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Frogs take Ultimate Frisbee title

F-4 Frogs' Firstie Craig J. Hunninghake tosses the Frisbee past G-2 Gators' Firstie Edmond Martin in the first half of the Brigade Ultimate Frisbee championships Nov. 23 at Daly Field. The Frogs took down the Gators 7-2, earning the right to represent West Point against the Midshipmen at Annapolis Tuesday. Brigade Championship Week is the culminating event for the Fall Company Athletic season when 32 companies compete throughout a regular season, advance through the playoffs to determine who will ultimately face their Navy counterparts during Army-Navy Week. Check pages 8-9 for more Brigade Championship Week photos.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Life Sciences major Smith named Marshall Scholar

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

From helping establish the academy's first competitive Ultimate Frisbee team to molecular biology research, Firstie Jeremy Smith has accomplished much in his time at West Point.

The Grapevine, Texas, native recently added Marshall Scholar to his list of accolades. Since 1953, the Marshall Scholarship program provides students with two fully-funded years of study at any university in the United Kingdom and is applicable to any field of study. Approximately 40 students are selected annually.

"Winning this scholarship is a great honor for me," Smith said. "I owe so much to my friends and Family, and to the teachers and mentors who helped along the way."

His research on non-coding regulatory RNA sequences is one example of the exceptional level of research Smith has participated in while at West Point.

"During the summer between my sophomore and junior years, I worked at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in the Winkler Laboratory on Molecular Biology," Smith said. "Our work focused on non-coding regulatory RNA sequences, which are a novel method of controlling or regulating biological life forms. The specific application of our research was a new method to counter anthrax."

Smith was also integral in establishing an Ultimate Frisbee team within the Corps of Cadets. In April, they were the first academy team ever represented in Ultimate Players Association sectionals history.

"Putting together this team has been a multi-year process and owes a lot of its growth to the leadership of Firstie Ivan Cho and Dr. Stephen Finn (coach)," Smith said. "We've had an influx of talented cadets this past year and the development has been spectacular. With a little more training, West Point is going to be a force to be reckoned with on the national scene."

Firstie Jeremy Smith received Marshall Scholarship recently.

Smith's academic assignments often took him away from the fields of friendly strife and, at times, far away from West Point to places like China and Kenya. Finn, assistant director at the Center for Teaching Excellence, said, from a coach's perspective, Smith proved to be a true leader among his peers.

"Jeremy is the kind of player that is a joy to coach. He is a strong competitor who does not let his competitiveness detract from his sportsmanship," Finn said. "He graciously accepts criticism and is eager to constantly improve his play, even though he is one of the more talented players on the team."

Smith is a Life Sciences major with the ambition of becoming a doctor—a goal he plans on pursuing after his studies abroad where he will study Modern Epidemiology at Imperial College in London.

"Life Sciences definitely helps me reach that goal," Smith said. "I try to learn as much as I can about medicine, biotechnology and the human body as I can while preparing for medical school. I eventually want to work with bionics and help restore lost functions to our wounded warriors."

Holiday Safety Tips

Submitted by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

Once again, the holiday shopping season has arrived, which is one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

Unfortunately, this is also the time of year when the criminals go shopping, looking for easy targets.

During this time, it is important to maintain your situational awareness and pay special attention to the things going on around you.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind and share with Family and friends to help reduce the chances of becoming a victim:

• Coordinate shopping trips with a friend or Family member. There is safety in numbers;

• Park in a well-lit space and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk. Have your keys out and ready before you get to your car. As you approach your vehicle, scan the area, glance underneath the vehicle and take a quick look inside before entering;

• Dress down while shopping instead of wearing expensive clothing and jewelry which attracts thieves;

• Return to the mall or store for assistance if you spot suspicious activity near your vehicle. If someone approaches, and you feel threatened, get in and lock up until they leave the area. If they loiter, drive away;

• As you shop, be alert in crowded places. Among pickpockets' favorites are revolving doors, jammed aisles, elevators and public transportation stops and vehicles, especially at rush hour;

• Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm. Men should carry their wallet in their front pocket;

• Thieves often target food courts. Don't leave handbags or gifts unattended;

• Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if they become separated in a store or shopping mall;

• Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with checks, credit, charge or debit cards;

• Be aware of where your purse is when you go to restaurants or hotel lounges. Thieves prey on purses hung over the back of a chair or left on the floor;

• If you're using an ATM, choose an active location during daylight hours or one inside a mall. Don't waste time. Have your card ready, complete your transaction and leave as soon as possible. Don't flash cash around.

• Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.

While this is not an all inclusive list, it contains a few measures to remember as you prepare for your holiday shopping trips.

Developing personal habits and practices like those noted can frustrate criminals and also go hand-in-hand with combating terrorism. Incorporating these measures along with Antiterrorism Awareness Level I training measures into your daily life will help reduce the criminal's advantage.

Remember to promptly report suspicious persons, vehicles and crimes to the local law enforcement agency.

As a reminder, reports can be sent by using the iWATCH site found at **www.usma.edu/**.

For additional information or assistance, contact the DPTMS AT/FP Office at 938-8859 or 938-3650.

Army-Navy Week force protection

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

Army-Navy Week starts Sunday at West Point and the following offers various activities and force protection measures ongoing throughout the week.

Sunday—(First Captain's briefing): Traffic along Washington Road in front of the Superintendent's quarters and Ruger Road, from the traffic dummy to the Washington and Jefferson Road intersection, will be blocked for about 20 minutes beginning at 7 p.m. to support formations moving to Ike Hall.

Monday and Tuesday—(March-on Rehearsal): Traffic along Washington Road in front of the Superintendent's quarters and along Ruger Road leading to Shea Stadium will be blocked to support the movement of formations marching to the stadium.

Traffic will be blocked in the vicinity of Shea throughout the rehearsal. The rehearsal period for both days is from 4-6:30 p.m.

Members of the workforce who park in the Eisenhower Hall parking lots and around Bldg. 667A may be delayed by marching units from 4-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-7 p.m.

Wednesday—(Goat-Engineer games/cadet barbecue): The Goat-Engineer football games will take place at Michie Stadium.

The women's game starts at 5 p.m. and the men's at 6:30 p.m. In support of the events, the following measures will be in effect:

• Mills Road in front of Michie Stadium from the intersection with Stony Lonesome Road to the Howze Place intersection will be closed to traffic from 3 p.m. until the activities are complete at approximately 7:30 p.m.;

• Off-post personnel attending the games are encouraged to enter the installation through Stony Lonesome gate and use A, AAA and C lots for parking. Stadium Gates 1 and 3 will be open to access Michie Stadium;

• Fenton Road will remain open for movement during the games.

Dec. 9—(Bonfire/Army team send off): Parking will be allowed in Clinton and Doubleday Lots during the bonfire.

Vehicles exiting Clinton and Doubleday Lots during the activities must turn right onto Cullum Road toward the West Point Club. Blocking positions on Cullum Road at the quarters 101 intersection and Doubleday Lot entrances will deny vehicle access to the Trophy Point area beginning around 5:30 p.m.

Parking will be available on Thayer Hall roof. Personnel going TDY or on leave are reminded to not park in Clinton Lot.

As always, all personnel at West Point—Soldiers, civilians, Family members and contractors—should remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activities to the Military Police Desk at 938-3333.

