



Fire safety with Sparky

Sparky the Fire Dog stops to speak with (Left-to-Right) Jackson Griswald, his brothers, Austen and Carson, and Ashley Bodenhamer at the West Point Fire and Emergency Services Fire Prevention Division's safety event Monday to celebrate Fire Safety Week. The children enjoyed a tour of the firehouse and equipment. Firefighters also gave out coloring books and games to help promote fire safety.

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DemonEye to be tested in combat theater

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

A Class of 2010 electrical engineering senior design team will see their invention tested by Soldiers in Afghanistan. Their device, named DemonEye, adds precision and speed to battlefield target location.

Refining the cadet's proof-of-concept prototype to make a combat system has been the responsibility of Lt. Col. Scott Crino, a former West Point systems engineering instructor.

Crino now works with the Asymmetric Warfare Group at Fort Meade, Md., with a

mission to rapidly identify and close gaps in Army capabilities.

Cadets, now 2nd Lts. Derek Wales, George Hopkins and John Eischer completed the DemonEye prototype for Projects Day in April. Shortly afterward, Wales delivered it to AWG as a personal initiative, based on guidance from Electrical Engineering and Computer Science faculty members and his father.

On Oct. 1, only five months later, Crino returned the prototype along with a new, ruggedized operational version developed by Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics

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A group of Class of 2010 cadets earned the West Point Clark Award during Projects Day in April for a target location module called "DemonEye." The system is designed to provide precise location and target information to Soldiers on the battlefield, integrating a laser range finder, digital compass and global positioning system to calculate a target location.

Safety is everyone's business

Commentary
by Lt. Gen.
Rick Lynch
IMCOM
Commander



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

As Commanding General of IMCOM, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and the co-chair of the Services and Infrastructure Core Enterprise, my installation management and safety responsibilities extend beyond the boundaries of IMCOM. Safety is key to accomplishing my intent. It involves the prevention of material loss, but the focus is really on saving lives. Each loss, whether in combat or in the garrison, has an impact on our force.

Everyone is a safety officer. Everyone has an obligation to look out for themselves and the Soldiers, civilians and Families around them. The requirements are in place—we have the Army Safety Program, AR 385-10, and IMCOM's safety program regulation—so we need to make sure we act on them.

To improve our safety efforts, there are six things I ask all to consider. First, we will not cut corners or funds to save money at the expense of our safety program. It is fundamentally unwise to do so. Why would we want to negatively affect a program that saves lives? Rather than cutting corners, we should put money toward the right resources to improve the safety program. In doing so, we will have a positive impact in keeping the Army Family intact.

Second, when we allocate resources for safety programs, we need to ensure all Army Family members are reached, not just active

duty Soldiers. Funds need to be allocated for our safety programs to reach Soldiers of all components, retirees, civilians and all their Families. Only by reaching all members of our communities can we instill a culture that puts safety first—a culture that protects our Army Family and keeps the Army mission ready.

Third, everyone must support the senior commanders, as they are responsible for the life of every Soldier, civilian and Family member on their installations. Everyone must embrace the safety program and be actively involved. While the commanders are the ones ultimately responsible for mission accomplishment and the safety of people and resources assigned to them, all of us must know the safety program and carry it out to standard. It is the commander's program and all of us are safety officers.

Fourth, I have been a motorcycle rider my entire adult life and have never had an accident. I firmly believe that it is not a matter of luck, but preparation. I drive my motorcycle only if I have the right frame of mind, the right protective equipment and a planned route.

Many people label motorcycles as unsafe. However, it is not the motorcycle that is unsafe, it is the driver. That is why leaders need to make sure the appropriate safety training is available prior to a new rider driving a motorcycle. It is not smart for untrained motorcycle drivers to drive their new motorcycles on post to learn how to operate them properly. Motorcycle driving simulators are necessary and should be made available at every IMCOM installation.

Fifth, the Installation Management Campaign Plan 2.0 is being launched this month at the Garrison Commanders' Conference in San Antonio. The plan's Line of Effort on Safety charges commanders and other leaders to lead the way in changing behavior to prevent accidents and to empower

Soldiers, civilians and Families at all levels to speak up when they see someone ignoring safety rules or doing something risky.

Safety is everyone's business, and it is our responsibility to ensure safe performance in all we do. Everyone will be held accountable for accident prevention. The LOE calls for providing effective POV safety programs; heightening safety awareness; employing hazard control measures; requiring and promoting safe, healthy practices and support for the senior commander.

Sixth, I challenge all of you to look at the IMCP's Safety LOE and ask yourselves, "What are we missing?" I often mention the 80 percent solution as being good enough to proceed, but this LOE is an instance when

we need to keep aiming for 100 percent. We cannot be satisfied as long as we have a single accident. If safety requirements are not adequate, we will improve them. If we are doing something ineffective out there, we will stop. But if no one tells me, we cannot correct the issue. I need your input.

When we think about the safety program, we should not focus on saving money. We should not concentrate our efforts on finding different ways to reduce costs, but on how to make our safety program better. It is about saving the lives of our Army Family. That is the passion every individual must pursue.

When you practice safety and teach others about safety, you are saving lives—and I cannot think of a higher calling.

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Laboratory with AWG funding.

Field tests of the ruggedized device are now occurring at U.S. installations, with further testing scheduled in Afghanistan during the fall.

"We will use it and allow Soldiers to use it as well to assess whether it is worth replacing the existing system the Army uses," Crino said.

DemonEye won the West Point Clark Innovation for Soldiers Award during the Projects Day competition. It combines a laser range finder, digital compass, global positioning system and computer control to calculate target locations quickly and accurately. It may also reduce the risk that human error leads to misdirected weapons fire.

AWG is seeking to extend this initial

success beyond electrical engineering to additional West Point programs that future cadet projects can be put to work for the Army.

"We certainly learned a lot from this, and I think it was a win-win there," Crino said. "So we want to continue to leverage cadet ingenuity by establishing an enduring relationship with West Point."

Other Projects Day successes are being transferred to the Army. The academy's first space satellite, Black Knight 1, was recently approved by the Army Space Experiment Review Board and endorsed for submission to the Department of Defense SERB.

If approved at the DOD level, the "Black Knight 1" will be eligible for launch as part of the Army's effort to develop space technologies that enhance field unit operations.

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Dr. Jean Blair, standing in front of her computer science class, was recently named West Point's Vice Dean for Education.

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Blair named West Point's Vice Dean for Education

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Dr. Jean Blair has been educating students for 25 years, starting her profession at the University of Tennessee and then continuing at West Point since 1994. Recently promoted to vice dean for education—and the first female in that position, Blair is still drawn to three fundamental joys that have defined her career: teaching, research and learning.

The vice dean for education, as she described the position, is the dean's aide in matters pertaining to faculty, curriculum and cadet development. While maintaining a strategic vision and setting goals for the betterment of each graduating class of cadets, the computer science professor continues to educate young minds as she becomes comfortable with her new duties. Although this meant giving up one of the two courses she taught, Firsties will still benefit from her experience as she instructs Fundamentals of Computer Theory. Teaching, apparently, is a calling hard to relinquish.

"Certainly the dean thinks that everyone on his staff should be teaching and I wholeheartedly agree," Blair said. "And it's the right thing to do. How can you lead people if you don't know what they're (experiencing); if you're not in the trenches?"

Col. Daniel Ragsdale, the former vice dean, has worked with Blair for over a decade and considers her to be immensely qualified to take the helm.

