



(Above) On the command to open envelopes, branch notifications were revealed to the hundreds of firsties in the Class of 2011 Sunday. (Right) Firsties Jordan Trimble and Johnathon Yates share good news at Branch Night inside Eisenhower Hall. Yates said he jumped out of his seat after seeing the ordnance insignia inside the envelope. "I felt relieved and excited when I opened the letter," Yates said. Seventy-eight percent received their first choice and more than 95 percent of the Class of 2011 received one of their top three choices. (Below) Brigade Athletic Officer Judson Noel calls his girlfriend with the news. "When I opened the envelope and saw that I was going into the infantry, I was so excited because both me and my best friend wanted infantry and we both got it," Noel said. "We actually opened our envelopes together at the same time."

Class of 2011 don new brass at Branch Night

Story and photos by Sgt. Vincent Fusco
West Point Public Affairs Office

"You may now open your envelopes."

Seconds after Col. Casey Haskins, Dept. of Military Instruction director, spoke those six words Sunday, the Class of 2011 tore open the envelopes in their hands and began shouting and jumping for joy. That was the climactic moment of Branch Night, when the firsties learn for the first time the career path the Army will lead them toward as commissioned officers.

Firstie Ji Kim described the wait after everyone assembled in the auditorium as the longest 30 minutes of his life.

"We're just sitting around, people keep walking on and off stage, we're just waiting—for the love of God—to start so we could open these envelopes in our hands," Kim said.

When the Torrance, Calif., native finally opened his envelope, Kim was extremely excited and relieved to see he was selected for the armor branch.

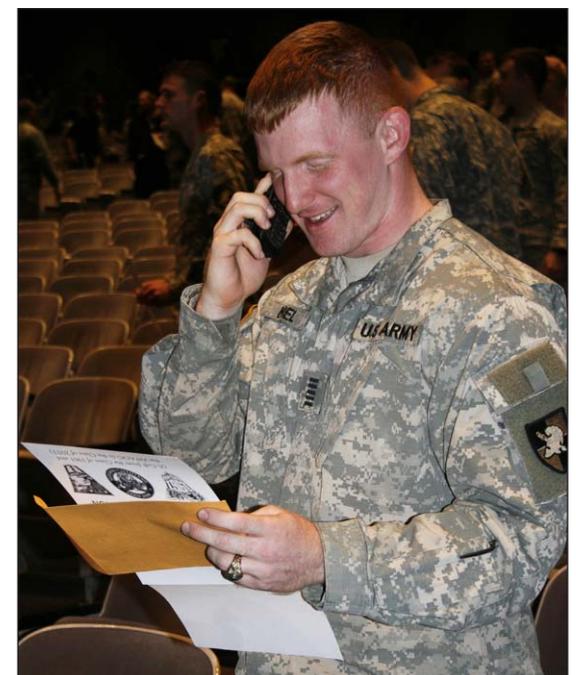
It was his first choice since his father is currently an armor noncommissioned officer at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"I'm just trying to follow in his footsteps," Kim declared proudly.

Daniel Bader's reasons for choosing the infantry branch were somewhat Family-related—he comes from an "Air Force Family," which inspired him to try a different path.

"Infantry seemed like the biggest challenge, and I wanted to be where the biggest challenge was," the McLean, Va., native said. "I'm looking forward to Ranger School, I'm looking for the opportunity to train, and I just hope to God I do a good job."

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Reflecting on a scene, a site, an event

Commentary by Lt. Col. William F. Pearman
Bagram AB, Afghanistan

It is now 2249 hours local, 1419 hours EST, on a cool night here at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. I sit behind my primary instrument of this war, the computer, and feel compelled to convey the site, the scene, the event from which I just returned.

The moon is a waxing gibbous and is high in the sky—not to be outdone by the perimeter lights of the airfield that veil all but a few stars in the cloudless sky. 55.08 feet above me is the horizontal stabilizer of the C-17 Globemaster III, which only moments before unloaded a group of Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, contractors and their equipment. Once emptied, the cargo ramp on this large aircraft closed—an effort, I believe, to preserve the dignity of the preparation for its next mission.

It was there that I stood, under the tail section of this mighty aircraft that my thoughts began to wrestle with the reason for my presence in the fourth rank of this VIP formation. I have been in this formation before—though never enough, each time for the same purpose, but how do I define that purpose? My eyes are drawn to the solitary Humvee that slowly approaches with only the



Lt. Col. William F. Pearman

yellow hazards flashing—the reason for my presence approaches, but what is my purpose for being here?

I know little, if nothing, of the Soldier who approaches the assembled formations

of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, NATO allies and contractors. A Soldier, who at present, rests under forward locked stares of eight motionless comrades—four to each side. Who is this Soldier that approaches to the melody of “America the Beautiful” at half measure? Male or female? White, Hispanic, African-American or other? Married or single? Enlisted or officer? Tall, skinny, short or heavy?

None of the answers to those questions matter as we are called to ‘Present Arms!’ and the slow, methodical four-count motion of the ceremonial salute is executed. Who waits at the other end of the journey for this Soldier?

It is the answer to that question that, in part, I feel helps defines my purpose. Though they will not know many of the names, nationalities, ranks or units of all of us assembled here tonight, they will know that their Soldier left this land in the presence of the heartfelt admiration and love of all of us who chose to be here tonight.

The sacrifice that their Soldier made is cause for this evening’s event, but the

overwhelming magnitude of that sacrifice is not trivial to any of us.

As he passes before me, carried by those same eight comrades, I am struck by the observation that within those eight there are ones that are tall, skinny, short and heavy—White, Hispanic, African-American and other. It is within that moment of absolute clarity that I wholly understand my purpose.

That purpose is to bid farewell to one of us.

It is now through the welling tears of reflection that I conclude this message with the sincere hope that, though you know this one Soldier no more than I, you recognize and appreciate the sheer magnitude of this scene, this site and this event.

(Editor’s note: Lt. Col. William F. Pearman is an academy professor in the Department of Chemistry and Life Science at West Point and is currently serving as the Science and Technology advisor in Afghanistan. This document represents his own observations and doesn’t necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Army.)