As a reminder, residents can send suspicious behavior and activity reports by using the iWATCH website found at **www.usma.edu**. Remember, ***If you see something, say something!***

For more information, contact DPTMS at 938-8859.

Community Awareness Campaign Committee reminds everyone to drive safely

The Holiday season has arrived. This time of the year generally means more parties, which often raises alcohol consumption.

Driving defensively means not only taking responsibility for yourself and your actions, but also keeping an eye on "the other guy."

If you plan to drink alcoholic beverages, designate a driver who isn't. Alcohol is a factor in almost half of all fatal motor vehicle crashes. If you are a host for a party, here are some things you can do to promote responsible drinking at a social function:

• Provide plenty of non-alcoholic beverages;
• Do not pressure guests to drink;
• Serve food to slow the rate of absorption of alcohol;
• Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the party is complete;
• If guests drink too much, call a cab or arrange a ride with a sober driver.

Having a fun holiday is having a safe holiday.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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Combat Weapons Team hosted annual shoot

Story and photo by Cow Tom Snukis
Combat Weapons Team PAO

The Combat Weapons Team hosted its annual Law Enforcement Shoot in late November, as team members practiced their instructor skills while teaching law enforcement officers from all over New York and New Jersey the finer points of both rifle and pistol marksmanship.

The event was conducted almost completely by the cadets on the team, providing them an unparalleled opportunity to use the skills the team is constantly training on.

Because the CWT has focuses on combat and competition shooting, as well as other tactical skills, the team puts an emphasis on being able to transfer those skills in the form of instruction.

The day started with a review of the basics which quickly increased in intensity. The law enforcement officers were required to engage targets from ranges at distances of five to 25 meters under varying conditions.

Shooting while moving, one of the conceptually simplest yet hardest to master skills, proved to be a very helpful block of instruction. Starting with simple forward and backward movements, the officers quickly progressed into scenarios, with Firstie Mike Tovo leading the drills. It was clear that the officers got a lot of training value out of what the team had planned throughout the day, judging from their after-action review comments and their marked improvement.

With the AAR completed, the CWT reached the end of yet another successful training event. However, the team doesn't have much time to rest on its haunches. With upcoming events such as the Joint Service Academy Combat Weapons Competition against Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, as well as training events with the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team, the team's tempo is already back to full steam.

Cow Josh Mathews and Firstie Phil Hayward instruct law enforcement officers from New York and New Jersey during the Combat Weapons Team's annual Law Enforcement Shoot in November.

Celebration of life

Dancers from the Redhawk Dance Troupe and audience members perform a two-step during the observance of Native American Heritage Month Nov. 19 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom. The theme of the event was, "Life is Sacred–Celebrate Native Communities," and included displays of authentic Native American artifacts, food samplings and children's crafts. The troupe is part of the Redhawk Native American Arts Council, a non-profit educational and diversity foundation based in New York City. The event was hosted by the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic and the Native American Heritage Forum, a cadet club that supports and assists Native American cadets in transitioning from civilian to officer status. The club also serves to educate the Corps of Cadets on Native American history and culture. Native Americans have served in defense of the nation from the French-Indian War up to today's conflicts.

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Contest promotes a 'greener' holiday

By Mike Strasser
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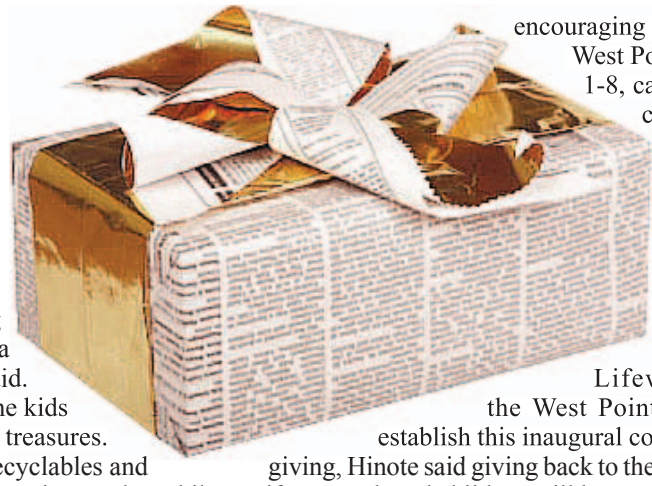

Ever dream of a green Christmas?

The first Recycled Holiday Decoration Contest invites West Point youth to stay earth-conscious this holiday season by creating a decoration using recycled material.

"The holidays generate lots of trash in wrapping paper, boxes and discarding of old lights, appliances and toys," Martha Hinote, Directorate of Public Works, said. "We wanted to find a way to energize the kids into thinking about turning trash into treasures. The idea of holiday decorations from recyclables and natural items seems to fit what we are trying to do, while encouraging everyone to recycle."

West Point children, in grades 1-8, can submit a decoration constructed with at least 50 percent recycled or natural products, such as wrapping paper, pine cones, seeds and used greeting cards.

DPW teamed with the Balfour Beatty Communities Lifeworks Program and the West Point's Women's Club to establish this inaugural contest. In this season of giving, Hinote said giving back to the earth is one of the best gifts around, and children will be rewarded for their effort.

The contest will award first and second place prizes for the top decorations in four grade brackets. The prizes, courtesy of a grant from the Women's Club, are PX gift cards.

"The West Point Women's Club is excited to be a part of such a wonderful holiday contest that supports recycling," Amy LaGrange, WPWC 1st Vice President, said. "The West Point children have a great opportunity to show off their creativity by making a recycled holiday decoration. Recycling is hopefully something we are already doing, but the contest allows children to get involved and be environmentally conscious as well."

The deadline for entries is Dec. 10, and decorations must be submitted to the West Point Elementary School, Middle School or Balfour Beatty Lifeworks Office.

For rules and further instruction, visit **www.westpointfamilyhousing.com** and click on the flyer in the events section.

Big thanks on the menu for Cadet Mess Hall staff

By Firsties Christina Tamayo
and Tjolanda Sullivan
Special to the Pointer View

The U.S. Corps of Cadets said a big thanks to the Mess Hall staff Nov. 18 during the second annual Mess Hall Appreciation Day. The Mess Hall staff ensures that breakfast, lunch and dinner is provided daily for roughly 4,700 members of the Corps with some shifts starting as early as 3 a.m.

The Respect Staff organized a lunch-time ceremony recognizing several outstanding Mess Hall workers to include cooks Early Skates, Marie Janvier, Nelson Arroyo, Redrequis Ward and Michael Lynch. Also recognized were Lawrence Coleman (Inspector), Augustine Guerriero (Material Handler) and Zachary Gillion (Baker).

All the recognized workers were treated to recognition at the top of the Poop Deck where the Corps demonstrated their appreciation with a thunderous and rowdy cheer.

"I've worked here for 29 years … I love what I do and the cadets are great," Skates said. "I've seen so many of them pass through here over the years."

Janvier, originally from Haiti, has worked at the academy for nearly 11 years. While up on the Poop Deck, she was nearly in tears and couldn't help but wave enthusiastically down at the Corps of Cadets. She told the cadets at her table that she loved her job and truly enjoyed working with cadets.

First Captain Marc Beaudoin, the Regimental Commanders and the Respect staff ate lunch with the awardees and presented them with certificates recognizing their excellent performance and the Mess Hall's outstanding service to the Corps of Cadets.

"It was really great to be able to say thank you to all the workers who keep this Mess Hall running," Respect Captain Christina Tamayo said. "People are in here 24 hours a day and you see workers leaving at 6 a.m., knowing they started the previous afternoon. Because many of these workers are behind the scenes, cadets don't really get to interact with the workers and say thank you. This day is the least that we can offer to say thanks for the Mess Hall staff's dedication and positive impact on the Corps' quality of life."

Mess Hall staff shared a meal with the Corps of Cadets Nov. 18 during the second annual Mess Hall Appreciation Day. Courtesy Photo

Getting 'stick-time' at Sikorsky

Story and photo by Maj. Jim Schreiner
Department of Systems Engineering

On Nov. 17-18, more than 140 cadets and faculty visited Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation's main production factory in Stratford, Conn., as a part of their Department of Systems Engineering Project Management (EM411) and Supply Chain Management (SM482) course curriculums.

A comprehensive overview on how Sikorsky has remained a leader in the aviation industry was provided by the host, retired Col. Mike Mudd, Class of 1980, and now a key leader in SAC as a liaison to the U.S. military.

A large portion of the cadets who attended the trip were recently selected on branch night as future Army aviators.

Since 1939, when Igor Sikorsky first tested rotary wing aircraft on Long Island, Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. has been an industry leader in aviation and inextricably linked to the U.S. Military's ability to conduct operations to the highest standard.

Sikorsky aircraft have been an integral part of maneuvering and saving lives on the battlefield since the Korean War.

The focus of the factory tour was on the UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter and its variations. Each cadet was able to experience the main production lines, how the company tracks earned value in each airframe and engage with project managers, operations managers and technicians during the four-hour tour.

"The attention to detail in quality assurance and safety standards is really impressive," Firstie Jacob Economy said.

At the end of the production line portion of the tour, a group of test pilots and active duty Army aviators greeted the cadets and described the series of tests aircrafts go through before the Army accepts them.

Cadets were able to climb aboard and ask questions about the new modifications based on years of upgrades derived from lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan operations.

Perhaps the highlight of the tour included a visit to the UH-60M simulator lab, where multiple cadets flew the aircraft and received tips from actual test pilots, most of whom have logged significant combat flight hours.

Most cadets experienced at least two to three minutes each in the simulator.

"The upgrades that the UH-60M model have are extremely positive compared to what I used to work on," Firstie Travis Corker, a prior enlisted aviation mechanic who has just recently been selected by the Aviation branch, said.

The tour ended with a couple of in-depth briefings on the leadership and strategic vision of Sikorsky and the Sikorsky Corp., how the company manages its supply chain and how the program management offices track earned value for the company and their stakeholders.

It is the second time in two years that the Department of Systems Engineering has been welcomed by Sikorsky.

Firsties Nicholas LaPlante (left) and Sean Boniface (right) attempt to keep control of the Black Hawk simulator.

The Sikorsky trip has become an extremely anticipated event for EM411 and SM482 cadets and accomplishes the underlying task of every DSE course—to bring world class relevancy to the classroom.

Toys for Tots serves West Point Families

By Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photos

The Toys for Tots charity has been an American fixture since World War II when the wife of Marine Corps Reserve Maj. William L. Hendricks tried to find an organization to donate a doll.

Finding nothing suitable, Hendricks soon gathered a group of local Marine reservists and collected more than 5,000 toys to donate to underprivileged children. From efforts incorporated with Warner Brothers Studios, the charity went national and has not looked back since.

Even though Toys For Tots has primarily been a Marine Corps Reserve mission, other branches of the Armed Forces have become involved. At West Point, Provost Marshal Sgt. Maj. Franklin Blanche and U.S. Marine Corps Maj. James Redding teamed up in 2008 to start the Toys for Tots drive on post.

Originally, there was concern from the community that supporting the Toys For Tots drive would detract from the fund-raising efforts already established, but when Redding and Blanche explained it would only help the local community, all objections subsided.

"The toys that we collect are for our community here at West Point," Blanche said. "From what we collect, we give to the Holiday Tree at the post exchange and other local community distribution centers that will only help out our community."

Even though Toys for Tots is a national organization, the efforts and donations that a local community provides goes directly back to those in need within the community it was donated from, Blanche said.

Unwrapped toys can be donated to the Toys For Tots receptacle inside the Military Police Station, Bldg. 621, before Dec. 15. This allows the organizers to properly distribute the toys to Families and organizations that have put in requests.

For details about Toys for Tots, go to **www.toysfortots.org** or contact Blanche at *Franklin.Blanche@usma.edu*.

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Experience new technology at annual MILCHEM event

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

The Department of Chemistry and Life Science, in conjunction with the annual Military Applications of Chemistry (MILCHEM) lecture, invites academy cadets and faculty to some hands-on experience with the latest technology.

Demonstrations inside Bartlett Hall and on Thayer Walk are scheduled for Dec. 9-10 (see schedule) and subject matter experts will be available to answer questions about the equipment and its military applications. Displays from the Engineer Research and Development Center and American Innovations are among the highlights.

"MILCHEM highlights new technologies that cadets will see and use as new lieutenants in the Army," Capt. Dereck Wilson, C&LS instructor, said. "They need to be aware of these technologies and the basic chemistry behind them."

The MILCHEM lecture is intended to promote scientific literacy and relevancy using current and emerging technologies at the crossroads of chemistry and the warfighter.

C&LS faculty will engage cadets enrolled in the General Chemistry course on a variety of topics, to include emerging energy technology on the battlefield, domestic and military equipment related to chemical and biological threats and the Javelin anti-armor missile system.

According to Maj. James Gifford, C&LS instructor, the lecture is not simply a culmination of general chemistry but a realistic application of everything cadets have learned in general chemistry. Combining the lecture with an array of demonstrations essentially allows cadets to see chemistry in action, Dr. Elizabeth Mentis, chemistry instructor, said.

"The MILCHEM lecture is nested in our course goals of developing scientific literacy in cadets and highlighting military applications of chemistry," Maj. Andrew Kick, C&LS instructor, said. "The cadets can not only read and hear about these applications, but are able to touch them and imagine how they will use them when they lead a platoon in the future."

Demonstration	Location	Dec. 9	Dec. 10
IED Detection Robots	BH 4th Floor East Hallway	11 a.m.-noon 1-3 p.m.	9:50 a.m.-noon
9th Area Medical Laboratory/ Medical Research and Material Command	BH 409	11 a.m.-noon 1-3 p.m.	9:50 a.m.-noon
2nd Civil Support Team/ Equipment	BH 416 Thayer Walkway	11 a.m.-noon 1-3 p.m.	9:50 a.m.-noon
Javelin/ Engineer R&D Center American Innovations	BH 410	11 a.m.-noon 1-3 p.m.	9:50 a.m.-noon
NBCRV Stryker	Thayer Walkway	11 a.m.-noon 1-3 p.m.	9:50 a.m.-noon
NETT Warrior/Fuel Cells/ Solar Panel	BH414	11 a.m.-noon 1-3 p.m.	9:50 a.m.-noon

Getting facts at annual Health Fair

The 2010 annual Federal Employee Health Benefits fair was held at Eisenhower Hall's Grand Ballroom Nov. 18. Several health insurance companies, such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare Vision, MVP health plan and more explained to civilian employees and retirees about the several different plans available to them.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

WP custodial services will switch to day shifts

By Mike Strasser
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Starting Monday, West Point Directorate of Public Works is changing custodial services across West Point.