"Dr. Blair, as the Vice Dean for Education, will undoubtedly set a standard of excellence that is not likely to ever be surpassed," Ragsdale said. "This truly historic choice reflects not only Dr. Jean Blair's incredible talents but it also clearly shows the high degree to which West Point values its senior civilian faculty members. Her selection unequivocally underscores the increasingly critical role that West Point's senior civilian faculty members play in contributing to the

achievement of our institutional goals."

Blair, who served as the Computer Science program director from 2003-09, is a past chair of the Mid-Hudson Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers a Senior Member of the IEEE, and a senior member of the ACM. During the 2001-02 and 2009-10 academic years, she went on sabbatical to the University of Bergen, Norway.

"Frankly, I cannot conceive of a better qualified or more capable educational leader than Dr. Blair," Ragsdale said. "(She) is a nationally renowned educator and accomplished scholar. Just as importantly, she is proven leader and excellent consensus builder who has devoted her professional life to the education and inspiration of young men and women."

Blair earned a bachelor's degree in computer science and economics from Allegheny College in 1981. She tutored in math and computer science there and was a teaching assistant her final year. Before receiving her master's and doctorate degrees in computer science at the University at Pittsburgh, Blair served as a teaching assistant and research assistant in the Department of Computer Science. She went to the head of the class at the University of Tennessee in 1986, where she taught as an assistant professor for eight years.

Leaving the warm, southern-charm environment of Tennessee for the colder confines of the Hudson Valley was about opportunity, Blair said. West Point was one of those unique universities, she said, that appreciates both teaching and research. It was her first exposure to a military environment, both in the students she would teach and the faculty with whom she would collaborate.

"The most rewarding experience is a reoccurring experience and that's seeing your students really grow into those Army officers we want graduating from here," Blair said.

At the end of an academic year, Blair has enjoyed joining the faculty from the Department of Electrical Engineering and

Computer Science to celebrate with cadets and their Families during Grad Week.

"Seeing them, particularly at the end of their time here ... to really see what they've become at that point and help them celebrate that with their Families is absolutely wonderful," Blair said.

Having served as computer science program director for six years, Blair also helped shape the lives of faculty.

"It is very rewarding to be able to work with faculty and help them figure out what they can do that both supports the academy, and also helps them move in the direction that they need to move into or want to move into for their career," Blair said.

Blair has co-authored and published numerous research papers throughout her career. Publishing, she said, is in the interest of lifelong learning.

"Faculty members who work on research can do such a better job of teaching because they keep their mind agile," Blair said. "If their research has to do with what they're teaching, they can more quickly see where cadets are going and the different routes they can take to get to the understanding you really know they need to get to. People don't learn so much when you force them to go your way. They learn when you help them get there on their own. That's one of the main things research can do for a professor or instructor."

Blair will continue her research projects on Network Structure and Algorithms through the Network Science Center, work which she described as mostly theoretical in nature. Teaching, research and the pursuit of lifelong learning—three elements that first drew her to West Point are still—16 years later—what keeps her a member of the "Go Army" team.

"I think West Point is a wonderful place to have a very positive impact on people who will go on to have a significant impact on our nation," Blair said.

Deployed officer panel shares lessons with cadets

Story and photo by Sgt. Vincent Fusco
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Soon after their commission, most U.S. Army lieutenants will deploy and redeploy many times by the time they are promoted to captain. But that doesn't mean they won't have the opportunity to meet with and mentor future lieutenants.

Six company-grade officers assigned to Combined Joint Task Force-101/Region Command-East in Afghanistan met via video teleconference Sept. 30 with firsties taking the MX400 capstone course. For more than an hour, the officers shared their experiences and answered questions from cadets about leadership, mission readiness and other essential responsibilities.

The goal of the meeting was to help cadets understand battle command experiences as well as the character, competence and leadership that junior officers are expected to possess. The panel also discussed how to develop that expertise through military-technical, political-cultural, moral-ethical and human development.

The panel of five captains and one first lieutenant was a fairly diverse group of Soldiers. They represented the infantry, engineering and military intelligence branches, and three of the officers were West

Point graduates.

As they introduced themselves, each shared lessons they learned about early officership with the cadets. Many of them shared common ideas: listen to and learn from noncommissioned officers, maintain high standards of physical fitness and make teamwork an important part of the mission.

"To me, that is one of the biggest aspects of an officer's life," Capt. Jonathan Bate, brigade tactical operations center battle captain for CJTF-101 and a Class of 2006 graduate, said. "We build teams, and we fight as teams and we're team players. Keep that attitude in mind at all times—even though you're leading that platoon, you're looking to your left and your right, helping your peers accomplish the overall mission.

The panel held a question-and-answer session with the cadets. The young officers were asked questions on a variety of topics to include physical training, camaraderie, stress management and differences between operating in the Afghanistan and Iraq theaters.

Referring to the needs of Soldiers who try to keep constant contact with Family while deployed, Firstie Brandon Benson, a New Orleans native, asked, "How do you balance out the demands of the mission and the demands of your Soldiers?"

Capt. Clarisa Gamino, a brigade combat



Firsties absorb lessons learned from junior officers deployed in Afghanistan during a recent teleconference for MX400 cadets.

team intelligence collection manager and a 2006 graduate, compared the dilemma to running a marathon by answering, "You have to make sure that you don't run yourself out and you don't run your Soldiers out. With that balance, demand and expect greatness from your Soldiers, but make sure that when you give them that downtime—if you can avoid it—don't interrupt that downtime."

At the conclusion of the conference, retired Gen. Fredrick Franks addressed the cadets and thanked the panel for making the

time to meet with them.

"I'd like to, on behalf of the Class of 2011, tell you all thanks for your willingness to come today and share your wisdom and leadership about the condition you're operating in Afghanistan," Franks said. "I'd also like to ... tell you how inspired we are of your duty, about what you and your Soldiers, fellow leaders and noncommissioned officers are doing. We thank you, Soldier-to-Soldier, and from all the cadets here who will soon be where you are now."



Friday Night Fights

Yearling Langston Clarke (black) punches Yearling Sean Staggs as classmates and upperclassmen look on during the Boxing Smoker Oct. 1 in Eisenhower Hall.

PHOTO BY SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/DIR. OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS



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Ramp Project complete at Most Holy Trinity Church

From left to right: Cindy Ragsdale, director of religious education; Annie Wilkins, sister; Rusty; Joelene, mother; Matt Talaber, West Point engineer at the Department of Public Works; and Rusty's brother Mack cut the ribbon to officially open a wheelchair ramp at the Most Holy Trinity Church Sept. 30. The ramp will allow those with disabilities easy entrance into the church.

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Ike Hall Theatre set with new lights, sound

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Just in time for the season-opening concert by Celtic Thunder Friday, Eisenhower Hall Theatre patrons will see the fruits of labor following months of construction at the grand, old theatre.

Phase I renovations completed to date include the installation of a state-of-the-art sound and light system, and a new box office.

Rich Storey, head of public relations and marketing for Eisenhower Hall Theatre, was especially pleased with the replacement of the orchestra pit and new pit elevator system.

"Before this, we had to raise the platform manually, like raising a car on a jack, and we'd have to hire union guys from Poughkeepsie," Storey said. "Now, we can do it ourselves."

The addition of the in-house speaker system should accommodate the theatre's concert schedule without having to rent an expensive system and allot additional time to set up the equipment.

"The system we had was good for its time ... but so was a Sony Walkman," Storey said. "They had these new speakers cranked up this morning playing some Trace Adkins and it sounded awesome."