‘Cake Boss’ episode filmed at West Point premieres Monday

Staff Reports

Watch the Cake Boss on The Learning Channel (TLC) at 9 p.m. Monday to see the presentation of the giant chapel cake made by Buddy Valastro for the Cadet Chapel Centennial celebration filmed June 11.

The Cadet Chapel cake weighed in at nearly 500 pounds filled with chocolate cake and fudge, with all the details made of fondant (modeling chocolate) and entirely edible, as spectators soon discovered after the official cutting.

Check the *Pointer View* and the West Point Flickr site (www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/) next week for more photos of the event.

A photo gallery will be posted to Flickr Tuesday, after the show airs.



Monday’s episode of the “Cake Boss” was taped at the Cadet Chapel June 11.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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Army Family Covenant reaffirmed at West Point

Story and photo by Sgt. Vincent Fusco
West Point Public Affairs Office

Just before the curtain came up on the Army Soldier Show Nov. 2 at Eisenhower Hall Theatre, the top-tier leadership of West Point reaffirmed a commitment made three years ago to the Soldiers and Families at the installation.

“Before we start the show, we want to do something very, very important, and this is the best time to do it,” Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr., West Point Superintendent, said. “Three years ago ... West Point along with other posts, camps and stations around the world committed their leadership to Army Families in a very formal way.”

Along with Huntoon, Col. Michael Tarsa, West Point garrison commander; U.S. Military Academy Command Sgt. Major Anthony Mahoney; and garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Powell signed the Army Family Covenant on stage. Families representing all the individuals from the West Point community whom the Covenant pledges to support stood on stage as special guests to witness the signing.

On Oct. 8, 2007, the U.S. Army unveiled the first Army Family Covenant and made the commitment to provide Soldiers and their Families with a quality of life equal to their dedicated service and sacrifice to the nation. Huntoon read remarks from three years ago that then-U.S. Secretary of the Army Pete Geren made about the Covenant’s purpose.

“The readiness of our all-volunteer force depends upon the health of the Families,” Huntoon quoted. “I can assure you that your Army leadership understands the important contribution each and every one of you makes every day, and we need to make sure we step up and provide the support that Families need so that the Army Family stays healthy and ready.”

The Covenant contains a number of commitments to improve Soldier and Family readiness and is the Army’s promise to take care of its own while providing unconditional support to keep the entire Army strong.

The Family readiness commitments in the document include the standardizing and funding of existing Family programs and services,



The senior leadership of West Point stands in front of several Army Families prior to signing the Army Family Covenant before the Army Soldier Show Nov. 2 at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. The signing reaffirms the commitment made three years ago to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and Families.

increasing accessibility and quality of health care, improving Soldier and Family housing, ensuring education and employment opportunities for Family members and ensuring excellence in schools, youth services and child care.

“Ladies and gentlemen, Families of West Point, that is our commitment to every Army Family on this magnificent installation,” Huntoon said. “Thank you for your support each and every day, for the United States Military Academy and the United States Army.”

Kids' Night at Lee CDC



Patrick Ringhisen finds a cheerleader’s pom pom during a scavenger hunt at the Lee Road Child Development Center.

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Eight-year-olds Janieshn Coke and Ethan Desormeaux sit at the kitchen counter at the Lee Road Child Development Center for a School Age Center Night Nov. 5. Children participated in coloring pages and finding hidden images, a scavenger hunt, jersey-making and HORSE basketball. The event was open to children in grades 1-5.

West Point Negotiations Project explores Muslim dispute resolution

By Yearling Duncan Aylor
West Point Negotiations Project

Doron Pely, a dual American-Israeli citizen and only non-Arab resident of Shafar'am in Israel, spoke to 70 members of the West Point Negotiation Project during a recent lunch. Pely, an expert on dispute resolution in the Middle East (www.sulha.org), then conducted one-on-one interviews with six cadets who are conducting related research.

WPNP members took away a lot from his visit. "Learning about Sulha and Muslim Dispute Resolution opened my eyes to other approaches to conflict resolution and taught me that what works for one culture may not work for another, so it is imperative to be educated on multiple ways of life" Yearling Greg Sacenti said.

The Sulha process is a traditional dispute resolution system (more than 1,500 years old), based on Sharia and practiced by the whole community including Muslims, Druze and Christians.

Customary law leaders settle the disputes using a combination of mediation and arbitration techniques based on the system. Some U.S. commanders have benefited from understanding the role of the Sulha, effectively using awareness about the process to encourage reconciliation between tribes.

Gaining a better understanding of what the Sulha process is and how it works was useful to cadets in preparing them for future Army service.

"The Sulha tradition we studied in the WPNP will be a useful tool to us as officers, and will most likely play a vital role in securing peace in the Middle East," Yearling Thomas Ankenbauer said.

WPNP members go to a series of "brownbag lunches" over the course of the year to learn about the field of negotiation and conflict management in preparation for their Army careers.



Doron Pely, a subject matter expert in Middle Eastern dispute resolution, recently visited cadets from the West Point Negotiations Project. COURTESY PHOTO

Model UN Team victorious at Oxford conference

By Firstie Woo Do
WPMUN Cadet in Charge

The West Point Model United Nations team won a key strategic victory last weekend at the Oxford International Model United Nations conference in the United Kingdom.

After all five cadets won awards, the West Point delegation received a standing ovation from the international community.

Reflecting on the conference, reporter Hu Ching wrote about the West Point delegation's performance on Oxford's live blog: "If this is (an) indication of American diplomacy to come, we should be very happy folks."

The cadets' victory is even more impressive since the Oxford conference attracts a large percentage of graduate students and law students from the best universities in Europe.

The cadets were competing against more than 450 students from 53 universities.

Best Delegate (First Place):

- Firstie Woo Do, representing South Africa in the World Health Organization;
- Cow Micah Ables, representing South Africa in the African Union;
- Cow Brett Schuck, representing South Africa in the Historic General Assembly.