The majority of services now performed in the evening will transition to day shift, according to Matt Talaber, USMA engineer with DPW. He said the goal of the consolidation of custodial shifts is to improve customer service.

"Consolidation allows for improved customer communication, the ability to leverage a larger force that will now be available at the same time, standardization of services and greater support for custodial workers and custodial supervisors," Talaber said.

Customers will notice more custodial activity during the day and are asked to provide custodians access when they are working and raise any concerns to custodial management. The new custodial organization will be enhanced with additional supervisors and quality assurance personnel.

Talaber said some growing pains are to be expected during this transition for both the custodial staff and building personnel affected by the change.

"We will monitor the change, elicit feedback and adjust as required," Talaber said.

Marc Fowler, DPW operations officer, said the day shift will generally start, with a few exceptions, at 10 a.m. in the academic buildings, while crews working barracks buildings begin at 6:45 a.m.

"(Within academic buildings) custodians will be primarily working the halls, latrines and office spaces during day and hold classroom cleaning toward the evening part of their day," Fowler said. "We will try not to interrupt academic training."

An early start in the barracks buildings allows custodial staff to clean while cadets are in class; then later in the afternoon a concentrated effort will be made to remove trash.

Custodian crews in administrative buildings will work a 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. shift.

"Custodians will start the same time most employees start," Fowler said about work in the administrative buildings. "Expect short interruptions while they cycle through the offices. Once the team enters an office space they will sweep or vacuum and remove trash as quickly as possible. Bathrooms will be cleaned during the duty day, so expect some inconvenience."

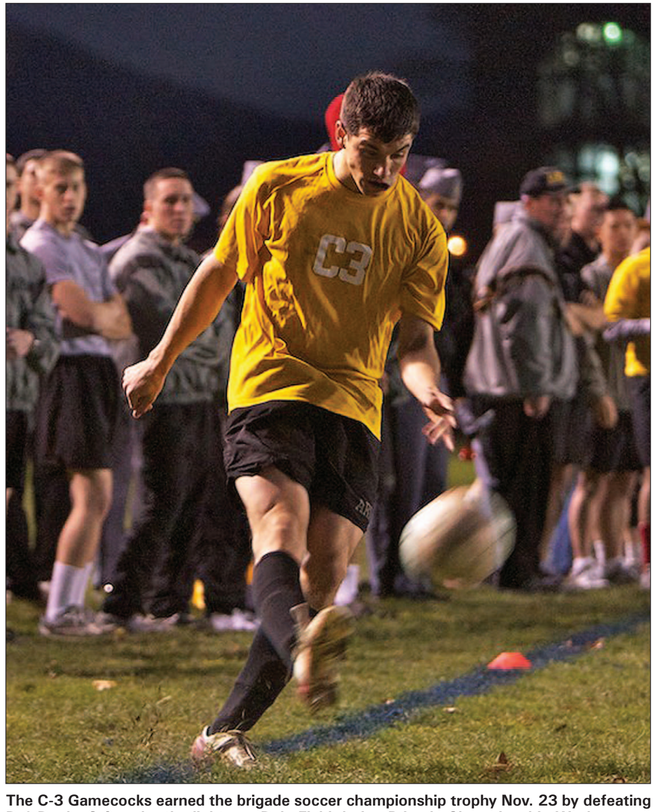
As with any change in routine, it will take time for both parties to become accustomed to the new program, Fowler said.

"Remember that the custodians are government workers also," Fowler said. "They are here to perform their custodial duties."

Victors emerge to face Navy's best

Thirty-two companies of cadets competed all season to claim championship trophies and the chance to represent the U.S. Military Academy against rival U.S. Naval Academy teams Tuesday (see next week's *Pointer View* for results). From regular season contests, playoffs and finally championship games Nov. 22-23, cadets battled at Daly Field in football, soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and inside Arvin Cadet Physical Dvelopment Center in team handball, basketball and wrestling. To see more, visit our Flickr album at: **http://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/**.

Go Army, Beat Navy!



The C-3 Gamecocks earned the brigade soccer championship trophy Nov. 23 by defeating D-1 Ducks 2-0 under the lights on Daly Field during Brigade Championship Week.

Tommy Gilligan/PV

The D-2 Dragons earned the brigade championship trophy Nov. 22 against the G-4 Guppies team handball 24-22 at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. Brigade Championship Week is the culminating event for the Fall company athletic season when 32 companies compete throughout the regular season, advance through the playoffs and determine who will ultimately face their Navy counterparts during Army-Navy Week.

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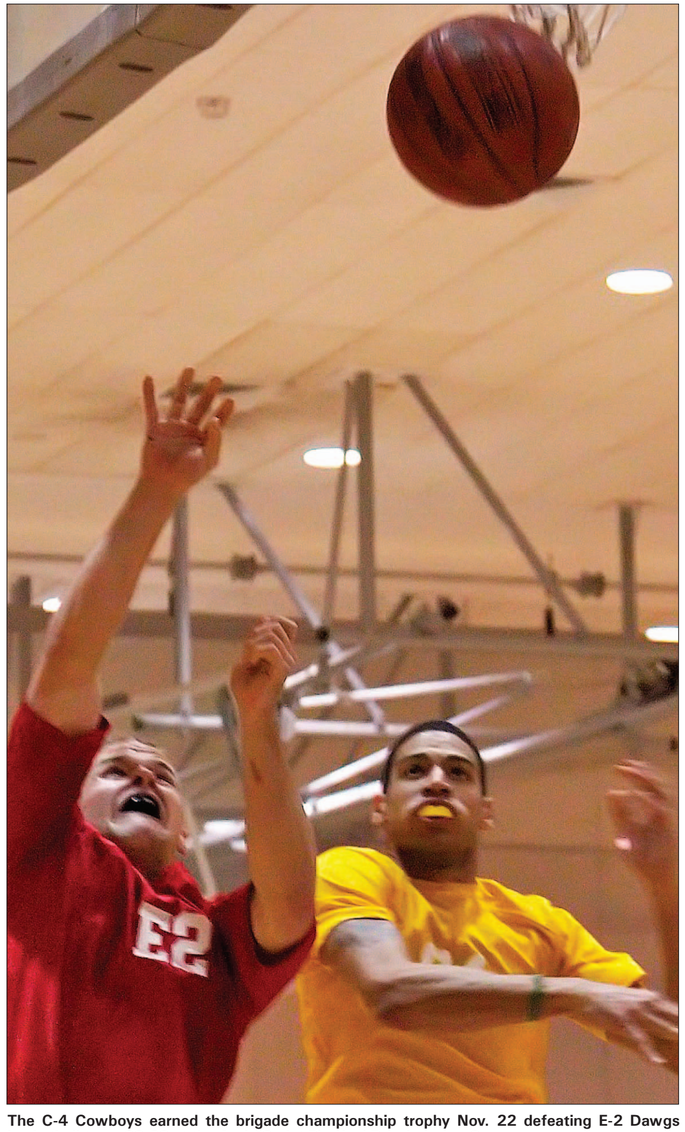

The C-4 Cowboys earned the brigade championship trophy Nov. 22 defeating E-2 Dawgs basketball team 38-23 at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

Tommy Gilligan/PV

The G-1 Greeks earned the brigade championship trophy Nov. 23 against the B-3 Bandits wrestling team at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

Sgt. Vincent Fusco/West Point Public Affairs Office

The C-3 Gamecocks earned the brigade championship trophy Nov. 22 in double overtime against the F-1 Firehouse tackle football team at Daly Field. Brigade Championship Week is the culminating event for the Fall company athletic season when 32 companies compete throughout the regular season, advance through the playoffs and determine who will ultimately face their Navy counterparts during Army-Navy Week. All but the wrestling and tackle football champs have opponents to compete against at Annapolis. A week earlier, a flag football champion team was named to face their Naval Academy rivals.