Storey said some big-ticket performers will bring their own gear; trailers of lights and sound equipment specifically programmed for playlists and stage theatrics.

More than 100 house lights and 150 stage lights have been replaced with a state-of-the-art lighting system according to Sandi Bohle, theatre specialist.

"We now have a stand-alone Ethernet lighting network that runs throughout the theatre," Bohle said. "It's able to handle any type of lighting instrument out on the market, including LEDs and intelligent moving lights."

The dimmer racks are more energy-efficient than previous models, Bohle added, considering the previous dimmer and control system upgrade was in 1988.

Phase I construction began in late April. The first project involved the replacement of failed roof drains, removal of deck drains and water proofing the replacement deck on the

east and west sides of the building.

"There was a lot of water intrusion that was coming in all over the place," Storey said. "We had to start there and get rid of the water damage."

The next phase of construction, occurring during winter break, will include the replacement of all 4,325 seats, installation of new carpeting and pathway lights.

"We've got a break between our Christmas show, the Ten Tenors, and "Fiddler on the Roof" on Jan. 23," Storey said. "So in that time, we'll replace all the stationary seats. In the orchestra pit, for select concerts, we also put in loose

seats, high back chairs."

In keeping with the theatre's mission of providing a rich, cultural experience to the Corps of Cadets, Ike Hall will once again be the venue for the U.S. Army Soldier Show Nov. 2.

The annual FMWR production features Class of 2008 graduate 1st Lt. Katherine Melcher in the cast. The Soldier Show, free and open to the public, follows the theme of social media through dance and song.

To learn more about the historic theatre and for a complete performance schedule, visit: www.ikehall.com/.



From left to right: Cow Dan White, Firstie Tim Dwyer, Yearling Luke Hutchison, Firstie Joe Gallo, Yearling Emily McCarthy, Yearling Duncan Aylor and Yearling Wayne Pak participate at the Air Force Culture and Language Center's Conflict Management Symposium at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Sept. 24, in Washington, D.C. The cadets presented at the symposium as West Point Negotiation Project cadet research fellows and senior members.

Negotiation Project cadets making an impact

Story and photo provided by
Yearling Luke Hutchison

"Checkpoints established by company commanders, your former classmates," Lt. Col. John Hagen said as he looked at the cadets, "to enforce a cease fire between Kurds and Arabs in Northern Iraq, have now set the precedent for the location of the southern border of Kurdistan. The decisions you make have huge impacts."

From Sept. 22-25, seven cadet research fellows and senior members from the West Point Negotiation Project presented and participated in the Air Force Culture and Language Center's Conflict Management Symposium, hosted by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. They left with a better understanding of how to manage conflict and a greater appreciation for how the decisions they will make as platoon leaders have significant, strategic consequences.

The cadets presented a variety of topics related to how negotiation can be used for managing conflicts, particularly in Afghanistan and Iraq. Yearlings Duncan Aylor, Emily McCarthy and Wayne Pak focused on negotiating in crisis situations, based off of their experiences last summer with the Los Angeles Police Department SWAT Crisis Negotiation Team and the FBI's Crisis Negotiation Unit.

"It was a great opportunity to share what we had just learned about crisis negotiation since emotions play a central role in nearly all negotiations but are not often discussed," Pak, who recently completed the LAPD SWAT

Crisis Negotiation course, said.

Firstie Tim Dwyer and Cow Dan White presented on the final simulation exercise for the MG390 "Negotiation for Leaders" course as an assessment tool for measuring the effectiveness of negotiation teaching. The conference participants found this negotiation education instruction to be realistic and very applicable to what many in the audience had experienced while deployed.

Firstie Joe Gallo and Yearling Luke Hutchison presented on how managing perceptions led to the peaceful resolutions of "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland and how the U.S. Army might consider similar measures in Afghanistan to bring about a durable peace.

"Talking with anyone, anywhere, at anytime was one of the principle strategies practiced by the police of Northern Ireland, which contributed to the ending of The Troubles," Gallo said about a lesson he learned conducting research and interviews this summer in Northern Ireland.

In addition to presenting, the cadets gained a global perspective on conflict management from the diverse group of more than 30 presenters and speakers.

"There was such a wide range of perspectives at the conference, military and civilian, who had experience negotiating and mediating all over the world in different scenarios," Gallo said.

Many of the presenters at the symposium commented on the amount of energy wasted on internal conflicts.

"I was unaware of the great difficulty we have had with internal negotiations, especially

between military and civilian organizations," Aylor said.

The West Point Negotiation Project's purpose is to enhance the ability of U.S. Army small unit leaders to conduct effective negotiations in the complex and challenging situations they face in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. The WPNP conducts outreach

to the Army, researches current negotiation practices, publishes articles and negotiation tools, and hosts an annual conference. In addition to the Cadet Research Fellows and Senior Members program, the WPNP also hosts monthly "brown bag" lunches where guest speakers from a variety of backgrounds discuss their negotiation experiences.

Honoring Lost Heroes

The Lost Heroes Art Quilt is on display until Wednesday at the West Point Museum. Artist Julie Feingold created the Lost Heroes Art Quilt in 2009, which honors 82 fallen servicemembers who sacrificed their lives in either Iraq or Afghanistan since 9/11. The 5-by-15 quilt features the childhood photos of all 82 fallen servicemembers, with 50 of them comprising the center and the remaining 32 bordering Feingold's tribute. On her website, <http://heart2hand4art.com/losthheroesartquilt/>, Feingold writes about her inspiration for designing the quilt. She cited the reason for showing the fallen as children would create a greater impact for viewers and have more meaning than simply listing names, dates or statistics as other memorials have done. The quilt was first displayed Sept. 25, 2009, in Washington D.C., and has continuously traveled throughout the United States and is scheduled to continue well into 2011.

PHOTO BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV



Chapel rededication celebrates a century

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

A special service was held Sunday at the Cadet Chapel to rededicate the 100-year-old building since the original dedication in 1911. The 'new' Cadet Chapel replaced the original Cadet Chapel built in 1836, which held its last service June 12, 1910.

The Cadet Chapel houses one of the oldest pipe organs in the world and hold 23,511 pipes. Along with the organ, the Cadet Chapel exhibits dozens of inspiring religious and patriotic stained glass windows honoring each of the West Point classes from 1802-1976.

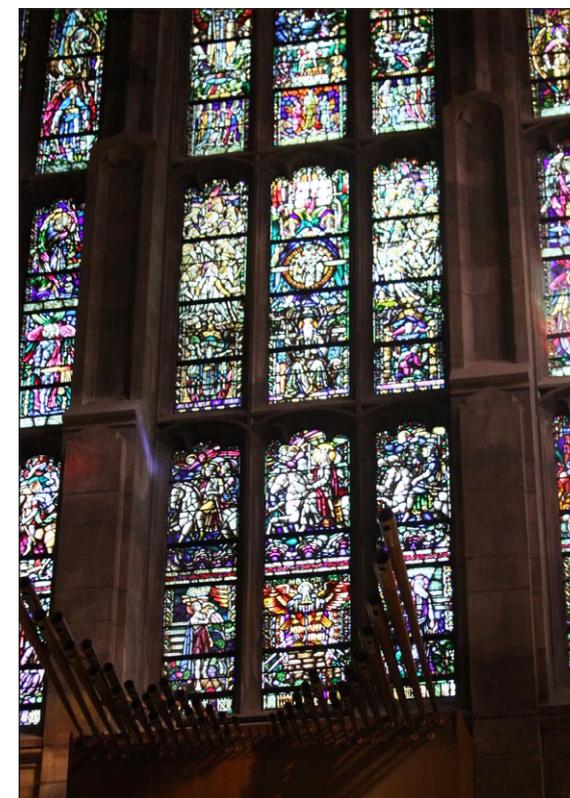
After the last service in the 'old' Cadet Chapel, it was moved stone by stone to the West Point cemetery.

The 'old' Cadet Chapel was among the first granite structures on the level of the Plain in the Greek Rival style. President Ulysses Grant, Generals Douglas MacArthur and John Pershing attended worship there. The second dedication included a reading from the first dedication with remarks from Superintendent Lt. Gen. David Huntoon Jr., and a sermon from retired Chaplain (Col.) John J. Cook III.

After the services, the congregation attended a cookout on the chapel grounds.



(Above) The cadet choir prepares to sing at the services for the rededication of the Cadet Chapel Sunday. (Right) The entrance of the Cadet Chapel showing organ pipes and stained glass window.



Summer in Argentina provide cadets culture lessons

Commentary by Cow Timothy Horan

Our Advanced Individual Academic Development trip this summer to Argentina fundamentally improved my abilities as a Spanish speaker, as well as increased my knowledge of Argentinean culture.

I not only gained confidence in my ability to understand the spoken language, I also increased my confidence and ability to speak to the local population in their *porteño* dialect. I believe that our healthy interaction with the local population was fostered by our representation of the U.S. Military Academy.

Buenos Aires, a modern yet traditional city, served as a great source of comparison/contrast for me. Our officer-in-charge, Dr. Jonathan Steigman, from the Department of Foreign Languages, set up an itinerary of activities that offered numerous opportunities for language practice and cultural immersion for our group.

This excursion included Cows Heather Purkey, Alexis Aubuchon and myself, and Firsties Chris Torres and Yecenia Diaz. Our interaction with the population was reinforced by a healthy dose of sound pedagogical tools which were required for all participants: daily journals in the target language, in-country presentations on local culture and points of interest, documented interviews with native speakers and official gift presentations, among other requirements.

One of the most useful and enjoyable language-acquisition activities was our participation in the “Spanglish Exchange,” a language-enhancement program run by Jillian Brewer of Boston. The program meets numerous times weekly in venues throughout Buenos Aires to allow both *porteño* natives and English-speakers the opportunity to improve their language skills and acquire cultural knowledge in a low-affective-filter environment. The evening we participated, they were meeting in a restaurant in the Palermo neighborhood.

Another way I became more culturally aware was through first-hand experience with the country’s economic crisis. The inflation of the currency and the exchange rate were thoroughly taken advantage of by Argentina’s neighbors to the north, Brazil, as one could see by the large numbers of Brazilian tourists in the streets.

Buenos Aires is a city of stark contrasts—while walking through the downtown streets, we saw areas of great prosperity with well-dressed people shopping in exclusive stores and boutiques; but we also came across multiple instances of the homeless and downtrodden living in this major city. I realized I had seen similar contrasts when I walked the streets of New



Firstie Chris Torres experiences culture during a summer trip to Argentina. DEPT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES PHOTO

York City. We also got an insider’s view through interacting with Julio Benito, a friend of Dr. Steigman’s, and a Buenos Aires native, engineer and part-time musician.

We were introduced to local restaurants and watering holes, like the famous Café Tortoni, a gathering place of famous Argentine artists such as Jorge Borges, Alfonsina Storni and Carlos Gardel. Through his contacts in the local music scene, Benito took us to a local venue to see a tango group called Ojos de Tango, featuring Diego Lerendegui on violin. A language-immersion experience is always more rewarding when one is accompanied by locals.

I believe I am now well-versed in the dialect of Castellano. It’s an interesting dialect of Spanish, indigenous to Argentina, which fundamentally changes the “ll” in many Spanish words. After three weeks of conversing in Spanish, I truly believe I learned the dialect.

People within the city speak a clearer form of Castellano, popularly known as *porteño*, primarily because they are more

educated and versed in literature. Children are extremely difficult to understand because of the “rapid fire” responses they give—regardless of whether or not you asked them to speak more *lentamente, por favor*.

After a week in Buenos Aires, we traveled by bus to the internationally-renowned ski resort city of Bariloche. Bariloche, located deep within the interior region of Argentina known as La Patagonia, was a fantastic experience for our group. The Andes Mountains and the numerous glacial lakes offered excellent views.

Not only was our experience in Bariloche filled with photo opportunities, but, it was also provided opportunities to interact with military personnel, as we were guests of the Escuela Militar de Montaña de Argentina (Argentinean Military Mountain School).

Touring bases, realizing the discipline in which they operate, noticing differences in their daily lives/operations from ours, and understanding combat capabilities of the Argentinean Army was an experience that made a distinct impression on us as future officers. Knowing how military units from other countries function effectively is always a point of reference for our own operations.

The Escuela de Montaña and the Patagonia region offered numerous opportunities for outdoor activities while enhancing our language and cultural skills. Our trip included exercising at the base gym, climbing mountains, trailblazing in the Andes, rock climbing, rappelling and skiing.

We visited numerous national parks and natural areas, experiencing the plants and animals of the region first-hand. We felt fortunate to see the fabled Andean condor, with a wingspan of over six feet, and a guanaco, a smaller relative of the llama that is endangered due to the desirability of its coat. All of these activities added the necessary physical aspects of our trip and created a well-rounded experience.

All in all, our AIAD to Argentina left us stronger intellectually, emotionally and physically—it was an experience we will always treasure.

FMWR Blurbs

Adult Ice Hockey Program

The FMWR Sports Office's 2010-11 Adult Ice Hockey Program at Tate Rink is underway.

All patrons must purchase a season pass for the program, which can be purchased at the FMWR Leisure Travel Office located in the FMWR Fitness Center, Bldg. 683, between 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The program is open to all eligible USMA personnel 18 years of age and older.

For more information, contact the West Point Sports Office at 938-3066.

West Point Garrison Golf Scramble

Sign-ups continue for the West Point Garrison Golf Scramble, a four-person team scramble event that takes place Friday.

The scramble is open to all garrison Soldiers and employees.

Call 938-2435 or stop by the Golf Course Pro Shop to register your team.

New York State Hunter Safety Course

A New York State Hunter Safety Course will be held from 6-10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond.

Seats are limited. Register early by calling 938-2503/3860.

Participants must attend both dates of training.

Child care available for football Saturdays

Child care will be provided from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for Football Saturdays at the West Point CDC. Registration is nine days prior to the game day.

For child care fees and more information, call 938-3921. Game day and reservation deadline dates are below:

Game Date	Reservation Deadline
Oct. 30	Oct. 20
Nov. 6	Oct. 29

Fall back now into your career development plan

Sign-up now for October and November Employment Readiness workshops:

- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Federal Resumé Writing Workshop;
- 1:30-3 p.m., Oct. 15, Interview and Dress for Success;
- 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 3, Networking 101;
- Noon-1 p.m., Nov. 4, How to Conduct an Effective Job Search;
- 9-11 a.m., Nov. 9, Federal Resumé Writing Workshop.

All workshops will be held at ACS, Bldg. 622. To register, call 938-5658.

Lost Heroes Quilt

The Lost Heroes Art Quilt will be on display at the West Point Museum through Wednesday.