Outstanding Delegate (Second Place):

- Firstie Sahn Cho, representing South Africa in the United Nations Environment Program.

Honorable Mention (Third Place Award):

- Yearling Will Dickson, representing South Africa in the Disarmament & International Security Committee.

To add to the success of the weekend, the Model UN team took a group of its newest



West Point cadets from the Model United Nations team celebrate victory at the Oxford International Model UN conference. COURTESY PHOTO

members and won the "Outstanding Small Delegation" (2nd Place) award at the National Collegiate Security Conference at Georgetown University.

The team competed against 38 other colleges and universities, including tough competitors like the College of William and Mary, the University of Pennsylvania,

Columbia University and McGill University.

Best Delegate (First Place):

- Plebe Warren Geary, in the Central Committee of the CPC: 18th National Congress.

Outstanding Delegate (Second Place):

- Firstie Andrew Swick and Yearling Colleen Harrison, representing France in UN Security Council, 2013;

- Cow Lauren Pasque, representing Denmark in the European Council;
- Yearling Miles Gabrielson, in the Caucus of the National Party of South Africa, 1989.

Honorable Mention (Third Place Award) and Verbal Commendation (Fourth Place Award):

- Firstie George LeMeur and Plebe Claire Williams in the ASEAN Emergency Summit: Boxing Day Tsunami, 2004;

- Yearling Ross Boston, in Soviet Jihad, 1979: Soviet Cabinet;

The following members also participated and were integral to the team's success:

- Plebe Brandon Moore, representing the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Colombian-Venezuelan War;

- Plebe Jack Worthington, in Ad-Hoc UN Summit on Security in the Niger Delta, 2012.

The West Point Model United Nations Team will close out their Fall season with a University of Pennsylvania Conference in Philadelphia this weekend.

West Point boxers connect with Detroit youth

By Linda Mastin
Web and Print Branch Chief

Members of the Cadet Boxing Club made a big impression on Detroit Oct. 29-30.

Originally, the team went to box in the Chuck Davey Boxing Classic at the Detroit Athletic Club Boxing event, an annual tournament for West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Prior to the event, General Motors asked the coaches of all three teams to bring one of their boxers with them to discuss why they went to their respective academies and what their lives as cadets and midshipmen are like to a group of approximately 300 6th through 8th graders at a Detroit charter middle school.

“I wanted to go to college to further my education and to serve my country,” Firstie team captain Terrell Anthony, son of a command sergeant major stationed in Iraq, said. “West Point offers so many fantastic opportunities, and you should not consider it to be ‘out of reach’—however, it is important that you study hard, get involved in various athletics, make the right choices, select good friends and listen to the advice of your parents, teachers and counselors if your goal is to attend West Point.”

The West Point Boxing Team brought four yearlings and two firsties to the event and came away with one win and two losses to Navy and two wins and one loss to Air Force.

Dr. Ray Barone, West Point boxing coach, said the event provides great experience for West Point’s young boxers and helps prepare the team for subsequent national tournaments.

On Oct. 30, the Army team conducted a boxing clinic for inner-city youths at the request of Robert A. Ficano, the Wayne County Chief Executive.

Barone first talked about West Point and the admissions process and gave some insight into making the right life-choices. He and the team reviewed boxing fundamentals for the group as a whole and individually after his talk.

“I saw a lot of myself in these young people,” Anthony, a two-time National Collegiate Boxing Champion, said. “It was very rewarding for me to let them know that the opportunity is there—all they have to do is go get it.”

Firstie Seth King said it was a rewarding experience, working with these young people and seeing their interest in boxing. The three academies plan to meet at the DAC again next October and Barone is already receiving requests to do either more clinics or increase the size of the clinic for Detroit youngsters next year.

“This was a great opportunity for inter-city youths to hear from West Point cadets—some of whom may have been in ‘their shoes’ several years ago—about the opportunities that a West Point education has to offer and how to apply,” Barone said. “We are looking forward to reaching more young people next year.”



Firstie Seth King offers some pointers when the West Point Boxing Team provided a boxing clinic during a recent trip to Detroit.

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Melissa Ivanco and Chad Plenge were also excited to branch into their first choice—military police. Plenge, a Monroe, Wis., native, is in charge of the cadet law enforcement club here. Both had spent their Cadet Troop Leader Training with actual police units and are looking forward to taking on the many missions the branch is entrusted with.

“MPs do absolutely everything—from garrison security and criminal justice to training other troops and Iraqi nationals,” Ivanco, a Roanoke, Va., native said. “The possibilities are endless, so I’m really looking forward to that, but it also makes me a little nervous, too.”

“When you’re still here in the States, you still have a mission to do,” Plenge said. “Then when you’re overseas, you’re working with other people ... to build armies and train their police forces so, hopefully, they can keep their country safe and secure as well, which I think is amazing.”

There was one thought nearly every cadet in that auditorium had in common that night—the news in their envelopes was a reality check that they would soon be leading Soldiers into combat. They will be trusted with the challenges of accomplishing the mission and safeguarding their Soldiers’ lives.

“We learn a lot about them here, and you just hope that you’ll make the right decision,” Plenge said. “But you trust that everything was done here to prepare you for that and you’ll be ready to go.”



Firstie Philip Hayward stands proud as the infantry branch insignia is pinned to his uniform Sunday during the Branch Night event for the Class of 2011.

Results from Army-Air Force events

Below are the results from the Competitive Club competitions versus Air Force, as provided by the Department of Physical Education. Of the 10 competitions this weekend, Army claimed victory in eight.

Team	Result	Score
Women's Lacrosse	W	16-3
Martial Arts	W	5-0 bouts
Racquetball	W	
Boxing	W	7-3 bouts
Judo	W	
Men's Volleyball	L	1-3
Paintball	W	8-2
Men's Rugby (C-sides)	L	11-15
Equestrian	W	Army won in every class
Cycling	W	Army won the team race by 4 seconds. Army placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th in the sprint races.



Women's lacrosse Firstie Brigid Calhoun
TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

For Army-Air Force photos, visit the Flickr gallery at:

www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/

FMWR Blurbs

Turkey Trot 5K

The FMWR Fitness Center presents the second 5K in the new FMWR race series.

The Turkey Trot 5K kicks off at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center the week before or the day of the race.

Prizes are given to the top finishers. Cost of entry is one FMWR Fitness Center Group Fitness Coupon.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Coping with a Deployment course

Join ACS from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday at ACS Bldg. 622 for a Coping with a Deployment course presented by the Red Cross.

This course provides hands-on tools to help Families cope with deployments and teaches adults how to support children as a result of changes they may experience due to the deployment of a Family member.

Refreshments are provided.

For more information or to register, call 938-5654.

ACS Relocation Readiness

The Home Sweet Home Workshop will be held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 18.

In this workshop, ACS prepares you for the decisions that lie ahead and gives you useful tips for narrowing down the perfect home for your Family.

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

RSVP to reserve your spot.

For more information, call 938-2519/3487.

West Point Club's Bridal Expo

There will be a Bridal Expo held from noon-4 p.m. Nov. 21 in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Enjoy music, sample fine foods and visit with vendors as you explore the wedding displays.

There is a minimal entry fee to enjoy this grand event.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Thanksgiving Day feast

A Thanksgiving Day feast is from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (one seating) Nov. 25 in the Grand Ballroom.

Advance reservations are required by Nov. 23.

For pricing and more information, call 938-5120.

Army Photography Contest

The 2010 Army Photography Contest is now open for submissions through Nov. 30.

Complete details of the contest are available at www.arts.armymwr.com or by calling the West Point Craft Shop at 938-4812.

Post Library Fall Story Hours

The Post Library conducts its fall story hours at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday through Dec. 7.

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 Post Library in Bldg. 622, or call 938-2974 for more information.

Tickets for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular

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

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

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

For more information, call 938-3601.

Golf Pro Shop Fall sale

The West Point Golf Pro Shop sale is ongoing. Hurry in to save 20-30 percent on selected items.

Also, the West Point Golf Course will have twilight rate greens fees all day for the rest of the season.

For more details, call 938-2435.

FMWR Community Skate Program

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

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

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

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

NEW INFO

Free Shoe Rental at the Bowling Center

In honor of Military Family Appreciation Month, the West Point Bowling Center is offering free shoe rentals with a valid Military ID card throughout the month of November.

Guests are not included.

For more information, call 938-2140.

Family Spaghetti Night

In honor of Military Family Appreciation Month, the West Point Club presents a spaghetti dinner from 5:30-8 p.m. Nov. 18.

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

There will be a special discount for spouses of deployed personnel.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

BOSS and Boy Scouts Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and Boy Scouts Thanksgiving Food Drive is to help Families in need throughout our community.

Come spend a few hours from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

Come dressed to work both inside and outside and bring work gloves.

For more information, call 938-6497/8048.

West Point 2010 Ski Swap

The West Point 2010 Ski Swap takes place from noon-6 p.m. Nov. 21 and 3-9 p.m. Nov.

22 at the Victor Constant Ski slope.

Visit with vendors who will have discounted merchandise. Season Pass discounts are also available.

For more information, call 938-8623.

BOSS Thanksgiving Dinner

The traditional BOSS Thanksgiving Dinner takes place from 4:30-8 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion.

This event is free for single Soldiers and geographical bachelors.

For more information, call 938-8048.

Spinning Class Training for Race Week

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

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

Race Week will be held Dec. 4-10.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

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

Parking will be available at Clinton Lot.

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

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

For more information, call 938-6497.

Fit EDGE! Fitness Rangers

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

Classes will be held Mondays and Fridays from Nov. 29-Dec. 17.

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

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central at 938-4458.

What's Happening

This Week in Army Football

The "This Week in Army Football" radio show takes place at the Cadet First Class Club from 7-8 p.m. tonight, Nov. 18 and Dec. 8.

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

Fans in the audience have the opportunity to ask questions and win prizes. There are complimentary food and drink specials. It's open to staff and faculty, cadets, civilians and all Army football fans.

O'Neill High School Drama Club entertainment

The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District's Arts in Education Booster Club presents the James I. O'Neill High School Drama Club's Cabaret and Dinner with an evening of song, dance and skits beginning at 6 p.m. Friday.

The event includes a pasta dinner in the O'Neill H.S. cafeteria. The cabaret will begin immediately after the dinner in the auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

To purchase tickets, e-mail Debbie Waters at AIEBCOneillhs@gmail.com.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Old Testament Seminar

The Post Chapel is hosting a walk through the Bible Old Testament Seminar from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Post Chapel.

In just a few action-packed hours, the world's most popular Bible-based seminar will change your life. Using hand motions, catch phrases and group review, you will understand the Old Testament like never before.

Limited childcare is provided for ages 6 months to 4 years old. Children ages 10 and up may participate in the seminar with parents. Lunch is provided for all participants.

For more information or to sign up, call 938-2003.

4 Paws Humane Society Silent Auction fundraiser

There will be a 4 Paws Humane Society Silent Auction fundraiser to benefit the animals in our community from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Grace Baptist Church on Old State Road in Fort Montgomery.

A small entry fee entitles you to a bidding number and access to a variety of food and beverages.

All proceeds go directly to helping animals.

For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Lee Anne Newton at 845-282-1997.

West Point Band Honors Veterans in a Concert

The West Point Concert Band, under the direction of Lt. Col. Jim Keene, is presenting a concert honoring the service of America's veterans at 3 p.m. Sunday at Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The concert is comprised of patriotic works, with numerous multimedia elements designed to highlight the contributions of men and women of the U.S. Armed Services.

Members of the Rolling Thunder will be present at the performance to receive recognition for their efforts to account for all POWs and MIAs of all wars.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Brian Broelmann at 938-5202 or e-mail brian.broelmann@usma.edu.

West Point Class of 1929 Gallery presents artist

The West Point Class of 1929 Gallery is displaying award-winning artist Dorian Lee Remine's exhibit called "New York and the Hudson Valley" through Sunday.