Mike Strasser/PV

FMWR Blurbs

CYSS Fall/Winter SKIES classes are ongoing

Child, Youth and School Age Services offers study skills for middle school students (grades 6-8) from 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays through Feb. 1.

Study skills for high school students (grades 6-8) takes place from 1:50-2:25 p.m. Tuesdays through Feb. 1 held at the James O'Neill High School library.

The CYSS SKIES program offers many dance, arts and crafts programs as well. A list of all the SKIES programs can be found at **westpointmwr.com**.

All classes will be held at the Lee Area Child Development Center, Bldg. 140, or otherwise noted.

For more information or to register, call 938-8893.

Spinning Class Training for Race Week

Come to the FMWR Fitness Center and join the spin team for a five-week training program for Race Week.

This training program is ongoing by taking any of the spinning classes offered at the Fitness Center.

Race Week will be held Saturday through Dec. 10.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

FMWR presents West Point's annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. Monday at Daly Field.

Parking will be available at Clinton Lot.

There will be holiday caroling and a special guest appearance by Santa Claus.

There will be performances by the Protestant Cadet Chapel Choir and the Regimental Brass Quartet of the West Point Band. After the ceremony, refreshments are available at the West Point Club.

For more information, call 938-6497.

ACS Employment Readiness Workshops

Army Community Service is offering several Employment Readiness Workshops in December. The workshops include:

- 9-11 a.m. Tuesday—Ten Steps to a Federal Career. Learn Kathryn Troutman's 10-step method to obtaining federal employment;
- 3-4:30 p.m. Dec. 10—Interview and Dress for Success. Discuss interview procedures, types and questions. Also discuss appropriate attire for interviews and the workplace;
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Dec. 13—Career Plan Development. Learn a step-by-step method toward developing your career identity, conducting a skill assessment and finding employment opportunities.

All workshops take place in the ACS Training Room in Bldg. 622.

For more information, call 938-5658.

SFAC Training Seminars

The Soldier and Family Assistance Center and the Warrior Transition Unit Training Seminars are scheduled at 1 p.m. Thursdays in the SFAC Common Area.

The upcoming seminars include:

- Dec. 9, Holiday Finances;
- Dec. 16, SFAC Holiday party (held at ACS, Bldg. 622).

For more information, call 938-0632.

Big Game Hunting Season

Sign-outs and permit sales for Big Game Hunting Season take place from 5 a.m.-5 p.m. through Dec. 12 at the Victor Constant Ski Slope Rental Building, Route 218.

For more information, call 938-8810.

Tickets for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular

The holiday's hottest tickets have arrived and are now on sale at Leisure Travel Services, Bldg. 683 (inside the FMWR Fitness Center). Show dates are:

- 5 p.m., Dec. 13 show—2nd Mezzanine (bus leaves LTS at 1 p.m.);
- 5 p.m., Dec. 16 show—2nd Mezzanine (bus leaves LTS at 1 p.m.);

For more information, call 938-3601.

Art EDGE! Intro to Linocut

The Art EDGE! Intro to Linocut program is free for children in grades 6-12.

Classes will be held Wednesdays through Dec. 15 at the Youth Center.

Linocut classes are taught by FMWR Art Specialist Maggie Oakes.

Enroll at Parent Central (Lee CDC behind Subway) or call 938-4458.

Fit EDGE! Fitness Rangers

The Fit EDGE! Fitness Rangers program consists of six classes and is open to children in grades 3-5 at the Lee Area CDC.

Classes will be held Mondays and Fridays through Dec. 17.

Students will learn stretching, relays, aerobics, jump rope, kickboxing and Zumba.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central at 938-4458.

FMWR Community Skate Program

The FMWR Community Skate Program begins Sunday at Tate Rink and continues every Sunday through Feb. 27.

Program hours are 3:30-5:15 p.m.

Admission is free, but patrons must provide their own skates.

In case of inclement weather, patrons can call the FMWR information tape at 938-2991 for updates for that day.

FMWR Fitness Center now offers Pilates classes

The FMWR Fitness Center will offer both private and duet Pilates training classes.

To set up an appointment, call Tara Gregorio at (617) 512-9501.

NEW INFO

School Age Center Night

There is a School Age Center Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Lee Area CDC for children in grades 3-5.

The theme for this event will be "Pajama Party."

Activities include movie trivia, arts and crafts and Wii Sports. There is a minimal cost for this event.

To make reservations, call 938-0942.

Family Spaghetti Night

The West Point Club presents a Family Spaghetti Night from 5:30-8 p.m. Dec. 9.

Enjoy fine Italian dining in the Club's Pierce Dining Room.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

West Point Community Project Angel Tree

The West Point Community Project Angel Tree is ongoing through Dec. 13 at the West Point PX.

Pick a decoration with the age and gender of a West Point child and purchase an age appropriate gift.

Put the gift and the decoration from the tree in the box and make a child's Christmas morning special.

For more information, call 938-6497.

West Point Community Holiday Party

The West Point Club would like to host your holiday department party from 2-8 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Grand Ballroom.

There will be a holiday buffet with music and dancing.

Reserve your department tables today.

To make reservations, call 938-5120.

DODEA Survey

The Department of Defense Education Activity will administer its Customer Satisfaction Survey through Dec. 15.

The CSS provides valuable feedback to DODEA from its most important customers —students and parents—about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement.

The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is available online at **www.dodea.edu**. Once on the website, click on the Customer Satisfaction Survey graphic to complete the sponsor's survey.

What's Happening

WPWC Gift Shoppe

The West Point Women's Club Gift Shoppe is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. every Wednesday.

Also, stop by the Shoppe's holiday shopping day from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

The Gift Shoppe will not be opened on Wednesdays in January.

USAG Prayer Luncheon

The USAG prayer luncheon is 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

For more information, contact the Jewish Chaplain's Office at 938-2710, Protestant Chaplain's Office at 938-2003 or the Catholic Chaplain's Office at 938-8761.

This Week in Army Football

The "This Week in Army Football" radio show takes place at the Cadet First Class Club from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday.

The show, hosted by Rich DeMarco, previews Army football's upcoming game with head coach Rich Ellerson.

Fans in the audience have the opportunity to ask questions and win prizes.

There are complimentary food and drink specials. It's open to staff and faculty, cadets, civilians and all Army football fans.

West Point Commissary holiday hours

During the holiday season, the West Point Commissary will be closed on certain dates.

