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Celebrating African-American History

Yearlings Ian Emory (shown here) and Kevin Jones portray Booker T. Washington (background screen) and W.E.B. DuBois debating how African-Americans could politically and economically empower themselves during the Reconstruction Era at the African American History Month celebration Feb. 11 at Robinson Auditorium. See page 5 for story and more photos on the African-American History celebration. MIKE STRASSER/PV

USMA Band's Lane receives engineering Grammy

Submitted by U.S. Military Academy Band

The U.S. Military Academy Band's newest audio engineer, Staff Sgt. Brandie Lane, received a Grammy Sunday for Best Engineered Album—Classical category.

The album she earned a Grammy for was "Quincy Porter: Complete Viola Works," which was also nominated in two performance categories—Best Instrumental Soloist(s) Performance (with Orchestra) and Best Chamber Music Performance.

Lane also has engineering credits on Sarah Schuster Ericsson: 20th Century Harp Sonatas, which was nominated in the Best Instrumental Soloist Performance (without Orchestra) category.

Prior to joining the Army in July 2010, Lane was the head audio engineer at Sono Luminus, a record label in Virginia that specializes in classical and jazz music.

These albums were completed during her time there.

When asked about her win, Lane said, "The whole experience was literally a dream come true. Being honored among colleagues and living icons was purely inspirational.

"I'm forever grateful to all those who have helped me and guided me through this aspect of my life," she added.

Lane also has engineering credits on the 2008 Grammy nominated album, Ronn McFarlane: Indigo Road, which was in the Classical Crossover category.

The West Point Band is proud to not only feature world-class musicians, but to have support staff of the highest caliber, as well. To learn more about the West Point Band, go to **www.westpointband.com** or become a fan on Facebook.

Staff Sgt. Brandie Lane at the Grammy Awards Sunday. She earned a Grammy for her audio engineering work on the album "Quincy Porter: Complete Viola Works." COURTESY PHOTO

Bostick, Corps honor Flipper

Story and photo by Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photo

Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick (Class of 1978), Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, addressed the entire Corps of Cadets Feb. 10 in the Cadet Mess Hall during the 35th annual Henry O. Flipper Dinner.

The Flipper Dinner was established in 1977 to recognize the U.S. Military Academy's first African-American graduate who was commissioned June 14, 1877.

Held during African-American History Month, the dinner stresses the importance of Army Values to the Corps of Cadets.

"Diversity is not about what makes us different," Bostick said. "It's about how we can each make a difference."

Flipper served four years in the Army before he was wrongfully charged and eventually court-martialed for embezzlement of commissary funds.

He was found not guilty of the charges that he was brought up on, but was found guilty of a lesser charge of "conduct unbecoming." Flipper died in 1940.

Thirty-five years later, Army officials changed Flipper's dishonorable discharge from the Army to an honorable discharge. On Feb. 19, 1999, President Bill Clinton pardoned Flipper, fully restoring his name and reputation to where it belonged.

"Lt. Henry O. Flipper blazed a courageous trail for all Army leaders through his personal honor and integrity in the face of relentless hardships," Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr., said. "He exemplifies the selfless service and character that is the true ethos of West Point. His story bears telling again and again, for it is all about heroism, steadfast duty and uncompromising loyalty to the values of the nation."

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It's tax time

The West Point Tax Center is free and available to cadets, active duty servicemembers and their Families, military retirees, and National Guard and reservists who served more than 30 consecutive days on active duty during the calendar year. The Tax Center, located at Bldg. 626, operates until April 15. The Tax Center will see clients on an appointment basis from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:15-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To schedule appointments, call 938-5920.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

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Corps of Cadets join Recyclemania Tournament

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Recycling in the Corps of Cadets has just gotten competitive.

The U.S. Military Academy has joined more than 600 colleges across the nation in the 2011 Recyclemania Tournament. The eight-week competition was established by the College and University Recycling Council, in coordination with Keep America Beautiful and the Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program.

Cow Devin Redding is steering the efforts within the Corps of Cadets with Firstie Jon Hendricks, the brigade's energy and environmental officer.

It may seem an overwhelming task, getting 4,000-plus cadets to become recycle-conscious in their daily routines. Fortunately, there's a select group of cadet representatives; one for each company, to make sure they stay competitive.

"There's always been a recycling program here, but it hasn't always been enforced," Redding said. "We're implementing it fully now and adding incentives which will encourage cadets to recycle more."

Lt. Col. Mark Smith, one of the founding members of the West Point Energy Council, was at the meeting early February when all the recycling representatives were briefed by Redding and Hendricks. The goals and procedures for the revamped recycling program were reviewed, which also introduced the new collection point for recyclables in the basement of Washington Hall. Smith wished he had a camera to capture the moment.

"In my mind this was a significant event for West Point," Smith said. "Not in my five years at West Point have we had this kind of involvement and organization on recycling from the cadets. I think you're going to see a new and improved recycle program."

It also helps the cause knowing there's a major incentive coming from the Directorate of Cadet Activities. DCA has agreed to reimburse cadet companies for redeemable bottles and cans, as well as offering cash incentives for the top three companies that recycle the most. Redding told the representatives they're responsible for promoting this campaign and its success will be based on the enthusiasm they produce within their respective companies.