The exhibit features many West Point scenes.

The gallery is located on the 5th floor of Eisenhower Hall.

Civilian Employees Benefits Fair

The annual Civilian Employees Benefits Fair for civilian employees and retirees is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

Staff from the Occupational Health Clinic will be there to give flu shots.

For more information, call 938-3943.

Native American Heritage Observance

Celebrate Native American Heritage month Nov. 19 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom with a Native American dance performance from the Redhawk Dance Troupe.

Children's crafts, artifact displays and food samplings begin at 6 p.m. Opening remarks for the dance performance begins at 6:45 p.m.

This event is open to the public. Admission is free.

The theme of the event is "Life is Sacred—Celebrate Healthy Native Communities."

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Key at 938-8456 or Master Sgt. Ryan Goldsmith at 938-2581.

Weekend Sales Associates needed

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

Applications are available in the Gift Shop. For more information, call Tanisha McInerney at 446-0566.

NEW INFO

Book signings cancelled

The book signings for Sebastian Junger (Monday) and Tim Hetherington (Tuesday) are postponed.

The new dates and times have not been finalized.

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor history event

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will celebrate Veterans Day with a program at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Come hear veterans share the stories of their service as the Hall of Honor remembers America's veterans.

The program consists of recollections by veterans, musical selections and a special tribute to the Korean War and the 60th anniversary of that conflict.

Admission is free, but seating is limited and reservations are strongly encouraged.

To make a reservation, call 561-1765.

Recreational Firing Range

West Point Range Control will be hosting a personally-owned firearms range in preparation for "Big Game Season."

Authorized users may sign in at Range 5 (Route 293 across from Round Pond entrance) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

Additionally, Mine Torne Road is closed from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday for training.

For more information, call Alec Lazore, West Point Range

officer, at 938-3007.

Brigade Tactical Department Turkey Bowl

The Brigade Tactical Department invites the West Point community and cadets in cheering on their favorite tactical officers and tactical noncommissioned officers in its annual flag football game at 6:50 p.m. Nov. 23 at Shea Stadium.

It's a battle to win the coveted Turkey Trophy.

For more information, call Maj. Jerrod Hawk at 938-3501.

USAG Prayer Luncheon

The USAG prayer luncheon is 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

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

West Point Commissary holiday hours

During the holiday season, the West Point Commissary will be closed on certain dates. The following dates are as follows:

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

UPCOMING IKE HALL SHOWS

- Saturday, 2 p.m. — MOSCOW BALLET'S NUTCRACKER;
- Dec. 12, 3 p.m. — THE TEN TENORS "Holiday Edition."

Command Channel 8/23

Nov. 11-18

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and Monday through Nov. 18
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point
(broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and Monday through Nov. 18
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving) and Nov. 26 (Training Holiday).

The emergency room will remain open.

Flu Vaccine Schedule

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

Clinic.

Blood Drive Kickoff Campaign meeting

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting from 10-11:30 a.m. Dec. 3 in the Army Education Center Bldg. 683, Training Room #10 in preparation for the upcoming Armed Services Blood Program's Blood Drive.

The drive will be held Jan. 10-13.

Request that appointed Key Personnel from each activity attend

this meeting.

Provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 or via e-mail at mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil on or before Dec. 3.

Smoking Cessation classes

There will be no smoking Cessation classes Nov. 26.

The last class for 2010 will be Dec. 10. Classes will resume in January 2011.

For more information, contact Trish Titus at 938-3244.

West Point Band takes on teaching duties

Story and photo by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The West Point Band, also known as the United States Military Academy Band, has taken on a new role of teaching Tactical Officers. Several TACs enrolled in the graduate-level LD720 class through Columbia University attended the first class on the history of the West Point Band Nov. 2. The next class is Tuesday.

"The class gives a historical perspective of the military musician to its evolving mission," Sgt. 1st Class Eric Miller of the Concert Band said.

Through the course, entitled *American Experience*, the participants gained an insight into the West Point Band's parallel mission, to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets.

"The TAC officers came here to hear the Hellcats, Concert Band, the Jazz Knights and to understand the role of military music in history," Sgt. Maj. Chris Jones of the Concert Band said. "This is a graduate level course and our goal is to present it to the cadets."

As West Point grew from the time of its establishment in 1802, there was a growing need for fifers, drummers and buglers to drill the new cadets and provide musical order.

Sgt. 1st Class Denver Dill, a Hellcats member, explained the fifer and drummer duties with Sgt. Maj. Eric Sheffler, who demonstrated the drum and Staff Sgt. Torin Olsen who demonstrated the fife with music from the time of the Revolutionary War.

This history course allows TACs to gain a better perspective about the band, other than that it just gives concerts and plays for parades.

"Most band members have a college education and 65 percent have Masters degrees. Three band members have doctorates or are working on a doctorate," Command Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen of the band said. "It's not easy getting into the band. Everyone from instrumental repair to buglers needs to audition."

Today, the West Point Band consists of four components—The Concert Band, the Jazz Knights, the Hellcats and Support Staff.

They all come together when

there is a need for a marching band.

Military music has communicated signals to Soldiers since ancient times. The fife and drum played during the Revolutionary and Civil wars to send communications between the commander and the Soldier, such as when to wake up and when to go to sleep.

There was a fifer and drummer assigned to each regiment. They would also play to build morale and during funerals.

A bugler plays Taps when day is done and Reveille when the day begins.

The mission of the West Point Band is to provide world-class music to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets and to serve as ambassadors of the U.S. Military Academy to the local, national and international communities.

The West Point Band today fulfills official musical requirements such as patriotic ceremonies and public concerts.

The band also performs non-musical tasks for West Point throughout the year, such as in-processing new cadets during Reception Day at Thayer Hall.

DPW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Thayer Gate security enhancement work begins Monday along Swift Road. During Phase II of the project (estimated timeframe of Nov. 29-Dec. 10), traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction for a period of two days.

While large trucks will be detoured to other gates, bus traffic (Shuttle, School, Short Line and Tour) will be able to continue to use Thayer Gate during the detour;

- Closure of Cullum Road to traffic at Library Corner begins Monday and continues until Nov. 23. The closure is needed to allow for the use of a large crane at the Science Center site to deliver and secure large HVAC and switchgear equipment.

North-South through traffic will be detoured via Mills Road to Stony Lonesome and then Washington Road;

- Replacement of the sidewalk along Thayer Road, in front of the Thayer Hotel, is approximately 90 percent complete.

Drivers and pedestrians should continue to use caution while in the area;

- The temporary blocking of four CPA parking spaces behind Lincoln Hall began the first week of November and is expected to continue for three weeks.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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	5							3
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	1	3		5	7		4	

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

Difficulty: Medium

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Easy A, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Legends of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga' Hoole, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

Wilton, Vasquez lead Army past Navy



Plebe middle blocker Megan Wilton (#20) totaled 15 kills to help lead the Army volleyball team past service academy rival Navy, 3-1, in front of a packed house Nov. 5 at Gillis Field House.

PHOTOS BY YEARLING MATTHEW BUNKER/HOWITZER

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

Plebe middle blocker Megan Wilton totaled 15 kills and Yearling right side hitter Francine Vasquez added 12 to lead the Army volleyball team past service academy rival Navy, 3-1, in front of a packed house Nov. 5 at Gillis Field House.

Army took a 2-0 lead (25-23, 25-14) before the Midshipmen stayed in the hunt with a 25-18 victory in the third set. The Black Knights hit for a .345 percentage with 13 kills in a convincing 25-10 fourth-set triumph to take the match.

"I'm so proud of the way each and every one of the players fought back," two-time Patriot League Coach of the Year Alma Kovaci said. "Megan (Wilton) and Francine (Vasquez) played so well, but they also had a great supporting cast tonight. I was pleased with the team's blocking effort.

"Army-Navy is like no other match on the schedule," she added. "I can't say enough about what such an amazing crowd meant to tonight's win. They were there making noise when we needed it."

Firstie middle blocker Amanda Rowell hit for a .353 percentage with nine kills, while Cow outside hitter Fabiola Castro and Plebe right side hitter Margaux Jarka added eight kills apiece.

Wilton led all players with a .379 hitting percentage. Vasquez completed her second-straight double-double with 15 digs. Firstie setter Karyn Powell led all players with 49 assists to go with four kills and three block assists in a solid all-around effort.

Rowell contributed with five total blocks, while Wilton added four of the assisted variety. Firstie libero Brittany Jensen led all players with 25 digs to anchor an Army defense that held Navy to a .134 hitting effort.

Navy doubled-up Army, 10-5, to open the match. A Wilton kill from Powell proceeded

to kick start a 9-4 Army run as the Black Knights leveled the score at 14-14 midway through the action. Army went on to score seven of the next nine points, and a second-hit kill from Powell put the Black Knights in front by a 21-16 score. Despite a late Navy rally, the Black Knights hung on for a 25-23 win as Vasquez finished the set with a kill.

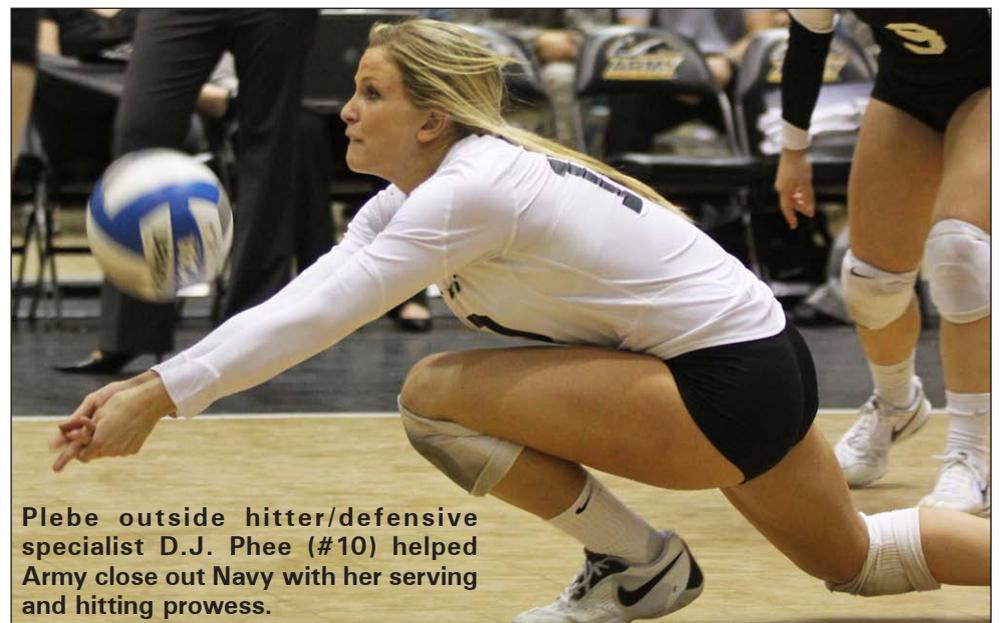
Army dominated the second set by a 25-14 score, although the team didn't pull away until later in the action. The teams were tied 12-12 when the Black Knights began to heat up and establish a slim 14-12 lead on a Wilton kill. Two points later, Vasquez stepped to the service line and rattled off the next 10 unanswered points as the Black Knights dominated the end of the frame.

The Black Knights came out flat to start the third set as Navy made it a 2-1 match after a 25-18 win. The closest set of the night featured 11 ties and five lead changes throughout. Tied at 13-13, Navy scored the next three unanswered points and Army never recovered.

Army came out with a vengeance in the fourth set and controlled play from the first point until collecting a 25-10 victory. Behind the serving and hitting prowess of Vasquez and Plebe outside hitter/defensive specialist D.J. Phee, the Black Knights rolled out to a 16-6 lead and never looked back. The final 15-point margin was the largest of the match.

Army improved to 17-11 overall and 10-1 in the Patriot League with the Navy victory. The Black Knights played again the next night and lost to American in five sets. The Eagles (25-2, 12-0 PL) edged the Black Knights by the scores of 25-23, 18-25, 25-20, 22-25 and 15-13.

Castro led Army with 20 kills and was one of three players to reach double-digit kills as the Army volleyball team gave Patriot League-leading American all it could handle. Rowell and Jarka totaled 15 and 14 kills, respectively.



Plebe outside hitter/defensive specialist D.J. Phee (#10) helped Army close out Navy with her serving and hitting prowess.

Women's soccer comes up short in PL Championships

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Lehigh's Liz Carlos' goal in the 76th minute snapped a scoreless tie, and the No. 3 seeded Mountain Hawks (11-4-4) made that stand in a 1-0 upset win over top-seeded Army (14-4-3) in the championship game of the Patriot League Women's Soccer Tournament Sunday at Clinton Field.

Lehigh captured its first-ever title along with earning the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Army Firsties midfielder Carlie Turnnidge and goalkeeper Alex Lostetter, along with Plebe defenseman Molly McGuigan, were named to the all-tournament team, while Lehigh goalkeeper Lauren Mains, who recorded 13 saves posting a pair of shutout wins in the tournament, was named the MVP.

The loss snapped Army's nine-game unbeaten streak as the Black Knights yielded just their sixth goal in 21 games this season along with recording 14 wins, their most since compiling 16 in 1997.

Lostetter, who closed out her career as Army's shutout leader and tied on the league's all-time list with 31, recorded three saves in the loss. She made a spectacular stop in the 68th minute in rejecting a shot by Lehigh's Lena Cannon that was headed toward the left corner of the goal.

Fifteen minutes earlier, Army Cow forward Erringer Helbling had the goalkeeper



Army celebrates Firstie midfielder Carlie Turnnidge's overtime winning goal Nov. 5 versus Colgate in the Patriot League Women's Soccer semifinal. The Black Knights lost in the championship game Sunday 1-0.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

beat when she took a 20-yard shot toward the right corner of the net, but instead of curling in, the ball hit the post instead and bounced harmlessly away.

Carlos, a two-time all-league first team pick, lifted Lehigh to the victory when she converted a cross pass from Genna Pepe into the left corner of the net from five yards out at the 75:32 mark for her seventh tally of the season.

The Black Knights' next three shots were on goal trying to notch the equalizer, but each came up short with Mains pulling up with two of the saves along with a defensive stop by Jana Basubas on McGuigan's header off of Deanna Clegg's corner kick in the 84th minute.

Mains was called upon to make a stop just 15 seconds later on an attempt by Kim An, the league's rookie of the year, in finishing

with four of her five saves in the second half. The Black Knights outshot Lehigh 15-8, including an 11-5 margin in the second half, while the Mountain Hawks held a 3-1 corner kick advantage.

"I thought it was a great game and that both teams played very well," Stefanie Golan, the league's coach of the year, said. "I felt Lehigh was one of the best teams consistently in the league throughout the year. Since it is not us representing the Patriot League at the NCAA Tournament, I am glad that Lehigh is and they will do well."

"Soccer is a funny game. Some days the bounces will go your way and other days they don't. I thought at the end of the day, a 1-0 result either way would be a fair one," Golan added. "I told the players not to hang their heads, and I am not going to hang my head either, because what we accomplished during the course of the season has been unbelievable considering where everyone expected us to be. I am proud of the team, our staff and being able to represent Army."

The game was the final for Lostetter, a two-time conference all-star, who needed just one more shutout to become the league's all-time leader.

"It was an amazing season," Lostetter said. "I have no doubt this group will win the title next year. I think our senior class left a mark and it is going to go up from here. As much of a disappointment not winning today was, we were co-regular-season champions."

Sports calendar

Nov. 11-20

Corps

FRIDAY—RIFLE VS. MISSISSIPPI, TRONSRUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 3 P.M.

FRIDAY—MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. VASSAR, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.

SUNDAY—RIFLE VS. WEST VIRGINIA, TRONSRUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 9 A.M.

MONDAY—MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. CENTRAL CONNECTICUT, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.

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

NOV. 19—SWIMMING AND DIVING VS. C.W. POST (WOMEN ONLY), CRANDALL POOL, 6 P.M.

NOV. 19—HOCKEY VS. AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL, TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M.

NOV. 20—SWIMMING AND DIVING VS. COLUMBIA (MEN ONLY), CRANDALL POOL, NOON.

NOV. 20—FOOTBALL VS. NOTRE DAME AT YANKEE STADIUM IN BRONX, N.Y., 7 P.M. (TELEVISED: NBC)

NOV. 20—HOCKEY VS. SACRED HEART, TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M.

Club

SUNDAY—CYCLING, WEST POINT CYCLOCROSS, CAMP FREDERICK, 9 A.M.

MONDAY—WOMEN'S HANDBALL, WEST POINT FALL INVITATIONAL, ARVIN GYM, 8 A.M.



Flying through the Air

Plebe outside center Alexander Savusa launches himself to make a tackle during Air Force's 15-11 win over the Army Rugby Colts (developmental squad) Nov. 5 at Anderson Rugby Complex. Cow hooker Andrew Smith scored Army's only try and Yearling fullback Kyle Ulses added two penalty kick conversions.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Army Black Knights 2010 Record: 5-4; Overall Football Bowl Subdivision Rankings

PASSING YARDS	RUSHING YARDS	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
120th 74.5 Overall	8th 277.2 Overall	50th 29.4 Overall	53rd 24.0 Overall

Kent State 2010 Record: 4-5 overall, 4th in MAC; Overall FBS Rankings

PASSING YARDS	RUSHING YARDS	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
72nd 203.9 Overall	113th 95.1 Overall	94th 21.9 Overall	33rd 20.7 Overall

Black Knights travel for elusive sixth win

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

The Army football team will try for its sixth win of the season (5-4) when it travels to Kent State (4-5) Saturday. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. at Dix Stadium.

A sixth victory would mark the Black Knights' highest win total since 1996 when they finished 10-2, and it'll make Army bowl eligible for the first time since the 1996 team played in the Independence Bowl.

The Black Knights are coming off a 42-22 loss to service-academy rival Air Force.

Army has not lost back-to-back games this season and is trying to complete its first season since 1996 without at least one losing streak.

It will be the irresistible force versus the immovable object when the Black Knights have the ball Saturday. Army boasts the country's eighth most potent rushing attack at 277.22 yards per game and has run for at least 200 yards in all nine

games this season.

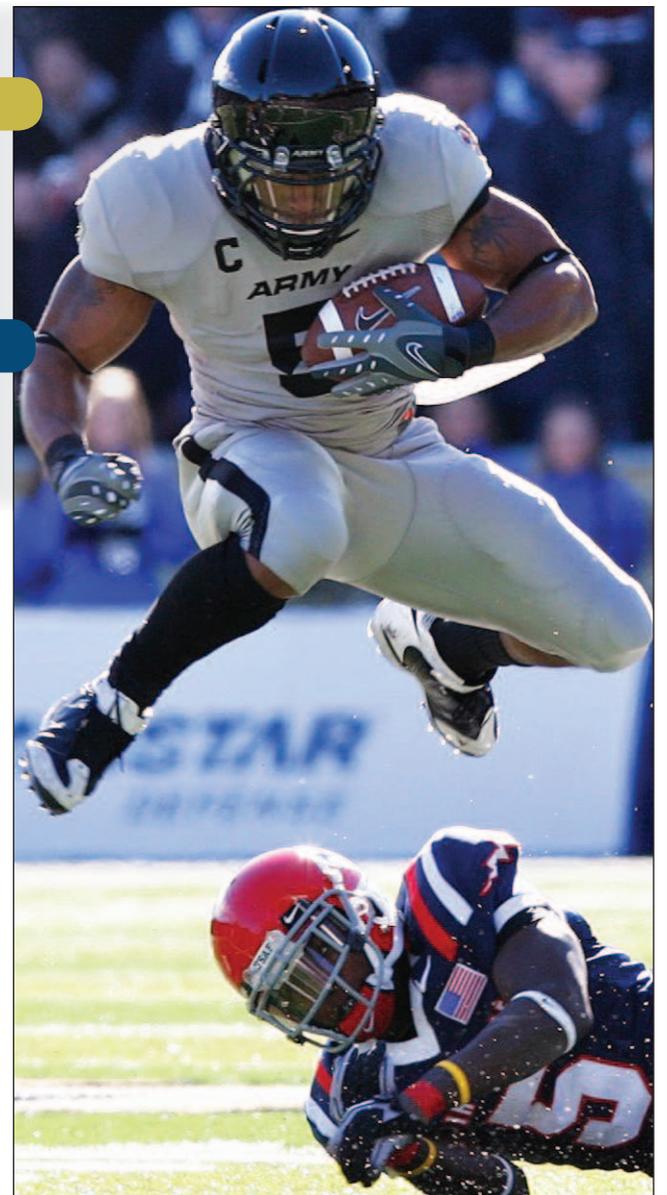
The Golden Flashes are the nation's top-ranked rushing defense, allowing only 69.33 yards per game. Penn State (162) and Toledo (167) are the only two teams that have cracked the 100-yard mark against Kent State this season.

Head coach Doug Martin is in his seventh season at the helm of the Kent State program. He is 28-51 during his tenure at Kent State.

Martin has had at least one of his players chosen in the NFL Draft in each of the past three years and the team's win at Iowa State in 2007 was the program's first win over a team from a BCS automatic-qualifying conference in 20 years.

Kent State is coming off a 28-10 home loss against Temple. The Golden Flashes took a 3-0 lead, but Temple ripped off 21 unanswered points to take control of the game. Two of Temple's touchdowns came after Kent State fumbles.

Quarterback Spencer Keith completed 17-of-30 passes for 169 yards. Giorgio Morgan went 5-for-9 for 38 yards. Andre Flowers led the ground game with 26 yards on six carries.



Firstie slotback Patrick Mealy rushed for 36 yards in the Black Knights' 42-22 loss to Air Force Nov. 6 at Michie Stadium.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Leneric Muldrow and Tyshon Goode each caught four passes. Luke Batton led the defense with 13 tackles.

Game Recap



22-42



By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Two field goals put the Black Knights ahead early in the Army-Air Force contest, but the Falcons would dominate Blaik Field Nov. 6 en route to a 42-22 win.

"We're hurting a little bit. We didn't do enough well. We didn't coach well enough. We didn't play well enough. It's not a mystery," Army head coach Rich Ellerson said. "That had a chance to be a great football game. It wasn't."

Air Force junior quarterback Tim Jefferson, Jr. scored twice and hit junior wide receiver Jonathan Warzeka on passes of 53 and 63 yards for touchdowns for the team's 17th claim to the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

"One of our season goals was to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, so obviously that's out of the way now," Firstie linebacker and team co-captain Stephen Anderson

said. "We made four goals for a reason. Three of those four goals are still on the table and we're just going to attack them as we can.

"It's painful," Anderson added. "It's a feeling that's not expected and the feeling of a lost opportunity. We'll bounce back and refocus tomorrow."

Firstie fullback Jacob Bohn recorded his first collegiate touchdown with an 18-yard run, placing the Black Knights within 14-13 in the second quarter.

An Air Force interception gave the Falcons momentum into the second half, as they finished with 277 yards rushing to Army's 244.

Jefferson passed for 124 yards in the win.

Air Force dealt a crushing blow to Army when Falcons' junior linebacker Jordan Waiwaiole nabbed a fumble and ran it back 52 yards with 12:39 left in the final stanza, adding to their lead, 35-16.



Yearling fullback Jared Hassin recorded his fourth straight 100-yard game with 114 yards on 17 carries, tying the academy record for consecutive 100-yard outings during the Army-Air Force contest Nov. 6 at Michie Stadium. Hassin is the sixth player to accomplish the feat.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV