn his first save in two years. The reigning Patriot League Pitcher of the Year struck out two and walked one.

Fernandez (2-1) notched the win for Army. He allowed two runs on four hits across 1 2/3 innings of work. Gentile (1-3) suffered the loss for Lafayette. The sophomore right-



Cow shortstop Clint Moore (right), congratulated by head coach Joe Sottolano, went 5-for-7, including a home run, in Sunday's doubleheader sweep of Lafayette.

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hander was touched for five runs on eight hits over 2.1 innings.

Moore collected three hits in four plate appearances to pace Army's 10-hit attack. He scored two runs and drove in another for the Black Knights, while Wixted

added two hits and two RBI.

Lafayette reached Army starter Yearling Logan Lee for a single run in the top of the first inning of the second game on an RBI single by Scott Kelleher. Moore blasted an opposite-field two-run home run to right field in the bottom of the inning, providing Lee with an early 2-1 advantage.

After yielding the Leopards' single run in the first, Army's sophomore southpaw settled in, retiring eight of the next 10 batters he faced before A.J. Pisari's leadoff home run in the fifth knotted the score at 2-2. But that is all Lafayette would manage against Lee, who set down the final nine batters he faced before departing with a 3-2 lead in the eighth.

Army had taken a one-run lead in the fifth, plating an unearned run off Lafayette starter Sean McGrath when Watkins reached first base on catcher's interference and scored on a fielder's choice by Yearling second baseman Zach Price. The Black Knights added a pair of insurance

runs in the bottom of the eighth, loading the bases with no outs on singles by Cow third baseman Steve May and Moore and a hit batsman.

Wixted grounded a ball up the middle that was misplayed for an error by Lafayette shortstop Brian Davilla, allowing one run to score. Hines' successful suicide squeeze delivered Moore for a 5-2 Black Knight advantage.

McKague made certain the lead held up, firing two shutout innings of relief to register his single season Academy record-tying 10th save this spring. The Black Knights' hard-throwing right-hander struck out five of the seven batters he faced, allowing only a two-out single in the eighth.

Lee (4-1) was outstanding once again for Army, yielding two runs on four hits over seven innings. He fanned four and walked one. McGrath (0-5) shouldered the loss for Lafayette. The sophomore left-hander surrendered three runs (2 earned) on three hits over five innings.

Clark breaks her own pole record

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

Cow Kasandra Clark raised the U.S. Military Academy pole vault record and her own personal-best to 3.70 meters to record the top performance by the Army women's track & field team Sunday at Dewitt-Cuyler Track in New Haven, Conn.

Clark, who set the previous academy record of 3.65 meters earlier this season in Tampa, Fla., added nearly two inches to raise the bar once more.

The Fayetteville, Ga., native was also sixth in the long jump at

5.25 meters.

Cow LaShaunda Dupree recorded a new personal-record in the triple jump with a leap of 10.75 meters that earned fifth place.

In the 800-meter run, Yearling Shalela Dowdy garnered sixth place with a clocking of 2:20:59 that marked a new personal record for the Mobile, Ala., native.

In the throws, Firstie team captain Amanda Napolitani recorded the top Army showing in the discus, placing seventh with a heave of 36.78 meters.

Yearling Chelsea Pahl completed the 1,500-meter race in 4:49:88 to earn ninth place.



Academy dominance

Army women's lacrosse Yearling attack Hannah Johnson (#11, white) dodges to the goal and scores to give Army a 16-9 lead over the Coast Guard Academy Sunday at Daly Field. The women's lacrosse team went on to a 17-9 victory. Johnson also scored during the day's earlier contest against the Air Force Academy. Army defeated Air Force 17-8. With the two victories, the women completed their season with a 10-3 record under first-year head coach John Pellino.

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(Left) Plebe Lee Oeschger gets the disc past a Princeton-B defender en route to a 11-10 win April 18 at the 2010 Ultimate Players Association New Jersey/Metro New York College Open Sectionals tournament in Middletown. (Above) The West Point Ultimate defensive line launches into the initial attack against the Princeton-B team. This was West Point's first appearance in a UPA Sectionals Tournament, as the team had only formed and practiced several times prior to the competition.

Team unites for the Ultimate experience

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
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Following a day of losses, the cadets had to tap deep into the reservoir where warrior ethos meets the spirit of the game. After all, this was a newly-formed team, virtually untested in competitive play but dedicated to a sport unfamiliar to the average sports fan.

The game is Ultimate, a fast-paced field sport, played with a disc (essentially a Frisbee, sans the trademark) with elements of soccer and touch football.

Games are self-officiated among players so honor and fairness weigh heavily into decisions formally called "The Spirit of the Game."

The West Point Ultimate team had the right spirit, if not a heavily-loaded roster, to make an impression at the Ultimate Players Association College Sectional Tournament in Middletown April 17-18.

This was the first academy team ever represented in UPA sectionals history. That alone would have been worth the trip, coach

Stephen Finn said, but in reality, they were gunning for their first win, too.

"This is a team going into unfamiliar territory, kind of like the Bad News Bears," Finn said prior to the tournament. "But these cadets have the best intentions. They all are trying really hard and working hard and when they play, they play smart. They're not trying to play beyond their abilities."

The payoff came on the second day of the tournament when a fatigued West Point team emerged with an 11-10 win over the Princeton-B team.

After only having a handful of practices prior to sectionals, the nearly eight hours this team spent on the field against seasoned teams was an education, said Cow Ivan Cho, who co-founded the team with classmate Jimmy Teskey.

"After playing better teams, a team can do one of two things: quit and go home, or grit it out and get better," Cho said. "This team will definitely do the latter. We learned new strategies, new ways to view the playing field and new ways to act as a team. This

tournament has not only shown what type of competition lies ahead, but also what this team is capable of."

Cadets play the sport as a company athletics activity, but Finn, a four-time national Ultimate champion, found a group of cadets willing to practice on their own time and eager to compete as a team.

Assisted by Maj. Jason Lauer, who plays on a fall faculty team, Finn first instructed them on basic throws. In a sport where every player is essentially the quarterback, mastering the techniques of disc throwing was crucial.

Yearling Douglas "Adam" Softy grew up with Ultimate, and he was impressed how the cadets banded as a team and made strides in such a short time.

"Everyone has strengths and weaknesses that are balanced out by other members of the team," Softy said. "I don't think that any other group of guys could have come together so fast in such a short time and pull out a win like this at sectionals."

Considering the losses were so close, Finn

said a little more practice and a few additional players may have been enough to turn the tide. Cho said the losses hurt, but the team wouldn't accept anything less than a win.

"Every point that wasn't ours, you could tell the team was disappointed," Cho said. "Every point we couldn't save, you could tell our team truly wanted. But in the way the team performed amidst being tired and stressed, and knowing they had to put in the same effort the next day, I couldn't have been prouder to be a part of that team. The team definitely pulled through on some clutch plays and worked extremely hard to fight for a win."

Softy is optimistic about what the team has established at sectionals.

"I feel honored to be a part of the first Ultimate team for West Point, and to have experienced the first win for Army Ultimate," Softy said. "We could not have asked for a better group of guys or a better group of coaches. With pretty much all of us coming back next year, we have a great building block for next year, which will be an even better team."

Philie named Rookie of the Year

By Ryan Yanoshak
Athletic Communications

Plebe Matt Philie finished third and was named the Patriot League Rookie of the Year as the Army golf team rallied to finish third at the 2010 Patriot League Golf Championships Sunday at Seven Oaks Golf Course in Hamilton, N.Y.

Philie fired a final round 75 to finish at 224 and became Army's first league Rookie of the Year. Philie was also named first-team

All-Patriot League.

Cow Matt Krembel finished in a tie for 10th place and was named to the second-team all league squad as the Black Knights wrapped up their season.

Under rainy and cold conditions, Army shot a 301 as a team to place third with a 54-hole total of 912 at the par-72, 6,915-yard course. Lafayette, led by Player of the Year Rob Robertson, won its first team championship and earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championships.

Men's Handball wins title, women take second



Cow Christina Tamayo leaps into the air to fire a shot from right wing during the first half against the University of North Carolina B squad April 23. The first day and half of the tournament was held outdoors on snap courts prior to moving the finals indoors on Sunday.



Final Four Weekend

Cow Sylvia Thomas (above) leads Army women's rugby to its first USA Rugby Division I Final Four at Steuber Rugby Stadium at Stanford University Friday. Army faces Penn State at 1 p.m., and if the team advances it will face the winner of the Brown/Stanford match at 5 p.m. Saturday. The Army men's rugby squad with talented Cow Latu Vaha'i (right) head into the Final Four to face BYU at 3 p.m. Friday in the first semifinal. If Army advances, it will meet the winner of the Arkansas State/California semifinal match at 7 p.m. Saturday. This weekend marks the first time that the women's and men's rugby teams advanced to the Final Four the same year.

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USA Team Handball set the stage for the collegiate national championship at Myrtle Beach, S.C. April 23-Sunday, as Army's Black and Gold men's and women's teams competed for the coveted titles.

Through the round robin tournament, the men's teams dominated the field, while the black squad handily defeated all their opponents to the championship match.

The Gold team battled back versus the senior University North Carolina team to tie the game in the final seconds. It gave both teams No. 1 seeds going into the elimination rounds, eventually setting up an all West Point finals Sunday afternoon.

There were no surprises on what either team was going to do as they practice against each other for countless hours daily.

It was the best scouting report that a team could ever assemble against an opponent.

The match went back and forth with the impression that this was going to be a game for the ages.

During the first half, Yearling Mark Conard dove for a loose ball, breaking his front teeth. Instead of coming off the court to be checked by the medical staff, Conard cleaned the blood from his face and said, "I

am staying in, I am staying in."

The Black team prevailed over the Gold to earn the 2010 national championship, 30-25, while many cadets stood out over the weekend.

Gold goalkeeper Cow Tim Wagner was named goalie of the tournament by stopping countless point blank shots throughout the weekend.

The women's teams had a strong showing as well over the weekend. As the Gold team took third place over the weekend, the Black team battled heated rival University North Carolina for the women's crown.

Much like every tournament throughout the year, UNC and Army's Black team went back and forth through the first half and were tied at 10-10.

Late in the second half, the Lady Tar Heels pulled away to take the crown by a 15-12 score.

"They got some better shots off on us," Maj. Keke Langkamp, Army's women's handball head coach, said. "But both teams played incredible and Carolina has something to be proud of."

Army Black's Firstie Alexandria Scott produced three goals, while Firsties Joy Turner and Amelia Storey each put two goals on the scoreboard. Cow Audrey Moton, the tournament's MVP, Firstie Ann Brakefield, Cow Morghan Mcaleney, Plebe Trish O'Toole and Cow Abigail Bandi all scored once in the final match.

CLUB RESULTS

• **Triathlon Team**—Firstie Ashley Morgan captured the women's 20-24 age group national title and Plebe Brian Trainor was victorious in the men's 18-19 age group Sunday at USA Triathlon's 2010 Duathlon Age Group National Championship in Richmond, Va.

In addition to earning a national title, Morgan and Trainor qualified to represent Team USA at the 2010 ITU Duathlon World Championships this September in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Sunday's race was a part of USAT's 2010 National Duathlon Festival, which featured a record field of nearly 1,800 competitors over two days of racing in downtown Richmond.

Duathlons are run-bike-run events, and Sunday's Age Group National Championship was contested on a 5k-38k-5k course.

Sports calendar

April 29-May 6

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TODAY—SOFTBALL VS. MARIST, 5 P.M. (DOUBLEHEADER), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX.

FRIDAY—PATRIOT LEAGUE MEN'S LACROSSE SEMIFINALS, ARMY VS. BUCKNELL, 3 P.M., MICHIE STADIUM (TELEVISED: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS.)

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

SUNDAY—BASEBALL VS. BUCKNELL,

1 P.M. (DOUBLEHEADER), DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

SUNDAY—PATRIOT LEAGUE MEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP, IF ARMY WINS THE BLACK KNIGHTS FACE THE NAVY/LAFAYETTE SEMIFINAL WINNER, 3 P.M., MICHIE STADIUM (TELEVISED: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS.)

Club

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