The following dates are as follows:

- Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), open at normal time, but closes at 3 p.m.;
- Christmas (Dec. 25), closed;
- New Year's Day (Jan. 1), closed.

Weekend Sales Associates needed

The DUSA Gift Shop located at the West Point Museum is in need of weekend sales associates.

Applications are available in the Gift Shop.

For more information, call Tanisha McInerney at 446-0566.

NEW INFO

Book signings

Two book signings take place Friday at the West Point Bookstore on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

Author Richard Barlow Adams, Class of 1967, will sign his book "The Parting: A Story of West Point on the Eve of the Civil War" from 1-3:30 p.m.

Author Shannon Meehan will sign his book "Beyond Duty: Life on the Front Line in Iraq" from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

West Point Strings Winter Concert

The U.S. Military Academy Cadet String Ensemble Winter Concert takes place at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Haig Room of Jefferson Library.

The program features a variety of traditional and contemporary holiday selections.

The event is free and open to the public.

PWOC Christmas program

The Protestant Women of the Chapel presents a Christmas program called "No Eye Had Seen" at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Post Chapel.

Enjoy Christmas caroling and other festivities as the Christmas season begins.

For more information, contact Carmen Huggins at 926-1965 or Christie Whittle at 839-0122.

Garrison Retirement Ceremony

There will be a Garrison Retirement Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Hanukkah activities

The eight-day Jewish festival of lights known as Hanukkah runs through Dec. 9. Each night, the Jewish Chapel lights a candle on the Menorah until all eight burn brightly on the final day.

To celebrate Hanukkah, there will be a Chapel Hanukkah party and Menorah lighting ceremony held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the West Point Jewish Chapel. The chapel is located at 750 Merritt Road.

For more informaiton, call the chapel staff at 938-2710.

Gift Shop sale

The West Point Gift Shop, located in the Visitors Center, will have its annual 30 percent off sale Dec. 15. Store hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and the sale is only for in-store purchases.

For more information, call 446-3085.

Christmas and Carols Service

The West Point Post Chapel is hosting a Christmas and Carols Service at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 19.

Keller Corner

Flu vaccine schedule

Flu vaccines are now available for all TRICARE beneficiaries, during the hours of 8-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the KACH Immunization Clinic.

Blood Drive Kickoff Campaign meeting

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting from 10-11:30 a.m. Friday in the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683, Training Room #10, in preparation for the upcoming Armed Services Blood Program's Blood Drive.

The drive is Jan. 10-13. Request that appointed key personnel from each activity attend this meeting.

Provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 or via e-mail at *mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil* on or before Friday.

Mammograms

The Keller Army Community Hospital Mammography section upgrade is complete. If you were due for a mammogram in September, October or November and have seen your HCP for a mammography order, call 938-2714 to schedule your exam.

Medical Emergency

If you have a Medical Emergency, call 911.

KACH Holiday Closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed:

- Dec. 17—Closing at 11 a.m.;
- Dec. 24—Christmas holiday observed;
- Dec. 27—Training holiday;
- Dec. 31—New Years Day observed;
- Jan. 3—Training holiday.

The emergency room will remain open.

West Point MEDDAC #1 in Patient Satisfaction

West Point MEDDAC recently ranked #1 for Overall Patient Satisfaction in the Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey for the month of November in the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command .

There are nine military treatment facilities in NARMC. Congratulations to all of the staff at Keller Army Community Hospital. Make sure to fill out your patient satisfaction survey when you receive it in the mail. We value your comments and suggestions.

Command Channel 8/23

Dec. 2-9

Army Newswatch (broadcast times) Thursday, Friday and Monday through Dec. 9	The Point (broadcast times) Thursday, Friday and Monday through Dec. 9
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.	8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Lt. Col. Kay Emerson, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Missy Rosol (USCC), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Ortland (Dean). Community members can e-mail Emerson at *Kay.Emerson@usma.edu* for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at 845-591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call 938-3369.

2010 Holiday Luncheon concert

The 2010 Holiday Luncheon concert takes place at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 16 at the Thayer Hotel. The West Point/Highland Falls Rotary Club invites the community to the event that includes the O'Neill High School Select Chorus. To make reservations, call Charlie Murphy at 446-7704.

UPCOMING IKE HALL SHOWS

• Dec. 12, 3 p.m.—Cats. This is a last minute change in the Ike Hall schedule. Tickets are on sale now at Ikehall.com, the box office or call Telecharge at 800-233-3123.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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.

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Difficulty: Easy

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

DPW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

• Masonry repairs to Bldg. 639 continues. Work is approximately 95 percent complete;

• Elevator upgrades to the south elevator in Thayer Hall (Bldg. 601) is 25 percent complete. We anticipate that work will be completed by end of December;

• Replacement of the sidewalk along Thayer Road, in front of the Thayer Hotel is 90 percent complete;

• The temporary blocking of four CPA parking spaces behind Lincoln Hall is expected to continue until Dec. 13.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Life As We Know, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Secretariat, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—The Social Network, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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

Leets, Omilusik help Army down Niagara 4-1

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

Yearling goaltender Ryan Leets made 34 saves in his first Atlantic Hockey Association start Nov. 27 as Army downed Niagara, 4-1, at Tate Rink.

Leets, in only his second career start, made 14 saves in the first period, 12 in the second and eight in the final minutes to backstop Army's victory.

Firstie forward Cody Omilusik scored twice, Yearling forwards Andy Starczewski and Mike Santee netted goals and Cow forward Danny Colvin collected three assists to help the Black Knights improve to 4-7-1 overall and 3-6-1 in league games. Cow forward Mike Hull posted two assists while Yearling defensemen John Clark and Cheyne Rocha were also credited with assists.

Niagara had won three straight games, including a 4-1 victory Nov. 26 and moved into second place in the conference standings, but fell to 8-5-2 overall and 6-3-0 in league games.

Army took 28 shots on goal and hit two posts on the way to securing four goals.

"Goals have been hard to come by for us this season," Army head coach Brian Riley said. "One of the great things about a two-game series is the opportunity to come back that second night, 24 hours later and maybe play a little better."

Santee's goal turned out to be the game-winner and came after the referees discussed it with the goal judge.

Niagara jumped out to a 1-0 lead eight minutes into the contest with Bryan Haczyk netting his ninth goal of the season.

Army answered three minutes later. With a Niagara player off for delay of game, Starczewski knotted the contest at 1-1 with his fourth goal of the season. Hull and Starczewski exchanged passes before Starczewski found the back of the net for his second power play goal of the season.

Firstie forward Cody Omilusik scored twice, including his team-leading sixth goal of the season, to help Army defeat Niagara 4-1 Nov. 27 at Tate Rink.

Yearling forward Mike Santee scored his third goal of the season, which turned out to be the game-winning goal, in Army's 4-1 win over Niagara. Photos By Eric S. Bartelt/PV

Army had a chance to extend its lead in the second period, generating 15 shots on goal, including Cow forward Mark Dube hitting the post.

Santee finally did put the Black Knights on top with his fourth goal of the season. Clark chipped the puck to Colvin who skated in on goal and fed Santee cutting on the other end of the goalie. While Santee's original shot was not ruled a goal, it was at the first stoppage when the referees conferred with the goal judge.

Video replays after the period showed Santee going high on the goalie and moving his water bottle for a 2-1 lead. It was Santee's third goal in his last four games and second in as many games. Clark picked up his fifth of the season while Colvin added to his team-leading total of six. It also marked Colvin's seventh point in his last four games.

"When you look at the video, you can see it go underneath the crossbar," Riley said.

In the third period, Omilusik picked up a point in his fourth straight contest with his fifth goal of the season, converting crisp passes from Hull and Colvin 11:12 into the final period. It was Omilusik's 11th point this season and the second assist of the game for Hull and Colvin.

Omilusik closed the scoring with an empty net tally. Niagara pulled goalie Chris Noonan (24 saves) with just under two minutes left to play. After Santee won the faceoff in the Army end, Rocha collected the puck, moved it to Colvin who went cross ice to Omilusik. Omilusik's slapshot was his sixth goal this season.

Leets, who beat Massachusetts in his only other career start, was tested early and often in the physical contest, but allowed few rebounds and improved to 2-0-0 in his career.

"Anyone who watched Friday's game might have thought we were in trouble tonight," Riley said. "Leets stepped up tonight and gave us a chance to win against a very good Niagara team. He was up for the challenge tonight."

Army will play just once this weekend, hosting Colgate in a non-conference game at 7:05 p.m. Saturday at Tate Rink.

Sports calendar

Dec. 2-11

Corps

Saturday—Women's Basketball vs. Pennsylvania, Christl Arena, 5 p.m.

Saturday—Hockey vs. Colgate, Tate Rink, 7:05 p.m.

Dec. 10—Hockey vs. Bentley, Tate Rink, 7:05 p.m.

Dec. 11—Football vs. Navy in Philadelphia, Lincoln Financial Field, 2:30 p.m. (Televised: CBS)

Club

Saturday—Pistol vs. Yale, Tronsrue Marksmanship Center, 8 a.m.

Sunday—Skeet & Trap vs. Yale, Range 10, 10 a.m.

Dec. 10—Boxing at Navy, Annapolis, Md., 4 p.m.

Anthony scores 12, staunch defense helps Army stifle St. Francis (N.Y.)

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

The Army women's basketball team held visiting St. Francis (N.Y.) to 11 first-half points and 34 overall en route to collecting a convincing 57-34 win over the Terriers Nov. 27 at Christl Arena.

Firstie forward Erin Anthony led all players with 12 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots as the Black Knights improved to 2-3 on the season.

Firstie Erin Anthony led all scorers with 12 points and added eight rebounds and three blocked shots in Army's 57-34 win over St. Francis (N.Y.) Nov. 27 at Christl Arena.
Eric S. Bartelt/PV

The staunch defensive performance will go down in the Army record books as the third-best effort ever against a Division I opponent.

The Black Knights held Cornell to 19 points in 1980-81 and, most recently, yielded just 33 points to visiting Presbyterian in 2008-09.

Army (2-3) led the game from wire-to-wire for the first time this season and handed a winless St. Francis club its fourth loss of the year. The Black Knight defense forced 28 Terrier turnovers, which the Black Knights converted into 30 points on the game. Army also held St. Francis without a field goal for a 13:09 stretch spanning the first and second halves.

"This was a great win for us and one that we really needed at this point," head coach Dave Magarity said. "I was really happy with our performance on the defensive end. We need to build on this and keep improving."

Anthony shot 6-for-10 from the field and pulled down all eight of her rebounds in the second half. She added two steals in 26 minutes on the court.

"Erin was terrific tonight with her rebounding and blocked shots," Magarity said. "She's somebody that we rely on very heavily and she knows it. If there's anybody that can handle that, it's Erin. She's unselfish to a fault, but we need her to be a little more selfish offensively. Today was a good start."

Firstie guard/forward Laura Baranek totaled eight points and joined classmate guard Nalini Hawkins in producing a game-high three assists.

Army shot 36 percent (25-for-69) for the game and enjoyed a balanced offensive effort with 11 different players scoring.

Yearling guard Molly Yardley, who made her first start of the season, tallied seven points, while Yearling forward Anna Simmers added a career-high six points off the bench.

The Black Knights made a statement early in the game, jumping out to a 12-4 lead over the first 6:40 of play. Army scored the first six points of the contest thanks to a Baranek bucket followed by consecutive Anthony layups in the first 1:32.

A three-pointer from St. Francis' Jacinda Williams at the 10:39 mark in the first half cut the deficit to single digits (14-7) for the Terriers. That would be the Terriers last field goal of the first half as they tallied their final four points of the half from the free throw line.

Army, meanwhile, led by as many as 19 (28-9) with 34 seconds remaining and entered intermission with a commanding 28-11 lead.

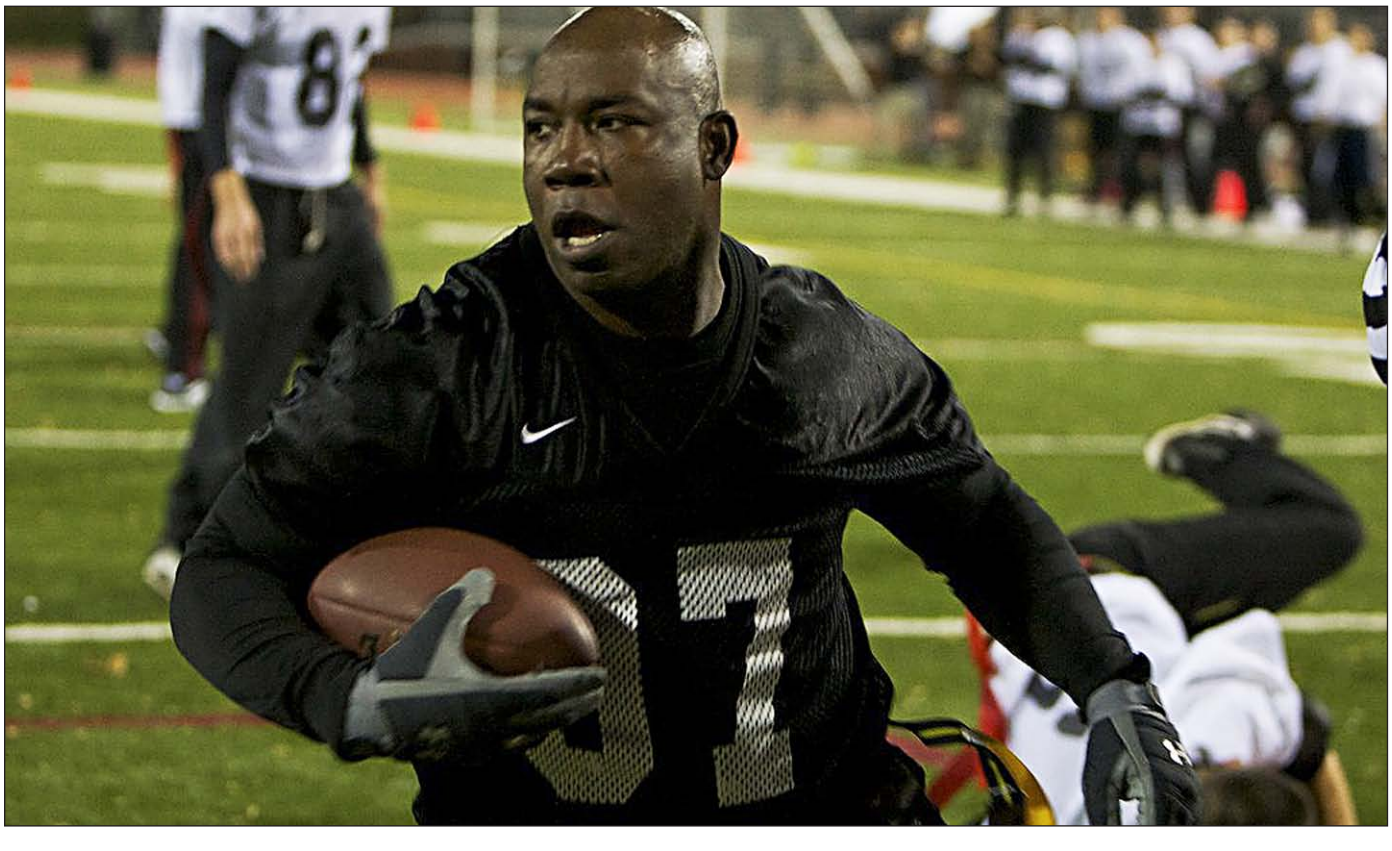
The Black Knights defense continued to buckle the Terriers to start the second half.

St. Francis (N.Y.) did not score its first point of the second half until the 11:01 mark when Kim Snauwaert hit the back end of two free throws.

Army took its largest lead of the game (47-12) on a Simmers layup with 8:46 to go, while St. Francis' Autumn Lau drilled a three-pointer 16 seconds later to mark the Terriers' first field goal of the half.

The Black Knights proceeded to hold at least a 21-point advantage from there.

TAC NCOs score late, earn 19-12 Turkey Bowl victory



Sgt. 1st Class Michael McClendon steps into the end zone in the final minute of the Turkey Bowl game, propelling the Tactical Noncommissioned Officers to a 19-12 victory over the Tactical Officers Nov. 23 in Shea Stadium. Despite a valiant comeback by the officers, led by Col. Mark McKearn, Brigade Tacical Officer, the TAC NCOs earned their first victory since the inception of the Turkey Bowl four years ago.
Tommy Gilligan/PV

Army accepts Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl bid

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

FORT WORTH, Texas—The Army football team has accepted its first postseason bid since 1996 Tuesday, securing a spot in the 2010 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl at Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas Dec. 30.

The Black Knights (6-5) will face a yet-to-be-determined opponent from Conference USA. Kickoff is scheduled for 12:05 p.m. with a national television broadcast on ESPN.

"West Point is proud and excited to accept an invitation to the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl," U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr. said. "We have a great football team of players and coaches who have played with head, heart and character, helping Army return to a postseason bowl game for the first time since 1996.

"We are especially honored to participate in a bowl game that honors our men and women in uniform," Huntoon added. "We know we'll have a strong following from our Soldiers and their Families from Fort Hood as well as from other military installations in the state of Texas, and we're thrilled they will have an opportunity to see the Army team in action."

The Black Knights secured the bid after last weekend's results guaranteed that TCU will play in a Bowl Championship Series game. The Mountain West Conference has four other schools (Utah, 10-2; San Diego State, 8-4; Air Force, 8-4; and BYU, 6-6) to fill the league's five guaranteed bowl berths, leaving an opening for Army, which signed a secondary tie-in agreement with the Armed Forces Bowl last April.

"We are excited about representing the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Army in the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl," Army head coach Rich Ellerson said. "This is an especially appropriate venue for our return to post season play. We take great pride in the values and traditions of West Point, and the Armed Forces Bowl presents a tremendous opportunity to showcase them to the entire nation. This represents a milestone for our program that our players and coaches have worked extremely hard to make happen."

Tickets for the game can be purchased online at **www.goARMYsports.com** or by calling the Army Athletics box office at 1-877-TIX-ARMY.

The Army Athletic Association would like to emphasize the importance of Black Knight fans purchasing their tickets through the West Point allotment. Not only does it guarantee a seat in the Army section with other Black Knights supporters, but also helps Army maximize the full benefit of playing in a postseason game.

In addition, the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl declared that its tickets have been sold out leaving only the two participating schools' allotments available.

The Black Knights are 2-2 in four previous bowl appearances. Army made its postseason debut with a 10-6 victory over Michigan State in the 1984 Cherry Bowl (Pontiac, Mich.), and followed that with a 31-29 win against Illinois in the 1985 Peach Bowl (Atlanta, Ga.).

Army accepts its first bowl bid since 1996 as the team will participate in the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl in Dallas Dec. 30. COURTESY GRAPHIC

The Black Knights have lost their last two bowl appearances by a total of four points, falling 29-28 to Alabama in the 1988 Sun Bowl (El Paso, Texas) and 32-29 versus Auburn in the 1996 Independence Bowl (Shreveport, La.).

Trimble, Homme named to Academic All-America Team

By Army Athletic Communications

For the first time since 1990, the Army football team has placed two players on the ESPN Academic All-America Team as chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Firstie defensive back Jordan Trimble was a first-team selection, while Firstie defensive lineman Carson Homme was chosen to the Academic All-America Second Team.

Trimble is the first Army player to earn first-team Academic All-America accolades since Brandon Perdue in 2001. He is the 13th Army player to earn the prestigious distinction.

The Ashburn, Va., native boasts a 3.77 grade point average while majoring in systems engineering. On the field, Trimble has played in 10 games, making 34 tackles. He has intercepted one pass and broken up two other throws. Trimble has scored one touchdown this season, taking a lateral following a teammate's interception and sprinting 42 yards for the score.

Trimble is one of three brothers to play football at West Point. His older brother, Jeremy, graduated in 2008 and finished his career as Army's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. Homme earned second-team accolades after posting a 3.92 GPA as a mathematical sciences and American history major. In addition to his work in the classroom, Homme serves as a regimental commander and is responsible for leading approximately 1,000 members of the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

On the field, Homme is the Black Knights' snapper on both punts and field goals for the past two seasons. Also serving as a reserve defensive end, Homme has one tackle this season and has three career stops.

Trimble and Homme are the eighth and ninth Army football players to garner first- or second-team national honors since 1970 and the 16th and 17th Black Knights named an Academic All-America since the program's inception in 1952. In all, those 17 players have copped 19 national citings.

With the duo's selection to the ESPN Academic All-America District 1 team earlier this season, 20 Army players have now gained district academic honors since 1989. In all, Black Knight players have garnered 27 district citations during that span.

To be nominated for the Academic All-America team, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore starter or significant reserve on his team with a 3.3 cumulative grade point average. The District 1 team includes all NCAA Division I schools within the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. District honorees later become eligible for selection to the national Academic All-America team.

The Black Knights are bowl eligible (6-5) for the first time since 1996, and will conclude their regular-season on Dec. 11 in the annual Army-Navy Game presented by USAA at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field. The 2010 affair is the 111th meeting between the two rivals.

Firstie defensive back Jordan Trimble was chosen as a first-team selection on the ESPN Academic All-America Team. He is the first Army player to earn first-team recognition since 2001. Firstie Carson Homme, defensive lineman, was chosen to the Academic All-America Second Team. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV