

Post Night reveals destinations for Class of 2011

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
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Bass-thumping music set the tone as throngs of future infantry officers filed into Mahan Hall's Arnold Auditorium.

Excited chatter added to the volume while cadets hovered close to the wall plastered with Army installations and report dates. It felt a little like draft day in the NFL.

West Point calls it Post Night.

On Feb. 4, more than 1,000 firsties decided where they will spend their first duty assignment after graduation and further officer training.

Upon hearing his name called out by the infantry branch representative, Firstie Thomas Mussmann made a beeline to the wall, grabbed the index card and reported in his command voice his choice of Fort

Richardson, Alaska.

Mussmann looks forward to serving at the Alaskan post, and chose it because he'll be attached to an Airborne light infantry unit. Criteria that also went into his decision was a desire to go outside the U.S.—as many cadets look to launch their careers in Italy, Germany and Hawaii. A fan of the great outdoors, Mussmann also considered a locale where he could hunt and fish on his down time.

Although fairly high in the order of merit—a cadet's class standing among his peers—Mussmann still missed out on his first choice when other firsties were quick to join the 173rd Brigade Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy. Firstie Kyle Volle received a mixed round of cheers and jeers (by those also wanting that post) as he snatched the first of only six slots in Italy. Two minutes later, Italy was off the wall.

The infantry selection was nearly halfway through while other post selections occurring simultaneously throughout West Point were all but finished.

Firstie Thomas Dean, the Company C-1 cadet commander, will begin his military intelligence career in Hawaii.

"This was my top choice. I think I'll enjoy living down there, and the unit is not a bad move, career-wise," Dean said.

Dean said two milestones of senior year is Branch Night—when firsties essentially discover what job they'll do in the Army—and Post Night.

"I think every cadet looks forward to (those) from the day they get here," Dean said. "It gives you the feeling that you are

actually starting to get close to graduating and becoming a lieutenant."

Ring Weekend is another momentous occasion, he said, because it bonds a class with a sense of achievement. Post Night can induce further bonding, as cadets find out which classmates they'll be seeing again after graduation.

Armed with cell phones, instant messaging and social media, cadets can instantly report to anyone what post they selected. It wasn't so easy not so long ago, Col. Joseph DeAntona, Class of 1984, said.

"We all had a mad rush to the barracks because all we had were land lines in the basement. We stood in lines waiting for the next cadet to get out of the telephone booth," DeAntona said. "Cadets today have this real-time connectivity whereas ours was much more delayed. But the enthusiasm is the same today as it was in 1984."

DeAntona, the incoming brigade tactical officer, congratulated about 30 cadets all wearing red caps with the air defense artillery insignia for joining what he considers a fulfilling and expanding career field.

One of those, Firstie Ryan Karohl, is Korea-bound and heading to the 35th Air Defense Artillery.

Like Mussmann, Karohl is looking to experience the Army abroad. The Hampton, Va., native served in the infantry two years prior to entering the academy.

"I went to infantry training at Fort Benning (Ga.), went to Fort Bragg (N.C) and was always in the U.S.," Karohl said. "I joined the Army to get an education but also to see the world."



Firstie Thomas Kendall, a future infantry officer, announces his selection of Fort Hood, Texas, as his first duty assignment after graduation in May. Post Selection Night for the Class of 2011 was held throughout West Point Feb. 3, an event where class rank—or order of merit—is significant in whether a cadet gets his or her first choice for assignment based on the number of available slots at that post.



Class of 2011 cadets who are branching air defense artillery selected their first duty assignments Feb. 3 at the West Point Club. Pictured are cadets Matthew Kuwamoto, Laura Burdick, Jill Galloway and Capt. John Christie, the ADA branch representative.

We all play a part in Net Zero

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
IMCOM Commander

The Army has a bold vision for managing natural resources on its installations—they will become net zero. That is, as we go about the complex business of living, working and training on installations, our use and production of resources will balance out, so that in the end, we do not over-consume or waste. The most exciting part of the Army Net Zero vision is this—we all have a part to play in achieving it.

When the concept of net zero was first applied to installations, it was in terms of energy. A task force that grew out of a 2008 joint initiative of the Departments of Defense and Energy studied the possibility of net zero energy installations, or installations that produce as much energy on site as they use over the course of a year. Army Net Zero goes beyond energy, though, to also include water and waste.

Army Net Zero's holistic approach increases our ability to achieve the larger goal of sustainable installations.

With an eye to all three—energy, water and waste—we are more likely to move beyond isolated projects, which carry the risk of succeeding in one area at the expense of another, to an integrated plan that balances benefits and costs across our operations.

Installations reach net zero through five interrelated steps: reduction, repurposing, recycling and composting, energy recovery and disposal.

To achieve net zero energy, garrisons start with aggressive conservation efforts, to reduce the amount of energy being used in the first place. Then they repurpose energy, or find secondary uses for building exhausts, boiler stack exhausts and other thermal energy streams, and recover heat from the electricity generation process. Once they have reduced their load through conservation and efficiency measures, they can meet their

remaining requirements through renewable or alternative energy projects.

A net zero water installation limits the consumption of fresh water and returns water back to the same watershed, so as not to deplete the groundwater and surface water resources of that region in quantity or quality.

Similar to the process with energy, installations aiming for net zero water begin with rigorous conservation efforts. Then they repurpose the water used in showers, sinks, washing machines and cooling towers, capture rainwater for on-site use, and treat wastewater for recharging into groundwater aquifers. They achieve net zero water by capturing, repurposing and recharging an amount equal to what they consume.

A net zero installation reduces, reuses and recovers waste streams, converting them to resource values with zero landfill. In other words, a net zero waste installation aims to make disposal an unnecessary step. Garrisons start by reducing the initial amount of waste, and then find ways to repurpose waste with minimal processing. For example, they might crush construction rubble to use on trails. When they cannot reuse waste, they recycle or compost as much as they can or convert it to energy. They achieve net zero waste when they have nothing left to send to the landfill.

During my site visits over the past year, I have seen how our garrisons have taken steps—great strides in some cases—to manage our resources more efficiently.

Look at the water projects at Forts Huachuca, Bliss and Belvoir; the waste management projects at Forts Bragg and Jackson and Joint Base Lewis-McChord; and the energy projects at Forts Drum, Wainwright, Carson and Campbell, to name just a few.

So I know there will be tremendous interest in an opportunity that the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment is launching this month. The ASA (IE&E) is asking garrisons

to nominate themselves to become Net Zero Energy, Net Zero Water or Net Zero Waste installations, or all three, by 2020.

Five will be selected in each category, with one to become all three. These installations will receive long-term, in-depth training and support and become showcases for the strategies, technologies and best practices of sustainable resource management.

I encourage every garrison to take on this challenge. It will require commitment and a lot of hard work. Not only do we have to learn about energy, water and waste management best practices and technologies, but we also have to learn the business practices that support them.

We have to build partnerships with those in the private sector and in non-government organizations who will join us in investing in the net zero vision. However, this is a prime opportunity to learn lessons we will be required to know in the future.

Everyone, every Soldier, civilian and Family member, has a role to play in managing our resources. Maybe it seems like a smaller role—turning out the lights, adjusting the thermostat, or separating out recyclables at home.

Maybe it is a more direct role, such as running an installation waste management program or writing enhanced use leases or energy savings performance contracts. Regardless, every effort adds up, and what it adds up to is important—our future.

Energy efficiency and security is a critical issue for the Army. The Army depends on a reliable, safe, cost-effective supply of energy to accomplish its mission, as well as provide a good quality of life for Soldiers, Civilians and Families on installations worldwide.

To the extent that the supply and distribution of energy lay outside the Army's control, the ability to accomplish our mission is open to risk. The same can be said of water, or practically any of our resources. If the Army is to accomplish its mission in the

future, if we want to be good neighbors to those outside our gates and to leave a healthy world for our children and grandchildren, then we have to start operating sustainably today. It is the right thing to do.

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Cadets join thousands to volunteer for HOPE

By Firstie Jonathan Seaton
Special to the Pointer View

On the evening of Jan. 31, 65 West Point cadets piled into a waiting bus and several vans while the majority of their fellow classmates prepared for classes the next day or went to sleep.

They were on their way to be a part of a volunteer event known as HOPE (Homeless Outreach Population Estimate). HOPE is an annual event that began in New York City in 2005 with the purpose of estimating the number of unsheltered people living on city streets, subway platforms, parks and other public places.

Ultimately, the project, which is coordinated and executed by the Department of Homeless Services, aims to help gauge the success of outreach strategies against street homelessness.

The cadets participating in the trip piled on layers of extra clothing in preparation for a long, cold night of trekking through the streets of New York City. The preparation was warranted due to the well below freezing temperatures in NYC on this particular night.

Upon departure from West Point, the cadets split into two groups with about half going to the Washington Heights area and the other half going to the midtown area. When they reached their respective destinations they were placed into groups of four-to-six people, which included civilians from all walks of life who had also volunteered for HOPE. Each small group received an area in which to conduct their surveys and an overview from the district captain about techniques for conducting the survey.

After receiving the briefing from the district captain, the small groups spent time planning their routes and strategies for completing their tasks.

Additionally, each team had to select a team leader who was responsible for leading the small group throughout the night and certifying that the survey was properly executed. Many of the cadets volunteered to take these positions.

Just after midnight on Feb. 1, the cadets and approximately 2,000 other volunteers stepped out on to the streets of New York City to begin administering the HOPE survey.

The task was simple—approach everyone on the streets and ask them a few questions: Do you have a place to stay tonight? What kind of place is it? However, many of the cadets learned firsthand how hard it is to get people to participate in this type of research.

Although some New Yorkers refused to answer the survey questions, many were accommodating and appreciated the fact that volunteers would consider being on the streets of New York in the freezing cold at 1 or 2 a.m. to help the homeless.

During the course of the survey, the cadets had many opportunities to help the homeless.

For example, if a person did not have anywhere to go in response to the survey, the volunteers could provide them with a ride to a local shelter for the night if they so desired. Some groups came across only a few people bundled up and asleep on the streets, while other groups interviewed dozens of people on subway platforms.

According to a 2008 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development report, an estimated 671,888 people experienced homelessness for one night in January 2007.

The 2010 HOPE in New York City determined there were just more than 3,111 unsheltered people living in the five boroughs, which was a 29 percent decrease since 2005 (the 2011 results have not been published).

Many of the cadet volunteers said they learned a great



Sixty-five West Point cadets joined members of the New York Police Department during the HOPE event Jan. 31 in New York City. The cadets, from left to right, are Firsties Charles Cannone and Firstie Kasandra Clark and Cow Miguel Moyeno.

COURTESY PHOTO

deal during the trip.

“You always see the homeless out there in the city, but it was nice to finally have to chance to actually help improve the situation,” Firstie Brandon Tuell said.

“...though I didn’t get to help anyone directly, I know that my participation in administering the survey will lead to good things down the road,” Yearling Preston Horejsi said.

The trip was organized by the West Point Sociology Program to allow the cadets to not only support the community but also help them experience a part of America that is often hidden from view or shunned into the dark recesses of the modern world.

In response to the question, “Why is it important that cadets participate in HOPE?” Col. Irving Smith, the West

Point Sociology Program director, said “Homelessness is a problem that affects somewhere between 1 or 2 percent of the U.S. population at any given time and statistics from HUD suggest that 40 percent of all homeless men are veterans.”

“Cadet participation in HOPE has several purposes,” Smith said. “First, it provides cadets an opportunity to see how homelessness affects people because we can discuss it in the classroom all day but seeing it up close really leaves an impression on cadets. Second, participation allows cadets to give back to the community. Third, participating in the survey allows cadets to evaluate the methods used by a particular organization to understand a research question.”

More information about homelessness and how to participate in next year’s HOPE, go to at www.nyc.gov/dhs.



Go Army, Beat Canada

The Corps of Cadets enjoyed an exchange weekend with the Royal Military College of Canada filled with friendly competition. RMC won the Tae Kwon Do competition 3-1, while Army claimed victory in the Water Polo match, 17-4. The West Point cadets won a very tight debate competition by split decision. The judo teams and pipe and drums held spirited workshops.

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Experiencing the world at International Day



Food and fellowship was shared by many at International Day.

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
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Cadets and faculty didn't go around the world, but a trip around the third floor of Bartlett Hall Monday provided a worldly experience for all at International Day. Attendees roamed from classroom to classroom indulging in culture and cuisine from faraway locales in Europe, the Caribbean, Africa and throughout Asia.

Plebe Alexander Abia, a foreign exchange cadet from Rwanda, joined Firstie Duncan Makau, from Kenya, to introduce sub-Saharan culture.

"This is a chance to show where you're from and share your culture with everyone," Abia said.

Though, the event was postponed twice due to seasonable weather conditions, the third attempt was a success, with hundreds partaking of the multicultural feast and fellowship.

The second annual event was hosted by the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, Respect Staff and International Council of West Point.



Firstie Duncan Makau, an foreign exchange cadet from Nairobi, Kenya, shares insight into his culture.

West Point candidate chosen for Youth of the Year

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point Youth Services, in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club of America, chose Andrew Diaz as the Youth of the Year candidate at the Youth Services building Jan. 27.

Diaz, along with Leia Floersheim and Genevieve Stafford, wrote essays and answered questions from a panel relating to their personal character, such as who inspires them the most and what is it about Youth Services that has been most beneficial to them.

"The panel looks at youths who come to Youth Services on a regular basis and looks at what activities they are involved in, what their moral character is like and what involvement they have in the home and school," Fabrizio Morejon, YOY coordinator, said. "That's how they decide what youths to nominate for YOY."

Selection in the local competition is the first of three panels the youths will face. Diaz will be going to Albany for the state competition and if selected, will continue to the regionals. At stake is a full four-year scholarship to Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Local and state selectees can apply for a scholarship. Winners of the state level also receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

"At the local level, the youths write two essays, answer questions and offer an oral presentation," Morejon said. "The process is the same through the different levels, but tougher."

Diaz is taking this whole process in stride.

"I didn't know I was a contender," he said. "I wrote an essay and had an oral presentation. I was nervous, but it was OK.

I'm much better at writing than speaking. The oral part was about what Youth Services means to me."

For the question on who inspires him the most, Diaz had a unique person in mind who is involved in a sport that is close to his heart.

"I chose Og-De-Souza, a Brazilian professional skateboarder who skateboards with his hands because he had polio and his legs didn't develop," he said. "He's great."

Diaz appears a bit single-minded with his love of skateboarding to the point where he wants to be either a professional skateboarder or a professional photographer working for a skateboarding magazine.

Diaz hasn't been able to do much skateboarding this winter, and even in better weather there are difficulties with the areas he and his friends choose to skateboard. He wants to go to the AFAP conference to suggest a place at West Point to skateboard.

"There are lots of kids who like to skateboard, but we always get (moved along) when we do it around post in parking lots or in the streets," he said.

The 16-year-old said he's learned a lot coming to Youth Services and it helps him get out and do something other than staying in the house watching television.

"I learned a lot of the Microsoft software like Publisher and learned photography," Diaz said.

Diaz uses what he has learned to develop the Youth Services newsletter and he is in training as a digital media apprentice to work at Youth Services. He also develops video of events around post.

Whoever is chosen Youth of the Year will serve a one-year term as the national teen spokesperson for the 4.5 million youths served by more than 4,300 Boys and Girls Clubs. The program began in 1947 and is supported by the Reader's Digest Foundation.



Andrew Diaz was chosen to represent West Point in the statewide competition for the Boys and Girls Club of America's Youth of the Year.

Two weeks to the ground: West Point team provides negotiating training to deploying unit

By Firstie Matt Mitchell
Special to the Pointer View

As the West Point Negotiation Project's Mobile Training Team recently left the winter wonderland of New York, the five-person team (consisting of Maj. Aram Donigian, Maj. Zachary Mundell, and Firsties Matthew Mitchell, Mike Weich and Travis Zahnow) knew a difficult task lay ahead: travel to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and suffer through the warm weather there while teaching negotiation systems and strategies to NCOs and officers from the 728th Military Police Battalion.

Leaders of the 728th found themselves preparing for their immediate deployment by studying systematic negotiation approaches designed to help them in their mission in mentoring and transitioning the Afghanistan National Police and Border Patrol. The MTT introduced the concepts of challenging assumptions, defining a good outcome, conducting principled negotiation, dealing with difficult behaviors and multi-party negotiation to help these leaders prepare for the complex, cross cultural negotiations that await them.

"These ideas will help them as they face high stakes negotiations with various Afghan and American soldiers," Zahnow said. "These MPs can use principled negotiation skills in every negotiation they encounter."

As the MTT taught their intensive, 24-hour course, they witnessed a behavioral change in the students from typical positional bargaining games to value creation and merit-based principled negotiations. Every NCO and officer found application purposes for this negotiation model, using it to make sense of personal negotiation experiences, both at home and from previous overseas deployments. They effectively moved from being accidental negotiators capable of juggling only one or two negotiation techniques to understanding how to choose between the more than 700,000 strategies that exist.

The challenge of transitioning the Afghanistan National Police and Border Patrol into effective fighting forces is not the only challenge awaiting the 728th. They also understand that the ANP they will be working with have had past relationships with Americans.

"We are the same, but different from the previous Soldiers who have served in Afghanistan over the last 10 years," Staff Sgt. Joshua Holland, an S3 section NCO preparing for his fifth overseas deployment, said.

Holland understood that while his unit looks like and has similar objectives to their predecessors, the 728th must find creative, elegant solutions to be successful mentors.

Recognizing that planning is vital to any operation, Sgt. 1st Class James Webster shared one key lesson learned from the MTT.

"You, as a negotiator, have to be deliberate in how you

prepare for your negotiation," Webster said. "Preparation can help ensure the negotiator reaches better outcomes than those resulting from concession based compromises."

Moving from a positional model of compromise to a more efficient, systematic approach allowed these leaders to see the benefits of creating multiple options.

"By learning how to generate creative options," Sgt. Deon Washington, a former Marine on his third overseas deployment, said, "we can negotiate to create value and help all the parties involved in the negotiation."

The question "Should you always make an agreement?" was discussed several times throughout the course, as American officers often feel the pressure from their chain of command to reach any solution, even ones with extremely poor long-term consequences. The role-play exercises and structured debriefs demonstrated the power of well-crafted commitments in improving relationships and helping parties resolve issues that otherwise seem impossible.

The course culminated in a multi-party negotiation used to address the varying concerns and interests of several parties at the negotiation table. As the students prepared for stakes much greater than a classroom scenario they each understood how important it is to acknowledge the importance of well-defined good outcomes with Afghan village leaders. The power of an

apology and understanding how to separate substantive issues from personal issues, dealing with both on their own merits, will have much more relevance when these police officers work on the Afghan border with ANP members and have to find common ground.

All three cadets were selected to participate in the MTT as teaching assistants and role players due to their successful completion of MG390, Negotiation for Leaders, a year ago. Not only did the MTT experience allow them to share valuable tools with the larger Army, but it also gave them exposure to a unit less than two weeks from deployment.

"I feel lucky to have been able to assist the officers and NCOs here at 728th and I'm now even more excited to meet similarly talented leaders in my future as I transition from West Point to an infantry platoon leader," Weich said.

The West Point Negotiation Project conducts various Army outreach, research and publication projects designed to enhance the ability of Army leaders to conduct effective negotiations in the complex and challenging situations they face both in combat and peace.

The WPNP is affiliated with the Network Science Center and West Point Leadership Center.

For more information, visit their website at www.wpnp.org, or contact the directors at wpnp@usma.edu.

FROM THE POINTERVIEW EDITORIAL STAFF:

This week, we thank Firsties Matt Mitchell and Jonathan Seaton for a thorough job in helping us tell the West Point story. These stories, with photos, can also be found on www.army.mil. We welcome others to submit ideas to Eric Bartelt, managing editor, at 938-2015/3883, or e-mail eric.bartelt@usma.edu. Story submissions should include point of contact information (name, phone number, e-mail address).

Legend of St. Barbara lives on among artillery Soldiers

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

One legend of a lightning bolt that struck down St. Barbara's persecutor caused her to be regarded as the patron saint in times of danger from thunderstorms, fires and sudden death. Since earlier artillery pieces in the western world often exploded instead of firing, St. Barbara became the patron saint of artillerymen.

West Point Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery commemorated St. Barbara with their annual ball Feb. 4 at the West Point Club. The ceremony is rich in tradition, beginning with a toast to the Army, West Point, FA and ADA Soldiers, the President of the United States, fallen Soldiers and to the ladies "who make all things worthwhile." A table decorated with a black tablecloth and a single rose represented the fallen.

Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Lanza, Chief of Army Public Affairs, Class of 1980 graduate and a Field Artillery officer, was the guest speaker.

"This evening is about fellowship," Lanza said, addressing the cadets. "You can stand proud of the accomplishments of the past and

future of the fire community. The 'Red Legs' are considered the elite and they go to people in a formation because they are the eyes, ears and brains of the Army."

Field Artillery Soldiers are often called red legs because of the red stripe worn down the pants of Soldiers during the Revolutionary War. Firstie Allan Latty branched Air Defense and is looking forward to his first duty station.

"Air Defense was my second choice," Latty said. "My first choice was Aviation, but I have a great post location going to Korea."

Latty said he was looking forward to this event because it is something he is sure to attend again as a future air defense officer. Firstie Tim Clark said FA was his first choice, although he wasn't sure if he would branch infantry instead.

"I talked to my sponsor who said FA works with infantry and I thought that was a nice mix," Clark said.

Clark gleaned more information at the ball, sitting with Lt. Col. Anthony Gonzales, a career development advisor from Fort Sill, Okla., home of FA and ADA. Clark asked the more experienced officer on what he could expect and how he could get into light artillery.

The St. Barbara's Day Ball is an event



Attendees at the St. Barbara's Day Ball Feb. 4 toast the Army, West Point, Field and Air Defense Artillery, those who have fallen and the ladies "who make all things worthwhile."

that also bestows the Honorable Order of St. Barbara and the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher. The Order of St. Barbara is awarded to Soldiers who have demonstrated the highest level on integrity and moral character. The Order of Molly Pitcher is given to women who voluntarily contributed to the ADA in a significant way.

The Honorable Order of St. Barbara was awarded to Col. Casey Haskins, Department of Military Instructions director, Maj. Jeffrey Pickler, E-3 tactical officer, and Sgt. 1st Class James Chittenden, E-3 TAC NCO. The Order of Molly Pitcher was awarded to Annie Freed, wife of retired Sgt. 1st Class Christian Reed, former TAC NCO.



Junior Megan Maurer, who plays forward on the West Point women's basketball team, leads a group of girls and young women in warm-up exercises Feb. 5 at the Lou Gross Olympic Center. In honor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, West Point invited the community to learn about sports, teamwork and how being proficient in a sport can empower women to succeed in achieving their goals.

Empowerment through athletics is focus of daylong clinics

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

West Point cadets and athletic coaches celebrated National Girls and Women in Sports Day Feb. 5 by conducting various sports clinics on post. These events served to not only educate girls and young women in a sport, but to empower them through the sport as well.

Lady Black Knights basketball assistant coach Shandrika Lee-Gerch held a training session at the Lou Gross Olympic Center. In a 90-minute series of drills and coaching, where she and the other trainers taught the basics of basketball to children from West Point and the surrounding community.

The event not only connected others with basketball, but also psyched up fans of the Black Knights for their matchup against Colgate later in the day. Plenty of young basketball fans came along to the clinics, whom Lee-Gerch had seen before at basketball games as well as basketball camps held throughout the year.

Assisting Lee-Gerch was a small cadre of basketball instructors led mostly by West Point cadets. For them, the clinics were an excellent opportunity to increase their proficiency and "learn by doing," while celebrating women in sports and how sports empower women to lead and show by example all the characteristics they wish to instill in others.

"I think it (the leadership role) is very important," Lee-Gerch said. "It's all transferable from here to the classroom to on the field and whatever respective

branches they declare."

Cadet Megan Maurer (Class of 2013), a Hollsopple, Pa., native, plays the forward position for the Lady Black Knights. She started playing basketball for her school in the fourth grade, then continued to play throughout high school.

"I think that it's very important for young girls to get help from older girls who they look to as idols, as models for who they want to be," Maurer said. "Sports are such a great thing: not only does it keep you busy in school, keeps you out of trouble, keeps you in shape, it's a fun thing to do."

After the drills, Lee-Gerch brought everybody together to discuss the strategies they later put into place against Colgate. In all, everyone enjoyed teaching the young children about both basketball and important life lessons.

"I'm really happy that all these girls came out, I'm really happy that their parents are giving the opportunity to come to these camps and see what they want to do," Lee-Gerch said. "Basketball's a great thing, especially for women. I think it's a great way to grow as a person, through sports."

The cadets learned how to reach out to the younger generation and practice the management skills they will be expected to know upon their first assignment. The children also learned very much about teamwork, how to overcome adversity, how to be a leader and how to be a follower.

"Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it," Lee-Gerch said. "Because if you can put your mind to it and you have the will to do it no matter how big or small you are, you will accomplish your dreams."



West Point women's basketball team assistant coach Shandrika Lee-Gerch explains team strategy against Colgate to a group of girls and young women Feb. 5 at the Lou Gross Olympic Center in recognition of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

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West Point Family Support Group's Hearts Apart Support Group

The West Point Family Support Group's Hearts Apart Support Group, presented by the ACS' Mobilization and Deployment Program, will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday and March 12 at the Lee Area Child Development Center (140 Buckner Loop).

This group meeting is for the Families of deployed and geographically separated Soldiers.

Dinner and special activities will be provided for the entire Family.

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

Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

Enjoy a romantic dinner and dancing for two from 7-10 p.m. Monday at the West Point Club's Pierce Dining Room overlooking the Hudson River.

For reservations, call 938-5120.

Family Spaghetti Night

Enjoy an "all you can eat" spaghetti dinner from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 17 at the West Point Club.

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

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

Coping with Deployment Course

Coping with Deployment Course, presented by the American Red Cross for the Mobilization and Deployment Program, is scheduled from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 19.

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

Activities will be provided for children during the workshop.

Parents need to provide a brown bag lunch for their child.

The course will be held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information and to register, call 938-5654/0232.

Brides' Brunch

The Brides' Brunch event will be held from noon-3 p.m. Feb. 20 in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Enjoy a wide variety of cuisine samplings from the Club. Meet with local vendors including bakeries, florists, photographers, cosmetologists and entertainers.

View linen and table settings for your special day in the Pierce Dining Room and a wedding ceremony set up in the Hudson Room.

Meet with the caterers and finalize your wedding plans all on the same day.

Any new wedding receptions booked from December 2011 through March 2012 will receive 10 percent off.

Free admission for brides with wedding receptions booked with the West Point Club.

There is an additional cost for all others

who attend.

For more information, call 938-5120.

West Point Library spring story hour

The West Point Library story hour will be held Tuesdays in Bldg. 622 starting Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The free story hour is open to all West Point community children ages 3-5. Pre-registration is required.

Stop by the library or call 938-2974.

2011 AFAP Conference

Make your voice heard. The annual installation Army Family Action Plan Conference is Feb. 22-24.

If you have a suggestion for how the Army can improve your quality of life, we want to hear about it. Submit an AFAP issue to be reviewed at the conference.

In addition, Soldiers, Family members, civilian employees, retirees and youth are invited to participate as delegates.

For more information, to submit an issue or register for the conference, visit www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm or call Christina Overstreet at 938-3655 or e-mail christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

Army Family Action Plan outbrief

The entire West Point community is invited to the Army Family Action Plan outbrief to be held at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the West Point Club.

For more information, call 938-3655.

2011 Polar Fest

The 2011 Polar Fest is noon-7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Victor Constant Ski Slope. Participants can pre-register until Feb. 25 at the Ski Slope sales office.

Registration fee includes food, drinks and activities, but does not include lift tickets or equipment rentals.

For more information, call 938-8810.

FMWR Community Skate Program

The FMWR Community Skate Program at Tate Rink 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, call the FMWR information tape at 938-2991 for updates for that day.

Art EDGE! Intro to Comic Book Art

Art EDGE! Introduction to Comic Book Art for grades 6-12 takes place from 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays during February at the Youth Center (500 Washington Road).

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458. Classes are free, but limited, so enroll early.

Experience the unique process of comic book art, learn to create superheroes, villains and tell your story the comic book way.

Join Victor L. Castro, a professional comic book penciler and comic book creator, as he takes you through the intricate process of comic book penciling and learn how it is done behind the scenes.

Castro has been published with Platinum Studios, Arcana Studios, Abbeville Press and the popular web series, "Haywire."

Spring youth sports registration

Spring youth sports registration, including Travel Soccer, began Tuesday for military Families and Feb. 28 for civilian Families.

The registration period ends March 18 for everyone.

Space is limited and waitlists may be formed at any time.

Parents are encouraged to register early.

Travel Baseball registration is ongoing for Military Families and begins Feb. 14 for civilian Families. Baseball registration ends Feb. 28.

For more information, call 938-8896/3550.

All You Can Eat Lunch Buffet

Come have lunch at the West Point Club's All You Can Eat Lunch Buffet from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Enjoy the buffet or pay as you go stations.

For more information, call 938-5120.

English for Language Learners Classes

ACS offers English for Language Learners classes from 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Classes are geared to all levels of learning.

For more information and to register, call 938-2519/3487.

NEW INFO

Morgan Farm Presidents' Day Weekend Special

Drop off your pet for boarding at Morgan Farm during Presidents' Day Weekend and get four days for the price of three.

Bring your pet on Feb. 18 and pick up on Feb. 22.

Reservations will be taken Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For more information, call 938-3926.

Morgan Farm Kennels reservations

Give your pets the Spring Break they deserve at Morgan Farm Kennels from March 12-19 while you're away.

Morgan Farm offers affordable kenneling services close to home.

For more information and to make a reservation, call 938-3926.

CYSS Father and Daughter Dance

The CYSS Father and Daughter Dance is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. March 5 at the Lee Child Development Center.

Girls ages 4-18 are eligible.

Light refreshments will be served.

Dress attire for the event—girl's Sunday best and father's military blues or suit.

There is a small fee for this event and payments can be taken at the door.

For reservations and more information, call 938-3921.

CYSS Poetry Slam

Perform a poem, a song or a spoken word piece of your choice at the CYSS Poetry Slam from 7-9 p.m. March 11 at the West Point Youth Center.

Anyone interested in performing must sign up before Feb. 25.

This event is available to students in grades 6-12.

For more information, call 938-3727.

Staff and Faculty Noontime Volleyball

Deadline for entries for the Staff and Faculty Noontime Volleyball League is close of business Feb. 18.

Play will start the week of Feb. 28 in the 2nd floor courts at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

Games are at 12:15 and 12:40 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call Jim McGuinness at 938-3066.

What's Happening

(Updated) Garrison Awards ceremony cancelled

The Garrison Awards ceremony scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Crest Hall has been cancelled.

(Updated) Book signings

Gary Noesner, former FBI hostage negotiator, will be signing his book, "Stalling for Time," from 1:30-3:30 p.m. today at the West Point Bookstore, fourth floor at Thayer Hall.

Robert V. Morris will be signing his book, "Black Faces of War," from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at the West Point Bookstore.

National Prayer Breakfast

The U.S. Military Academy Chaplain's Office will host its annual National Prayer Breakfast at 6 a.m. Friday at the West Point Club.

The guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. James Campbell.

For tickets, contact the USMA Chaplain's office at 938-3316.

(Updated) African American/Black History Month

The Equal Opportunities Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic is hosting this year's African American/Black History Month Observance from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday at Robinson Auditorium.

The theme for this year's observance is African Americans and the Civil War. Enjoy food samplings and performances by the Gospel Choir and the West Point Band.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Morgan at 938-8456 or Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Key at 938-2581.

Viva! Las Vegas

The public is invited to attend the annual West Point Women's Club's Viva! Las Vegas, 6-11 p.m., Friday at the Thayer Hotel.

Games will include bingo, blackjack, craps and roulette. A separate poker tournament will also be available with a buy-in paid in advance online.

Dinner (with pre-purchased tickets) will be served from 6-8 p.m. To purchase advance tickets, visit <http://westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com>.

The Child Development Center is taking reservations for childcare during this event.

DUSA community grant season

The West Point Society of the Daughters of the United States Army's 2010-11 community grant season is open through Tuesday.

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel event

Join the Protestant Women of the Chapel at 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Post Chapel for "An Evening of Hope," featuring Capt. Scotty Smiley, the U.S. Army's first blind active duty Soldier and author, along with Tyler Nakamura, Christian artist from North Shores, Hawaii, leading praise and worship.

Veterinary Clinic Days

There are limited clinic days in February due to the veterinarian's schedule. Clinic days are Feb. 17-18.

February is National Pet Dental Health Month. In honor of this, the veterinarian is providing extra appointments for dental cleanings.

Booking for dental cleanings and surgery is ongoing. The schedule fills quickly, so don't wait to call.

In the event of inclement weather, call the appointment line before coming to the clinic to verify the hours for that day.

Microchipping is mandatory at West Point and all pets living on post must be registered with the Vet Clinic.

Appointments are not necessary for either of these, but call ahead. Call the appointment line at 938-3817 during business hours from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Presidents' Day Weekend salute

From 1-4 p.m. Feb. 20 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 21 at the New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site, reenactors will bring to life the Continental Army's final winter encampment with musket and cannon firings, blacksmithing, medical demonstrations and other aspects of daily life during those years.

Following musket and cannon firings, children can "enlist" in the Continental Army and drill with wooden muskets and get paid in Continental currency for their service.

The New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site is co-located with the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor on Route 300, 374 Temple Hill Road, New Windsor.

For more information, call 561-1765, ext. 22.

In Newburgh, Washington's Headquarters at 84 Liberty Street has a full schedule of activities for the Presidents' Weekend to honor our nation's founding fathers and the soldiers who fought for our independence.

Washington's Headquarters is open from noon-4:30 p.m. Feb. 19-21.

For more information, call 562-1195.

VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans' Reunion

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans' 20th reunion is scheduled Feb. 26 at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, Fort Myer, Va.

For more information, call Hoa McNabb at 800-506-2672 or e-mail VIICorpsDSVA@aol.com.

DUSA Scholarships

The West Point Chapter of the Society of Daughters of the United States Army high school scholarship applications are available at the James I. O'Neill guidance office.

The deadline is March 22. Eligibility requirements are noted in the application cover letter.

For more information, call Ginger Hopkins, West Point Chapter president, at 567-3643.

BBC Scholarship applications

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is accepting academic scholarship applications for the 2011-12 academic year to reward high school and undergraduate students of military members residing in Family housing in need of financial assistance.

Family housing residents at West Point with high school and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for the BBCF scholarships.

Applications, details and requirements can be found at www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org.

Application deadline is April 15.

West Point Women's Club Cookbook

The West Point Women's Club is taking orders for its new cookbook, "Knights Around the Table." The cookbook has many new and exciting recipes.

To order a book, visit www.westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com/cookbook, print an order form and mail it with payment to the WPWC address provided.

NEW INFO

West Point Women's Club Grant and Scholarship

WPWC Grant and Scholarship applications are now available on the WPWC website.

Deadline is Feb. 28.

Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors and WPWC members continuing their education.

For more information, call 859-4278.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Tron: Legacy, PG, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday—The Tourist, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Little Fockers, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

Command Channel 8/23

Feb. 10-17

Due to technical issues, **The Point and Army Newswatch** will not be seen this week.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Valentine's Essay contest:** Men, tell us all about a romantic gesture gone wrong on Valentine's Day, the proposal, a birthday or any day. Tell us your story in 150 words or less, send to jgellman@bbcgrp.com or drop it off at 132 Bartlett Loop on or before Friday.

One military wife will receive a relaxing half hour Swedish massage by Wellness Springs Massage at the FMWR Fitness Center. The winner will be announced Monday.

• **National Chili Cook Off contest:** Do you make the best chili at West Point? Have a secret ingredient that will knock the socks of anyone? Compete in BBC's inaugural Chili Cook Off contest.

The event takes place at 1 p.m. Feb. 25 at 132 Bartlett Loop. To register, call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407.

Enjoy a Vegas experience at Thayer Hotel

By Kerri Braun
West Point Women's Club

Are you looking for a way to heat up these cold winter nights? If you answered 'yes' then you may want to attend the West Point Women's Club annual fundraiser Viva! Las Vegas.

Grab your spouse and checkbook, line up your babysitter and join us for the hottest night in town. This fun-filled night of casino-style games will be sure to bring excitement to the cold, winter night from 6- 11 p.m. Friday at the Thayer Hotel.

This is a night to enjoy some exciting games, silent and live auctions and some entertainment with your spouse and friends from the community.

The evening will include bingo, blackjack, craps and roulette. There is also the annual poker tournament for all of the Texas Hold'em fans. You can visit our silent auction for some great-themed baskets. This year, the silent auction promises a great mix of baskets available for bidding, with ranges in values to suit every budget. Some of the items donated from the West Point community will be an Army-themed fire pit, a family game night basket, a Vera Bradley basket and a New York City sightseeing basket.

There are also many other amazing prizes available to win through bingo or with tickets to Casino Chance. These include a Keurig coffee machine, several Coach bags and multiple gift certificates for fabulous experiences like a helicopter ride for two, a laser tag birthday party for 16 people, and a kayak tour for four on the Hudson River.

Dinner was a new addition to last year's event and received an overwhelming response by all attendees.

"We had so many delicious options at the buffet, which is typical for the Thayer Hotel," Danielle Hamilton, last year's co-chair and this year's chair for the event, said.

The Thayer Hotel will again cater the meal, so be sure to order your tickets online in advance.

The West Point Women's Club has been hosting this annual event for several years, and each year it gets a little bigger and better. All the money that is raised from this event goes to various charitable causes in the forms of grants, as well as scholarships for high school seniors and spouses for continuing education.

Last year, the West Point Women's Club gave more than \$20,000 to various groups.

If you want to be a part of this wonderful event, consider volunteering at Viva. Contact Jennifer Rice at wpwc.viva@gmail.com for volunteering information.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at <http://westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com> by paying immediately through PayPal, or downloading the ticket form and mailing it in.

Dinner will be served from 6-8 p.m. You can also purchase tickets at the door, which will not include dinner.

Viva! Las Vegas CASINO NIGHT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011
6PM - 11PM

Craps
Black Jack
Roulette
Silent Auction
Poker Tournament (available with separate \$50 buy in)
Bingo

Located at the
HOTEL THAYER, WEST POINT

Purchase tickets at westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com Price with dinner is \$25
Dinner requires a pre-purchased ticket Meal will be served 6 PM to 8 PM
Please email questions to wpwc.viva@gmail.com Back-up date will be February 25

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Keller Corner

KACH Outpatient Clinic Closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Feb. 21 for Presidents' Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

DPW NOTES

• All West Point walkers and joggers are reminded to be vigilant while walking and jogging during winter weather conditions. Always be aware of snow removal equipment operating nearby.

The snow piles along the road and at intersections limit the operator's ability to see pedestrians. Do not assume the operator can see you. When in close proximity to snow removal equipment, make sure you make eye contact with the operator to ensure that you have been seen.

The stopping of heavy snow removal equipment on snow covered roadways requires extra distance and extra reaction time. DPW continually stresses operator safety and our operators are constantly watching. We ask you to help us by using caution while in the vicinity of snow removal operations.

For more information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-4407.

West Point Band
Since 1817

Jazz Knights Present:
The Legacy of Miles Davis
African American History Month Concert

February 12, 2011 - 7:30 PM - Eisenhower Hall Theatre
Free Concert - Ticketed Event

-Program Highlights-
So What • Freddie the Freeloader • All Blues • My Ship
My Funny Valentine • Boplicity • Summertime • I Loves You Porgy

Free tickets are available at:
West Point Visitors Center
WH&B (Baseball)
WFDH (Poughkeepsie)
Eisenhower Hall Box Office
National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
Hart Thayer
FMWR Office at West Point
Egner Hall Band Building 685

By Mail:
Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with the number you wish to request (limit 8) postmarked by February 3, 2011 to:
West Point Band
ATN: African American History Month Concert
685 Hardee Place
West Point, NY 10996

On the web:
www.westpoint.edu/band/tickets.htm
Large Groups:
For groups of nine or more call 845.938.2445

This years program pays tribute to the music of Miles Davis, a jazz legend and pioneer of bebop, hard bop, cool, and fusion (a hybrid of rock and jazz)

Concessions available during intermission in the Great Hall lobby in the Hall offering beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, assorted chips, candy, cookies

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC www.westpointband.com 845.938.2617

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

1				6	2		
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	6		7				2

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

Difficulty: Medium

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

Women's Basketball holds on, defeats Colgate



Senior guard Jessie Coiffard knocked down a three-pointer with 13:08 left in the game to halt a Colgate 12-7 run. The shot was Coiffard's only points of the game to go with her four assists.

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By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

Army let a 12-point halftime lead evaporate over the final 20 minutes of play, but the Black Knights held on for a 55-54 victory over visiting Colgate in a key Patriot League women's basketball contest Feb. 5 at Christl Arena. Four Army players finished in double figures, led by senior forward Erin Anthony's 14-point, nine rebound performance.

The win snapped Army's three-game losing skid and improved the Black Knights to 5-3 in the Patriot League and evened their overall record at 11-11. Colgate fell to 7-15 overall and 2-6 in conference action. Saturday's win completed Army's regular-season sweep of Colgate.

Freshman guard/forward Jen Hazlett poured in a career-high 11 points and seven rebounds in her best outing of the season. The rookie shot 4-of-8 from the field. Sophomore guard Molly Yardley and senior guard/forward Laura Baranek totaled 11 points apiece. Anthony's nine rebounds led the Black Knights, but Colgate won the battle of the boards by a 41-37 margin.

Army shot 36 percent (19-of-53) from the field with six three-pointers. Colgate shot a similar 35 percent (20-of-58) from the floor. Sophomore guard Jhazmine Lynch and senior guard Tayler Wejnert paced the Raiders with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Army raced out to a 17-point lead midway through the first half, but Colgate would not go away. The Raiders outscored Army by a 34-23 margin in the second half, but could not convert in the final seconds to steal a road victory.

Yardley got the scoring started with a three-pointer from the right wing 58 seconds into the contest. The Black Knights led 18-4 exactly 10 minutes into the contest. In what was an up-tempo start to the game, Yardley drilled her second three-pointer of the afternoon, while junior guard Meagan Doucette, Hazlett and Anthony all found the iron during the spurt. Army's defense, meanwhile, held Colgate to just a single field goal during the opening 11 minutes of the contest.

The Raiders made it a single-digit game with a quick 5-0 run, pulling within 18-9 at the 8:28

mark. Hazlett promptly answered with her first three-pointer of the day (8:05) to put Army back on top by 12 at 21-9. Baranek banked a three-ball in from the top of the key, which gave the Black Knights a 17-point cushion (26-11) with 6:33 on the clock.

Army continued to lead by double-digits the rest of the way and entered the locker room with a 32-20 advantage.

Colgate opened the second half on a 12-7 run, pulling within seven (39-32) with 13:51 to play. Senior guard Jessie Coiffard quieted the Raiders' surge with a three-pointer to make it a 10-point game once again with 13:08 on the clock. A feisty Raiders club continued to stay on the Black Knights' heels. Colgate trimmed the deficit to five (49-44) on a Tricia Oakes free throw with 6:51 to play.

The Raiders got within five again (51-46) with 3:54 to play just before the final media timeout of the contest (3:08). After Army could not score on back-to-back possessions, Colgate inched within three (51-48) at the 2:13 mark. On the Black Knights' next possession, Hazlett came up with a key putback to put Army back ahead by five (53-48) with 1:33 remaining. Anthony's layup through traffic 30 seconds later put Army back up by seven (55-48). Four-straight Raider free throws over the ensuing 23 seconds kept Colgate in the game (55-52) with 38 ticks on the clock.

Army could not convert on a one-and-one opportunity four seconds later, allowing Oakes to pull the Raiders to within one (55-54) with six seconds left. Again, the Black Knights could not convert from the free throw line and put the ball back in Colgate's hands with 3.9 seconds remaining.

Colgate called timeout to set up the potential game-winning play, but the Raiders turned the ball over on the inbounds pass and Army collected the victory.

Army sported their specially designed WBCA Pink Zone uniforms for the game. The home white jerseys with Army Combat Uniform insets debuted at last year's WBCA Pink Zone event.

The WBCA Pink Zone initiative is a global, unified effort for the WBCA nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond.

Omilusik nets hat trick, Army beats UConn

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

Senior forward Cody Omilusik collected his second hat trick of the season and Army scored five goals in the final period to beat Connecticut, 5-3, Feb. 5 in an Atlantic Hockey Association game at the XL Center.

Army trailed 1-0 after two periods and then exploded in the final period to halt a four-game winless streak and improve to 8-16-4 overall and 7-10-4 in conference games.

Connecticut, which beat Army in two out of three games this season, is 8-16-4 overall and 8-11-2 in league games.

The game was originally scheduled to be played in the Freitas Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn., but the venue was switched to Hartford because of structural issues at the campus facility.

Senior goalie Jay Clark, making his first appearance since Dec. 30, picked up the win after making 20 saves. Clark, idle for the past 11 games, turned away five shots in each of the first two periods and made 10 saves in the final 20 minutes.

Omilusik netted a natural hat trick, his third career hat trick and also dished out an assist to help ignite the Black Knights' offense. Sophomore defenseman Cheyne Rocha handed out a career-best three assists and junior forward Danny Colvin had two assists for the second straight night. Senior forward Joey Ammon and sophomore forward Mike Santee also scored goals.

Connecticut hit the post in the first minute

of play and then took a 1-0 lead later in the period. With an Army player off for cross checking, Alex Gerke netted his fourth goal of the season. Gerke's goal came just seven seconds after the start of the games' first power play.

Army had its first power play opportunity later in the period and held an 11-6 advantage in shots on goal but failed to capitalize and trailed 1-0 after the first 20 minutes.

The Black Knights, despite having to kill off three Connecticut power plays, held a 9-5 advantage in shots on goal during the second period and had a power play chance of their own but the Huskies held on to their 1-0 lead following two periods.

Army tied the game early in the third period. The final stanza was supposed to have 50 seconds on 4-on-4 play but Connecticut was whistled for a bench minor, giving Army a power play. Omilusik took advantage. Colvin started the play and fed Alvarez for a blast from just inside the blue line. Alvarez went wide but Omilusik knocked home the rebound with his team-leading 13th score of the season.

Colvin now has a team-best 17 assists after collecting two on Friday. Alvarez, who also posted two assists on Friday, has 13 assists on the year.

The Black Knights went on top with their second special team's goal. Rocha broke up a pass in the Army end and pushed the puck to Santee.

Santee brought the puck up ice and went high for his fifth goal of the season and



Senior forward Cody Omilusik notched his second hat trick of the 2010-11 season as his three third-period goals helped Army defeat Connecticut, 5-3, Feb. 5. Omilusik now has a team-leading 15 goals this season. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Army's fifth short-handed goal of the season. It marked Rocha's fourth assist this season and came five minutes into the final period.

Connecticut knotted the game at 2 at the 13:31 mark as Cole Schneider picked up his eighth goal of the season.

Army took its second lead on Omilusik's second goal. Rocha blocked a shot and Hull grabbed the loose puck. Hull fed Omilusik who gave Army a 3-2 lead.

Omilusik completed his second hat trick

of the season at the 10:33 mark, converting a double assist from Colvin and Rocha.

Connecticut utilized its timeout and then got within a goal as Sean Ambrosie posted his 10th goal of the season midway through the final period.

Army closed the scoring with an empty net goal as Ammon picked up his first of the season on a double assist from Omilusik and Day. Ammon found the back of the net with Army short-handed in the final minute.



Coming up short

Senior forward Nathan Hedgecock uses sophomore forward Ella Ellis as a screen to score two of his 10 points against Colgate Feb. 5 at Christl Arena. Ellis added a team-high 19 points and eight rebounds as Army fell short to the Raiders 77-71.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Sports calendar

Feb. 10-18

Corps

FRIDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. STONY BROOK, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 P.M.

FRIDAY—MEN'S TENNIS vs. STONY BROOK, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 5 P.M.

SATURDAY—RIFLE vs. UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES PHILADELPHIA, TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 9 A.M.

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. CONNECTICUT, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 9 A.M.

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. FORDHAM, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 P.M.

SATURDAY—MEN'S TENNIS vs. CONNECTICUT, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 P.M.

SATURDAY—GYMNASTICS vs. NAVY, GROSS

OLYMPIC CENTER, 1 P.M.

SATURDAY—MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. LEHIGH, CHRISTL ARENA, 4 P.M.

WEDNESDAY—MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. AMERICAN, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.

FEB. 18—WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. MASSACHUSETTS, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 P.M.

FEB. 18—MEN'S TENNIS vs. SACRED HEART, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 5 P.M.

FEB. 18—HOCKEY vs. AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL, TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M.

Club

SATURDAY—JUDO vs. ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE (CANADA), ARVIN CADET PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 3 P.M.

Men's Track defeats Navy to even all-time series

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

The Army men's indoor track and field team defeated rival Navy, 96-85, at Gillis Field House on the campus of West Point in the annual Star Meet Feb. 5. The win marked the Black Knights' third consecutive Star Meet title and evened the all-time series, which dates back to 1949, at 25-25-2.

Winning 10 of the day's 17 events, Army showed its strength primarily in the jumps and sprints, sweeping each category.

Seniors Domonick Sylve and Alfred McDaniel, two of Army's most notable cadet-athletes in their past three seasons, once again provided the Black Knights with a one-two punch to knock out the Midshipmen.

Sylve championed the 60-meter hurdles for the third consecutive indoor Star Meet, crossing the line at a blistering 7.87 seconds. The closest finisher, Navy's Mitch Simmons, finished in 8.21 seconds.

Sylve, one of the Academy's all-time fastest hurdlers, recorded Army's top time in that event in 2011. It was two-hundredths of a second shy of the Academy record and just one-hundredth of a tick behind the senior's own personal-best time. The Long Beach, Calif., native already owns the USMA record in the 55-meter hurdles (7.32 seconds) and 110-meter hurdles (13.67).

Having already earned his IC4A Championship invite in the hurdles, the men's outdoor team captain added another event to his list - the 200-meter dash. Sylve won the event with a personal-best time of 22.16 seconds, becoming the first Black Knight to qualify in the 200m this season.

The 200 meters was one of five events that Army took the top-two finishes, as McDaniel finished runner-up with a time of 22.62 seconds.

Sylve narrowly missed out on his third IC4A-qualifying mark of the meet with his second-place finish in the 60-meter dash. The senior's time of 7.00 seconds was just .02 seconds shy of the invite.

McDaniel, however, did record an IC4A-qualifying mark in the 60m, despite previously earning a bid this season. McDaniel won his third consecutive 60-meter dash belt at the annual Star Meet by crossing the line in 6.94 seconds. The senior also won his second Army-Navy long jump crown, and first since his freshman season in 2008. Despite already earning an IC4A invite in the event, the San Antonio, Texas native hit the mark again with his distance of 7.05 meters.

One of Army's top jumpers, McDaniel finished third in the triple jump with a distance of 13.93 meters. The Black Knights earned the three best distances in the event as juniors Frederick Beebe and Thomas Wagner



Freshman Christopher Smith (left) won the 400-meter dash in 50.49 seconds as the Black Knights defeated Navy Feb. 5 at Gillis Field House.

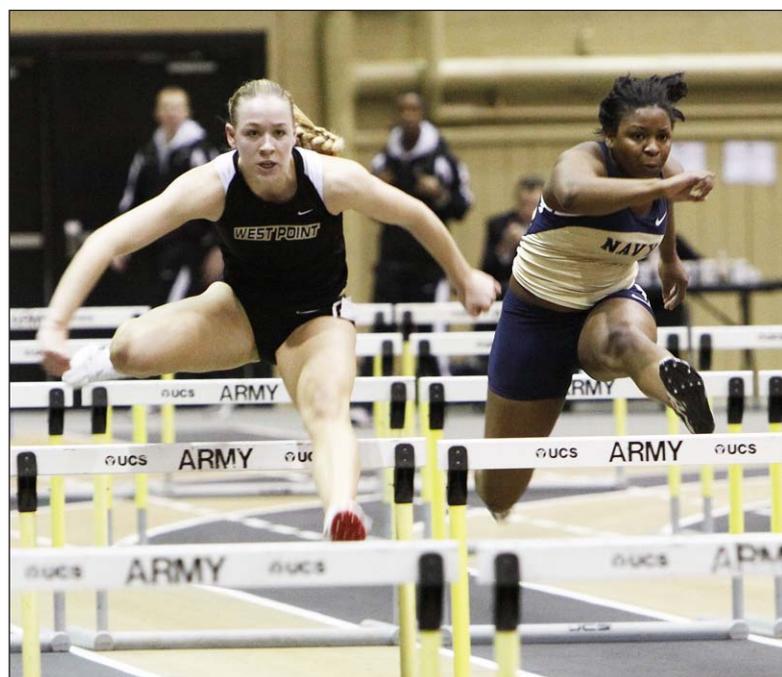
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finished first and second, respectively.

Beebe won the triple jump crown with a distance of 14.71 meters, while Wagner followed at 14.35 meters. Both eclipsed IC4A standards but have previously qualified prior to the Star Meet. Wagner took the high jump title by matching a career-best height of 2.09 meters. The mark is Army's best in 2011 and also meets IC4A standards, which the junior previously reached in the season-opening Crowell Open (Jan. 8).

Sophomore Justin Harris, freshman Christopher

Smith and junior Taylor Kensy rounded up Army's individual winners on the day. Harris won the pole vault with an IC4A-qualifying height of 4.80 meters. Establishing a personal-best height, he is the first Black Knight to qualify in the event this season. Smith won the 400-meter dash in 50.49 seconds, while Kensy championed the 500-meter run in 1:05.49. The Black Knights won one of two relays on the afternoon, prevailing in the 4x400 meters with a 2011-best time of 3:19.25.



Senior Tonya Stallard had a career-best performance in the 60-meter hurdles winning the individual title with a time of 8.82 seconds.

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Women's Track falls to Navy

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The annual indoor track and field Star Meet took place at Gillis Field House Feb. 5, pitting academy rivals Army versus Navy. The Midshipmen won 12 of the day's 17 events to secure a 103.50-77.50 victory. The Black Knights won five events, including two outright by senior Tonya Stallard.

After finishing fourth in the shot put with a distance of 11.98 meters, the senior had a career-best performance in the 60-meter hurdles. Stallard dominated the competition by winning the individual title with a time of 8.82 seconds. The time was just two-hundredths of a second shy of the ECAC-qualifying mark, but established the top finish by a Black Knight this season.

The win marked Stallard's second consecutive 60-meter hurdles title at the annual Star Meet. She then continued her hot streak into the 200-meter dash, establishing yet another top Army time of 2011 and another personal best. The Bristol, Va., native beat out the field with her finish of 26.27 seconds, improving

on her previous career-best mark of 26.92.

Seniors Kaci Clark and Hallie Huggins continued their strong indoor seasons with a pair of first place finishes. Clark, the Academy's record-holder in the pole vault, and Huggins both eclipsed the bar at 3.55 meters in the event to capture the belt. The duo soared over Navy's top finisher, Christine Scales, who recorded a height of 3.10m.

Huggins also went on to win her second consecutive Star Meet title in the 60-meter dash, taking first with a time of 7.99 seconds.

Junior Shalela Dowdy earned the Black Knights' final first-place finish, winning the 1,000-meter run with a personal-best time of 3:00.28. The finish also marked Army's top time in this event in 2011.

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