"We wanted to incentivize recycling to really get cadets excited and motivated about this new program and give something back to the Corps," Redding said. "Actually, I think the motivation is already there in the Corps of Cadets. From what I've seen, people want to recycle. This is just the perfect timing, where we can get a really strong recycling program up and running in the Corps and combine it with Recyclemania."

Nickels and dimes may not seem motivating at all considering the work involved, but Redding wants cadets to think long-term.

"It really adds up over time. If you have 130 cadets in your company, and they each recycle one can per day, you can make $45 per week, $182 per month and a little under $1,500 per academic year," Redding said.

The Corps of Cadets are recycling all materials, to include paper and cardboard, but only the cans and bottles currently will reap the benefits for a company's activities fund. When the competition ends April 2, the company collecting the most recyclables will receive $1,000 from DCA with other cash rewards for second and third place. It's a win-win endeavor, Hendricks said, because in addition to the money earned from redeeming cans and bottles, three companies' funds will grow from recycling the most.

"A lot of companies enjoy the traditional dining in event, but sometimes the company funds can't cover the costs and it requires every cadet to pitch in," Hendricks said. "If a company puts their efforts in recycling, it could almost pay for the entire event."

While the internal competition is unique in that it firmly establishes a recycling mindset in the Corps of Cadets while rewarding companies who perform the best, the nationwide tournament also holds bragging rights. Can West Point beat Air Force and Coast Guard? With six million students participating and a million more faculty and staff, what kind of impact will West Point make in this competition?

"We thrive off of rivalry and competition, and I think a lot of people want to say we're No. 1," Hendricks said. "And it's not just about money either, it's about recycling. Money is a great incentive, but we want cadets to think more about this new recycling program."

While Redding and Hendricks are the lead cadets for this competition, the initiative originated from Maj. Andy Pfluger, instructor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, and the cadets within that program. Also assisting are Firstie Chelsea Hunkler, last semester's brigade energy and environmental officer, and Firstie Dan Thueneman, Engineers and Scientists for a Sustainable World president.

Academic departments can also participate in Recyclemania by increasing their efforts to place recyclables in the appropriate bins within their academic areas.

Weekly results from the competition will be posted each Friday at **www.recyclemania.org**.

Graphic Courtesy of Recyclemania.org

Pictured is the Per Capita Classic trophy. Pre-season results in this competitive category show the U.S. Military Academy ranked 13th among 242 other colleges and universities. During this trial period, West Point recorded (in cumulative recyclables) a total of 7.96 pounds per person.

In this category, schools are competing to see which can collect the largest amount of acceptable recyclables per person.

In the category of Targeted Material-Bottles and Cans, schools are competing to see which can recycle the largest amount of bottles and cans per person. During the trial run, West Point ranked 33rd out of 137 schools.

West Point cracked the Top 10 in the paper category, collecting 3.5 pounds per person to place eighth among 145 schools.

The Gorilla Prize will be awarded to the school that collects the highest gross tonnage of recyclables, regardless of campus population.

Preliminary results show West Point favorably ranked 79th out of 242 schools in this competitive category.

What is Recyclemania?

RecycleMania is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities.

Schools report recycling and trash data, which are then ranked according to who collects the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate.

A short history

RecycleMania began in February 2001 when Ed Newman (Ohio University) and Stacy Edmonds Wheeler (Miami University) decided that something had to be done to increase recycling in the residence and dinning halls on their campuses. During the inaugural 10-week competition, Miami University and Ohio University went head-to-head to see which school could recycle the most.

The first year, Miami University won the competition over Ohio University.

RecycleMania gained momentum in the 2002 and 2003 competitions, approximately doubling participation each year. In 2002 and 2003, Bowling Green State University claimed the title, recycling 52.5 pounds per students for its second victory.

RecycleMania 2006 included 93 colleges and universities from around the country and expanded to include various contests, including the Grand Champion and Waste Minimization.

The 2007 and 2008 competitions both saw the number of participants double to 201 (2007) and 400 exactly (2008).

2009 was the first year for which all 50 states and the District of Columbia were represented.

This year, 630 colleges are participating representing six million students and more than 1.5 million staff and faculty.

– text and graphic from www.recylcemania.org

A moment of silence took place during a toast to honor the fallen represented by a table with a white tablecloth, representing the purity of the fallen's intentions to the call of arms, a slice of lemon representing their bitter fate and salt to represent the tears of those left behind.

Infantry, Armor branches unite for first Maneuver Ball

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Armor school was once located at Fort Knox, Ky., until this year when the Armor and Infantry schools merged at Fort Benning, Ga., and is now known as the Maneuver Center of Excellence.

This year, the two combined as part of the Base Realignment and Closure process. The Maneuver Center is now the new hub for ground maneuver forces training.

Armor and infantry have always fought alongside each other, and now will train alongside each other.

In honor of this realignment, the infantry and armor Soldiers held their first Maneuver Ball at Eisenhower Hall Feb. 11.

The guest speaker at the event was Maj. Gen. Robert Brown, Class of 1981 graduate, and commanding general of the Maneuver Center of Excellence.

While a cadet, Brown distinguished himself as one of Army's all-time leading scorers in basketball under Coach Mike Krzyzewski. He figured his career path was destined, a probable shot at the pros and then on to coaching, according to **The Ledger-Inquirer.com**. A knee injury squashed that ambition.

The Maneuver Ball, like the St. Barbara's Day Ball, is about tradition, including the nearly lethal punch ceremony that includes several things that should never be mixed including footwear.

However, each of the ingredients has significance. For example, the last ingredient of the punch was a boot, representing the servicemen's long treks and battles.

A poignant tradition is the honor of the fallen represented by a table with a white tablecloth symbolizing the purity of their intent. On the table is a piece of lemon, symbolizing their bitter fate, salt to represent the tears of loved ones and an inverted glass as they are not there to toast with the rest of the Soldiers and an empty chair because they can't participate.

One important tradition of the Maneuver Ball is the bestowing of the order of St. Maurice and St. George medals. The order of St. Maurice is awarded to infantrymen who represent the highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence and dedication to duty.

The Order of St. George, the patron saint of mounted warriors, is awarded to a member of the armor branch to recognize outstanding performance. The Shield of Sparta is awarded to a spouse of an infantryman who has contributed significantly to the infantry.

Eleven infantrymen received the St. Maurice award and three were presented the Order of St. George. The Shield of Sparta went to Kerry Wayne, wife of Maj. Jason Wayne.

Place your bids

Participants at the Viva! Las Vegas Night Feb. 11 looked through baskets of goodies made by volunteers that were bid on in a silent auction. The annual event is the West Point Women's Club's major fundraiser and all proceeds go to grants and scholarships locally and nationally. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

African-American experience presented from Civil War, beyond

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Many times before Firstie Robert Weir appreciated the African-American History Month program sitting among an audience. On Feb. 11, he proudly took the stage with his fellow cadets to present "A Ways to Go: African-Americans in the Civil War and Beyond."

"This is kind of like a dream come true for me," Weir said. "Now it's me up there on the stage. We started organizing about a month and a half ago, just before the Army-Navy Game. It's been crazy getting everything together, but it's been fun."

Weir, the president of the Cultural Affairs Seminar, wrote, directed and hosted the event at Robinson Auditorium which began outside the entrance offering attendees ample servings of soul food—savory, spicy barbecue pork ribs, chicken wings, candied yams and macaroni and cheese. Then the mind and spirit were well fed by song, readings and dramatic presentations from a cadet cast, as well as musical selections from the Cadet Gospel Choir and U.S. Military Academy Band.

The program included excerpts from speeches and writings from such distinguished African-Americans as Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois. Dramatic presentations included "The Weight on our Shoulders" by Plebe Jocelyn Lewis and "Black Statue of Liberty" by Cow Shalela Dowdy. Firstie Myea Rice delivered a soulful rendition of "A Change is Gonna Come."

Weir said assembling this energetic collection of cadets wasn't difficult, and they all brought their own ideas to the program.

"All the cadets came up with their own thing, whether it was a song or speech to add into the program. It was really a good compilation, so all I had to do was make it flow into the script and bring it all together," Weir said.

Not all the students sharing the stage were cadets. Jorden Warren, a West Point Middle School student, delivered part of her award-winning Martin Luther King Jr. essay. At the conclusion of the program, the eighth grader was presented a certificate of achievement.

The program was sponsored by the Equal Opportunity Office and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic.

The festivities were not exclusive to one night. On Feb. 12, the Jazz Knights performed a free concert entitled "The Legacy of Miles Davis" at Eisenhower Hall. A book signing by Robert V. Morris, author of "Black Faces of War" was scheduled Wednesday at the Thayer Hall Bookstore.

West Point cadets presented the "African-Americans in the Civil War and Beyond" program Feb. 11 at Robinson Auditorium, featuring food, music and presentations. Pictured above are members of the Gospel Choir who performed a selection of songs during the event.

Firstie Robert Weir served as master of ceremonies Feb. 11 during the African-American History Month program entitled "A Ways to Go: African-Americans in the Civil War and Beyond."

More photos from this event available at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.

Listening, empathizing and building rapport to handle crisis

By West Point Negotiation Project

Yearlings Chris Beatty and Christian Zarnke recently attended the 32nd annual FBI and Baltimore County Police Department Hostage Negotiation Seminar in Baltimore.

The two cadets, along with 600 law enforcement agents from around the country, learned about negotiating in crisis situations. The largest and oldest conference of its kind, the seminar combined guest speakers and case studies of recent hostage situations and suicide prevention activity.

"I see tremendous direct application to the military," Beatty said.

The two days covered a variety of situations, which showed the extent of scenarios a leader might face. The essential tasks for any crisis negotiator include buying time, actively listening, showing empathy, building rapport and exerting influence to cause a behavioral change that results in the crisis being resolved peacefully with minimal damage.

For professional negotiators this means honing ones skills through the sharing of best practices. Both cadets gained valuable knowledge through every interaction and presentation, and learned that even if the negotiator arrives fully prepared and does everything right, the suspect might still harm himself or others.

"It is sad how sometimes you see these case studies and the negotiators do everything perfectly, but in the end the bad guy still decides to pull the trigger," Beatty said.

Buying time is one of the most essential tasks of a crisis negotiator.

"In a crisis situation—where there is homicide, hostage taking or suicide—the suspect is generally not thinking rationally," Beatty said. "If you just keep a person from doing whatever it is they are intending long enough, they will calm down, think about it and realize how bad of an idea it is to harm themselves or others."

"It really was interesting to see how their style of negotiation tied in to what we're learning in class," Zarnke, who is currently enrolled in MG390, Negotiation for Leaders, said. "Most of the process of hostage negotiation is building a relationship through communication and convincing them to commit to a less harmful resolution."

Another important tool of police

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Yearling Christian Zarnke discusses networking among federal agencies with Michelle Pluta from the FBI. Courtesy Photo

Two cadet clubs unite for mediation seminar

Margaret Corbin Forum, West Point Negotiation Project members learn female roles in mediating from leading advisers

By Plebe Ashley Justice
Special to the Pointer View

Cadets from the Margaret Corbin Forum and West Point Negotiation Project recently participated at the Institute for Inclusive Security's annual policy forum.

The Institute for Inclusive Security focuses on advocating inclusion of all people, especially women in advocating for peace processes. Cadets sat with some of the leading advisers and offered helpful insight to problems women face as mediators today.

Some of the issues that surfaced during the seminar were urging women to take part in more technical and operations positions in the field of mediating, how to encourage more women to become involved in political positions and how to link mediators from all over the world in a manner that would reduce the amount of danger they could be put in by their counterparts.

A key insight cadets pulled from the forum was tied to The Institute for Inclusive Security concept note that stated, "Mediators don't represent parties to a conflict."

"They [mediators] can lead the way to comprehensive and sustainable peace," Yearling Luke Hutchison said. "The conference on Inclusive Security, including women in the peace building process, was both very informative and eye opening. It seems like common sense, but the fact is women make up half the population but are rarely brought to the negotiations table. It only makes sense then that when half the population is left out, the agreement is probably going to fail, or at best be poorly followed through on."

Cadets also learned that the critical role of women as mediators should not be overlooked. They should not only focus on issues that affect women, but also topics that concern children, lower class citizens and humanitarian efforts.

The Margaret Corbin Forum seeks to discuss officership, leadership and gender issues in the Corps and Army through panels, discussions and lectures on topics to share experiences and knowledge of these aspects as stated on their site.

The Margaret Corbin Forum was created in memory of Margaret Cochran Corbin, the first woman to receive a pension by the U.S. government after firing canons during the Revolutionary War in place of her enlisted husband, who was shot and killed.

WPNP serves to enhance the ability of U.S. Army small unit leaders to conduct negotiations in the complex and challenging situations they face in both combat and peace through Army outreach, research, publications and collaboration within the West Point community.

The project was established in 2009 as a result of feedback from graduates seeing an increased need for leaders to be taught the art and science of negotiation. Through the support of the academy and partners, WPNP is able to educate Army leaders on topics that greatly enhance battlefield effectiveness.

The cadets were excited to learn more about the Institute for Inclusive Security's efforts and actions to promote women in the mediating process.

Pictured, from left, are: Cow Rachel Stuhlmiller, Plebe Michael Niemiec, Yearling Matthew Demartino, Yearling Duncan Aylor, Plebe Ashley Justice, Yearling Luke Hutchison, Yearling Emily Mccarthy and Col. Diane Ryan. Members of both the Margaret Corbin Forum and West Point Negotiation Project recently attended the Institute for Inclusive Security's annual policy forum, where they gained insight from some of the leading advisers advocating inclusion for all people in the peace process.

PHOTO BY RODNEY CHOICE/WWW.CHOICEPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

An interesting idea to take away is that women should not be overlooked in politics or peace processes. Once enough people become active in integrating more women into mediating roles, the stigma of women as mediators will significantly reduce the barrier between men and women in positions to effect international change.

FROM THE POINTERVIEW EDITORIAL STAFF:

This week, we thank Plebe Ashley Justice for the article above, and Yearlings Chris Zarnke and Chris Beatty (Pages 6-8 article) for helping us tell the West Point story. 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).

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negotiators is a third party intermediary. The police are sometimes aided by having people respected by the suspect help convince them to end the crisis peacefully. TPIs can come in all forms, from family members to, in one case studied, an EOD expert. This plays well to military applications—having an imam or tribal elder aid in the negotiation may well provide legitimacy to an officer seeking to successfully negotiate in a village or region.

The interest in West Point was high among conference attendees, including former FBI negotiator Gary Noesner, who spoke to members of the West Point Negotiation Project and cadets in the Negotiation for Leaders course at West Point Feb. 10. Every summer, two cadets attend the FBI hostage negotiation two-week course, in addition to spending an additional week with the Crisis Negotiation Unit and the Hostage Rescue Team.

"As a negotiator, you act as the shield for your team," FBI Agent Mark Flores, who helped arrange the cadets trip, said. "If you do your job, they might not have to go in and that means fewer people getting hurt."

In the same way as a hostage negotiator, an officer can act as a shield for his platoon by negotiating successfully with village elders for a peaceful resolution to protracted conflict in a region. By using valuable negotiation skills, officers can place the mission first while still ensuring safety.

(**Editor's Note:** *Yearlings Chris Zarnke and Chris Beatty contributed to this report.*)

Adapt and overcome key to launching first WTU Ski Program

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

For many wounded warriors, the loss of a limb or the inability to walk can render the entire world to appear to be out of reach, making even simple tasks seem like incredible feats. Trying on a ski boot, much less fitting into a set of skis to hit the slopes would seem utterly impossible.

But ski instructors from the U.S. Corps of Cadets, the Department of Physical Education and the surrounding community are offering the encouragement to try. At the Victor Constant Ski Slope, they now have the right gear and the right knowledge to get them carving into that powder in no time. West Point is collaborating with the Adaptive Sports Foundation at Windham Mountain to develop an adaptive skiing program for members of the West Point Warrior Transition Unit.

Marisa Love, coordinator of the ASF's Learn to Ski program for the West Point WTU, and the other instructors are working to bring adaptive skiing to the wounded warriors in an effort to introduce or reintroduce them to outdoor activities.

"If you can do skiing, which is a challenging sport, then the other little things you're trying to accomplish in your life," Love said, "kind of says, 'yes, I can do that because I accomplished skiing and got out there on the snow.'"

Adaptive skiing is a variation on the sport which uses a set of special equipment called outriggers, which resemble ski poles with an extra set of small skis attached to the bottom. The outriggers are used to compensate for diminished leg strength by including the upper body in achieving stability and turning through the snow.

Depending upon the skier, adaptive skiing is used in either a three-track or four-track system. Four-track skiing uses the two conventional skis plus the two outriggers, and three-track involves using just one ski or a monoski-seated ski.

Three-track is commonly used by leg amputees and paraplegics. Demonstrating this style at the instructors' most recent meet was John Swartwood, an ASF instructor who uses a sit-ski with outriggers.

Swartwood began monoskiing in 1995 after his back was broken in a car accident. He had skied only once prior to his accident, and claims that he, "wasn't too successful" initially with the sport.

But after seeing monoskiing in a magazine he became very interested in the sport, took part in as many lessons as he could and started teaching others after a couple of seasons on the slopes.

"After my disability, I found a couple of programs that had adaptive ski teaching and I booked some lessons," Swartwood said. "I really had a fantastic time and I just stuck with it."

He has been putting his experience and knowledge base to good use in working with DPE and cadet instructors. Currently, there are four cows and two plebes learning how to teach adaptive skiing. Cow Nicholas Normandin has been a ski instructor since before coming to West Point, but this is his first season in working with adaptive skiing.

"It's kind of a paradigm shift to what you're used to with ski instruction, which is learning new techniques and learning new situations," Normandin said. "It's learning a new mindset to adapt to different people's needs."

He and the other cadet instructors credited Swartwood and the ASF for providing the equipment and lessons they needed to start passing on their knowledge not just to their students, but to future cadet instructors who will continue the tradition of teaching the next cadets about adaptive skiing.

Love believes in addition to being a means of physical activity and personal accomplishment, the program can also help wounded warriors as a networking tool to bring other troops together.

"Hearing it come from a Soldier who is in the same spot they are, who has been in their spot," Love said, "makes it easier as opposed to just the public saying, 'hey, this is a great idea.'"

In this inaugural season, the goal is to make the program an event the participants return to continually and accept as a Family and community event.

John Swartwood, an Adaptive Sports Foundation instructor, demonstrates the use of a sit-ski with outriggers during an adaptive ski clinic.

Should the program achieve that goal, Love hopes to bring it back next season to include Family members enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

"It (the measure of success) is the kids having a wonderful time, it's getting the Families back out there doing an activity," Love said. "It's getting the Soldiers kind of out of their comfort zone into something new and different that can be a life sport for them that they can continue once they leave here."

FMWR Blurbs

Family Spaghetti Night

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

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

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

Staff and Faculty Noontime Volleyball

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

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-Friday.

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

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 Friday and pick up on Tuesday.

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

For more information, call 938-3926.

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. Saturday.

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. Sunday 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 Tuesday 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 Tuesday-Feb. 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.

Spring youth sports registration

Spring youth sports registration, including Travel Soccer, continues for military Families and starts 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 civilian Families. Baseball registration ends Feb. 28.

For more information, call 938-8896/3550.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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."

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

Bodypump Beach Bash

Leave all your winter blues at the door and come to the Bodypump Beach Bash at the FMWR Fitness Center.

The event is scheduled at 8 a.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Evening Childcare at the Lee CDC

As a result of a solved AFAP issue, the Lee Area CDC will be providing evening child care for ages 12 months and up.

Hours are 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday starting March 1. This will run initially on a 90-day trial period.

There will be a small hourly fee for each child, and space is limited to a maximum of 14 children.

Early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call 938-8528.

Shamrock 5K

The Shamrock 5K race kicks off at 8 a.m. March 12.

Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center the week before or the day of the race. Awards will be given for best dressed and most green.

Cost of entry is one FMWR Fitness Center Group Fitness Coupon.

For more information, call 938-6490.

Art EDGE! "Create Like the Masters"

Draw and paint self-portraits on tiles, paint like Jackson Pollock on tiles and draw and paint on paper like Henri Matisse.

Classes are from 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays March 2, 23 and 30 at the Youth Center (Bldg. 500, Washington Road).

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

Art classes are taught by Genevieve Cerasoli, who is a trained, local artist from Middletown, N.Y.

She has a degree from the Parsons School of Design and had a graphic design and hand lettering business for more than 20 years.

What's Happening

Protestant Women of the Chapel event

Join the Protestant Women of the Chapel at 7 p.m. tonight 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 today and Friday.

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. Sunday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday 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. Saturday-Monday.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

Sunday Mornings at Thayer Hall

Join the classes offered by the Protestant Sunday morning teachers from 9-10 a.m. Classes discuss the following subjects: "The Character of God," a discussion on William P. Young's book; "The Shack," an in-depth study of the book of revelations; and "Tracing the Footsteps of Christ," an interactive discussion of Jesus' life as read in the Gospels.

Cadets lead classes for grades pre-K through high school. Cadet-specific classes on discipleship and the book of Ephesians are offered. Nursery staff is provided.

Park on Thayer Roof, walk down to the third floor and grab some fruit, donuts, orange juice or coffee.

For more information, contact Eric Bryan at *eric.bryan@usma.edu* or call 938-3412/4369.

Book signing

Ed Cox is scheduled to sign his book "Grey Eminence: Fox Connor and the Art of Mentorship" from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at the West Point Bookstore, on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting from 11 a.m.-noon March 3 in the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683, training room 10, in preparation for the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Program's Blood Drive to be held March 28-31. It's requested that appointed key personnel from each activity attend this meeting.

Provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 (BLUD) or via e-mail at *mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil* before March 3.

Federal Voting Assistance Program poster contest

The Federal Voting Assistance Program's voting poster and slogan contests are now open for entries. All U.S. citizens are eligible. The FVAP poster contest seeks artwork illustrating what it means to be an American voter anywhere in the world.

In the past, the focus has been on getting out to vote. This year, officials want to focus on the process of voting and the different options available for absentee voters. These slogan and poster contests are held every other year.

The winner for each contest and a guest will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., with authorized travel expenses.

Details are available at **www.fvap.gov** and **www.challenge.gov**. All entries must be received by April 8.

Servicemembers assigned to USMA, contact Sgt. 1st Class Michael Burich at 938-8450. All other personnel associated with West Point, contact Gene Hickman at 938-3722.

Black and Gold volunteers

Army Community Service celebrated the Black and Gold Volunteer Award and Volunteer of the Month ceremony Feb. 7 at ACS, Bldg. 622. Garrison Commander Col. Michael J. Tarsa stands with honorees (from left to right) Marie France-Jacoby, Tina Harris, Cindy Palka, Teki Snel, Nelly Astudillo, Nivia Wilkinson, Licia Rothfuss and Jennifer Rice. The Volunteer of the Month was Rothfuss for her work with the American Red Cross.

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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.

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

LifeWorks

at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **National Chili Cook Off contest:** Do you make the best chili at West Point? Have a secret ingredient that will knock the socks off 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.

Keller Corner

KACH Outpatient Clinic Closure

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

The emergency room will remain open.

Childbirth Preparation

A four-week childbirth preparation series takes place each month from 6-8 p.m. at the 2nd floor KACH classroom. The next series is March 1,8,15 and 22.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Tobacco Cessation Program

Do you want to stop using tobacco? If you need help or information, contact Trish Titus, 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.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday— Little Fockers, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Yogi Bear, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25—The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 26—Gulliver's Travels, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 26—The Fighter, R, 9:30 p.m.

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

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

Difficulty: Easy

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West Point Band

Since 1817

Chamber Series

Staff Sergeant Rachel Hertzberg: Tuba Classics and Brassworks

Featuring the Regimental Brass Quintet

Sunday, February 20, 2011
Jewish Chapel, West Point
3:00 p.m.

Free & Open to the Public
845-938-2617
www.westpointband.com

Softball blanks Texas Southern, starts season 3-1

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Junior Shawna Bleyl and freshman Marina Northup combined on a 9-0 six-inning shutout, and sophomore shortstop Alex Reynolds drove in four runs in Army's softball win over Texas Southern Sunday at Ft. Bend Baptist High School in Sugarland, Texas.

The blanking was the second of the day for the Black Knights, who shutout Houston Baptist, 1-0, in the morning en route to closing out their weekend trip in Texas at 3-1. It is Army's best season-opening start since going 3-1 in 2003.

Army staked Bleyl to a 4-0 lead after two innings following a three-run second keyed by designated hitter Angela Deger's two-run single and Reynolds fielder's choice RBI. Freshman third baseman April Ortenzo, who knocked in the lone run in the win over Houston Baptist, opened the scoring with a sacrifice fly in the first inning.

The Black Knights padded their lead to 5-0 in the fourth inning with Reynolds driving in a run, then capping Army's four-run fifth with a two-run single that forced the game to be called on the eight-run rule.

Junior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon singled home the first run in the fifth, and junior catcher Rachael Duval's forced in the second with her bases-loaded walk as Army collected five of its 10 hits in that frame off starter Val Veyna.

Bleyl, who scattered three hits, struck out two and walked two batters over four innings to record her first win of the season (1-1), denied Texas Southern from scoring as she left six runners stranded over three straight innings. The junior right-hander got out safely with a strikeout in the second inning, retired the side in the third after yielding back-to-back singles, then a fly out to center field closed the door in the fourth inning.

Northup took over the circle in the bottom of the fifth inning, and after giving up a walk and a single with one out, preserved the shutout with a fly out and infield popup.

The 10 hits were the second highest of the weekend with Army's season-best 15 recorded in its 13-5 win over Houston Baptist on Saturday. Freshman second baseman Amanda Nguyen, who went 3-for-4 with two runs scored against Texas Southern, collected hits in three of four games over the weekend to lead the team in batting with eight hits and a team-high .571 average.

Freshman pitcher Haley Pypes posted a .333 batting average and a .833 slugging percentage, with Ortenzo and Reynolds each batting .286, along with driving in five and six runs, respectively.

Reynolds leads the team with six RBI as Army batted .291 in Texas along with going 11-for-11 in steals.

Sophomore shortstop Alex Reynolds drove in four runs to help Army to a 9-0 victory over Texas Southern Sunday in Sugarland, Texas. Eric S. Bartelt/PV

Gymnastics loses 324.1-322.8 to Navy

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

The Army gymnastics team suffered a 324.1-322.8 loss to Navy Feb. 12 at Gross Olympic Center in the "Star" Match that came down to the final event in one of the closest meets in the rivalry's history.

The Black Knights outpointed the Midshipmen 53.8-52.3 on parallel bars, but Navy's 54.2 mark on high bar turned the meet in its favor.

Just one-tenth of a point (Navy 217.6, Army 217.5) separated the two schools after four events with the Black Knights winning floor exercise and pommel horse, while Navy held the edge on still rings and vault.

Army posted a 53.8 on parallel bars to Navy's 52.3, while the Black Knights' 51.5 on high bar trailed the Midshipmen's winning mark by over two points.

Sophomore all-arounder Kip Webber captured two of the six individual events, medaling on still rings (13.9) and parallel bars (13.7), with Navy's Andrew Faulk and Dylan Parrott posting wins on floor exercise and vault, respectively, while tying for first-place honors on high bar (14.2) in rounding out the winners.

"We made some costly mistakes and you can't afford that in this meet," a disappointed Army coach Doug Van Everen said. "Navy did a better job today."

Junior Chase Brown tied for second on floor exercise (13.8) along with a third-place finish on vault (15.0), with senior Tim Tieng posting third on pommel horse (13.0) and junior Jonathan Hoey doing the same on high bar (13.6).

It is the closest Army-Navy meet since the Midshipmen edged the Black Knights 205.2-204.1 in 2002.

Senior Tim Tieng (left) competed on the parallel bars and posted third on the pommel horse, while sophomore all-arounder Kip Webber medaled on still rings and parallel bars. Photos by Eric S. Bartelt/PV

Army falls to UMass in lacrosse opener

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

Senior attackman Jeremy Boltus scored two goals and added one assist, but it was not enough as No. 16/17 Massachusetts upset No. 12/13 Army, 8-5, Feb. 12 at Garber Field in Amherst, Mass.

UMass held a commanding 50-22 advantage in shots, but Army senior goalkeeper Tom Palesky recorded 18 saves to keep the Black Knights in the game throughout.

"I think we have one of the better goalkeepers in the country," Army head coach Joe Alberici said. "He was phenomenal today and did a great job. We need to get the rest of our team playing up to that level.

"We have to put together a better game than we did today," Alberici added. "We put an ungodly amount of pressure on our goalkeeper today by our lack of ability to control the ball and get the groundballs. All the credit goes to UMass. They played their tails off and deserved to win today."

UMass (1-0) opened the scoring less than two minutes into the contest as Colin Fleming netted a goal off an assist from Will Manny at the 13:43 mark. The Minutemen made it 2-0 at the 12:17 mark as Mike Fetterly potted an unassisted marker.

UMass held a 20-2 edge in shots during the first quarter, but Palesky made seven saves to keep the Black Knights close. The Minutemen also won two of the three first-period faceoffs, but had to settle for a 2-0 advantage after 15 minutes.

Army (0-1) scored twice within the first three minutes of the second period to knot the score at 2-2. Sophomore attackman Garrett Thul put the Black Knights on the scoreboard at the 13:59 mark as he scooped up a loose ball, circled around the back of the cage and scored from close range. Army then tallied the equalizer at 12:04 of the second period when Boltus found senior midfielder Jay Laing for his first career goal.

Senior attackman Jeremy Boltus scored two goals and added an assist in Army's 8-5 loss to the University of Massachusetts Feb. 12 in Amherst, Mass. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

UMass quickly regained its two-goal lead, however, as the Minutemen scored twice over the next three minutes with Steve D'Amario and Ryan Hantverk netting unassisted goals.

Army cut the UMass lead to 4-3 with 7:57 to play in the first half as Boltus scored off a feed from junior defenseman Larry LoRusso. LoRusso sprinted into the Black Knights' offensive end on a clear and found Boltus on the left wing.

The Army co-captain wasted little time beating UMass goalkeeper Tim McCormack with a low shot to the short side.

UMass pushed its lead to 5-3 with 3:07 to play in the second stanza as Art Kell scored off an assist from Anthony Biscardi. The Minutemen were able to carry that two-goal cushion into halftime.

UMass outshot Army 32-10 in the first half, and the Minutemen enjoyed an 18-11 edge in groundballs.

Biscardi scored less than two minutes into the third quarter to extend UMass' lead to 6-3 at the 13:13 mark. Both teams were held off the scoreboard for the remainder of the period, and the Minutemen took their three-goal lead into the fourth quarter.

A slashing penalty against LoRusso at the end of the third quarter allowed UMass to begin the final stanza with a man-up opportunity.

Fleming wasted little time adding to the Minuteman lead as he scored his second goal of the day off an assist from Manny just 27 seconds into the quarter.

Boltus scored his second goal of the day with 2:46 to play in the fourth quarter to draw the Black Knights to within 7-4, but Manny reestablished UMass' four-goal lead less than one minute later when he scored off a pass from Biscardi at the 1:53 mark.

Army capped the scoring with 13 seconds left as senior attackman Corey Reiser scored his first career goal off a feed from senior midfielder Brandon Butler.

Sports calendar *Feb. 17-25*

Corps

FRIDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. MASSACHUSETTS, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 P.M.

FRIDAY—MEN'S TENNIS VS. SACRED HEART, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 5 P.M.

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

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. BRYANT, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 5 P.M.

SATURDAY—WRESTLING VS. NAVY, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.

SUNDAY—MEN'S TENNIS VS. AIR FORCE, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 1 P.M.

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

FEB. 25—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. ST. JOHN'S, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 7 P.M.

FEB. 25—HOCKEY VS. SACRED HEART, TATE RINK, 7:05 P.M.

Club

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—PISTOL, SECTIONAL PISTOL MATCH VS. U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY, YALE AND U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY, TRONSRUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 4:30 P.M. FRI. AND 9 A.M. SAT.

Q&A

Spotlighting...Lara Baranek Women's Basketball

Story and photo by
Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photo

Lara Baranek, an Orefield, Pa., native, took a path that is not often traveled on her way to the storied grounds of West Point.

The senior guard/forward for the Black Knights women's basketball team started her collegiate career at Seton Hall University playing softball and led the Pirates in batting average while roaming the outfield as a freshman.

Baranek decided to transfer to West Point after watching Army play Seton Hall with future Black Knight teammate Erin Anthony, who was a high school senior at the time. Both had played together in high school.

After sitting out her freshman year at West Point due to NCAA transfer regulations, Baranek earned All-Patriot league honors on the softball team prior to joining the basketball team full time.

In her first opportunity as a sophomore, Baranek earned a starting role on the team and has not looked back.

Recently, Baranek sat down with the *Pointer View* for a question and answer session on her journey at West Point.

PV: What made you decide to transfer from Seton Hall to West Point after your freshman year?

LB: I remember (during) Thanksgiving of my freshman year, I went home and Erin (Anthony) said to me that Army was playing at Seton Hall. Erin drove me back to school so we could watch the game.

As we were sitting together watching the game, I began to think to myself that I could really play with these girls. Then I started to think about why I never thought about going to the military academy, so I kept on looking into it.

I am a pretty competitive person, so I thought if Erin can do it, I can do it.

PV: How was the transition from playing softball to playing basketball, a game that you did not play in two years at that point?

LB: I practiced with the basketball team my freshman year, and it wasn't until January when I started talking to some of the girls on the team and the coaches that I decided to play softball my freshman year.

It was a pretty easy transition. When I was at Seton Hall, I thought it was going to be hard to get back into shape, but when I got to Beast and started running it really helped me transition back into basketball shape.

PV: Looking back at your athletic career, if you had to make a choice between basketball or softball, which would you choose?

LB: That was always my problem with what sport did I want to play. I feel that I had a pretty good mix, I got to play two years of softball and three years of basketball, so I am really happy with the way it worked out.

PV: How has this transition from Seton Hall to West Point shaped you as a person?

LB: It is hard to say, although I know I can definitely have a great career out of this. However, I feel that I am the same person as I was before I came here.

I have learned so much from being on the team, seeing how the team dynamic works and how to collectively achieve goals as a group.

PV: Looking back on your past four years at West Point, what have been some of your high points and some of your low points? How has that benefited you?

LB: I have been rather lucky that I have not had that many real low points during my time here.

One of highest points was when we beat Navy in their gym my sophomore year. It was really good to give it to them in front of their home crowd.

Then playing toe-to-toe with Oklahoma last year—that was really great.

PV: Heading into the season, what was your goal and the team's goals going into 2010-11?

LB: I really want to finish better, I may go in to get the foul, but I wasn't finishing the play. So I've been pushing myself to get better at that. I am doing better than I was last year, but I am not as good at it as I want to be.

PV: What is your personal goal and team goal for the rest of the season?

LB: I just want to keep doing what I am doing, it is not that I don't want to aim high, but I just want to keep being a consistent player.

We started off great going 4-0, but we dropped three straight and I don't want that to happen again.

Senior guard/forward Laura Baranek is second on the team in points per game (8.8), rebounds per game (5.0) and assists (45).