



Cadets and members of the West Point community took photos of the 2009 New York Yankees World Series Trophy during its tour at the academy Tuesday. The trophy made several stops during its five-hour visit and finished the day at Jefferson Hall for everyone to see.

PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

World Series Trophy pays visit to West Point



New York Yankees securityman Tony Amelio shows off the World Series hardware to the cadets during lunch at the Cadet Mess Hall Tuesday.

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

The World Series trophy has long served as the gold standard of excellence in professional baseball. It's the stuff that Little Leaguers dream about, high school and college prospects draw inspiration

from, and on which major leaguers build career goals.

The most coveted prize in Major League Baseball found its way onto West Point Tuesday for a once-in-a-lifetime viewing before the Corps of Cadets. Baseball fans flocked to get a close-up look and a photo of the trophy, while others reminisced

about the Yankees' championship season.

"I'm a New Yorker, so I was just happy we won," Cow Ray Nalamothu, after posing with the trophy, said.

Nalamothu wasn't in the city to see the trophy during the Yankees' victory parade, so seeing it now was like getting a second chance at witnessing history, he said.

Cow Chris Day, a Stony Brook native, was walking through the Cadet Mess Hall when his eyes happened upon the 2009 World Series trophy. Awe-struck, he immediately began snapping photos with his cell phone.

"I had no idea the trophy was going to be here," the lifelong Yankee fan and West Point Lacrosse player said. "I watched every game of the series every night and missed a couple hours of homework doing it. This is the actual trophy the players were holding up just a couple months ago. It's pretty unreal getting to see it here."

West Point cadets have gone to bat for the Yankees organization

for more than a decade, providing color guards, Glee Club and band support. In 2009, the academy participated in pre-event festivities for the first games at the new Yankee Stadium, and also at the opening ceremonies during the American League Championship Series.

The trophy has recently toured China and the Dominican Republic, and this is the first display at West Point. The trophy made the rounds from Washington Hall, Doubleday Field—for a photo with the Army Baseball team—and into Jefferson Hall, where visitors viewed the illustrious award.

Yearling Scott Lucado, a Cubs fan, hopes the Chicago team will one day soon get a trophy of its own. Still, he found the photo opportunity with the Yankees' trophy a remarkable experience.

"Getting a picture with the trophy was pretty cool because it's something you usually only see on TV," the Army Baseball pitcher said. "Our team has a really close bond with the Yankees, because we actually go to Florida during

our Spring trip and work out at the Yankees facilities."

Formally known as the Commissioner's Trophy, it is awarded annually by the Commissioner of Baseball to the World Series champions. The trophy stands approximately 24 inches tall and weighs 30 pounds.

Valued at \$15,000, it is made of sterling silver and features 30 gold-plated flags, one for each major league team. The trophy has undergone several designs over the past few decades, but the current trophy design—made by Tiffany and Co.—was first awarded to the Yankees after the 2000 World Series.

The Yankees again earned the trophy after defeating the Philadelphia Phillies in six games of the best-of-seven series last October.

The Bronx Bombers are the recipients of the most trophies—seven—since it first was awarded in 1967.

Their 27 World Series wins is also a Major League record.

Whitten, Class of 2004, dies in Afghanistan Feb. 2

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Captain Daniel Whitten, a Class of 2004 graduate from Grimes, Iowa, died Feb. 2 from wounds suffered when his mounted patrol was struck by an improvised explosive device in Zabul province, Afghanistan. One other Soldier was killed in the attack.

Whitten, 28, was commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

A 1999 graduate of Johnston High School, in Johnston, Iowa, Whitten played football and worked on the student newspaper.

At West Point, he was a double major in Art, Philosophy and Literature and Mathematics.

"He clearly demonstrated to us the qualities that we rightly celebrate in those graduates who proceed from West Point to the Army to lead Soldiers and care for their Families during these challenging times," Col. Rick Kerin, the department head of English and Philosophy, said.

Faculty who knew him considered Whitten to be a bright, insightful student, and a most personable and engaging cadet, Kerin added.

Dr. Richard Schoonhoven, an associate professor in the English

Department, was Whitten's thesis advisor and remembers him as an extremely bright and intellectually curious student with an infectious sense of humor.

"He also had a great deal of initiative," Schoonhoven said. "His thesis was extremely ambitious and demanding, combining his interests in philosophy and math."

Schoonhoven said that cadets would often joke at the professor's wardrobe of tweed sport coats, calling him "Dr. Tweed." Whitten once showed up to class wearing an old tweed sport coat.

"I was confident he would succeed as an officer because of his intelligence, his tenacity and because he was just extremely likeable," Schoonhoven said.

Whitten is survived by his wife, Starr Whitten, and his parents, Dan and Jill Whitten, and a sister, U.S. Army Capt. Sarah Whitten Frederickson, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan.

Visitation will be scheduled, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, at Hogan's Funeral Home on Main Street in Highland Falls.

A funeral service is to be held 10 a.m. Friday at the Cadet Chapel. Interment will follow immediately at the West Point Cemetery. These services are open only to West Point community members.

In lieu of flowers, the Family would like donations sent to the Fisher House Foundation (reference



Captain Daniel Whitten

"CPT Dan Whitten, Dan Whitten, or Daniel P. Whitten") or The West Point Fund. Online donations to Fisher House can be made at www.fisherhouse.org/contribute/onlineGiving, or mailed to Fisher House Foundation, Inc.; 111 Rockville Pike, Suite 420; Rockville, MD 20850-5168. Checks can be made payable to: Fisher House™ Foundation.

Donations to The West Point Fund can be mailed to: WPAOG; (The West Point Fund); 698 Mills Road, West Point, NY 10996. Checks can be made payable to The West Point Fund (Please write CPT Daniel P. Whitten, '04 in the memo).



Valentine's boodle

Cadets help unload boxes filled with Valentine's Day boodle from the back of a vehicle Feb. 1. The West Point Parents Club of D.C., Virginia and Maryland filled the boxes with treats for all of the cadet companies, then drove north to deliver them to Central Guard Room. According to Lisa Rotte, club president, this is at least the 10th consecutive year the club has made its boodle delivery.

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Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

See SOLUTION, page 8

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harrassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Maj. Maria Burger (USMA/USCC), Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette 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 (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

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With fingers crossed, cadets learn their post fate

Story and photo by
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There are many reasons cadets choose a particular post for their first duty assignment.

It could be as simple as choosing a base (Ft. Bragg) with hopes of being assigned to a particular unit (82nd Airborne Division).

Or a cadet might opt for an overseas assignment (Germany) to take advantage of the skiing opportunities in Europe.

And when you are set to marry a classmate a week after graduation, like Firsties Deborah Almy and Brad Mirkovich are, you choose your post with the other person in mind.

Since their engagement last August, the two have discussed choosing a post where

Almy, a future military police officer, and Mirkovich, a future engineer officer, could serve together.

Their initial choice was Ft. Drum because it would be a good fit for them since they were already used to New York State weather and it was fairly close to Mirkovich's Family in Waynesburg, Pa.

But when Almy and Mirkovich, who met two years ago in an English class, heard about other locations like Germany and Alaska, it piqued their interest and they talked to their TAC officers and NCOs to learn more about those areas.

"Something that my TAC said that kind of persuaded me to leave Drum or something within the states was, 'you need a good support system, regardless of where you're at,'" Mirkovich said. "That support system might be your significant other or your

buddies, but he also said (it could be) the location where you're at."

Talking with their mentors convinced them to find someplace where they could develop their professional career as well as their social and personal lives as a married couple. Soon, their minds were at ease and together they decided to try for Germany, with Alaska as a backup choice.

Their next step was to review their class standings. Based upon their academic rankings and the number of cadets in each of their branches, Almy had the better chance of choosing the post they wanted sooner. To increase their odds, she worked harder in the classroom to bring her GPA up from 2.3 to nearly 3.0.

"When I started as a plebe, I didn't really work that hard in school because I



Firsties Deborah Almy and Brad Mirkovich were happy to claim their first choice of Germany as their first duty station during Post Night activities in Washington Hall Feb. 4.

thought wherever I would post didn't matter to anyone except me," Almy said. "Now, I'm so high in the branch we can actually get Germany."

When the time came the evening of Feb. 3 to choose their post, Almy and Mirkovich waited in anticipation to put in their request. To their great relief, their spot across the pond was still available when Almy's turn came to choose.

Now that they know they are headed for Germany, their plans for the days counting down until graduation include continuing to work hard with their studies, taking premarital counseling at the chaplain's office here and gradually planning for a wedding close to Almy's Family in Swanee, Ga., May 29.

After a weeklong honeymoon in the Caribbean, they leave to start their officer basic training.

"What's convenient about that is, both the engineer corps and MPs go to Ft. Leonard Wood for that training," Mirkovich said. "So for our BOLC (Basic Officer Leadership Course) dates, we're trying to arrange it so I'll leave just a few days before she does. Then

she will follow on to her school so we both get out at about the same time."

Until they know exactly which post in Germany each of them will be stationed, Almy and Mirkovich are aware of the possibility they could be serving at opposite ends of the country. That equates to about a two-hour drive, so some commuting could be expected.

"That doesn't worry me, if we're in the same general area a couple hours from each other," Mirkovich said. "It's just inconvenient. I'm willing to drive longer and wake up earlier if that's what it takes to stay together."

Almy and Mirkovich already have a friend living in Germany, and know of another who will post there as well.

Their Families are also looking forward to visiting them once they get settled in, and taking trips around Europe with them as well.

"I'm nervous because we're not very good at getting on the subway or traveling around foreign places," Almy said. "But I've always wanted to live in a foreign country for at least a year."

News and notes

• DENTAC gives dental readiness praise

Dental Command would like to give kudos to Medical Command and the U.S. Military Academy Band for achieving the highest levels of dental readiness among West Point units during the first quarter of fiscal year 2010. Also, DENTAC wants to remind everyone that February is National Children's Dental Health Month.

During the last week of February, DENTAC personnel will visit the elementary school to present dental hygiene information to the West Point children.

• Code Red/White = ACUs

As a reminder to cadets and military personnel, the West Point policy (Policy Memorandum #16-08 Uniform and Dress Code Policy) states that the duty uniform on Code Red/White days is the Army Combat Uniform.

• Army's new web-based system

The General Fund Enterprise Business System is the Army's new web-based Enterprise Resource Planning solution that integrates financial, real property, cost and performance data into one system.

GFEBs brings the majority of Army financial and real property management processes into a single system, which allows the Army to fully assess performance and costs.

Ultimately, GFEBs will replace more than 80 Army legacy accounting, financial and asset management systems.

GFEBs is being implemented across the Army and all of West Point, to include IMCOM and MEDCOM activities, and will be activated Jan. 1, 2011.

In an effort to familiarize end users, supervisors and leadership with this system, the GFEBs Project team will provide a site visit to West Point Feb. 25-26.

For questions or concerns about GFEBs, contact Cole Wetzal at 938-6958 or cole.wetzal@us.army.mil.

Margaret Corbin Forum cadets attend inclusive forum

By Yearling Rachel Stuhmiller

Involving all demographics of the opposing parties is essential to securing a lasting peace after a military conflict.

To better understand this principle, a delegation of six cadets and two faculty members from West Point's Margaret Corbin Forum attended a conference Jan. 19, hosted by the Institute for Inclusive Security in Washington D.C.

The conference included men and women from all over the world who discussed inclusive security—a concept that all stakeholders need to include in negotiations and peace-building.

The Institute for Inclusive Security focuses particularly on the role that women play in the peace process and how they contribute to the greater stability and prosperity of a given community.

The cornerstone of the Institute for Inclusive Security is the annual conference, which serves to broker relationships among participants and policy shapers. In individual meetings and small group discussions, participants met with experts, elected and appointed government officials, directors of non-governmental organizations and journalists.

This year's conference focused on moderating various forms of extremism in Rwanda, Bosnia, Pakistan and Lebanon. Participants, many of whom possessed experience in one of the targeted regions of the world, were asked to strategize and draft recommendations in conjunction with Inclusive Security staff on ways to increase women's participation and engagement in peace-building processes.

Ambassador Swanee Hunt, the Chair of the Institute for Inclusive Security and former ambassador to Austria, shared her personal experiences highlighting the importance of including women in the peace process.

She also introduced another advocate for women in the peace process, world-renowned journalist Dan Rather.



Journalist Dan Rather (center) posed with six cadets and two faculty members from West Point's Margaret Corbin Forum Jan. 19 in Washington D.C. The conference included men and women from all over the world who discussed inclusive security—a concept that all stakeholders need to include in negotiations and peace-building.

COURTESY PHOTO

He discussed the responsibility that those in positions of power have, most often men, in ensuring all stakeholders are given a seat at the negotiating table.

Rather also spoke about his personal experiences to include the horrors he witnessed firsthand in many of the war-ridden countries that were examined at the conference.

"I was so impressed by the women who risked so much to speak their minds and to help other people . . . men and women," Yearling Doug Ross-Walsh said.

Rather and Hunt spoke of social science research which shows that women are generally more collaborative than men and more inclined toward consensus and compromise.

This allows them to use their experience as mothers to reach across boundaries and divides.

Their concern for the priorities of diverse groups leads to more durable peace agreements, according to Hunt and Rather.

Following the conference, Rather invited

the cadet delegation to accompany the women who had spoken at the conference as they participated in a special edition of the "Dan Rather Reports" broadcast from the Newseum.

The conference for Inclusive Security provided the MCF group the opportunity to meet many extraordinary people.

"This life-changing experience has changed the way I will think about conflict and peace-building when I am on the ground as an officer," Firstie Taneshina Wright said.

Here she comes ... West Point welcomes Miss USA

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Washington Hall was mobbed with cadets Feb. 4, but it wasn't just the chow that drew them inside. Miss USA Kristen Dalton made an appearance at the Cadet Mess Hall, where she dined and posed for photos with dozens of cadets.

Dalton is no stranger to a mess hall, as she spent last Thanksgiving serving up a holiday meal to the troops at Fort Drum. A strong supporter of the USO, she said the most exciting part of her job as Miss USA is meeting military members.

"Representing my generation as an ambassador of the U.S., I think it is important to show the military our appreciation and to let them know we remember them and recognize their service to our country," Dalton said.

Firstie Christopher Molaro, Company F-3, helped Dalton work up an appetite beforehand with a tour of the barracks. He explained to her how cadets maintain the upkeep of their rooms, which was somewhat of a shock to the reigning Miss USA.

"I didn't know how important it was to keep everything so incredibly organized," Dalton said. "Everything that has a horizontal line must be dust-free, including the locks on the doors. The amount of discipline they have and the way they have to balance their time is pretty impressive."

She was also given the opportunity to call minutes, alerting the cadets for lunch formation.

"Overall, I thought she loved the place," Molaro said. "It seemed like her mouth was wide-open in awe most of the time, and during the tour I would throw in tidbit facts, like 'There are 340 light bulbs in Cullum Hall.'"

Afterward, Molaro created an impromptu script for Dalton and joined fellow firsties for the taping of a Spirit Video.

"We had a general idea about the Spirit Video (beforehand), but it was mostly impromptu," Molaro said. "It was very important the video ended with the words, 'Go Army, Beat Navy!' because we plan on airing the video at next year's Army-Navy game."

Dalton, who hails from Wilmington, N.C., also received a tour of West Point, visiting Trophy Point and the Cadet Chapel, among various points of interest. She even donned a barber's jacket and gave a haircut to a cadet at the Cadet Barber Shop.

Oddly enough, the Miss USA visit started with a dance nearly one year ago. Molaro was at the Viennese Opera Ball when he saw Crystle Stewart (Miss USA 2008) sitting alone.

While his colleagues were too timid to approach

her, Molaro said, he was bold enough to ask her to waltz.

"It was great," Molaro said. "We twirled and dipped and made a show of it. Afterward, I told her she should come to West Point to visit the cadets."

Molaro worked with the academy's protocol office to arrange for the visit, and based on that success, he was contacted by the Miss USA organization about making it an annual event.

Molaro, who has escorted actor Chuck Norris and Morgan Stanley CEO Jon Mack, said such VIP visits help build esprit de corps among the cadets. With two Miss USA visits to his credit, Molaro said, in the end, all the work arranging it was well worth the effort.

"Kristen was a sweetheart,"

Molaro said. "She was very polite and down-to-earth. It was great being her escort and definitely an honored distinction."

Molaro, along with 10 other cadets met up with Dalton

again Friday, as escorts for the 55th Viennese Opera Ball at the Waldorf Astoria.

Dalton's personal escort was Cow Cody Buck. A cadet color guard was also invited to the annual gala.



Miss USA Kristen Dalton shares a meal with cadets Feb. 4 during her tour of West Point. Firstie Christopher Molaro (seated, right) was her escort and arranged for the filming of a Spirit Video with the reigning Miss USA.

Gift Shoppe opens in new locale

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The West Point Women's Club Gift Shoppe opened its new location Feb. 3 and is open most Wednesdays from 10-5 p.m. and during special events. The new shoppe is located at Bldg. 695, the old Information, Ticketing and Registration, now the Leisure Travel Services building.

"We are also open during academy events and set up tables with merchandise," Julie Horton, one of the gift shoppe volunteers, said. "We will be at Viva! Las Vegas, Reception Day and Plebe-Parent Weekend—any academy event the WPWC Gift Shoppe is there."

Horton said they vacated the old building because there are plans to remodel the building to make more room for the fitness center and LTS. LTS is planning to use the building once the remodeling is complete.

"The gift shoppe is all run by volunteers," Horton said. "All the profits from the shoppe go back for scholarships and grants. We also support the Boy and Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Home for Heroes, West Point Schools and James I. O'Neill High School."

Horton said the gift shoppe, along with the women's club, made a total of roughly \$40,000 last year.

The gift shoppe carries craft products, jewelry, clothing, cadet memorabilia, home accents and miscellaneous items.

"Herbert Lichtenberg had a curtain and drapery store and every so often, they send us merchandise that they no longer want to sell and send it to us," Horton said. "We ask



Linda Grimm, mother of Firstie Joseph Grimm, came in from Rockland County to check on the West Point Women's Club Gift Shoppe, now located at Bldg. 695 at the old ITR office. The shoppe is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays. The shoppe is staffed by volunteers and all profits are redirected into grants and scholarships as well as supporting the West Point schools including O'Neill High School, Boy and Girl Scouts and the Red Cross.

for a small donation for the curtains."

Along with the curtains, the packages contain fabric for curtain making and bedding.

"We also support home-based businesses," Horton said. "Many women here make crafts, which we sell on consignment. Most of the jewelry and art were made by home businesses."

The shop is also on the Web at www.shopthepoint.com.

For more information, call 938-7783 and leave a message or stop by the shoppe.

Plunge like a Polar Bear

By Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photo

The idea of jumping into a frozen body of water in the dead of winter to most is beyond the realm of normalcy, yet thousands of people do it every year for a variety of different reasons.

Traditionally, the act known as a "Polar Bear Plunge" is held to raise money or awareness for a particular cause the organizer of that event has chosen to support.

At noon Wednesday, although not for a particular cause or to raise money, the students of Civil and Mechanical Engineering CE380 Hydrology are getting a firsthand experience of what the effects of a hydrological event are as they participate in the Polar Bear Plunge.

"We wanted to expose the cadets to hydrological event so it will be ingrained in their minds," CME executive officer Maj. Mark DeRocchi said. "So jumping into 30-degree water will create that everlasting memory."

Over the semester-long class, the students spend 35 out of 40 hydrology lessons learning about the Hudson River as their primary subject.

"They learn about how these changes to

the surrounding area apply to the Hudson River," DeRocchi said. "To have the river run right outside our classroom window, we can see the changes from environmental factors on a daily basis."

The idea of the plunge is to heighten what the cadets have learned so far through the semester.

"This allows students to get to see and feel what the base of the river is like, especially how it behaves because of those factors," DeRocchi explained.

While lessons and briefs will continue up to moments before the plunge, the excitement is not just for a few.

"Last year, of the 79 possible students to take part in the event, 72 of them took the plunge to experience the northern tradition," the New Hampshire native said.

As the ice pack settles in around the South Dock, students and staff are getting geared up for what is expected to be a truly memorable experience. Not only are the cadet class members and class instructors and staff invited to participate, those who have an interest to take part are welcome as well.

For more information, contact Maj. Mark DeRocchi at 938-4194 or e-mail him at mark.deroocchi@usma.edu.

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Tax center

The tax center, located in Bldg. 626, is now open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Filers should start getting documents together now (W-2's, mortgage interest statements, childcare expenses, etc.).

Call 938-4145 if you have any questions.

Baggers needed

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

Baggers work for tips only.

For more information, contact Christina at 938-3663.

Book signings

There are book signings at the West Point Bookstore today and March 3.

From 1:15-3:15 p.m. today, Martin Abbott, Class of 1990, will sign copies of his new book, "The Art of Scalability: A Scalable Web Architecture, Process and Organization for the Modern Enterprise."

Craig Mullaney returns to West Point from 12:30-4 p.m. March 3 to sign copies of his book, "The Unforgiving Minute."

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

West Point Bookstore contest

The West Point Bookstore is having a Valentine's Day contest.

Come to the fourth floor of Thayer Hall to guess the correct number of candy hearts in a jar.

A winner will be selected Friday. The winner will receive a Valentine's prize pack.

For more information, call 938-5356.

Black History Month event

Experience the relaxing and empowering qualities of jazz and the spoken word at Jazz and Poetry Night from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Haig Room in Jefferson Hall.

Everyone is welcome and it's an open microphone to anyone who wants to participate.

Army Education Center

John Jay College is accepting applications for Master of Public Administration degrees until March 15.

Please call (845) 446-5959 or (860) 430-9468 for more information.

West Point Women's Club

Grants and scholarship applications are available at www.westpointwomensclub.com. The applications are due Feb. 27.

For more information, e-mail jgrande@hvc.rr.com.

DUSA community grants

The West Point Chapter of the Daughters of the U.S. Army's 2010 Community Grant season runs through Monday.

Applications are available at the DUSA Gift Shop located at the West Point Museum.

Organizations must complete and return the applications by Monday to be considered.

Complete details are on the application.

Polar Bear Plunge

The Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering Hydrology instructors and students will take part in the 2nd annual Polar Bear Plunge into the Hudson River at noon Wednesday.

The plunge takes place at South Dock. Cadets and community members not involved with the hydrology class can also participate.

For more information, call Maj. Mark DeRocchi at 938-4194.

WPWC Gift Shoppe

The West Point Women's Club Gift Shoppe has new extended hours.

It is now open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 20.

Volkssport Club of West Point

Celebrate Presidents' Day Weekend with a walk in Hyde Park.

The Volkssport Club of West

Point will meet at the Eveready Diner, Route 9, Hyde Park Feb. 21.

Come for a pre-walk breakfast and informal meeting at 9 a.m. Walk registration is at 10:15 a.m., with the walk starting at 10:30 a.m.

Two trails of 7 and 13 kilometers are offered through the Roosevelt and Vanderbilt properties and village streets.

The walk is free; but there is a cost for AVA credit. Copies of "Starting Point," a directory of 1,500 volkswalks in the United States, will be available for sale.

For more information, call Joan Kimmel at 462-6837.

Goose and coyote hunters

West Point is extending its open dates for hunting geese and coyotes.

This year, West Point is permitting hunters to pursue Canadian Geese on the military reservation from March 1-10.

Coyotes may be hunted until March 28.

All New York State and West Point regulations apply.

Check Range Control for area availability and to sign out at the hunt shack.

DUSA is hiring

The Daughters of the U.S. Army local chapter is hiring a bookkeeper part-time for an hourly wage.

Knowledge of Excel, retail and accounting is necessary and Peachtree knowledge is a plus.

Resumés will be accepted until Feb. 22.

Interviews will be conducted the last week in February, with a start date on or about March 1.

For more information, call Ginger Hopkins, President, at 567-3643.

Send resumé and cover letter to:

DUSA President
P.O. Box 78
West Point, NY 10996.

Give a Hand: Serve, Share, Support

West Point has designated

February as the "Give a Hand: Serve, Share, Support" month.

This monthlong campaign is intended to encourage volunteerism and service in and around the West Point community.

Community members are encouraged to participate in some way, whether it is through a small gesture (e.g.—buying coffee for a co-worker), assisting a neighbor (e.g.—shoveling snow) to getting involved in a volunteer project.

For ideas about how to get involved, please feel free to contact Jodi Gellman or visit <http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/IVC/IVC.HTM>.

Please share the details about how you gave a Hand by sending an e-mail to jgellman@bbcgrp.com no later than noon Feb. 22.

To recognize campaign participants, a free chili luncheon will be provided by West Point Chaplains from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Post Chapel.

Contributions to individuals, groups and the community will be recognized with prizes. The campaign will culminate in a Haiti Relief fundraising Chili Cook-Off Contest at the luncheon, sponsored by Balfour Beatty Communities.

For more information and a contest participation form, stop by 132 Bartlett Loop or call Gellman at 446-6407 or jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

DUSA Gift Shop position opening

The Daughters of the United States Army Gift Shop has openings for two weekend sales associate.

Applications are available at the shop, located at the West Point Museum.

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

United States Census job testing

Be a part of history and apply now for a U.S. Census job.

The U.S. Census is recruiting assistants, clerks, Census takers and other jobs. The positions have significant hourly compensation, flexible hours and paid training.

A written qualification test is scheduled at 9 a.m. March 4 in Bldg. 622.

Call (866) 861-2010 to register. Seating is limited, however, walk-ins will be accepted if seating is available.

Go to www.2010censusjobs.gov for more information and to take the practice test.

Blood Drive kickoff campaign

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

Command Channel 8/23

Feb. 11-18

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)

Thursday, Friday and
Monday through Feb. 18
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and
7 p.m.

"The Point"

(broadcast times)

Thursday, Friday and
Monday through Feb. 18
8 a.m., noon, 4 p.m. and
6 p.m.

Army Community Service introduces Out and About

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Army Community Service, through its Relocation Readiness Program, introduced the Out and About series Jan. 21, which focuses on introducing interesting Family and child-friendly areas of the Hudson Valley to new community members of West Point.

"The Out and About Series is a 12-part series focusing on orientating the Total Army Family including Family members, military members and civilians of West Point to the Hudson Valley and surrounding area," William Luna, program manager for the Relocation Readiness Program, said.

The first program involved visiting New York City with children and focused on areas of the city, a short distance away by train, that both adults and children can enjoy.

The Sony Wonder Technology Lab, a free interactive and entertaining state-of-the-art facility that introduces people to the wonders of technology, was one of the places reviewed. Other areas

of interest included visiting the Intrepid, a ship used in WWII; the Central Park Zoo and the Museum of Natural History.

New community member Stephanie DesOrmeau, whose husband Sgt. Andy DesOrmeau is a Licensed Practical Nurse at Keller Army Community Hospital, said she enjoyed her trip on the train to New York with ACS's program teaching newcomers how to get around in the Hudson Valley and New York by train and navigating the subways.

"I'm involved in Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts—having three boys—and I was interested in finding out what is around this area," she said. The DesOrmeau's come from San Antonio.

Luna said he created the program as part of the services he provides as the ACS Relocation Readiness Program Manager.

Future installments are:

Feb. 25 at 1 p.m.—Winter Wonderland, a look at all the great places to play in the snow for young and old, including Vermont and the Adirondacks;



Black and Gold volunteers

The Black and Gold Volunteer Awards Ceremony was Feb. 4 at the Army Community Service building. Pictured from left to right with Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno (far left) are Julie Swenson, West Point Women's Club; Jerry Parcels, Army Community Service; Alexa Bell, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel; and Amy LaGrange, West Point Women's Club. Parcels was named volunteer of the month.

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March 25 at 1 p.m.—Great Escapes: Indoors—a look at weatherproof events and attractions;

April 29 at 1 p.m.—Springtime in the Hudson Valley—a look at events, attractions and fun places

to go in the Hudson Valley during spring, such as Splash Down in Fishkill.

All classes are held at the ACS training room, Bldg. 622, Swift Road. For more information, call 938-3019.

Influenza hotline

For information about influenza and flu shots, both seasonal and H1N1, call 938-0888.

TSP TICKER

FEBRUARY share prices

(as of 02/8)

C Fund	-	-	0.38	(12.5484)
S Fund	-	-	0.55	(15.7432)
I Fund	-	-	0.92	(16.9555)

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Feb. 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

Tobacco Cessation Program

Do you want to stop using tobacco? If you need help or information, contact Trish Titus, KACH Family Practice Clinic RN, at 938-3244.

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Mary Mandia at 938-2582 or via e-mail at Mary.Mandia@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL on or before March 1.

TRICARE Behavioral Health

Did you know that if you are enrolled in TRICARE Prime (non-active duty), you may receive the first eight behavioral health care outpatient visits from a TRICARE network provider without a referral from your PCM or prior authorization from your regional contractor.

After the first eight visits (starting with the ninth visit), your behavioral health care provider must receive prior authorization from your regional contractor.

Behavioral Health Care providers include psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, certified psychiatric nurse specialists and clinical social workers.

For more information, contact the health benefit advisors at 938-4838.

BBC LifeWorks events

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Wondering what to do with your old cell phone? Drop off your old cell phone at 132 Bartlett Loop. We'll forward them to Cell Phones for Soldiers. They sell them to a recycling center to buy phone cards. Each phone yields a \$10 phone card. The phones do not have to be usable.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

Fat Tuesday

Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday to pick up Mardi Gras beads, a craft or mask to celebrate the day. Soft drinks and Mardi Gras King Cake will be served.

Call Jodi Gellman to RSVP at 446-6407 or e-mail jgellman@bbcgrp.com. This event is free and open to current West Point residents.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at
Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—The Princess and the Frog, G, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Everybody's Fine, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Sherlock Holmes, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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

Viva! Las Vegas, the West Point Women's Club annual fundraiser, is from 6-11 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Thayer Hotel. The entire West Point community, the general public and all cadets are welcome.

The cost of admission includes dinner and Viva chips to play games.

If you're interested in eating dinner at the event, you must pre-purchase a ticket to ensure a reserved spot for dinner.

Games will include bingo (separate buy-in), blackjack, roulette, craps and horseracing. Also, there is a poker tournament (separate buy-in), a silent auction and a fabulous floor show.

The games will have a wide variety of prizes available as well as



tickets for casino chance.

Childcare is available at the West Point Child Development Center and care must be reserved in advance. The cost of childcare must be paid separately to the CDC.

Visit www.westpointwomensclub.com or e-mail wpwc.viva@gmail.com for more information.

FMWR Blurbs

Morgan Farm holiday kennel boarding

Check out Morgan Farm's Kennel Special over the Valentine's/Presidents' Day Weekend.

Drop off your cat or dog Friday and pick your animal up Tuesday.

Get four nights of boarding for the price of three nights.

For more information, call 938-3926.

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

From 6-10 p.m. Saturday, the West Point Club is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance—featuring a choice of Chateaubriand for two, Stuffed Filet of Sole or Chicken ala Valentino.

Enjoy music and dancing with your special someone and indulge them with our complimentary rose and chocolate.

Cash bar and wine list are available.

Call 938-5120 to make your reservation.

Round Pond reservations

Reservations for the 2010 camping season are going on now for active duty military and cadets.

All other categories may call starting Tuesday.

Reservations may be made by phone at 938-8811 or in person at the West Point Ski Slope from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Spring Story Hour

The West Point Post Library will conduct its spring session of story hour at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday through April 27.

This program is open to all West Point community children ages 3-5. There are no fees.

Registration is required on a weekly basis.

Stop by the West Point Post Library, Bldg. 622, or call 938-2974 for more information.

FMWR Sports Office—Open Tennis Play

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports office is offering open tennis play to be held at the Lichtenberg Tennis Center, Bldg. 708.

Play begins from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

The program will operate Sunday through Thursday evenings.

Reservations are accepted within 48 hours of play by calling 938-6015.

Patrons must provide their own tennis balls and racquet for play. Payment is made at the tennis center on the evening of play.

For more information, call 938-3066.

ACS Newcomer's Orientation

An Army Community Service Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome will be held at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday-Feb. 18 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

If you arrived at West Point after Oct. 29, 2009, then the NOW class is for you.

This three-day class will cover what services West Point has to offer, provide a historical tour of West Point and show a firsthand look on how to use the train and subways systems as the group takes a trip to New York City to visit the USO in Times Square.

For more information, call 938-3487.

February is Multicultural Diversity Month

Celebrate by attending this month's Culture Club at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at ACS, Bldg. 622.

The club will be discussing upcoming and

current multicultural services in the community and playing Multicultural Jeopardy.

Come out and see if you have what it takes to be a Jeopardy Champion.

Bring a potluck dish traditional to your culture or Family.

For more information, call 938-3487.

Polar Fest

The 2010 Polar Fest returns to the West Point Ski Slope from noon-7 p.m. Feb. 20.

Bring the whole Family for a day of downhill races, children's crafts, a pig roast, a live band and more.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Family Child Care training

The Family Child Care program will be offering training for individuals interested in providing child care services from the comfort of their homes.

You can choose from working with children ages 6 weeks through 12 years, for hourly, full/part-time and weekend/evening care. Training is set to take place Feb. 23-March 5.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Elizabeth Peralta at 938-6170 or Elizabeth.Peralta@usma.edu.

Right Arm Night

Right Arm Night will be held at the West Point Club's Benny Havens Lounge and Grey Room from 4:30-9 p.m. Feb. 25.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served. Leaders and their right arms can enjoy a special mentoring time with a Wii available to play Rock Band and Beatles Rock Band.

For more information, call 938-5120.

West Point ski lessons

Registration for ski lessons will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Ski Rental office for ages 5 and older.

A CYSS membership is needed for ages 5-17.

For more information, visit FMWR's Web site at westpointmwr.com.

Teen Night at the Ski Slope

Teens can meet at 6 p.m. every Friday at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500, to go to the West Point Ski Slope.

This program is open to teens in grades 9-12 throughout the ski season.

Youth Services will provide transportation to the ski slope and return the teens to their homes at 9 p.m.

There is a one time, introductory fee. CYSS registration is required.

For more information, call 938-3727.

Club membership

Attention enlisted Soldiers and West Point cadets—did you know that your West Point Club Membership is free?

Stop by the club today to start taking advantage of your membership savings—just let us know at the register that you are a member.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Strength training for golfers

The FMWR Fitness Center is running an eight-week strength training program for golfers.

The program runs Monday-Thursday through March 25.

The times are as follows: 11:45 a.m.—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 p.m.—Mondays and Wednesdays.

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

School Deployment Group

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program will host a bi-monthly School Deployment Group at the West Point Elementary and Middle School.

Children who are enrolled in the program will participate in fun deployment related activities and will receive projects to take home.

For more information or to enroll your child in the program, call 938-5654.

Father and Daughter Dance

A Father and Daughter Dance hosted by CYSS will be held from 6-9 p.m. March 6 at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500.

Youth ages 5-18 are eligible with a CYSS membership. Dress attire for girls is Sunday best and military blues or a suit for fathers. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 938-3921.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

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

The annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held April 19 at the West Point Club.

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

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

The West Point community is invited

to attend the 2010 Army Emergency Relief Campaign "Kickoff" at 1:30-3:30 p.m. March 1 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Light refreshments will be served.

The 2010 AER Campaign goes from March 1-May 15.

For more information, call 938-5839.

Long Trail Micro Brewery Tasting

The good folks from Vermont's Long Trail Brewing Co. are coming to the Pierce Dining Room at the West Point Club from 5-9 p.m. Feb. 26 to hold a tasting with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win a Vermont ski pass.

Call 938-5120 to make your reservation.

All enlisted Soldiers and cadets are free members at the West Point Club.

FMWR Ballroom Dancing Classes

Eight classes of Ballroom Dancing will take place at 6:30 p.m. from March 2 through April 27 at Cullum Hall.

Please note that no classes will be held during spring break. Registration is at Leisure Travel Services, 628 Hodges Place, or with credit card by phone at 938-2401.

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

Speak Out for Military Kids

ACS will hold a Speak Out for Military Kids information session at 6:30 p.m. March 9 at ACS, Bldg. 622. Students in grades 7-12 and their parents are invited to attend. Call 938-5654 for more information or to reserve a seat for the information session.

On the brink of stardom, swimmer leads women

By Eric S. Bartelt
Editor

Making a big splash at the U.S. Military Academy is usually not in the cards for plebes as they try to adjust and conform to the military-structured environment. That, however, was not the case for Paige Brink who found a perfect storm in the pool and had a plebe year to remember in 2009.

Brink found an inner strength to brave through the choppy waters of plebe year to earn Patriot League Rookie of the Year, First-Team All-Patriot League performance honors, and set six plebe and five academy swimming records.

The Markle, Ind., native, who finished second in the 200-yard butterfly (2:01.54) at the Patriot League Championships in 2009, found her niche right away at the academy.

"It was great to come in and be able to make such a huge impact," Brink said. "Breaking records is what it's all about. Coming in and making a difference is something I did and that's how I got my name (on the Crandall Pool record board)."

Brink completed last season at a peak when she set academy and plebe records in the 100-yard butterfly (54.97 seconds) and 200-yard butterfly at the PL Championships. Her success during the championships, which she feels were her best swims of her career, was thought to be just the beginning—the tip of the iceberg of a promising career.

Unfortunately, athletic careers aren't always filled with championships, record-breaking moments and individual greatness without some challenges.

Adversity hit Brink hard at the beginning of this season when she started experiencing shoulder pain. An overuse injury, which caused swelling in the shoulder, created a lot of pain and made it hard for her to train and swim during the fall.

The yearling missed the beginning of the 2009-10 season while going through physical therapy to work on her injured shoulder. It was a tough time for Brink because the six weeks she couldn't swim was something she never experienced in her 15 years of competing in the pool.

"In 15 years of swimming, I never had an injury that kept me out of the pool like that," Brink said. "The one thing that was the hardest for me is I couldn't come in every day and push myself like I could or should."

"It made me see a whole different side of training, and when I couldn't do it (to the best of my ability), I realized how much I loved it—the training, the hard steps and everything



Yearling Paige Brink finished last season as the Patriot League Rookie of the Year and a First-Team All-Patriot League performer. She finished second in the 200-yard butterfly (2:01.54) at the Patriot League Championships while finishing the year with six plebe and five academy swimming records. A shoulder injury held Brink back at the beginning of this season, but she is coming on strong late in the season and hopes to surprise at championships.

that goes into it," she added. "My shoulder injury made me appreciate swimming a lot more. I didn't see it (at first) and I was about to give up as I was drudging through it, but now looking back on it, it was something I needed to help me see what is in front of me."

Brink, who also competes in freestyle, backstroke and individual medley events with much success, came back strong after Christmas break in a meet against Lehigh and has been gaining steam ever since.

"I'm over my shoulder injury now," Brink explained. "I'm really excited about the way this season is ending. I was disappointed in the way (the season) began."

"But all it takes is a little faith and confidence in my ability to believe I'm going to get better and perform well," she continued. "I'm excited for that chance at Patriots."

Brink is someone who shouldn't be counted out even when things are stacked up against her. The 20-year-old gained her love of swimming through her parents, Daniel and Jennifer, and made a local club team at an early age.

"I told my parents at 5 years old I wanted to swim and they took me to the local swim

club," Brink said. "The coach said I could be on the team on one condition and that was if I could do a whole lap without stopping. I wanted to be on the team and I did it."

"My parents always had me in the water, so I always had swimming in my blood," she added. "The pool is exactly where I want to be."

However, there was a slight deviation along the way before she could compete because swimming triggered a pre-existing condition that could have caused sudden death known as Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, which causes the heart to race. Her heart would beat at a tachycardia pace, which left her feeling lethargic and sickly after a swim in the pool.

"Swimming actually helped me discover I was born with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome," Brink said. "We may never have known unless I hadn't got involved with swimming, so (the doctors) checked me out and I had a few medical (procedures) done."

"I guess you can say swimming kind of saved my life because it was a pretty big deal from what I recall at the time," she added about the possibility of having a heart attack without it being detected.

Army head swimming coach Mickey Wender is thrilled to have Brink as a part of his young women's lineup.

The team is 5-11 this season, but it's progressing quite nicely with the likes of Firstie Lindsay Adao, Cow Corri Payne, Plebe Alyssa Tran and Brink.

Brink, in Wender's eyes, is a big reason why the women's team will be turning heads in the Patriot League over the next few years.

"Paige Brink is tough. I told her that most people would have thrown in the towel with the things she dealt with this season," Wender said. "She has dealt with all the injuries and has come back stronger and better than I ever seen her."

"She is very hardworking and is one of our most consistent trainers," he added. "She's got a great ability to focus on the process and do

things that will lead her to success. She is a relentless and fearless competitor."

Wender said she worked very hard over the Christmas break to get back on track this semester. He's not too sure that Brink is on course to finish this year like she did last year, but he knows she will bring her best at the Patriot League Championships.

"She's an athlete who loves the big stage and loves to have an opportunity to compete," Wender said. "I have no doubt that Paige will put herself in a position to maximize her potential and it wouldn't surprise me in the least if she surpassed what she did last year—she's that kind of athlete."

"Has she done what she did last year? No, but I think she's probably stronger mentally than she was a year ago," he added. "She's grown, she's matured and she's going to be great at the end."

The small town girl is ready to make waves again this year at the Patriots. Her shoulder injury gives her a built-in excuse if she doesn't win this year, but no matter the outcome in 2010, Brink wants to be a difference-maker and known around the West Point pool for many years to come.

"A Patriot League championship would be my legacy at West Point," Brink said. "For a coach to say when I leave, 'I had this swimmer once, her name was Paige, and she worked her ass off to win the Patriot League, so she could go to the NAAs,' would be something special. I don't think anybody will ever remember I got fifth at states (in high school) because the state championship is too large."

"But, I know the people in my (high school) conference know me because I was Paige Brink and broke the conference records and I always won," she added. "What I want to do here is I want to set my legacy at Army as a champion, an NCAA qualifier and have my conference competition remember me."

"I don't need any more medals," she concluded. "I want to walk out of here and say I did something different and did something someone is going to remember me for."



The Army women have improved throughout the season and progressed to a 5-11 record in 2009-10.

PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Army snaps losing skid, beats Colgate



By Brian Gunning
Athletic Communications

Army snapped its season-long three-game losing streak with a 63-49 victory over Colgate in Patriot League men's basketball action Sunday at Christl Arena. The Black Knights improved to 13-9 overall and 3-5 in conference play, while the Raiders dropped to 6-16 overall and 2-6 in league action.

The Army win was just its second in the last 12 games against Colgate and snapped a three-game losing streak to the Raiders. The Black Knights have now defeated every team within the conference at least once in the last two seasons.

The Black Knights' defense limited Colgate to only 39.1 percent shooting overall and 31.6 percent from three-point range. It was the 13th time this season Army held its opponent to less than 60 points, improving to 12-1 in those outings. Army is also 9-0 this season at home when keeping teams to less than 60 points.

Firstie forward Cleveland Richard led the Black Knights offense with 17 points on 6-of-13 shooting, including a 2-for-5 day from long range. Yearling guard Julian Simmons was the only other Army player in double figures with 14 points. Simmons also pulled down a career-high six rebounds.

Four other Army players scored six points each, including Firstie guard Josh Miller. More importantly than his offense, Miller made one steal to break the Army career mark in that category (144). Miller also added five assists without committing a turnover in 31 minutes.

Firstie guard Marcus Nelson added two rebounds, two assists and three steals to his six markers, while Firstie forward Eric Zastoupil snared a career-high and team-best seven rebounds to go along with his six points.

Kyle Roemer led the Raiders with 17 points and six rebounds. Yaw Gyawu and Ben Jonson scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, for Colgate.

Army held a 41-27 rebounding edge, including a 15-6 margin on the offensive glass. The Black Knights outscored the Raiders 15-4 off second-chance points.

The game was tied 29-29 at halftime, but the Black Knights opened the second half on a 19-5 run to take control of the contest. The Army defense held the Raiders without a field goal for eight minutes, 48 seconds spanning the end of the first half and the beginning of the second stanza.

Colgate opened the game with six straight points. Army missed its

first five shots before Simmons put the Black Knights on the board with a three-pointer with 15:59 left in the first half. Roemer answered with his first triple of the game, before Simmons scored five straight to pull the Black Knights within one at 9-8 with 14:36 remaining.

The Raiders maintained their advantage with five straight points before Nelson made a steal and went coast-to-coast for a layup to make it 14-10 with 12:32 on the clock. Army scored eight of the next 11 points to take its first lead when Miller found Zastoupil for a layup with 7:19 left in the opening stanza.

Jonson countered with a three-pointer on Colgate's next possession, but Zastoupil tied the game and Richard pushed Army back in front at 22-20 with 5:26 left.

Colgate went on an 8-3 run capped by a three-pointer to take a 28-25 lead with 2:42 showing on the clock. The Black Knights scored four straight points from the foul line to re-take a 29-28 lead, but Roemer answered with one of two free throws with less than two seconds left to tie the game at 29-29 going into the locker room.

Army was able to stay in the game despite shooting only 36.7 percent in the first half (11-30), including a 28.6 percent showing from three-point range (2-7). Roemer led all scorers with 11 first-half points, while Simmons posted 10 markers to pace the Black Knights.

Richard led Army's second-half run with seven points, while the Raiders went the first six minutes, seven seconds of the period without a field goal and made just three shots in the first 10:24 (3-14).

Two free throws by Gyawu pulled the Raiders within 12 points, but Richard answered with his second triple of the half to give the Black Knights their largest lead at 53-38 with 6:37 on the clock.

The Raiders cut the Army deficit to 11 points, but the Army offense was able to use the clock effectively and not let Colgate get any closer.

Miller drained a three-pointer as the shot clock wound down to put the Black Knights up 58-44 with 2:40 left, and after a Roemer jumper, Hence cut along the baseline and scored with the shot clock at one second to reclaim Army's 14-point edge.

Jonson hit a three-pointer to make it a 60-49 game with 1:24 left, but Richard scored the final three points of the game to set the final 63-49 margin.

The win improved the Black Knights' home record to 9-1 on the season.

Army has four of its last six games at Christl Arena.

Firstie forward Cleveland Richard (left) scored a team-high 17 points, including 2-for-5 from the three-point arc, to lead Army to a 63-49 win over Colgate Sunday at Christl Arena. The win ended a season-long three-game losing streak and upped Army's record to 13-9 this season.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Sefchik continues hot streak, scores two against Holy Cross

By Ryan Yanoshak
Athletic Communications

Firstie forward Eric Sefchik posted his fourth straight multiple-point game and Cow goaltender Jay Clark made 35 saves as Army hockey posted a 4-1 victory over Holy Cross Feb. 6 in an Atlantic Hockey Association contest at the Hart Center in Worcester, Mass.

Sefchik netted two goals, Cow forward Cody Omilusik had a goal and assist and Yearling forward Kyle Maggard also registered a score as the Black Knights earned a split with the Crusaders.

Eight players collected points for Army which rebounded from a 5-3 loss on Friday to improve to 10-13-5 overall and 9-9-4 in conference competition.

Clark was tested early and was sharp all game, turning aside 15 shots in the first, 12 in the second and eight in the final period.

Sefchik now has nine points in his last four games and helped Army jump out to an early lead with a short-handed goal.

Clark kept the game scoreless in the first period with a bevy of quality saves, allowing Sefchik to put Army on top.

Playing short-handed, Sefchik collected a pass from Plebe defenseman John Clark and went "five-hole" for a 1-0 lead with 2:23 left in the first period.

It was Sefchik's eighth goal of the season and Army's seventh short-handed goal this year.

Sefchik extended his team-leading point total to 30 and collected a point in his fourth consecutive game. It was Clark's sixth assist. Yearling defenseman Marcel Alvarez was also credited



Cow forward Cody Omilusik (#6) fights for the puck in a game against Air Force Jan. 29 at Tate Rink. Omilusik and Firstie forward Eric Sefchik (in front of net) combined for three goals in Army's 4-1 victory over Holy Cross Feb. 6 in Worcester, Mass. The win upped Army's overall record to 10-13-5 and evened its conference record at 9-9-4.

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with an assist, his 13th this season and second game with at least a point.

Maggard extended the Army lead to 2-0 early in the second period. Yearling forward Danny Colvin chipped the puck to Plebe forward Mike Santee who was playing for the first time since Nov. 21.

Santee sent a long pass up ice. Maggard made a nice play to keep control of the puck and away from a defender and then fired in a wrist shot less than three minutes into the second period.

It was Maggard's fifth goal of the season.

The Crusaders cut their deficit in half 5:45 into the second period

when Luke Miller was credited with his sixth goal of the season.

Sefchik netted his second goal of the game with more than six minutes remaining in the contest. Omilusik collected the puck in the Army zone, moved it to Copeland who found Sefchik.

Sefchik slid the puck past the goalie's left pad for his ninth goal

of the season. It was Copeland's third assist and Omilusik's 15th of the season.

Holy Cross pulled its goalie and used its timeout, but Omilusik capped his night with an empty-net score with one minute left.

The Black Knights will return to Tate Rink at 7:05 p.m. Friday and Saturday against RIT.

Women's tennis evens record, takes 5-2 win versus Seton Hall

By Tracy Nelson
Athletic Communications

The Army women's tennis team swept all three doubles matches and proceeded to win four of six singles flights as the Black Knights broke even on the season (2-2) with a 5-2 victory over visiting Seton Hall Sunday at Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Cows Anne Houghton, Michael Tollerton and Annie Hang, along with Plebe Erin Colton, were all double winners in a Black Knight victory that avenged a heartbreaking 4-3 loss to the Pirates a year ago.

Houghton's straight set (6-1, 6-1) win over Seton Hall's Denise Liebschner at No. 1 singles marked her 10th of the season and she teamed with Cow Kristin Beehler for a victory in the top doubles flight.

The pair downed Liebschner and Belfin Sunbul by an 8-4 score. Houghton and Beehler moved to 5-6 on the season.

Moving down the singles lineup, Colton notched her first win of the spring season and sixth of the season with a 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Liz Verow at No. 2. Playing in the fifth single spot, Hang topped Courtney Kilarski (6-2, 6-4). Colton and Hang remained perfect on the season (4-0) and picked up their third win of the weekend with an 8-1 rout at the No. 2 doubles spot.

Tollerton and Cow Robie Verano opened the day with an 8-1 win over Seton Hall's Michelle Weerasinghe and Karina Cordero in the third doubles flight. Tollerton went on to top Cordero (6-4, 6-1) at No. 4 singles.



Cow Anne Houghton earned a singles and doubles win against Seton Hall Sunday.

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Women's Basketball to hold WBCA Pink Zone Saturday

By Tracy Nelson
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In conjunction with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, the Army women's basketball team will host its annual WBCA Pink Zone® game in an aggressive effort to raise breast cancer awareness Saturday. Army welcomes league-leader Lehigh for a 1 p.m. tip-off at Christl Arena.

Army has been among hundreds of programs of all levels across the country to participate in the WBCA Pink Zone initiative in each of the last two years.

The WBCA began the WBCA Pink Zone, formerly known as "Think Pink," in 2007 as an initiative to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, on campuses and in communities.

Kay Yow, the late North Carolina State University head women's basketball coach, served as the catalyst for the initiative after her third recurrence of breast cancer in 2006. In 2007, more than 120 schools unified for this effort and helped make the inaugural year a success.

In 2008, more than 1,200 teams and organizations took part and reached over 830,000 fans. The program grew to include

more than 1,600 participating teams reaching more than 912,000 fans.

Army is one of a growing list of 1,100-plus teams and organizations participating this year and a slew of promotions to include discount tickets and more are planned.

Fans are encouraged to honor the cause by wearing pink to the game and those that do will be admitted for half-price. All fans wearing pink will also receive a free wristband to further show their support for breast cancer awareness, while also being entered into a drawing for a commemorative pink basketball, presented by The Rock, autographed by the 2009-10 Black Knights who will debut a specially designed pink jersey for the event.

In addition to celebrating Pink Zone, Army will also hold National Girls and Women in Sports Day, offering a free T-shirt giveaway to the first 250 girls ages 13 and under entering the game.

Fans that are a part of the Big Brother/Big Sister program will also have a chance to get in on the action as Army holds Big Brother/Big Sister Day Saturday.

All bigs who bring their littles to the game will receive buy one, get one free admission.

Sylve posts second best 60-meter hurdles at Army

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

Cow Domonick Sylve posted a 7.88-second time in the 60-meter hurdles, recording a new personal-best and moving up to second on the academy records list, Feb. 6 at the New Balance College Invitational at the Armory in New York City.

Although the Black Knights were scheduled to take on Navy in Annapolis, Md., this weekend, a severe Metro-Atlantic snowstorm forced the postponement of the annual "Star Meet." The competition has been rescheduled for Feb. 26 (women) and 27 (men).

Sylve and fellow Cows Torre Santiago and Alfred McDaniel each made the short-notice trip to New York City to compete in the event.

Sylve, whose time was good enough for an NCAA provisional qualification, placed seventh overall and shaved five-hundredths of a second from his previous personal best of 7.93 seconds, which came in Army's first meet at the Armory Jan. 16.

Sylve's time is second to T.J. Peterson's 7.85-second time set 16 years ago.

Santiago placed eighth in the mile run and lowered his season-best by .04 seconds to 4:12.00. Santiago surpassed the IC4A qualifying mark (4:14.90) in the Black Knights' most recent competition at the Armory Jan. 30.

McDaniel tied for 17th in the long jump with a leap of 6.90 meters.

Army competes in its third and final meet at the Armory next weekend before hosting the Patriot League Indoor Championships Feb. 19-21.



Mass evasion

Army Cow attackman Jeremy Boltus sprints down the sideline eluding University of Massachusetts-Amherst defenseman Casey Rahn during the final preseason contest Feb. 6 at Michie Stadium. The men's lacrosse team opens its regular season at home against Virginia Military Institute Feb. 20.

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Sports calendar

Feb. 11-18

Corps

FRIDAY—MEN'S TENNIS VS. CONNECTICUT, 3 P.M., LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

FRIDAY—HOCKEY VS. ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, 7:05 P.M., TATE RINK.

SATURDAY—RIFLE VS. USP, 9 A.M., TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER.

SATURDAY—MEN'S TENNIS VS. STONY BROOK, 9 A.M., LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. LEHIGH, 1 P.M., CHRISTL ARENA.

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. STONY BROOK, 1 P.M., LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

SATURDAY—WRESTLING VS. MILLERSVILLE, 4 P.M., GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

SATURDAY—WRESTLING VS. SACRED HEART, 6 P.M., GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

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SUNDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. FORDHAM, NOON, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

WEDNESDAY—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. AMERICAN, 7 P.M., CHRISTL ARENA.

Club

No EVENTS SCHEDULED THIS WEEKEND.

Intramural Basketball

Final standings before playoffs

NORTH DIVISION

TEAMS	W - L
1. SYSTEMS	12 - 4
2. MATH I	11 - 5
3. DMI	8 - 8
4. ODIA	7 - 9

SOUTH DIVISION

TEAMS	W - L
1. HISTORY	8 - 8
2. BTD/USCC	7 - 9
3. D/LAW	6 - 10
4. BS&L	4 - 12

EAST DIVISION

TEAMS	W - L
1. BAND	11 - 5
2. GARRISON	7 - 9
3. DPE I	6 - 10
4. MPs (out of league)	8 - 8

WEST DIVISION

TEAMS	W - L
1. DPE II	12 - 4
2. MATH II	8 - 8
3. GENE/DFL	6 - 10
4. ENGLISH	6 - 10

**Playoff series—As of Monday

EAST FINALS—#2 seed GARRISON defeats #1 BAND 2 games to 0.

SOUTH FINALS—#2 seed BTD/USCC defeats #1 HISTORY 2 games to 0.

NORTH FINALS—#2 seed MATH I vs. ODIA

WEST FINALS—#1 seed DPE II vs. Winner of MATH II and GENE/DFL series. MATH II and GENE/DFL are tied at 1 in WEST SEMIFINAL Series.