Artist Julie Feingold created the quilt. Candy Martin and Nancy Hecker, mothers of West Point graduates, played a vital role in the support and creation of the quilt.

For more information, call 938-3019.

CYSS Lee Area CDC October Kid's events

CYSS Kid's Club activities takes place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for children grades 1-5.

Every Saturday, there is an open recreation for students in grades 3-5 from 2-5 p.m.

Homework help is being provided for students in grades 3-5 from 2:45-4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

School Age Center Night will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday for students in grades 3-5.

To register, contact Parent Central at 938-4458 or for reservations, call 938-0942.

Walk a Mile

In observance of Domestic Violence Month, a walk will take place from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 15.

Take a little time out of your lunch break to support a worthy cause. The walk is sponsored by ACS' Family Advocacy Program.

Open to all members of the West Point community. This is a rain or shine event.

For more information, call 938-3369.

West Point Craft Shop Open House

The West Point Craft Shop will hold an open house from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 16.

Stop by and meet our new manager Maggie.

Chat with staff, enjoy refreshments and learn about our new services and classes.

Bring along the children for Kids Craft classes and get special discounts on custom framing orders placed during the open house. The West Point Craft Shop is located at Bldg. 648 (behind WP Post Office).

For more information, call 938-4812.

West Point Post Library Fall Story Hour

The West Point Post Library will conduct its fall session of story hour at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Oct. 19-Dec. 7.

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

Registration will be required on a weekly basis. Stop by the West Point Post Library in Bldg. 622, or call 938-2974 for more information.

Army Family Team Building Family Fun Night

Build your own Halloween banana sundae at the Army Family Team Building Family Fun Night from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 29 at ACS Bldg. 622.

Learn about AFTB traditions, customs,

courtesies and protocol during this workshop.

The workshop will feature a bring your own bananas ice cream station, Family trick or treat parade, kids Halloween crafts with free pizza and drinks.

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

2010 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Join Leisure Travel Services Nov. 25 in New York City to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Transportation departs LTS at 6 a.m. and returns immediately after the parade.

Reservations are now being accepted.

For more information, call 938-3601.

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.);
- 9 a.m., Dec. 18 Show—2nd Mezzanine (bus leaves LTS at 6:15 a.m.).

For more information, call 938-3601.

NEW INFO

The Fall Foliage 5K

The FMWR Fitness Center presents the first in the new FMWR race series.

The race kicks off at 8 a.m. Oct. 16. Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center the week before or the day of the race.

There are prizes for the top finishers. Cost of entry is one FMWR Fitness Center Group Fitness Coupon.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Pump at Lunch

Join the 45-minute body pump class at noon every Tuesday with Kimberly at the FMWR Fitness Center.

For more information, call 938-6490.

FMWR presents Haunted Hayride-Season of Terror

Come out to Round Pond from 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 22 and see what lurks in the haunted forests of Round Pond.

The haunted hayride begins at Bonneville Cabin with kids' activities and refreshments. This event is open to West Point, Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery communities.

Dress in costume and get \$2 off admission.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Art EDGE! Intro to Voice

Art EDGE! Introduction to Voice takes

place at 3:30-5:30 p.m. every Thursday from Oct. 21-Dec. 16 in the Youth Center Music Room.

Enroll at Parent Central (Lee CDC, 938-4458—behind Subway) by Oct. 20.

Classes are taught by 30-year Barbershop Chorus Director, June Noble.

Free for children in grades 6 and higher.

For more information, call 938-0829.

The 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show

The 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show returns to Eisenhower Hall at 7 p.m. Nov. 2. This Army Entertainment Production is free and open to the general public.

Attend the event and win. In the Soldier Show Program, you'll find information about the "SHARP-MWR Sweepstakes."

The Grand Prize is a \$5,000 trip to the Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort. Plus, one lucky winner at each garrison will win a \$200 prepaid gift card.

Go to www.PreventSexualAssault.army.mil for complete details.

For more information, call 938-6497.

CYSS Fall/Winter SKIES registration dates and session dates

Child, Youth and School-age Services SKIES for the fall and winter sessions are now available. The list of classes and registration dates are below:

- Tae Kwon Do, through Nov. 2;
- Little Maestros, Oct. 14-Dec. 2;
- Mixed Media Art*, Nov. 8-Dec. 13;
- Mixed Media Art (Home Schoolers), Friday-Dec. 10;
- Painting*, Nov. 3-Dec. 15;
- Pre-Gymnastics, Wednesday-Dec. 8;
- Preschool Tennis, Wednesday-Dec. 8;
- Ice Skating*, Nov. 7-Dec. 19;
- Dance Classes*, November-January;
- Kinderym*, November-January;
- Parent & Me Music*, November-January;
- Tennis, early December, January-March;

*Registration begins:

Monday—Families of deployed Soldiers & WTU personnel;

Wednesday—Families with children currently participating who would like to re-enroll into the same class;

Oct. 12—Military and DOD civilian Families who would like to enroll in new programs or classes at different times;

Oct. 18—Civilian Families not currently enrolled.

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

For more information, call 938-8893.

Golf Course twilight hours

Enjoy half price rates at the West Point golf course beginning at 2 p.m. The earlier twilight hours will run through October.

To reserve your tee time, call 938-2435/2327.

What's Happening

West Point Women's Club cookbook

The West Point Women's Club is creating a new cookbook and they want your recipes.

Log on to <http://westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com/cookbook> to submit your recipes online.

The deadline for recipe submission is Oct. 31.

West Point Yard Sale

The West Point Yard Sale is scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 23. The yard sale is happening rain or shine.

Highland Falls/WP Farmer's Market

The Highland Falls/West Point Farmer's Market runs through Oct. 31.

The market is located at the Municipal parking lot across the street from the West Point Museum and Sacred Heart Church from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday.

NEW INFO

West Point Hunt Club archery tournament

The West Point Hunt Club will have an archery tournament at 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday next to the cadet paintball arena in area J-3 behind the Victor Constant Ski Slope.

Open to active duty, retired, DOD civilians and their guests.

For more information, contact Ray Parrott, archery committee chair, at 863-4573, John Bennett at 859-4939 or Mike Nielsen at 845-222-3825.

Volkssport Club Walk

A special event Volkssport Club Walk will be held 9 a.m.-noon Sunday in Beacon N.Y. Participants may register between 9 a.m.-noon for 5K or 10K trails.

The trail rating is 2+ or moderate. The walk is free with

AVA credit.

The start point is at the Beacon-Newburgh Ferry Dock by the Beacon Metro North train station at Red Flynn Drive. The event will be held rain or shine.

The trail goes through the city of Beacon with historic buildings, antique shops, restaurants and specialty stores using city streets and sidewalks. There is a farmer's market scheduled from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The walk qualifies for AVA Special Programs: Artistic Heritage, Firehouses, Historic Churches, Hooray for Hollywood, Railroad Heritage and River walk America.

For more information, call Joan Kimmel at 462-6845 or go to www.Ava.org/clubs/westpoint.

National Conference on Ethics in America

The 25th annual National Conference on Ethics in America begins at 8:20 a.m. Oct. 18 at Eisenhower Hall Theatre and runs through Oct. 20.

The public is welcome to attend the opening ceremonies and plenary speeches and lectures.

The event is sponsored by the Class of '70 and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic.

For more information, call 938-8755.

Cadet Chapel Concert

The African Children's Choir will perform at the West Point Cadet Chapel at 7 p.m. Oct 20.

The concert is a mix of traditional children's songs, African songs and dances and favorite gospel tunes. Experience the hope, dignity and beauty of Africa.

A free-will offering will be taken to help provide education, care and emergency relief for more than 7,000 children in Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, Rwanda, Nigeria and Ghana.

For more information, contact Pete Hommel at 938-3504/2003.

For information on the African Children's Choir, visit www.africanchildrenschoir.com.

Garrison Awards Ceremony

Everyone is invited to attend the Garrison Awards Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.

Chapel of Our Lady Restoration concert

There will be a concert with the Momenta Quartet at 4 p.m. Oct. 24 in Cold Spring, N.Y., at the Chapel of Our Lady Restoration.

The chapel is located at 45 Market Street, Cold Spring. Free parking is available on the weekend at the adjacent Metro North Station.

The series is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program administered by Putnam Arts Council and by audience contributions.

The Quartet has been positively reviewed by the *New York Times*.

Momenta presents works of dynamic current composers along with great music of the past in order to enhance the joy of musical discovery.

For more information, contact Barbara DeSilva at 845-424-3825.

Command Channel 8/23

Oct. 7-14

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and
Monday through
Oct. 14
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and
7 p.m.

The Point
(broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and
Monday through
Oct. 14
8 a.m., 10 a.m.,
2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

SHARP

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

DPW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Steamline repairs on Ruger Road between Bldg. 667 and Bldg. 146/Clock Tower continue.

One-way traffic has been restored; however, pedestrian traffic is still being detoured.

Traffic going in both directions is expected by mid-October;

- Tree and brush clearing operations on the hillside adjacent to Route 218 has started as a part of the USMAPS construction.

Tree clearing operations will then move to the area adjacent to Washington Gate to clear the area for the new road and parking lot being built for the future USMAPS lacrosse field;

- Masonry repairs to Bldg. 639 are expected to begin Monday.

Approximately six parking spaces in front of the

building will be closed to all parking.

Also, during the first two weeks of work, Howard Road will be closed to through traffic at Bldg. 639 to allow for operation of a construction crane.

Howard Road will be open on weekends.

Work will take approximately six weeks to complete.

- Elevator upgrades to the south elevator in Thayer Hall, Bldg. 601, began Tuesday.

For approximately three months, the elevator will be out of service.

In addition to the elevator, three parking spaces on Thayer Roof will be closed to allow safe access to the elevator hatch and mechanical equipment.

Community members should use the elevator on the north side of building.

Keller Corner

Mammography temporary closure

The Keller Mammography section is undergoing a much needed upgrade of all its equipment. Keller is making the move from traditional film to digital mammography.

This upgrade will not change the mammography process.

Due to the upgrade, Keller anticipates being without mammography services to about Nov. 1.

Call sometime after Oct. 18 to schedule your annual mammogram. Call 938-7992 to schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider.

If they feel that you need a mammogram prior to Nov. 1, you will be referred to an outside facility.

KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Monday for Columbus Day and Oct. 28 for training.

The emergency room will remain open.

Tobacco Cessation program

Do you want to stop using tobacco?

If you need help or information, contact Trish Titus, KACH Family Practice Clinic RN, at 938-3244.

Let Us Know How We Are Doing ...

Don't forget to fill out the Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey when you receive it in the mail.

We value your opinion.

Refund or Return? Exchange policy offers West Point shoppers relief

By Alvaro Portilla
Army & Air Force Exchange
Service Public Affairs

Recent industry statistics show that more than \$200 billion worth of merchandise is returned to retailers annually. Since returns are inevitable, the West Point Post Exchange wants to ensure that military shoppers are aware of its hassle-free return policy.

"Depending on the product, the exchange offers an industry-leading return policy to maintain maximum customer satisfaction," PX General Manager Jonathan Bright said. "If, for some reason, the product doesn't measure up, we have the processes in place to make it right."

The process for merchandise returns at the exchange is as follows:

- 90 days—Items in new condition may be exchanged or returned within 90 days except for the following:

- 30 days only—Jewelry and watches, camcorders, televisions, digital cameras, furniture, mattresses, major appliances and gas-powered equipment;

- 15 days only—Computers and unopened software/peripherals, CDs, DVDs and video games;

- Non-Refundable: Gift cards, pre-paid music and wireless and phone cards.

If a shopper requests a refund with a sales receipt, a cash refund will be made if the original purchase was made in cash. If the original purchase was made by credit card, the refund will be credited to the customer's same credit card. If a customer requests a refund without a sales receipt, the refund amount will be loaded on an AAFES Merchandise Card.

In addition to returns on items purchased at the exchange, military shoppers dissatisfied with a catalog item can return it to their nearest Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Marine Corps, Navy or Coast Guard exchange for a full refund and, if applicable, the U.S. Customs fee.

If the return is due to an error on the exchange's part, the shopper will be reimbursed the standard shipping charges in full.

"We take our commitment to serving those who serve very seriously," Bright said. "On the rare occasion when a product fails to meet a shopper's expectation, it's extremely important that they have a hassle-free experience when it comes to returning and exchanging merchandise."

Route 218 closed Sunday from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. for two events

On Sunday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the 7.1-mile Storm King "Cannibal" Race with the Pros will occur on Route 218, so Route 218 is closed from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for the race. For more information on the "Cannibal," go www.transalt.org/events/granfondo.

The Green Committee of the Town of Highlands also is hosting "motor vehicle free" access on Route 218 between West Point's Washington Gate and the Cornwall-on-Hudson gate (that closes Route 218 during inclement weather) from noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, 24, 31 and Nov. 7.

Pedestrians, bicyclists and those using other forms

of human-powered vehicles are invited to enjoy the scenery along this route.

The closed area is 3.7 miles one-way from gate to gate and the lookout on the Northern end is about 3 miles from Washington Gate. Plan accordingly to complete your jaunt in the allotted three hours.

On each of these "motor vehicle free" dates, parking is available at the West Point Victor Constant Ski Slope. Note that Washington Gate will be open and available for vehicular traffic in- and outbound during the time period, so those individuals walking or biking from the ski slope need to be careful and watch for oncoming traffic.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Nanny McPhee Returns, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Vampires Suck, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Lottery Ticket, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Oct. 15—Takers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

BBC LifeWorks

Best Decorated Halloween House

Do you have a spooky yard? Balfour Beatty Communities will be out looking for the best Halloween decorated home starting at 5 p.m. Oct. 28.

Residents—you pick the winners. E-mail your choice to jgellman@bbcgrp.com or call 446-6407.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

Difficulty: Easy

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

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Defense, timely scoring leads to outstanding start

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

Two years removed from winning the Patriot League Tournament and its first-ever appearance in the NCAAs, Army women's soccer is trying to bounce back from a down year in 2009 when the team went 7-10-2.

Head coach Stefanie Golan and her charges are electrifying the field this season with stellar defensive play and timely goal scoring to go 10-3 in their first 13 games as they head into Friday's rivalry match against Navy.

Team captain midfielder Kelley Robbins said the team's fast start goes back to its first practices of the summer when they came out mentally tough, hard working and determined to squash last season's losing blip, which has now translated into wins on the field. The biggest change came from the maturation of a team that took its lumps a year ago.

"We definitely took a step back before we took a step forward," Robbins said about last year's slide. "Some of the players and I talked

about that and it was necessary in a way."

The team went through a transition as Golan became the head coach last year, although she was an assistant with the team for two years prior to taking over the helm.

While many factors played into last year's downfall, it's now a matter of the team embracing Golan's coaching style and its own cohesion that has translated into victories.

"It was definitely a transition from our old coaching staff," Robbins said. "But, over time everyone has come to really accept it. It makes our team stronger because now we've had success and everyone sees all the hard work, all the changes we've made and it's paying off.

"It's easier when things are going well," she added. "The team's cohesion has grown since the spring and people who watch our games say we're a different team on the field and we're actually working together better. The team is more of a unit and that's what we've tried to do since the summer."

Golan said it's been an entire team effort to get to where they are now.

"At the beginning of the season, we set some big goals for ourselves, but, in reality, there are no big goals," Golan said, "it's about doing the little things well and when you accomplish big goals, it's the accumulation of all those little things going right.

"The team's focus since day one is on the habits that we do on a daily basis, which are going to make us successful," she added. "It's been a team effort all the way through."

While effort helps, talent tends to rise to the top at the end of games and Army has been getting the most out of its talent upfront. Forwards Plebe Kim An and Cow Erringer Helbling have been offensive stalwarts this season.

Through 13 games, An has scored eight goals, including four



Team captain midfielder Kelley Robbins, who scored her first career goal versus Vermont Sept. 12, feels the team's cohesion is a big part of why Army has started the season 10-3.

game-winners with the latest winner coming Sunday in a 1-0 win versus Pennsylvania, and Helbling added two goals and an assist.

"We expected Kim to come in and have an impact," Golan said. "I think a lot of her success is because of the players around her. Erringer Helbling has had one of the biggest impacts even though she doesn't have as many goals and assists, but the only way other teams can stop her is to foul her.

"She is drawing a lot of attention away from other players to where they are able to have a lot more time on the ball," she added. "We've had a lot more success in the attacking end because (Helbling) draws that attention."

As the team finds much success in putting the ball in the back of the net, it's doubled its efforts in finding ways to keep it out of its own net. Army has only given up four goals in 13 games, including 10 shutouts on the season.

A strong defense and the goalkeeping tandem of Firstie Alex Lostetter and Cow Monica Lee have kept opposition goal scoring to a minimum.

"We've been very stingy defensively and we've been focused

defensively," Golan said. "It's not that teams have been dangerous (against us) ... all four goals against have been off of corner (kicks). With corners, it's a matter of getting to the ball first and getting in their way to make it more difficult for them to get a clean look at the goal.

"Certainly, Alex (Lostetter) and Mo (Lee) are both quality goalkeepers," Golan added. "We're in a unique situation in that I think either one of them would be starting at any other Patriot League school—it's a blessing and a curse from their standpoint because either one of them would love to start every game, who doesn't want that to be the case.

"However, they've accepted the situation they're in and they have continued to push each other to make each other better, so it's proved to be a great environment," she concluded.

Army heads into its 7 p.m. Friday match at Clinton Field looking for its first regular season win against the Midshipmen since 2005.

However, the Black Knights did beat Navy to earn the Patriot League tournament championship in 2008, a moment that still resonates thunderously with Robbins as she hopes to get that winning feeling

at least one more time against their academy rivals.

"A victory against Navy would be awesome," Robbins said. "When we play them it's a totally different game. It's about who wants to win more and that's what it is all about. It's Navy and it's always great to beat them, but our goal, especially with Alex and I as captains, is to go at every single Patriot League game like that ... our record is (10-3), but we have to get wins under our belts in the Patriot League. Starting with Lehigh (1-0 win Oct. 1), we're going to come out and play like it's a new season with everything to prove."

Golan said Navy is an opportunistic team that finishes well off of set pieces, something that Army needs to focus on defensively to win.

Although, keeping their emotions in check may be just as crucial to winning the game.

"Navy is going to be a sharp team," Golan said. "But, it's being able to harness those emotions and energy in the right way because if you ride on an emotional high, at some point, you're going to crash and the momentum will swing

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Through 13 games, Plebe forward Kim An leads Army with eight goals and is tied with two assists.

Army volleyball blanks Navy to capture "Star"

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

The Army volleyball team captured its ninth-straight "Star" match against service-academy rival Navy with a 3-0 victory by the scores of 25-18, 25-21 and 25-22 in Annapolis, Md., Oct. 2.

Army (10-9, 3-1 PL), which topped Navy (5-14, 0-4 PL) for the eighth time in the last nine meetings, got another standout offensive effort from Yearling right side hitter Francine Vasquez. The Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., native led all players with 18 kills, while Yearling outside hitter Ariana Mankus totaled 14 kills.

Both hit for over .350 percentages, while Firstie setter Karyn Powell amassed 39 assists to lead all players.

"The entire staff and I are so proud of the team for bouncing back after last night's loss (at American) with a hard-fought win tonight," two-time Patriot League Coach of the Year Alma Kovaci said. "The team played hard all night. Karyn (Powell) did a good job following the game plan and we got great play out of (Plebes) Megan Forbes and Megan Wilton in the middle. They are both developing into great weapons."

The Black Knights hit .260 as a team with 46 kills and 19 errors on 104 attempts. It marked Army's most efficient offensive effort since a Sept. 11 win over UNC Wilmington.

Firstie libero Brittany Jensen's 15 digs anchored a Black Knight defense, which held its counterparts to a .095 showing.

Playing in a hostile environment in Navy's Wesley A. Brown Field House, Army was able to avenge a 3-1 loss to the Mids in last season's regular season showdown in Annapolis.



Firstie libero Brittany Jensen anchored Army's defense with 15 digs during the Black Knights' 3-0 victory over Navy Oct. 2 in Annapolis, Md.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

2010-11 Staff & Faculty Noontime Basketball sign-ups

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is conducting the 2010-11 Staff & Faculty Noontime Basketball League at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. The league begins Nov. 8 and runs through March 11. Games are played Monday-Friday at 12:15 and 12:45 p.m. To enter a team, call Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or e-mail Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu. Teams that want to enter must sign up by Oct. 28.

Staff & Faculty Ultimate Frisbee

Standings as of Monday

TEAMS	W	L
1. MATH	16	2
2. DPE	12	3
3. DFL/GENE	10	5
4. SYSTEMS ENG.	10	6
5. ENGLISH/PHY.	9	6
6. EE&CS	9	6
7. SOCIAL/HISTORY	8	7
8. DMI	6	7
9. PANE	4	9
10. BS&L/CHEMISTRY	2	15
11. C/ME	0	20

Sports calendar

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Corps

ALL DAY.

FRIDAY — SWIMMING AND DIVING VS. BOSTON COLLEGE, STONY BROOK, VERMONT AND SEATTLE, CRANDALL POOL, 5 P.M.

SATURDAY — VOLLEYBALL VS. HOLY CROSS, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 4 P.M.

FRIDAY — SPRINT FOOTBALL VS. CORNELL, SHEA STADIUM, 7 P.M.

SATURDAY — MEN'S SOCCER VS. COLGATE, CLINTON FIELD, 7 P.M.

FRIDAY — WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. NAVY, CLINTON FIELD, 7 P.M. (TELEVISED: FOX SOCCER CHANNEL.)

SUNDAY — WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. AMERICAN, CLINTON FIELD, 1 P.M.

Club

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY — MEN'S TENNIS, ARMY INVITE, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER,

FRIDAY — MEN'S RUGBY VS. FORDHAM, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 7 P.M.

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against you.

"It's about being extremely focused and sharp, and approaching it as though it's just another game and another step toward accomplishing the (overall) goals we set forth for ourselves," she added. "However, Navy is Navy, and no matter how well Army and Navy are doing, it's going to be competitive and a battle ... but if we can settle into the way we can play from the beginning (of the game), if we can do that, we're going to be in good shape."

The Navy game is just another step forward for a team that has 15 plebes among its 28 members. Golan said the plebes have contributed a lot and the more experienced players have taken them under their wings, which has helped the team's overall success.

"The older players have embraced bringing in a large group of plebes with the mentality of, 'they make us better as a whole,'" Golan said. "The work (the whole group has done together) has laid the foundation for this team to be able to come together as quickly as it has.

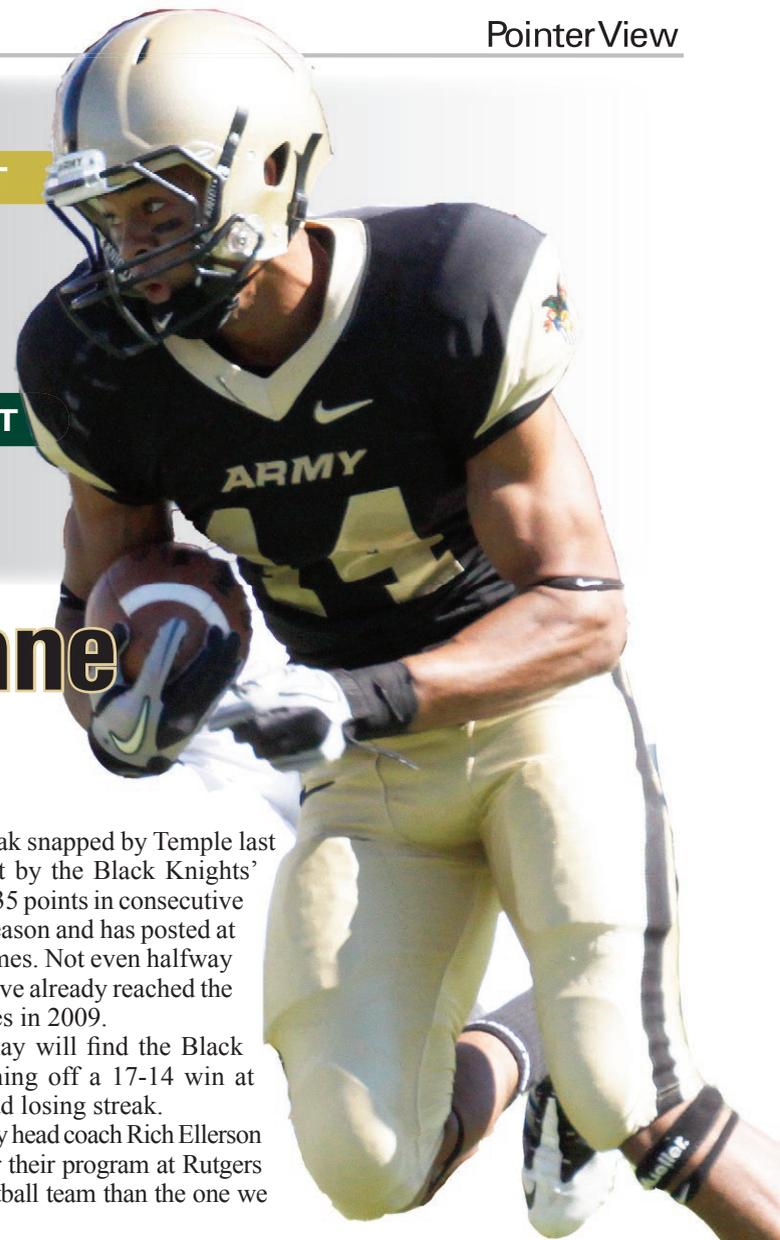
"It's a tribute to our returning players for the work and leadership they put into it," she added. "This team wants to win and they're going to do whatever it takes to make it happen."

Army Black Knights 2010 Record: 3-2; Overall Football Bowl Subdivision Rankings

PASSING YARDS	RUSHING YARDS	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
120th 75.4	9th 266.8	52nd 30.6	67th 24.2
Overall	Overall	Overall	Overall

Temple 2010 Record: 2-2, 5th in C-USA, West; Overall FBS Rankings

PASSING YARDS	RUSHING YARDS	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
79th 195.3	107th 89.8	94th 20.0	76th 26.0
Overall	Overall	Overall	Overall



Army on the road against Tulane



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Having their two-game winning streak snapped by Temple last week, Army fans can still take comfort by the Black Knights' progress report of late: Army has scored 35 points in consecutive games for the first time since the 2004 season and has posted at least 24 points in each of its first five games. Not even halfway through the season, the Black Knights have already reached the end zone more than they did in 12 games in 2009.

The trip to New Orleans on Saturday will find the Black Knights battling the Green Wave, coming off a 17-14 win at Rutgers last week to end a six-game road losing streak.

"Tulane is a real challenge for us," Army head coach Rich Ellerson said. "They're coming off a great win for their program at Rutgers last week. They're a much improved football team than the one we saw a year ago."

The Green Wave is hoping to push past .500 with a homecoming win over Army as the game is pivotal for both teams to be bowl bound at the end of the season. Four-year Tulane head coach Bob Toledo is familiar with the clock-crunching Army triple offense. Toledo's team took two losses to Army in 2007-08 before last year's rally in the final minutes to win 17-16.

"Tulane, at least offensively, will come out with a lot of different formations," Firstie linebacker Stephen Anderson said. "I would be very surprised if they don't try to establish the run against us. Teams have seen that we tend to give up a little on the run and that's something we will focus on, stopping the run. We have to be ready for the passing attack. Tulane will go from a pro style to a spread formation and that's something we have to be ready for."

Kickoff at the Louisiana Superdome is set for 3:30 p.m., and can be viewed via ITT Knight Vision or heard on Sirius Satellite Radio and locally on Army Sports Radio (WABC 770).

(Editor's note: Army Athletic Communications contributed to this report.)

Yearling slotback Malcolm Brown and the Black Knights travel to Tulane Saturday to face the Green Wave. (Right) Yearling defensive back Josh Jackson recorded two punt returns for 27 yards in the Temple game.

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Black Knights fall flat in second half against Temple

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Temple withstood the first-half charge of the Black Knights to emerge with a 42-35 win over Army Oct. 2 at Michie Stadium.

Firstie linebacker Stephen Anderson said the loss doesn't change the team's motivation.

"... at the end of the day, this team knows and believes that we are the team that is going to bring winning football back to Army," Anderson said. "We take this very personally, both defensively and offensively, when we know we have

the game won."

The Black Knights took command at the start, converting an opening kickoff fumble into points. In the second quarter, Army would assemble their longest scoring drive this season—chewing almost 10 minutes on the clock with an 18-play, 79-yard march. Yearling quarterback Trent Steelman recorded a career-high five touchdowns against Temple, passing for one score and rushing for four others.

Yearling slotback Malcolm Brown was the Black

Knights' leading rusher with 71 yards on 12 carries while Yearling fullback Jared Hassin picked up 58 rushing yards on 12 carries and 29 yards on three receptions. The loss marked the first time that Army's defense did not force a turnover or record a sack this season.

The Owls' backup running back Matt Brown ignited the Temple offense for 226 yards and four TDs on the ground.

"They have some really accomplished football players that have been playing for a long time," Army head coach Rich Ellerson said. "We had them on their heels and we had an opportunity. We have to find a couple of plays. That's going to be the case every week. That was not one of our best days."

Game Recap



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