



Housing construction progresses

Mark Smith, a member of Carpenters Union Local 19, carries two pieces of hardie board siding to one of the housing units in Stony Lonesome Tuesday. Balfour Beatty Communities is presently in Phase II of the home building project in Stony Lonesome and plans to deliver four homes in April and six more in May.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Housing Services Office offers assistance to new arrivals

Story and photo by
Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photo

The PCS summer season is approaching fast across the military, a time when servicemembers and their Families prepare to make their next big move to a new duty station. Although servicemembers and Department of Defense civilian employees are assigned sponsors when transferring, the Housing Services Office is a tool that can assist those with questions during this transition.

“The HSO mission is to provide assistance and counseling to

servicemembers, their Families and DOD civilians in locating suitable and adequate off-post housing,” Eileen Kaczkin, West Point Housing Services officer, said. “We can assist our customers prior to or upon arrival to West Point.”

West Point’s HSO, like its counterparts Armywide, offers more than just in-house assistance. Web sites like the Automated Housing Referral Network, at www.ahrn.com, are maintained and

monitored by the HSO. AHRN is a free DOD sponsored Web site for servicemembers, their Families and DOD civilians to search for off-post housing. It offers rental listings of suitable and available single family homes, townhouses, condos and apartments. “While we are known primarily for helping individuals finding housing outside the gates of West Point, Patrick (Horne) and myself

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Cub Scout Pack 23 awards new rank badges to Scouts

Story and photo by Janine Boldrin

Cub Scout Pack 23, based at West Point, held its Blue and Gold Banquet and Advancement Ceremony March 5 at the West Point Middle School auditorium. During the ceremony, Pack 23 awarded new rank badges to 45 Cub Scouts while bridging seven others up to Boy Scouts.

“Blue and Gold is our opportunity to celebrate Scouting and formally recognize the great things our boys have been doing since the summer,” Capt. Brian Koyn, Cubmaster for Pack 23, said. “When (the younger Cub Scouts) see older boys earning their ranks, especially the Arrow of Light, they see what is possible and are motivated to keep learning and growing toward the next rank.”

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouts and is the only Cub Scout award that the boys can wear on their Boy Scout uniform. In addition to the award, a wooden

board, engraved with the Arrow of Light and the Scout’s name, was presented to the seven bridging Cub Scouts.

“Just like our boys, these (boards) aren’t perfect or the same, but they are all special just like our Scouts,” Col. Grant Crawford, assistant Cubmaster, as he awarded each bridging scout his Arrow of Light board, said.

The award ceremony concluded with six members of the West Point Pipes and Drums filling the auditorium with the sounds of bagpipes and drums to celebrate the achievements of Pack 23’s Cub Scouts.

This year’s banquet theme of “Blue and Gold Goes Green” was developed with recycling and Boy Scout green in mind, with a nod to St. Patrick’s Day. Scouts, Families and volunteers then were invited to a banquet that continued the theme of the evening.

The ceremony was also an opportunity to recognize the many



Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 23 were awarded new rank badges during a Blue and Gold Banquet and Advancement Ceremony March 5 at the West Point Middle School auditorium.

adult volunteers who are committed to helping the scouts achieve their goals for the year. Pack leaders, event organizers and the aptly named Popcorn Kernel, the Scout’s fundraising leader, were just some of the volunteers recognized.

West Point has a strong connection to scouting with approximately 45 percent of the Corps of Cadets having been involved in scouting at one time.

“The aim of Cub Scouting is fun with the purpose of citizenship

training, character development and personal fitness,” Koyn said. “Most of this development happens through activities including trips, hikes, crafts, games, etc.”

Scouts earned their new ranks through a series of requirements that are closely organized and tracked by their den leaders.

Each den had the chance to achieve both rank requirements and belt loops through den meetings and trips made on and off of West Point.

“Scouting opens doors and provides exposure that parents would love to have for their kids, but don’t know where to begin,” Danielle Hamilton, whose two sons are in Pack 23 and advanced ranks at the ceremony, said. “One of the best things I like about Scouting is that they encourage the boys to do their best with everything.”

“It’s a great way for a boy to find his niche and learn more about himself. It is truly a well-rounded program,” she added.

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can assist our customers in other areas as well,” Kaczkin said. “We can review leases (prior to signing), assist with tenant or landlord issues, as well as provide brochures on real estate sales.”

While the HSO personnel are not real estate agents, they have a strong understanding of the area and local laws and policies that may not be familiar to people moving to the area.

“Our message is ‘we are here to help.’” Kaczkin said. “We offer our housing expertise and knowledge of the local communities outside of our installation.”

For servicemembers who are PCSing, another useful tool is the One Stop Army at <https://onestop.army.mil>, where information about

on-post and off-post housing can be obtained. Currently, the West Point community has more than 500 servicemembers living off post in the Orange and Rockland County area.

The HSO office is also responsible for the annual Basic Housing Allowance rental survey. The data from that survey is used by the Department of Defense to set BAH rates for this area. Furthermore, the results from the study helps the HSO determine what areas of the community are better suited for the Families in the area.

For more information, call Kaczkin at 938-2500, e-mail Eileen.kaczkin@usma.army.mil or stop by HSO’s fourth floor office in Bldg. 2101.

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Maj. Maria Burger (USMA/USCC), Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Orland (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.

SPRING FORWARD!!!

As a reminder, Daylight Saving Time returns Sunday at 2 a.m.

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

Difficulty: Medium

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

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Participants take on indoor triathlon, winner gets free entry to West Point 5K/10K

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center began its first indoor triathlon March 1-6, when participants signed up for the event. The person with the fastest time receives a free entry in the 5K/10K event in May.

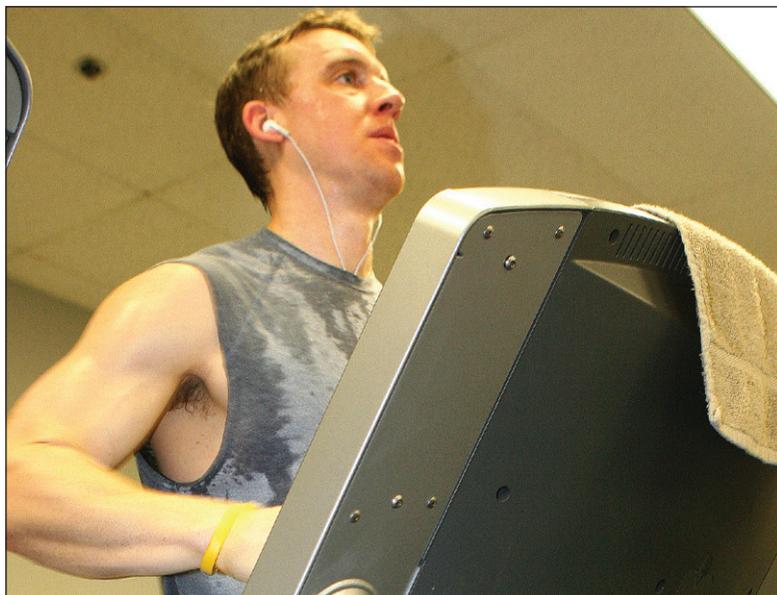
The indoor triathlon consists of a 4,000-meter row, 10-mile-bike ride, and 3-mile run, in succession.

“We decided to have this event to incorporate it with the Fittest Loser event,” Andrea Wells of the FMWR Fitness Center said. “We had nine people sign up for the indoor triathlon and six have already completed it, (as of March 3.)”

The Fittest Loser event runs through March 20. Participants in this competition may use the indoor triathlon to gain points.

Brad Brown, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and a contractor in the Directorate of Public Works in the Environmental Division, recently completed the triathlon.

“Fitness is my hobby,” Brown said. “I have 20 more races this year



Brad Brown, a Directorate of Public Works contractor in the Environmental Division, goes for a run on the treadmill to complete a indoor triathlon hosted by the FMWR Fitness Center.

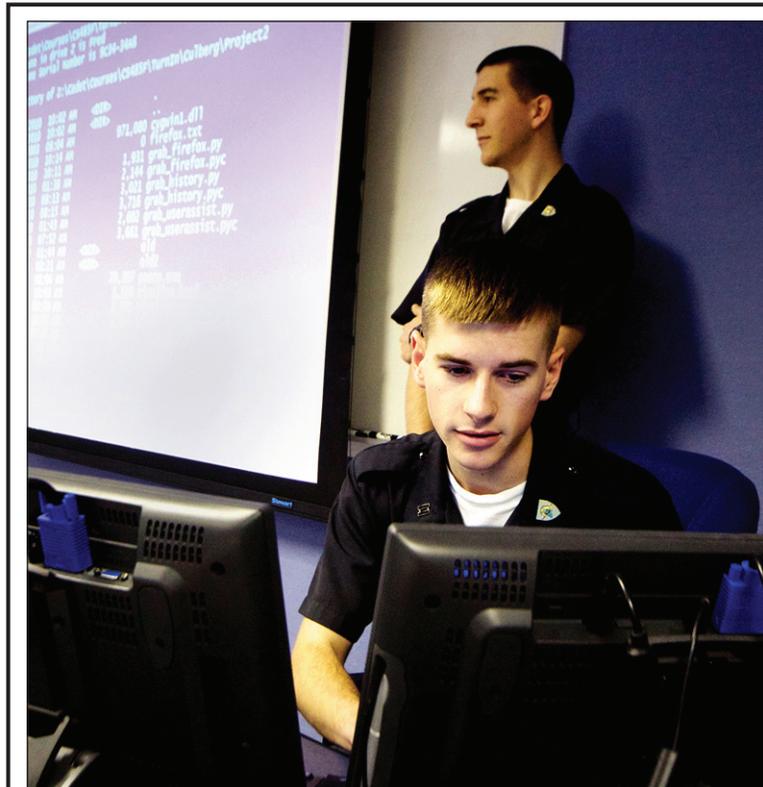
and I plan to enter the West Point Triathlon in August. One race takes place in three states, from Maine to New Hampshire to Massachusetts March 28 and I’m hoping my time is good enough in this event to enter the West Point 5K/10K here in May.”

Brown said he didn’t qualify for the Boston Marathon this year, but

running in Boston is one of his goals and the reason he continues to run.

“(The races) are a tune-up for Boston, but I love this; fitness is a passion for me. I don’t do it to compete, I just do it to do it,” he said.

The West Point 5K/10K will be held on Armed Forces Day May 15.



Examining Forensics

Cow Kevin Culberg (foreground) and Cow Stephen Roy discuss their presentation on computer user history in Electrical Engineering Computer Science CS485F—Digital Forensics, March 3 in Thayer Hall. Cadets taking Digital Forensics examine the forensics methodology and apply it to a target in the field. The course culminates with the cadets participating in the annual Cyber Defense Exercise, which West Point has won the past three years.

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Cadet's ambition led to UAV venture

Story and photos by
Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

A little ambition and a whole lot of air space was all Cow Michael Weigand needed to succeed in an independent project that received some attention recently at the ShmooCon Hacker Convention in Washington, D.C.

Among the techno talks and presentations on subjects ranging from WiFi security to cryptography, Weigand offered something a little bit different.

His was a convincing presentation where anyone with a little resourcefulness could build their own Predator drone. Maybe not like the ones deployed in current military operations, but Weigand's unmanned aerial vehicle has potential beyond the average remote controlled model plane.

"The final concept is to develop this into a tool," Weigand said, "where it's a small, portable package that's lightweight and requires little training."

The UAV is designed for a single Soldier to have a disposable system which can be deployed in over the hill surveillance operations.

It weighs less than six pounds and can be carried easily by shoulder strap.

The plane itself is made of special pliable, pressure-resistant foam which Weigand describes as having a strong surface and easy to repair.

"You can use gorilla glue and mix it with a little water and it actually foams up inside the cracks. The UAV can be repaired from any amount of damage in less than three hours," Weigand said.

The UAV meets the legal FAA regulations of flight, meaning it flies under 300-400 feet and less than 200 mph, remaining within sight and operator's control at all times. It can stay in the air, based on battery life and payload, up to 90 minutes if optimized, Weigand said.

"Generally, it is a 45-60 minute flight with a small payload, but that all varies on a number of factors," he said.

Those factors include wind, weather conditions and thermals.

"If we're getting a lot of lifts from thermals, we're going to stay up longer, but

if it's really windy out, the flight is a lot less because it's using more power," Weigand said.

The plane is capable of carrying small payloads, up to half a pound.

"The payload I have on now is a simple camera and a pan-tilt mount that's controlled via a helmet that has a gyroscope mount inside so as you move your head, the camera slaves exactly as you would," Weigand said. "And you wear video goggles, so it's exactly as if you're sitting in the plane and you're looking around."

Weigand, a computer science major, does not take full credit for his design.

"I was able to pull together a lot of freely-available resources online, and build my own system based on the hard work of several other groups who I am in regular contact with," Weigand said.

"All I am simply trying to demonstrate is how easy, affordable and relatively simple this technology is becoming."

While attending the preparatory school at the New Mexico Military Institute on a scholarship from the West Point Association of Graduates, Weigand first became interested in this technology.

He built an autonomous ground robot, using a \$10 toy truck and a name brand GPS.

"So when I got to the academy, I wanted to take this to the next step and I thought UAVs were cool, especially with all the attention on Predator drones in the news," Weigand said.

An instructor encouraged him to write an outline and abstract to submit for the conference. Several conference members visited West Point and saw Weigand's project, which led to his invitation to the D.C. event.

"Personally for me, it was a great weekend," Weigand said. "I got to show off my project to a large audience and they



Cow Michael Weigand demonstrated his unmanned aerial vehicle Feb. 19. The computer science major recently presented his independent research at the ShmooCon Hacker Convention in Washington, D.C.

really enjoyed it, and I had a really good time exposing this type of work."

Weigand credits the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science for providing him with the support he needed along the way, to include assistant professor Maj. Ben Sangster and Maj. Terrence O'Connor, EECS instructor.

"I think (Weigand) has outstanding

foresight of how he can utilize his intelligence and hard work in the classroom to prepare for his future mission as an Army officer," O'Connor said. "I am quite happy that my department has an environment that supports and encourages Mike to pursue this type of study outside the classroom. He is definitely a very gifted student and I am honored to teach him and his classmates."



Cow Michael Weigand (left) launches his autonomous unmanned aerial vehicle during a demonstration Feb. 19, with the help of 2nd Lt. Christopher Generazio and Maj. Terrence O'Connor performing the navigation and surveillance functions.

Baseball Registration still open

Baseball registration for youths ages 7-13 is still open at Youth Services. If interested, contact Brian Szeli at 938-3550.



Heavenly Drill

The U.S. Military Academy Drill Team competed in the Southern California Invitational Drill Meet in Anaheim, Calif., March 6. The drill meet is one of the largest in the nation, with more than 100 junior and senior teams of cadets and midshipmen competing. The USMA Drill Team earned three third-place trophies in Senior Exhibition, Senior Regulation and Overall Armed Inspection. PHOTO BY MAJ. KELLI MOON

Plebe Parent Weekend: Things to Know

Here are a few **IMPORTANT** updates and good things to know about Plebe Parent Weekend ...

- The Plebe Parade will be held at Shea Stadium, not the Plain. Unfortunately, the Plain is not quite clear of snow and is still very wet.

Shuttle buses will run from A Lot to Shea Stadium and then back up to the Cadet Area following the parade.

Shea has limited seating as well as limited parking. It's highly recommended to take the shuttle bus from A Lot.

If you have a handicapped parking tag, know there is limited handicapped parking adjacent to Shea.

- **GATE ENTRY**—Due to a construction project that began Monday at Stony Lonesome Gate, access via this point of entry will be limited to one lane. If you have a DOD sticker, use either Washington Gate (DOD ONLY) or Thayer Gate (DOD and Non-DOD stickers). Vehicles without stickers must use Thayer Gate.

If you choose to use Stony, it is the primary entrance for trucks and delivery vehicles, which may slow access.

If you enter via Thayer Gate, continue to A Lot to access pick up point for the PPW shuttle service.

- **TOUR REGISTRATION**—If you would like to tour Quarters 100 (Superintendent's House) or the Cadet Mess, you must sign up at the Parent Welcome Center Friday. The tours are somewhat limited, hence the need for registration.

The Parent Welcome Center is located in Eisenhower Hall and will be open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday. Handouts with maps, schedules and hours of operation will be available.

- **CADET PRIVILEGES FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY**—Cadets may leave West Point for what is known as OPPs (Off Post Privileges) Friday evening, but must return by TAPS at 11:30 p.m.

OPPs allow cadets to travel beyond the 6-1 (Walking privileges) area. They may also leave post again Saturday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday evening from 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Uniform for cadets is Dress Gray. Cadets taking OPPs must be accompanied by a parent, fellow cadet's parent, guardian, grandparent or other adult Family member.

Areas such as Cornwall, Garrison, Cold Spring, Harriman and Stony Point are all within allowable distance.

Cadets whose parents are not attending PPW are authorized walking privileges. Uniform is also Dress Gray.

- **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Sunday ...** Don't forget to "spring forward" Saturday night.

West Point celebrates Black History Month

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
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While the majority of festivities supporting Black History Month at West Point concluded in February, one event had to be rescheduled due to a snowstorm Feb. 26.

Attendees gathered at Cullum Hall Sunday for an evening of fellowship and celebration during the annual observance, which was highlighted by guest speaker William Wheeler, a Tuskegee fighter pilot and recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal.

After taking a poll of everyone in the audience who loves their country, Wheeler admitted there was a time he didn't.

It was a time when African Americans were segregated at theaters, restaurants and other public places, or not even allowed inside.

It was a time when he couldn't try on a pair of pants without paying for them because it would be considered "contaminated."

It was a time when he could practice with his school's football team, but not allowed to compete in games.

But times change, and Wheeler changed with the times.

By the time he was 17, Wheeler knew he would be called to serve in World War II. He was young, physically fit and the military needed to fill its ranks overseas. But Wheeler didn't want to fight for a country that treated him like a second-class citizen, until he came to two conclusions.

"The first one was this: This is my country, too," Wheeler said. "The second ... in every war in which Americans have been involved,

blacks have fought and died, even as slaves. I could not let a tradition like that down."

Wheeler volunteered as an Army Air Corps pilot and was inducted into service in March 1943. The day he earned his wings as a fighter pilot was the proudest day of his life, Wheeler said.

"When they commissioned this, it was labeled the 'Tuskegee Experiment,' doomed to fail," Wheeler, who was also accompanied by fellow Tuskegee Airman Julius Freeman, said.

Wheeler and his comrades proved otherwise. During World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen destroyed 260 enemy aircraft without losing a single bomber to enemy fire in more than 200 combat missions.

They earned more than 850 medals, and between 1940 and 1946, nearly 1,000 African American pilots were trained at Tuskegee.

Speaking on the event's theme, "The Journey to Economic Empowerment," Maj. Crystal Hills, event organizer, traced back the history of African Americans and their battle with prejudice and intolerance in this country.

"The story of Africans in America is one of a survival culture, a culture built on and sustained by their voice," Hills said, "The voice that bridged various African languages with English to build a communal bond among the races. The voice that created an oral culture that allowed traditions to be passed down throughout generations. These stories allow African Americans to remember the past and envision their future ... a future not only promising, but empowering."

The event also featured the West Point



The West Point Christian Fellowship Arts Ministry entertained the audience with a dance performance Sunday at Cullum Hall during the Black History Month program.

Christian Fellowship Arts Ministry performing a dance, "He Lives in Me," and a Hip-Hop Theater performance of "The Big Apple Turns Cider."

Previous Black History Month events scheduled in February included a Movie Night and a Jazz & Poetry Night.

"I felt the event was a huge success," Hills said. "There was a great turnout, primarily from community members with young children. I think that's important because knowledge of African American history and economic empowerment can change lives at a very young age."

In Memoriam: Oldest Buffalo Soldier dies

Walter Hight, 101, of Bridgeport, Conn., formerly of Highland Falls, died Feb. 27 at North Bridge Healthcare Center in Bridgeport.

The son of Emmet and Mary Hight, Walter was born Jan. 1, 1909 in Warren Plains, N.C.

Hight, a retired Army officer, was the oldest living Buffalo Soldier at the



Walter Hight

time of his death and a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his loving niece Dorothy Williams of Bridgeport.

Funeral services took place March 5. He was interred with full military honors at Eagle Valley Cemetery in the town of

Highlands.



The Black and Gold Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held March 4 at the Army Community Service building. Pictured from left to right with Garrison Commander Col. Dan Bruno are awardees Moira Anderson, Spc. Joshua Oberg, Patti Ashley, Donna Fink, Laurie McCulloh, Janet Suchan, Maj. Ian McCulloh, Kim McDermott, Andrew Chronopoulos, Joanne Clarke, 1st Sgt. Scot Cates, Chuck Schroedel, Richard Franchini, Lt. Col. Mark West, Staff Sgt. Isaac Johnson, Debbie Whitehead and John Caoli. Whitehead was named Volunteer of the Month.

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Black and Gold volunteers

Keller Corner

American Red Cross Blood Drive
The next American Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, is noon-7 p.m. March 29-31 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 1 at Eisenhower Hall's fourth floor Ballroom. Walk-ins are always welcome, however appointments to donate whole blood for convenience purposes can be made by calling Mary Mandia at 938-2583.

TRICARE Media Center
Don't feel like waiting for that next newsletter to get all the latest TRICARE news? Visit the new Media Center at <http://www.tricare.mil/mediacenter> for the latest links to TRICARE's social media and updates

to what's happening with TRICARE. The new Media Center makes it easier than ever for beneficiaries and providers to follow TRICARE online and share information with friends and Family. By joining the conversation, TRICARE is addressing concerns and providing resources to resolve the common issues beneficiaries have when accessing their health care benefits. Become a TRICARE fan on Facebook, get tweets on Twitter or sign up for e-mail alerts delivering the latest TRICARE benefit information. View TRICARE news releases, and videos, download podcasts and much more. It's all at the new TRICARE Media Center at www.tricare.mil/mediacenter.

BBC LifeWorks events

St. Patrick's Day celebration
Join us at 126 Washington Road at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday for the Leprechaun Gold Treasure Hunt. Receive a healthy green treat snack. Don't forget to wear green attire. Try your luck and see if you can open the treasure chest.

Wendy's Wagon of Fun
Come to 126 Washington Road for a fun child-oriented discussion and activities about worms, dirt and plants from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 19. Register by Monday.

Easter Egg-Stravaganza Egg Hunt
Register by March 19 for the egg hunt at 10 a.m. March 27 at the Boundless Playground at 126 Washington Road. For more information on these events, contact Jody Gellman at 938-6407 or jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

VIVA! LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Date was rescheduled because of snow!

New Date: Thursday, March 11
New Time: 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM
Same Place: Thayer Hotel

TSP TICKER

MARCH share prices (as of 03/5)

C Fund	— + 0.28	(13.5484)
S Fund	— + 0.50	(17.6639)
I Fund	— + 0.57	(18.2951)

FRAUD, WASTE and ABUSE HOTLINE

If you suspect or know someone who either is committing, or has committed, any type of fraud against the U.S. government in the West Point or surrounding area, report it by calling the Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline at 938-3158.

Command Channel 8/23
March 11-18

No Command Channel programming is scheduled next week because of repairs to the television station. Regular programming of Army Newswatch and "The Point" will return the following week.

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

Friday—When In Rome, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Avatar, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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FMWR Blurbs

ACS Out and About Series class

Learn about great escapes indoors with the Army Community Service Out and About Series class at 1 p.m. today in the ACS Training Room.

For more information, call 938-3487.

West Point 5K/10K

Registration for the West Point 5K/10K began Monday on **active.com** (keyword "West Point").

The West Point 5K/10K will be held May 15, which is Armed Forces Day, with both races kicking off at 8:30 a.m. and the Kids' Fun Run at 8:45 a.m.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Strongest Loser Contest

The West Point FMWR Fitness Center is holding the Strongest Loser Contest at 10 a.m. Saturday. The Fitness Center's Brag Wall wants you.

For more information, call 938-6490.

2010 Volunteers of the Year nominations now accepted

2010 Volunteers of the Year nominations may be made by downloading a nomination form or submitting the form at **www.westpointmwr.com** and click on the Army Community Service drop down menu.

Nominations are due no later than Friday.

For more information, contact Christina Overstreet, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator, at 938-3655 or christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

ACS Employment Readiness Seminars and Workshops

Army Community Service is offering a number of employment readiness seminars and workshops in March.

The seminars and workshops include:

- Interview & Dress for Success, 1:30-3 p.m., Tuesday;
- Federal Resumé Writing Workshop, 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday.

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

For more information, call 938-5658 or e-mail to amy.rodick@usma.edu to sign up for a class or to schedule a one-on-one session.

Defensive Driving Class

The Defensive Driving Class is scheduled 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

The new location for the class is the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion, Bldg. 628.

To register, call 938-2401/3601.

Spring break for pets

Give your pets a spring break they deserve at Morgan Farm Kennels during the weeks of Saturday-March 21 and March 30-April 5.

Located just minutes from West Point, Morgan Farm offers affordable kenneling services close to home, for both military and civilian personnel.

Call 938-3926 today to make reservations.

Financial Readiness Class

Join ACS for a class in Debt Liquidation and Credit Management at 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Class is held at ACS in Bldg. 622.

Call 938-5653 to check space availability and for more information.

Autism Awareness Workshop

Join ACS for an Autism Awareness Workshop March 25.

Lt. Col. Scott Campbell will facilitate a discussion regarding navigation of the TRICARE and ECHO systems.

He will also share his experiences as the parent of a child with autism while serving as a Soldier in the U.S. Army.

Army Family Team Building training

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program is offering Army Family Team Building Level I training from 9-11 a.m. March 25, April 8 and 22.

AFTB Level II training is from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday. All classes will be held at ACS Bldg. 622. Free child care will be provided for registered participants.

For registration and information, call 938-5654.

Easter Sunday Brunch

There will be two seatings available at the West Point Club April 4 for an Easter Sunday Brunch.

The first seating is 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room. The second seating is 1-3:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

For reservations and more information, call 938-5120.

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 Library, Bldg. 622, or call

938-2974 for more information.

FMWR Sports Office—Open Tennis Play

The FMWR Sports Office is offering open tennis play at the Lichtenberg Tennis Center, Bldg. 708.

Play is from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

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 racquets for play.

Payment is made at the Tennis Center on the evening of play.

For more information, call 938-3066.

FMWR Ballroom Dancing Classes

Eight classes of Ballroom Dancing will take place at 6:30 p.m. 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.

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.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

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

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

To ensure that your volunteers are properly recognized, contact the Army Volunteer

Corps coordinator at 938-3655 or christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

2010 ACS Needs Assessment Survey

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

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

Complete the ACS Needs Assessment Survey to let us know how to better serve you.

There are two ways to complete the survey: Complete the paper form or the form online at https://www.myarmyonesource.com/survey_WestPoint.

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

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

Discounted Dog Grooming

Morgan Farm is offering 10 percent discounts on dog grooming throughout March and April.

For more information and appointments, call 938-3926.

Affordable Wheel Alignments

Have the roads wreaked havoc on your car? The West Point Auto Shop offers an affordable wheel alignment service along with many other services.

Call 938-2074 or stop by during business hours to set up an appointment.

AER Campaign

The West Point Army Emergency Relief Campaign has begun and will run until May 15.

For more information, call 938-5839.

WFSG Hearts Apart Support Group

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

Group meetings will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturdays—April 17, May 15 and June 19. Dinner and special activities will be provided for the entire Family.

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

For more information, call 938-5658.

What's Happening



Viva! Las Vegas Night

Viva! Las Vegas Night has been rescheduled to 5:30-10 p.m. tonight at the Thayer Hotel.

Tickets are still available on the West Point Women's Club Web site at <http://westpointwomensclub.com> or call 859-4975.

Amnesty Week

The Provost Marshal's Office is hosting "Amnesty Week" for those community members with Privately Owned Weapons living on or off post Friday.

Hours available to register your POW are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Go to the Military Police Station, Bldg. 616, Swift Road, and register your weapon at the Vehicle Registration window.

Bring your common access card, driver's license and information about your weapon.

For individuals who want to turn in an unwanted weapon, bring the weapon to the MP Desk with your driver's license and proof of ownership.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Amanda Young at 938-0128 or Allison DeYoung at 938-2208.

Sacred Heart of Jesus School Dance

The Sacred Heart of Jesus School is hosting its annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance at 6-11 p.m. Friday at Nicole's Classical Catering, 11 Main Street, Highland Falls.

Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner and dancing start at 7 p.m. There will be corned beef and cabbage and much more.

For ticket information, call Jeannette Scott at 446-5061 or the Sacred Heart of Jesus School at 446-2674.

ACPDC spring break schedule

The Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center has posted its schedule changes during spring break. The hour changes from Saturday through March 21 are:

- 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday;
- 1-9 p.m., Sunday;
- 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday;
- 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday;
- 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday;
- 8 a.m.-4 p.m., March 18;
- 8 a.m.-4 p.m., March 19;
- 8 a.m.-4 p.m., March 20;
- 1-9 p.m., March 21;

ACPDC returns to regular hours (5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.) March 22.

West Point Retiree Council

The West Point Retiree Council meeting takes place at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 622.

For more information, call 938-4217.

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 (W-2's, mortgage interest statements, childcare expenses, etc.).

For questions, call 938-4145.

MyCAA Program halts operations

The MyCAA Program has temporarily halted operations effective Feb. 16.

However, all MyCAA participants and active duty military spouses may still receive educational counseling and career guidance from a Military One Source spouse education and career consultant.

The pause will not affect approved financial assistance. Check for updates.

For more information, call Eugene Hickman at 938-3722.

Baggers needed

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

Baggers work for tips only.

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

Look out for your Census

The distribution of the Census to West Point residents via the Postal Service will take place in mid-March.

Residents should complete the 10-question Census form and mail it back no later than April 1.

Army Education Center

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

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

Community forum on mental health

There will be a community forum on "Understanding Mental Health, Depression and Suicide Prevention: Reducing Stigma, Opening Minds, Creating Hope," from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday at the Highland Falls Middle School.

The forum is open to parents, students, teachers and community leaders from the area.

For more information, call Chuck Giardina, school social worker, at 446-4914, ext. 242 or 343-8100, ext. 238.

Godspell play

James I. O'Neill High School is performing the musical, "Godspell," in March. The shows will take place at 7 p.m. March 19, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 20 and 3 p.m. March 21.

There will be an admission charge. Tickets are available at the door or by reservation.

For more information, call Leslie D'Onofrio at 446-9521.

Reading Efficiency Course

Enrollment has begun for the next session of RS102, Reading Efficiency Course, which begins March 24.

The course is open to all cadets, staff and faculty and employees at West Point.

RS102 is a 10-lesson course designed to help increase reading speed without a significant loss of comprehension.

There is no homework, textbook to buy, out-of-class assignments or WPRs/TEEs.

Classes are offered during B, E, F, G, K, and L hours of the cadet class schedule.

All classes take place in the basement of Jefferson Hall. The course syllabus will be sent when registration is confirmed.

To enroll in the class or for more

information, call Kathy Eagan, RS102 course director, at 938-3421 or e-mail yk8716@usma.edu.

Distinguished Leader Series

Behavioral Sciences and Leadership is hosting its Distinguished Leader Series group session with the Black & Gold Forum at 12:50 p.m. March 25 in Thayer Hall 277.

The guest speaker is Anne Mulcahy, chairman and CEO for Xerox. She is the first woman chairman and CEO of Xerox, and she successfully guided the company through the economic troubles of the past couple years.

For more information, call Maj. Daniel Hall at 938-2476.

Women's History Month celebration

There is a Women's History Month luncheon featuring guest speaker, Donna McAleer, Class of 1987, at 11:30 a.m. March 26 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

The luncheon program entitled, "Writing Women Back into History," features McAleer, who is a former Olympian, business leader and author of the book, "Porcelain on Steel," which is about women of the Long Gray Line.

For ticket information, call Bobbi Liyari (EEO) at 938-4478, Dr. Michelle Craddock (Math) at 938-6309, Maj. Maria Burger (USCC) at 938-5966, Maj. Crystal Hills (English) at 938-3552, Maj. Megan McSwain (History) at 938-7348, Maj. Darren Spears (DMI) at 938-3906, Master Sgt. Ryan Goldsmith (EO) at 938-2581, Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Key (USCC EO) at 938-8456 and Sgt. Vanessa Lackington (EO) at 938-2621.

Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day

There is a Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day at noon-4 p.m. March 27 at 55 Water Street in New York City.

The ceremonial observation takes place at the lobby promenade, adjacent to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza.

The day will include the reading of the names of the 1,741 individuals who lost their lives in Vietnam from New York City.

The event also includes Medal of Honor recipient Paul Bucha and Vietnam Veterans of America President John Rowan.

A proclamation will be presented by the State of New York with all Vietnam veterans in attendance receiving a personal copy.

To RSVP, call 212-693-1476 or e-mail unitedwarveterans@gmail.com.

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 through Wednesday.

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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive is noon-7 p.m. March 29-31 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 1 at Eisenhower Hall's fourth floor Ballroom.

Walk-ins are always welcome, however appointments to donate whole blood for convenience purposes can be made by calling Mary Mandia at 938-2583.

Aphaeresis services will be available for

those individuals who wish to donate platelets. Aphaeresis donors are seen by appointment only and should call 800-933-2566 or sign up online at www.nybloodcenter.org.

Individuals interested in registering with the C.W. Bill Young/DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program can do so at the blood drive.

Army Diversity Office

The Army Diversity Office is looking for personal inspirational stories of diversity and inclusion. These experiences could have happened to you or were witnessed by you.

More often than not, disturbing stories of discrimination and exclusion are heard rather than encouraging stories told.

These encouraging stories can be about any organization, military or civilian, or family/neighborhood experiences.

For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Greg Jenkins, Army Diversity Office, at (703) 696-8889 or (703) 677-4245.

Penny Social

The Highland Falls Fire Department is sponsoring a Penny Social at 4 p.m. April 10. The social includes refreshments and door prizes.

Guest lecture

The Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering is presenting guest lecturer C. David Cooper, Ph.D., Professor of Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil, Environmental and Construction Engineering at the University of Central Florida April 14.

He will present "Carbon Capture and Storage—Technology for the Future" to students enrolled in EV397, Air Pollution Engineering, from 7:30-8:25 a.m. and to D/G&EnE faculty and Professional Engineers from DPW from 12:50-1:45 p.m. Both lectures will take place in the D/G&EnE Conference Room 6004, 6th floor, Washington Hall.

For more information, call Maj. David-Michael Roux, EV397 course director, at 938-4622.

Government Airfare travel update

As of February, U.S. Airways and Delta Airlines have added government airfares out of Stewart Airport in Newburgh to more than 75 CONUS cities.

Due to the size of Stewart Airport, many of these fares are routed through airline hubs and are not direct flights, but they do eliminate the need to travel to LGA, JFK and EWR.

When requesting these city airfares through DTS, they will fall under "Other Government Airfare" on the selection page.

Carlson Wagonlit travel agents will be able to assist any official travelers without access to DTS. Many of these fares rival the government fares from bigger city airports and now make travel from Newburgh possible.

It is only through use that these fares can be made available in the future. It is encouraged to all official travelers to take full advantage of Stewart Airport.

Second Division Reunion

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

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

Sylve sets academy hurdles record at IC4As

By Dallas Miller
Athletic Communications

Cow hurdler Domonick Sylve set a U.S. Military Academy record in the 55-meter hurdles and placed first overall, as the Army men's track and field team concluded the indoor season at the IC4A Championships, hosted by Boston University, at the Terriers' Track and Tennis Center Sunday in Boston.

After Sylve won his opening heat and posted the third-fastest time overall (7.46) in preliminary action Feb. 6, the Long Beach, Calif., native lowered the academy mark and his personal best Sunday, clocking in at 7.32 and claiming first place.

The previous academy record of 7.35, set more than 16 years ago, was held by T.J. Petersen. Sylve's time also surpassed the NCAA provisional-qualifying time of 7.38 and ranks among the top 30 times nationally in that event this season.

"Domonick ran a great time, which was a fitting end to a stellar indoor campaign," two-time Patriot League Coach of the Year Troy Engle remarked following the meet. "To have gone three weeks in a row (Patriot League Championships, Army-Navy, IC4A Championships) at such a high intensity was tough, but this meet was an opportunity for some individuals to showcase their talent."

Cow Alfred McDaniel placed eighth overall in the 55-meter dash finals in a season-best 6.45 seconds, just .02 off of his personal record set last season, which ranks ninth all-time in the Army record books.

Firstie Matt Nulk came within .01-meter of tying his season best, recording a mark of 15.84 meters that netted 10th place in the shot put final, with fellow shot putter Firstie Joe Nemeth collecting 20th overall after throwing 14.91 meters.

In the triple jump, Yearling Frederick Beebe earned 10th place overall with a leap of 14.20 meters.

Yearling Taylor Kensy earned second place in the fourth heat of the 500-meter competition (1:04.22) by recording the field's 16th fastest time overall.

Kensy also teamed up with Cow Christopher Michels, Firstie Brandon Wright and Yearling Michael Hutchins on the 4x400-meter relay team that clocked in at 3:14.51 and missed a berth in the finals by just .06 seconds.

Cow Torre Santiago posted seventh place in his heat in the mile run (4:13.81) just seconds behind the top qualifier.

In the 800-meter prelims, Yearling Christopher Wagner (1:52.33), Firstie Andrew Tingan (1:52.72) and Cow Thomas Meyer (1:53.86) were in the 14, 22, and 31 positions. Wagner recorded a new personal best to lead Army Feb. 6.

Firstie Zach Reiter posted the 24th fastest time in the 3,000-meter final in 8:40.82, while the distance medley relay team of Firstie William Caffery, Cow Corbin Helis, Plebe Kevin Russell and Tingan finished in 10:15.47, good for seventh in their heat at 23rd overall.

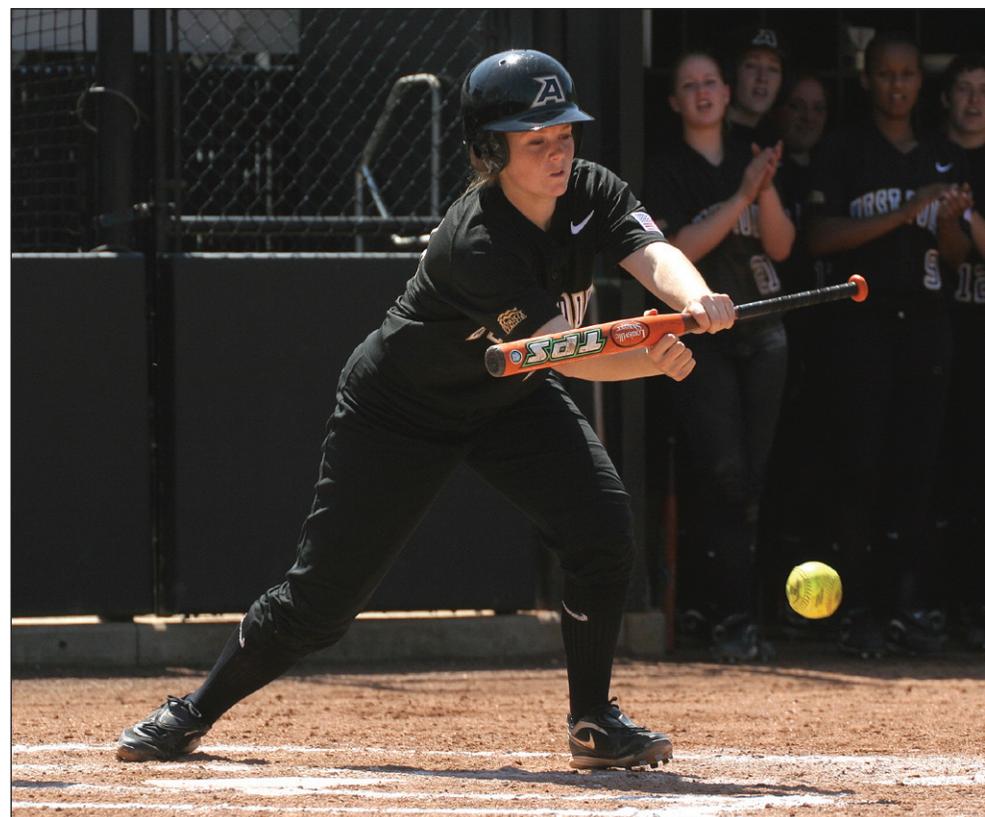
Army collected 11 points and finished 22nd overall in its final team-scored meet of the indoor season.



Cow hurdler Domonick Sylve set an academy record in the 55-meter hurdles at the IC4A Championships with a 7.32-second time Sunday.

PHOTO BY TOM CONNELLY

Muckelroy throws shutout over George Washington



Firstie catcher Erin McClain went 2-for-3, including her 25th career double that moved her into 11th place on Army Softball's all-time doubles list.

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By Mady Salvani
Athletic Communications

Firstie right-handed pitcher Jessi Muckelroy threw a five-hitter and Plebe right fielder Tiffany Held went 2-for-3, drove in a pair of runs and scored once as Army softball blanked George Washington, 5-0, at the Colonial Classic Sunday at the Mt. Vernon Softball Complex in Washington D.C.

The win is Army's (1-3) and rookie head coach Michelle DePolo's first of the season as the Black Knights posted their first victory over George Washington since the inaugural meeting in 2005, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Army, collecting a season-high 11 hits, jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning.

With two outs, the Black Knights ripped three straight doubles to every section of the outfield. Firstie left fielder Jennae Tomlinson led off the uprising by ripping her two bagger to left field, Yearling third baseman Rachael Duval stroked hers to center field with Firstie catcher Erin McClain ripping one to right off Heidi Penna.

Duval knocked in Tomlinson with her second two-bagger of the season and McClain's 25th career double moved the Army firstie co-captain into 11th place on the

school's all-time list.

The Black Knights picked up three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning with Held having a hand in all three runs keyed by her two-run triple that delivered Yearling pinch runner Natalia Gruenbaum and Plebe shortstop Alex Reynolds, who singled, home.

Cow designated hitter Angela Deger's run-scoring single to right center field plated Held as the Black Knights collected four of their 11 hits in that frame to pull ahead 5-0.

Muckelroy (1-1) kept the Colonials in check while only allowing them to reach second base three times, the last in the fourth inning.

The Army hurler scattered five hits, struck out six batters, one shy of her career-high, and issued just one walk in posting her sixth career shutout.

Tomlinson, Duval, McClain and Held each went 2-for-3 at the plate in leading Army's 11-hit attack. Held had a triple along with a double as Army collected four doubles in the game.

"The team worked hard throughout the tournament and we got stronger with each game," first-year coach DePolo said. "It was great to come back and beat George Washington after losing that 1-0 heartbreaker in (Feb. 6's) game. The team played gritty and tough and came back strong."

Boxing team gets prepared for regionals

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

It's an old cliché used in sports when a team nears its third consecutive victory.

The three-peat.

The Army Boxing Team is working toward that as it heads into the East Regional Tournament next weekend at the University of Maryland. Firstie Ryle Stous, team captain, is keeping things in perspective.

"When you think of three's, I'm thinking about 'Rocky III' when he gets beat up because he becomes complacent," Stous said. "I'm trying as much as possible not to think about those kinds of things, 'the three-peat,' and focus instead on how hard everyone is training. It's the basics that have got us where we are now."

In an academy where education is the highest commodity for cadets, Stous appreciates the lessons he's learned inside the ring these past four years. His record leans heavy on the win column, but it's the losses that have provided him the most education.

"You always go back to your losses and think what you could have done differently," he said. "It's also a gut check when you lose; you want to do whatever it takes to overcome that. Every loss is real vivid in my memory, the mistakes that I've made. So I've always learned a lot from losses."

Those lessons proved valuable during the 2008 National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships when he faced an opponent he had previously lost to during the season. The pressure was intense, but in a good way, Stous said.

"When I found out that my fight would clinch the championship for us, it added that extra boost to help me fight. I had to dig down deep and find that something extra," Stous said.

Stous, a four-time Brigade Boxing Open champion and two-time national champion, said that while boxing is an individual competition inside the ring, the team concept is what drives their success.

"It's like iron sharpening iron—as our team gets better and better, it's that much easier to be successful here because you're constantly training with guys of such caliber," Stous said. "And that's every member of the team."

There's a strong bond among the boxing team members, a cohesion that defines them over any other team that he's known. Stous said that unique quality brings out the best in everyone.

"I think our best competition is between members of our own team sometimes," Stous said. "So when I compete in the ring, I'm calm because I know I've sparred with (Steve Henao-) Escobar, Terrell (Anthony), (William) Myers, (A.J.) Pisano, all on a daily basis, and there's no competition that compares to them. That's how we're a team, in that we create such an intense atmosphere. So if you survive practice you're going to be successful."

The 25-year-old, Lakeside, Calif., native, said training has intensified in preparation for the final tournaments.

While some veteran boxers, like Firstie Pisano, will not compete, Stous said it sets up success for the younger boxers.

"It's almost like a trade-off. I'll miss them because they're my buddies, but it's also a good opportunity for other guys to



Firstie Ryle Stous receives instruction from Army head boxing coach Ray Barone during a match with Navy two seasons ago. Stous, a two-time national champion, is looking to three-peat much like his team as Army boxing is trying for its third straight national championship.

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have that experience and contribute," Stous said. "It's nice to get plebes and yearlings with compatible boxing ability to give them experience so they can carry on and then you have a four-peat, five-peat, and build on that dynasty."

West Point Boxing Head coach Ray Barone said in addition to having a strong heavyweight contender in Cow Seth King, the team will also bring the hard-hitting Yearling Tyler Elliot at the 195-pound weight class.

"Elliot is the hardest hitter on the team, and one of the hardest hitters I've worked with in college boxing," Barone said. "We also have (Cow) Terrell Anthony, who won the championship last year, and (Cow) Danilo Garcia, a two-time national champion who has a good chance to win again."

Adding additional depth to the roster is Cow Henao-Escobar, who is contending in the 147-pound class. Escobar, who has competed each year at the regional and national level, only fought once at the Brigade Boxing Open—in his plebe year.

Last year, he sustained a back injury right before the open, and this year he came down with the flu two days prior to the event.

"I've been riddled with weird, last minute injuries, but last year I came back and defeated the champion for the spot on regionals," Henao-Escobar said.

Henao-Escobar is hoping history will repeat once again, as that slot at regionals is still pending between him and Yearling Deonte Dawson. "Esco," as he is referred to by his coaches and teammates, finished second in the country the last two years at the nationals and is working extremely hard to be crowned as national champion.

Henao-Escobar trained early on at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School with Cow Danilo Garcia, the 125-pound BBO champ, and said fighting on a championship team his first two years hasn't spoiled him at all. It's only made him hungry for more.

"For us, having joined the team as freshmen and to have won nationals, it made us feel as if we tipped the scales," the 22-year-old native of Bayonne, N.J. said. "The Army team has always been very competitive, but when we got here and won it ... it's a source of pride. We won two, and we want to leave a strong legacy behind us. So we're training hard for that right now."

That means boxers forgo the usual cadet spring break traditions to compete in the regional tournament. The added incentive this year is having West Point host the NCBA National Championships.

"Personally, I've never had the experience of a large crowd cheering me on," Henao-Escobar said. "We're motivated to work extra hard knowing that it's here, knowing that our Families and fellow cadets will be watching and cheering us on. Because they know our story, know how hard we work on this every day and they're as excited as we are to have nationals here."

Returning boxers from the previous year include Yearling Andrew Manglicmot, who finished second in the country last year at 119 pounds—losing on a close 3-2 decision, and is expected to "make a lot of noise" this year at the nationals, and Cow Johnny Garcia at 132 pounds, who is working hard to win his first individual title.

Additionally, Yearling Huseyn Panahov, Firstie Deonte Dawson, Yearling Ryan Johnson and Plebe Jon Maddux are expected to contribute to the regional and national team efforts.

Barone was quick to point out that while only 12 boxers will move forward to represent West Point at the regional and national tournaments, it is important to remember that this is a 60-man and four-coach team effort and that the other 48 cadet members of the team and coaches are now focused on getting the 12 boxers ready.

"Coach (Master Sgt. Jeffery) Mays, the

assistant head boxing coach, is an integral part of this team," Barone said. "His boxing knowledge and experience and his ability to convey this to the boxers is outstanding. Coach Mays and I constantly talk about boxing technique and strategy so that we are 'on the same sheet of music' and teach the same skills and strategy to our boxers."

"Coach Mays and I think a lot alike, so it is quite simple for us to exchange ideas to enhance our team," he added.

Barone also credited coaches Capt. Deni Fajardo and Maj. Joe Sowers for being essential to the successes enjoyed by this team thus far.

"Fajardo has been so involved and important 'in the behind the scenes' things that have to get done to operate a 60-man team, I cannot say enough about him," Barone said. "And 'Smokin' Joe' has played a big role in drumming up alumni support and assisting with practices when possible."

Barone said coaches and officials around the country have waited a long time to finally get the "West Point experience" at nationals April 8-10.

While West Point is sure to impress, Barone said he wants them to leave without the championship title.

"They've said they have always wanted to come to West Point and see the mystique, the tradition, the whole package," Barone said. "But hopefully, we'll make them regret they came."

Barone said having the team compete in front of a home crowd will help keep his team sharp. Having achieved considerable success both individually and as a team, Barone said it's crucial to eliminate any notion of complacency going into the finals.

"No predictions, except to say we are going to be a very competitive team," Barone said. "If each guy works his lane and performs the way I know they can, good things are going to happen."

Kyler earns second EIWA Championship

By Tim Volkman
Athletic Communications

Add Firstie Matt Kyler's name to the list of two-time EIWA champions.

Kyler won his second Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Championship with a 5-3 win over Bucknell's Kevin LeValley Sunday at Stabler Arena in Bethlehem, Pa.

A four-time EIWA finalist, Kyler captured his second championship and will wrestle for the fourth time at the NCAA Championships in two weeks.

Kyler and fellow Firstie Richard Starks both earned return trips to nationals following two days of wrestling at the EIWA Championships.

The 2010 NCAA Championships are scheduled for March 18-20 at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Neb.

Starks finished third and earned one of the allocated bids, the second straight year he has qualified for the national tournament.

Army finished tied with Columbia for eighth place in the 13-team event with six place-winners and 65 points.

Cornell won its fourth straight team championship, beating Pennsylvania and Lehigh.

In addition to Kyler and Starks, Plebe Collin Wittmeyer (fifth at 184), Yearling Orion Ross (seventh at 285), Yearling Travis

Coffey (eighth at 133) and Cow Casey Thome (eighth at 141) also earned spots on the medal stand.

Kyler, ranked #10 in the latest Intermat poll, won Army's 30th EIWA individual championship and avenged one of his three losses this season.

"Matt wrestled in a brutal weight class," Army head coach Chuck Barbee said. "He prepared his whole career for this and came out and executed. He worked very hard for this and I was very proud of the way he wrestled."

LeValley, the top-seeded wrestler at 149 pounds and ranked seventh nationally by Intermat, edged Kyler 8-6 in overtime during a dual in West Point Nov. 21.

This time it was Kyler coming out on top and becoming Army's first two-time EIWA champion since Phillip Simpson won three straight titles from 2003-05.

Kyler scored his first takedown a minute into the match before LeValley escaped to make it 2-1. Kyler was in deep on a takedown attempt but was unable to finish the move before time expired.

LeValley chose down in the second period and escaped to tie the match at two. Kyler responded with another takedown before LeValley escaped again to make the score 4-3 in favor of Kyler.

Kyler chose down to start the final period

and worked for his escape, finally getting the point with 16 seconds left for the victory and his second silver championship trophy.

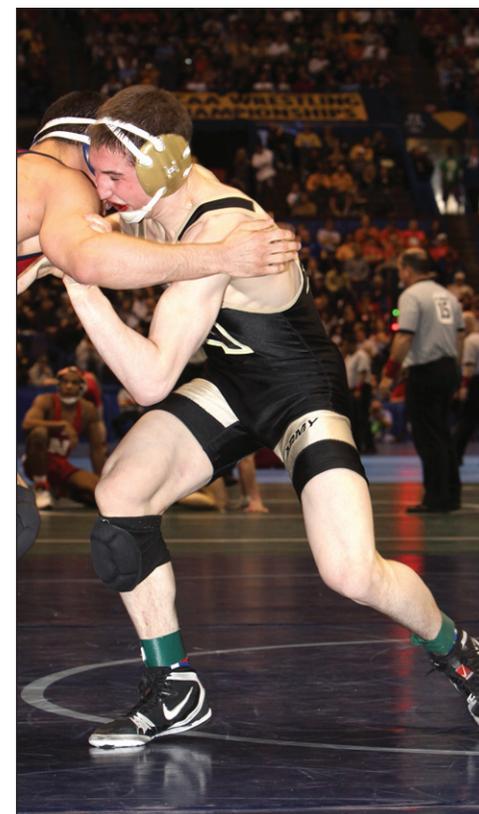
Starks earned his second consecutive trip to the national tournament with a win in the consolation semifinals, assuring himself of at least a fourth-place finish by beating Joseph Kennedy of Lehigh.

Starks, with his head wrapped from an injury during an overtime loss in March 6's semifinals, scored a single-leg takedown two minutes into the first period. Kennedy escaped and Starks chose down in the second period. Starks quickly escaped to run his advantage to 3-1.

Kennedy chose the down position in the final period and escaped to get within a point but neither wrestler was able to score again and Starks took the 3-2 win.

Starks utilized three takedowns for his third-place finish with a 7-2 win against Danial Mitchell of American in the consolation finals. He came in fourth as a yearling, second as a cow and now third and ran his career record at the EIWA Tournament to 9-4.

"Richard is the definition of intestinal fortitude," Barbee said. "For him to come back after losing a match he dominated in the semifinals shows what kind of person he is. He showed a lot of fight and a lot of mental toughness, things you need to contend for a national championship."



Firstie Matt Kyler earned his second EIWA Championship Sunday in Bethlehem, Pa., defeating Bucknell's Kevin LeValley. COURTESY PHOTO

Junior Alpine Team skis last race in 2010

Story and photos by
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Forty-six members of the West Point Junior Alpine Ski Team ran its last race of the season March 6 at the Victor Constant Ski Slope.

The WPJAST was established in 2003 when retired Lt. Col. Bill Adams, Col. Tyge Ruggenstein from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School and Corina Morano-Ender created the team.

"We wanted (to develop) a team to bridge the gap and serve as a feeder program (among) the ski slope, the snow sport school, which provide ski lessons, and the Alpine Ski Racing Team at James I. O'Neill High School," Morano-Ender said.

The WPJAST is a co-educational recreational junior ski-racing program for youths ages 8-14.

The mission is to teach ski-racing skills and to give advanced skiers a venue for competition.

"The club conducts four home races at the slope and usually attends a couple of races at neighboring mountains like Belleayre and Plattekill Mountain," Morano-Ender said. "The WPJAST has provided a great forum for kids to have fun and build confidence with a large motor skill development as they learn to ski well and 'ski with tactics' in racing."

Practices are held Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m.

Logan Zivec, who is ranked



Tony Barbee, a West Point Junior Alpine team member, rounds one of the gates at the Victor Constant Ski Slope March 6 during the team's last race of the season. The team was established in 2003 to bridge the gap among the ski slope, the snow sport school, which provide ski lessons, and the Alpine Ski Team at James I. O'Neill High School.

first for the 9-10 age group, said he loves skiing and particularly likes racing.

"I think I did a great job," Zivec said before learning of his rank. "I've been skiing for three years and I love going down hills fast."

The competitors took two runs down the hill and the ranking was determined by combining the times

of the two runs.

The current board members of the team are Morano-Ender, president; Tony McGowan, co-vice president; Sgt. Maj. James Barnard, co-vice president; Kristine Learey, treasurer; and retired Sgt. Maj. David Brzywczy, who is the director of coaching.

"Coaches have a myriad of

teaching and racing experience at both the professional and amateur level and are members of the Professional Ski Instructors of America or the Amateur Ski Instructors of America," Morano-Ender said.

There is a registration fee and the team is open to new members who can at least perform a Wedge

Christie turn, ski under control, turn and stop on demand and listen and follow the directions of the coaches. Applicants are required to purchase a season pass at the Victor Constant Ski Slope.

For more information on the WPJAST, call Brzywczy at 938-3614 or Morano-Ender at 446-2177.

Henshaw, Koenigsfeld power Army to best start since 1986

By Bob Beretta
Athletic Communications

Cow first baseman Joey Henshaw homered and drove in four runs and Cow pitcher Ben Koenigsfeld fired 5 1/3 innings of no-hit ball as Army held on to defeat UNC Greensboro 9-6 March 6 at UNCG Baseball Stadium in Greensboro, N.C.

In extending their winning streak to three games, the Black Knights raced out to a 7-1 lead, survived a five-run seventh inning by the Spartans and blanked UNC Greensboro over the final two frames to earn the win.

Army (4-1) jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of third inning against UNC Greensboro starter Warren Slack when Yearling left fielder Shaun Wixted rapped a leadoff single, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Yearling right fielder Cody Murtle and scored on a two-out single by Yearling second baseman Zach Price.

Henshaw's solo homer to right field in the fourth moved the Black Knights ahead 2-0.

Army doubled its lead in the top of the sixth inning on a bunt single by Cow center fielder David Darnell, a single to left by Cow shortstop Clint Moore and a run-scoring single up the middle by Henshaw. Wes McBride relieved Slack with runners at first and third and one out, and surrendered a sacrifice fly to Cow third baseman Kevin McKague that stretched the Black Knights' lead to 4-0.

Last season's Patriot League Pitcher of the Year, Koenigsfeld, carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning and retired 14 of 15 batters and 11 in a row after stranding a pair of runners on base in the first.

The right-hander set down the Spartans in order in the second, third, fourth and fifth innings before Drew Gehringer's infield single with one out in the sixth ended Koenigsfeld's no-hit bid.

Corey Overholtzer followed with a double down the left field line that plated Gehringer with UNC Greensboro's first run of the game.

But Koenigsfeld avoided further damage and departed after the sixth with his club enjoying a 7-1 cushion.

"Ben Koenigsfeld pitched a heck of a ball game," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "It was a well-pitched game early on. The starters matched up well, and Ben did a great job keeping us in the game. Offensively, we did an excellent job of being patient and taking advantage of opportunities as they presented themselves later in the game."

Army added to its lead in the seventh on a clutch two-out, run-scoring single by Moore and a two-out fielding error by Spartan left fielder Chris Barker that allowed two more runs to score.

But UNC Greensboro (6-3) wouldn't go away, parlaying five hits, three walks, a hit batsman and a fielding error into five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Army responded with two big insurance runs in the top of the eighth inning as Koenigsfeld drew a leadoff walk and advanced to third on a single to right field by Wixted.

Murtle's sacrifice fly to right delivered Koenigsfeld with Army's eighth run. A timely two-out single to center by Price chased home Wixted, increasing the Black Knights' lead to 9-6.

Army secured its fourth win in five games this season as Firstie Steve Cummings held UNC Greensboro scoreless in the bottom of the eighth and McKague fired a perfect ninth to notch his second save of the season.

Koenigsfeld was masterful in his six sharp innings of mound work, allowing just one run on two hits. He struck out eight and walked only one, pushing his seasonal record to 2-0 with the victory.

Price, Moore, Henshaw and Wixted registered two hits each to pace Army's 11-hit attack.

"The mental toughness of the club was outstanding today. We jumped out to a big lead, UNC Greensboro came back at us and responded right back," Sottolano said. "It's great to see that kind of toughness and resiliency. We showed a lot of heart, determination and great character today. We're looking

forward to getting back out on field tomorrow so that we can continue improve as a team."

At 4-1, Army is off to its best start since 1986. The Black Knights opened with four wins in their first five games that season.

Baseball notes: Former Army pitching standout Nick Hill (Class of 2007) made history March 4 when he became the first former Black Knight to appear in a major league spring training game. Hill, invited to major league camp by the Seattle Mariners, tossed one inning against the San Diego Padres in Peoria, Ariz. Hill allowed one run on three hits, while striking out a batter. He threw 25 pitches in the inning, including 16 for strikes. Hill is expected to begin the season at Triple-A Tacoma.

Combat Weapons Team Wins Army Small Arms Pistol Championship

By Yearling Aaron Pool
Combat Weapons Team PAO

The Combat Weapons Team took first place in the Army Small Arms Pistol Team Championship Feb. 22 in Fort Benning, Ga.

The competition consisted of several stages, which tested the team's stamina, accuracy and focus. Each stage tested the shooters at ranges from 15-35 yards, and one stage included a two-mile run.

Pistol Team members Cows Andrew Beck, James Dallman, Phil Hayward, Matt Ray, Gary Hunt and Yearling Graham Prieb won 14 medals throughout the entire competition. The competition lasted for a week and included rifle, pistol and combined arms competitions. The Combat Weapons Team performed well in the other categories and placed third in the overall competition.



Cow Gary Hunt shoots at a 500-meter target while Cow James Dallman and Yearling Graham Prieb observe. Army took first place during the Army Small Arms Pistol Team Championship Feb. 22 in Fort Benning, Ga.

PHOTO BY CRAIG JACKSON

CLUB RESULTS

• **Cycling Team:** The West Point Cycling Team competed in its first races of the season March 6 and Sunday at Rutgers University in Piscataway, N.J.

The races consisted of three cycling road disciplines with the first race of the season being an Individual Time Trial followed closely by a criterium. In the ITT, several team members had outstanding performances. Specifically, Firstie Kelsey Hassin placed 10th in Women's A and Cow Stacie Burak placed 12th in Women's A.

Plebe Patrick Doumont placed 10th in Men's D in his first collegiate cycling race. The next race was the criterium, which is a race characterized by short, fast laps with a multitude of sprints throughout the race.

In the criterium, Yearling Nicholas Garcia placed 6th in the Men's B field of 50 riders.

The final race of the weekend occurred Sunday and was a circuit race, which is an endurance race ranging from 30-90 minutes.

Doumont placed 10th in the Circuit in the Men's D field of 63 riders while Plebe Stephen Rogacki placed 12th. Yearling Nicholas Garcia added onto his amazing criterium performance and placed 6th in the Circuit race.

• **Men's Team Handball:** The Army Men's Team Handball Black squad traveled to Air Force March 5 through Sunday. The squad captured the 23rd Falcon Cup title by going undefeated and beating Air Force twice.

The team easily handled Air Force's junior squad 43-16 the first game March 5. The next morning, they held off a solid Los Angeles THC 28-26 to set up a showdown with Air Force's senior team, which Army defeated 35-30.

The victory sent them to the finals Sunday where they defeated an experienced Denver THC 29-22. The victory capped the team's second straight tournament victory and continued a 10-match win streak. Firstie TJ Giordano and Cow Rickey Royal were named to the all-tournament team.

For those interested in viewing more results and photos, go to the team handball's Web site at <http://wpteamhandball.wetpaint.com/page/Results>.

Sports calendar

March 11-27

Corps

TODAY — SOFTBALL VS. SIENA, 3 P.M. (DOUBLEHEADER), ARMY SOFTBALL COMPLEX.

FRIDAY — GYMNASTICS VS. AIR FORCE, 6 P.M., GROSS OLYMPIC CENTER.

SATURDAY — WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. RHODE ISLAND, 9 A.M., LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

SUNDAY — WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. NIAGARA, 9 A.M., LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

MARCH 20 — LACROSSE VS. RUTGERS, NOON, MICHIE STADIUM.

MARCH 23 — BASEBALL VS. QUINNIPIAC, 3 P.M., DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

MARCH 26 — MEN'S TENNIS VS. LAFAYETTE (NOON) AND HOLY CROSS (3 P.M.), LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

MARCH 26 — BASEBALL VS.

CORNELL, 3 P.M., DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

MARCH 26 — WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. HOLY CROSS AND LAFAYETTE, 6 P.M., LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

MARCH 27 — MEN'S TENNIS VS. COLGATE, 9 A.M., LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

MARCH 27 — WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. COLGATE, NOON, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

MARCH 27 — BASEBALL VS. CORNELL, NOON (DOUBLEHEADER), DOUBLEDAY FIELD.

Club

MARCH 26 — WOMEN'S TEAM HANDBALL, 1ST LT. LAURA WALKER INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT, 5 P.M., ARVIN GYM.

MARCH 26-27 — MEN'S RUGBY, OPPONENTS TBA, 1 P.M. BOTH DAYS, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX.