

Experiencing a revolution

Eight cadets studying in Egypt see history in the making

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point cadets went to Egypt to study language but unwittingly became witnesses to history in the making.

Eight members of the Class of 2012, Cadets Brett Schuck, Brendan Mahoney, Brendan Lopez, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Matthew McGoffin, Kalan Snyder, Jason Steimelm and Bennett Holcomb, along with two U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen, arrived in Egypt Jan. 25 for a semester-long Study Abroad program at the American University in Cairo.

Three of those cadets, Holcomb, Mahoney and Snyder, were in Egypt last July on a Department of Foreign Languages' summer program to study Arabic at the Drayah Language School in Cairo.

Their next visit found them landing in the middle of a revolution.

"From the first day we flew into Cairo, despite the unpredictable situation, we all wanted to stay," Snyder said via e-mail. "It was electric—it wasn't the civil war we watched on the news. It was just an exciting time for the Egyptian people and we felt it was a rare privilege to be there, even when most Western reporters and others were afraid to come in."

Snyder said even though they were caught up near the protests by accident on the way back to their hotel, no one wanted them involved.

"The police, especially the undercover men, redirected us from the action and total strangers would whisper to us passing by to avoid this street or that street," he said. "We had no real worries as to our safety. We wandered out during the day to talk to people, get food and look around where things looked remarkably unchanged aside from the Army's presence in the streets."

When the cadets entered the country, they were told to take their

orders from the embassy.

"We were monitoring the situation closely," Maj. Mark Whiteman, DFL Arabic instructor, said. "There was no Internet or cell phone availability, but the cadets did a remarkable job of communicating through land lines."

Whiteman said the cadets' first stop was to the American Embassy to receive briefings while the embassy kept the DFL updated.

"Dr. Kevin Kilpatrick put the cadets up (for four days awaiting evacuation) because he lives in a secure compound in Cairo," Whiteman said. "Kilpatrick's son Conner is a Class of 2012 cadet and his father routinely hosts cadets who are visiting the country."

"Some of the local men of the neighborhood set up a checkpoint/outpost out front of the Kilpatrick house and guarded the area all night long," Snyder said. "Even in the mobs in downtown Cairo, they saw looters running off with things, and would call them out as thieves—it was not anarchy."

The evacuation of the cadets from Cairo to another Arabic-speaking country went relatively smooth.

"There was a day's delay at the airport due to the mass evacuations," Whiteman said. "Then they flew to Athens, Greece and were delayed. Eventually, (a university in the Middle East) agreed to accommodate the cadets. They were a great help in getting the cadets registered and quartered."

Although the Naval Academy does not have a work-study relationship with the university, the two midshipmen were accommodated as well. Whiteman said it was remarkable how helpful the university was during this process.

Before the uprising in Egypt, cadets generally went there, Morocco or Jordan for Arabic studies.



Cow Bennett Holcomb had previously visited Egypt over the summer with 16 other cadets in an immersion program sponsored by the Arabic section of the Department of Foreign Languages. The more recent trip in January found Holcomb and seven colleagues in the midst of a revolution.

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Heather Chadwick, the Study Abroad program director, said about 40 percent of the Study Abroad participants are non-language majors.

"There are criteria," Chadwick said. "The cadets usually are either juniors or seniors and must have three semesters in a language."

"The cadets are required to study five courses, three in the language of the host country and they must complete the requirement needed during the semester abroad for graduation," she added.

The purpose of the program is to provide cadets a broader perspective and a better understanding of foreign countries which is a critical undertaking for

Soldiers who represent the United States throughout the world.

"We do this through a 'crawl, walk and run' action," Chadwick said. "Cadets may crawl by spending time in classes or walk with an Advanced Individual Academic Development or run with a semester of work-study in a country."

The Study Abroad program at West Point began in 1998 when cadets traveled to France to study at the École Spéciale Militaire de Saint-Cyr.

(Editor's note: Due to operational security, the name of the cadets' current location was withheld from publication.)

To learn more about the Study Abroad Program

Four programs exist under the Department of Foreign Languages' Study Abroad Program: Semester Abroad, Spring Immersion, Summer Abroad and the Foreign Academy Exchange Program. To learn more, visit www.dean.usma.edu/departments/dfi/.





Lusk Reservoir may be inviting to walk on, but it's strongly suggested not to attempt walking on the ice. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

For safety reasons, stay off the ice

Submitted by the West Point Safety Office, the West Point Fire Department, the National Drowning Prevention Alliance and National Safety Council

In the wake of two young siblings who drowned in Missouri, the National Drowning Prevention Alliance issued a warning about the dangers of walking, skating or playing on frozen bodies of water. According to NDPA, no ice is safe ice.

"Ice seldom freezes uniformly," NDPA board member Gerald M. Dworkin said. "It will be thinner when it has formed over moving water, and where it surrounds partially submerged objects such as rocks or tree limbs."

If you fall through ice, NDPA recommends:

- Do not try to climb out immediately. Instead, kick to get horizontal in the water and try to slide onto solid ice;
- Once out of the water, roll away and avoid standing until you are several body lengths away from the ice break.
- If you witness someone else falling through the ice:
 - Call or have someone else call 911 immediately;
 - Try to throw an improvised assist, such as an empty jug with a line attached, to the victim;
 - If going onto the ice to retrieve the victim is unavoidable, use a device to distribute the rescuer's weight over a wide area such as a flat-bottom boat, ladder or boogie board;
 - Use a reaching assist—such as a branch

or hockey stick—to extend the reach of the rescuer.

NDPA further cautions against allowing pets to walk on ice, noting that approximately 85 percent of ice emergency 911 calls result from people falling through the ice while trying to rescue a pet.

Owners should never attempt to rescue a pet themselves.

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Dangers of designer drugs

By Mike Strasser
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When it comes to drugs the word “designer” can be dangerous, and for cadets and Soldiers at West Point, it’s also a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Designer drugs which mimic the effects of marijuana are being packaged as incense and sold in gas stations, head shops or online. Products such as “Spice,” “K2” and “Genie” are labeled “not for consumption” and have become a dangerous alternative to pot.

Side effects have been reported to be more severe than marijuana and include anxiety attacks, hallucinations, nausea and chemical dependency.

In March 2010, several teenagers in Roswell, Ga., were treated for smoking synthetic substances.

Roswell police reported one teen suffered brain swelling as a result. Around the same time, drug apprehensions involving synthetic cannabinoids were reported at Fort Campbell, Ky.

In November, the federal Drug Enforcement Agency announced its intent to put five synthetic cannabinoids under a temporary ban that may become permanent.

“The American public looks to the DEA to protect its children and communities from those who would exploit them for their own gain,” DEA Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart said in a news release. “Makers of these harmful products mislead their customers into thinking that ‘fake pot’ is a harmless alternative to illegal drugs, but that is not the case. Today’s action will call further attention to the risks of ingesting unknown compounds and will hopefully take away any incentive to try these products.”

West Point officials are aware of the trend which, like any substance abuse violation, has dangerous health, legal and career risks in exchange for a short-lived buzz.

“A Soldier caught smoking ‘Spice’ is in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ—failure to obey a lawful order or regulation (Army Regulation 600-85, Army Substance Abuse Program),” Capt. Nathaniel Babb, a military prosecutor with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, said. Paragraph 4-2 of AR 600-85 prohibits using designer drugs, like Spice, for the purposes of inducing excitement, intoxication, or stupefaction of the central nervous system.

Like any other instance of a Soldier’s failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, adverse action under the



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UCMJ may be appropriate, Babb said, but would be determined on a case-by-case basis after a review of the evidence by the chain of command.

As far as West Point cadets are concerned, the United States Corps of Cadets Standard Operating Procedure specifically prohibits the use of chemically-augmented herbal substances like Spice.

“Because the provisions of Army Regulation 600-85 may not be well-known to cadets, USCC updated its SOP, specifically Cards 604 and 608, to ban the possession and use of Spice,” Babb said. “In so doing, USCC provided cadets with clear guidance on the prohibition.”

In fact, Card 608 of the SOP is reviewed and signed by cadets following an alcohol and drug policy briefing, as an acknowledgement that they are responsible for all legal and medical consequences of possessing, using or distributing Spice and other illegal drugs.

“By including Spice in the SOP,” Babb said, “it’s an acknowledgement that the cadets understand that this is a violation of a lawful order.”

“Again, a violation of the SOP would be considered a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ, and would be handled on a case-by-case basis,” Babb added.

The typical options for handling cadet misconduct include Article 10 proceedings (similar to Article 15 proceedings for a Soldier), misconduct investigations (which can result in separation from the academy), and court-martial, and are all available to the chain of command in resolving Spice cases.

The maximum punishment for a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ is two years of confinement, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and dismissal from the service.

Red States: where chemical compounds in substances such as K2 are illegal or legislation has been passed and is awaiting its effective date. **Yellow States:** where municipal or temporary regulations are in place or legislation is proposed. This map reflects data collected as of November 2010.

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What is synthetic marijuana?

It is a combination of rare plants, herbal extracts and botanical concentrates. The chemicals which the DEA are seeking to ban are JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200, CP-47,497 and cannabicyclohexanol.

What’s the harm, physically?

In a story posted on WebMD in March 2010, side effects reported included unrest, drug craving, nightmares, sweating, nausea, tremor, headache, high blood pressure and racing heartbeat. Effects will vary depending on amount used and which product.

What Army Regulation prohibits the possession/use of synthetic cannabis?

Army Regulation 600-85, The Army Substance Abuse Program, “prohibits using substances for the purpose of inducing excitement, intoxication or stupefaction of the central nervous system, to include controlled substance analogues” which are designer drugs like Spice and K2.

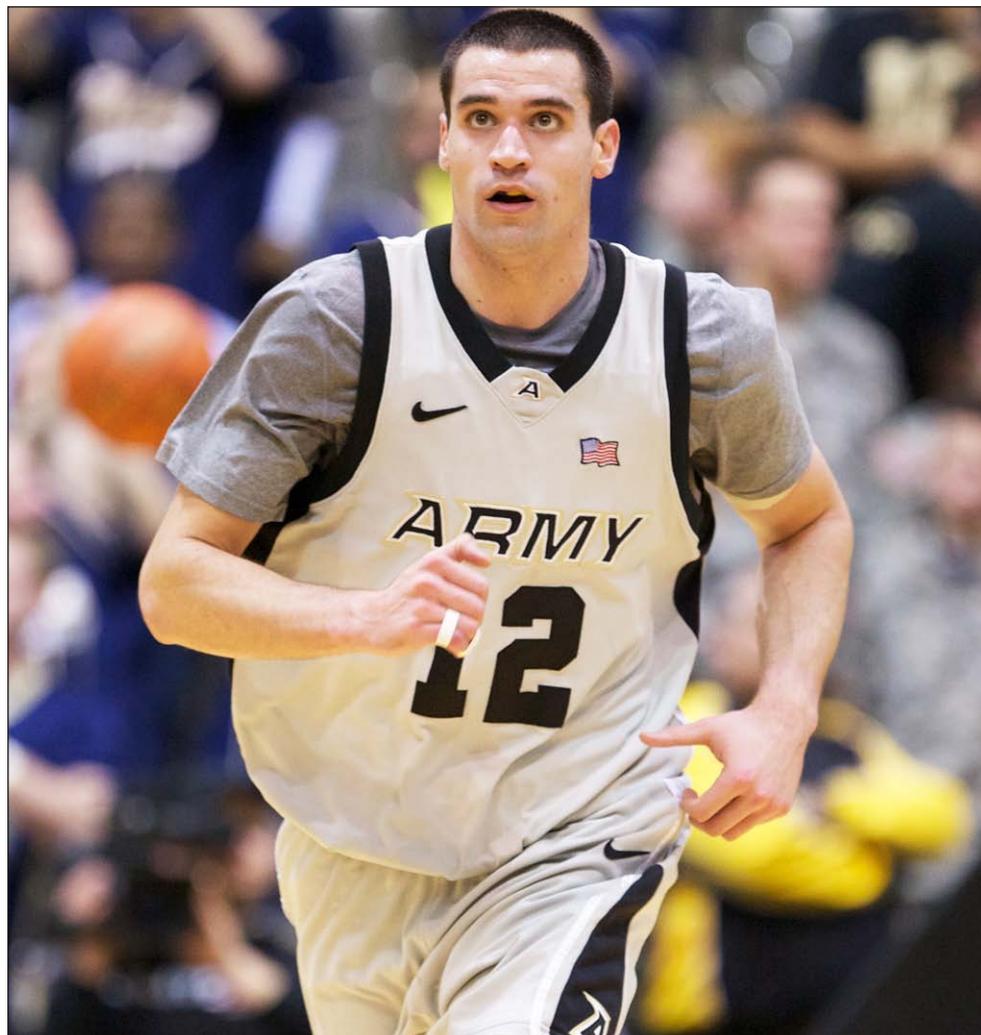
What about the other services?

Designer drugs are banned under military law and policies by the Defense Department and all of the services. As one example, DOD Directive 1010-3.4 precludes wrongful use of “any intoxicating substance not intended for human ingestion,” and the use of substances “contrary to the directions of the manufacturer or prescribing health-care provider.”

If a cadet is found in possession of a synthetic cannabis, what will happen?

West Point cadets would be in violation of USCC SOP Chapter 6, Card 604 and 608, which lists designer drugs as prohibited substances which “could be a violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ, para b(1).”





Firstie Nathan Hedgecock, the deputy brigade commander of the Corps of Cadets, was honored for work on the court and in the classroom. TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Hedgecock named Academic All-American

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

Firstie Nathan Hedgecock was named to the Capital One Academic All-America Men's Basketball Second Team chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The El Paso, Texas, native is the only Patriot League representative on any of the three teams.

Hedgecock boasts a 4.0 grade-point average as a mechanical engineering management major at West Point. In addition to his success in the classroom, the three-time Patriot League Academic Honor Roll selection serves as the Deputy Brigade Commander, the second-highest position in the cadet chain of command of the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

Hedgecock has played in 22 games this season, including seven starts as Army's center, despite standing only 6-2. He is averaging 4.7 points and 2.7 rebounds per game and leads the team in three-point field

goal percentage with a 44.8 percent accuracy rate (13-29).

Hedgecock has scored in double figures four times in the last 10 games and owns a career-high six double-digit efforts this season. He has posted single-season career bests in minutes played, field goals, free throws, rebounds, assists, steals and points. During his career, Hedgecock has played in 69 games, making 16 appearances with the first unit.

One of three seniors on the Black Knights' roster, Hedgecock is the first Army men's basketball player to earn All-America status since Steve Rothert in 1989. Including Hedgecock, four Army players have earned All-America accolades a total of five times.

Since the start of 2007, cadet-athletes have earned a total of 26 All-America citations. Hedgecock is the third West Point cadet to earn the distinction during the 2010-11 academic year, joining football players Firsties Jordan Trimble (first team) and Carson Homme (second team).

Energy Resource Savings Tips

By the West Point Energy Management Office

Did you know that more than one trillion BTUs of energy were consumed at West Point between October 2009 and September 2010?

West Point must reduce energy use by 3 percent annually with an overall 30 percent reduction by 2015 compared to what was consumed in 2003. Water use must also be reduced 2 percent annually with an overall reduction of 26 percent by 2015 compared to what was consumed in 2007.

The Energy Branch of the Directorate of Public Works has collected the following low and no-cost steps aimed at reducing our overuse of water and energy resources:

Saving Energy: Top 10 Things You Can Do

10. Unplug portable heating and cooling devices, unless allowed by medical exception;
9. Close doors and windows when heating or cooling systems are in operation;
8. Turn lights and fans off when not needed;
7. Set thermostats back at night and during unoccupied hours;
6. Replace all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps;
5. Take shorter showers. Better still, lather without water, then turn back on to rinse;
4. Maximize use of daylight. Use task lighting and turn off background lights;
3. Where possible, charge electronic devices at night or early morning;
2. Set computers, printers and other equipment to power-saving mode (hibernate or sleep modes);
1. BEAT NAVY!

Saving Water: Top 10 Things You Can Do

10. Take shorter showers, Lather with water off, on to rinse;
9. Do not use the toilet as a waste basket;
8. Turn water off, then back on when shaving or brushing teeth;
7. Shower rather than bathe. Showers use less water;
6. Use low flow shower heads and flow restrictors in all faucets;
5. Do full loads only when washing clothes or dishes. Use cold water, when possible;
4. Fix or report all leaking faucets and toilets;
3. With tank toilets, fill a plastic water bottle and place in the tank to displace one liter per flush;
2. Don't run water continuously for hand washing. Off to lather, on to rinse;
1. SINK NAVY!

Studies suggest when people are aware of the need to reduce usage, actual consumption of energy and water goes down by as much as five to 10 percent. While we are continuing to improve the efficiency of our energy and water consuming devices and control their operation, there remains a significant opportunity for everyone in the West Point community to participate in this worthwhile effort.

When it comes to energy, we all have the power to make a difference, so ask yourself...

What have I done today?



Reference Librarian Edward Dacey shows Plebes Jessica Clay and Gaelan Hanlon features of a 16th century liturgical text during an interactive rare book exhibit Feb. 15-16 in Jefferson Hall.

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Treasured words

Submitted by the Department of English and Philosophy

The Department of English and Philosophy's plebe literature course, EN102, in collaboration with the U.S. Military Academy Library's Special Collections and Archives Division sponsored an interactive rare book exhibit Feb. 15-16 in Jefferson Hall.

Featuring an exciting selection of West Point's holdings, the exhibit enabled various faculty members to introduce cadets to foundational books and artifacts in their respective disciplines.

The event supported the course's focus on the pursuit of knowledge by fostering an awareness of West Point's archival resources, an appreciation of the written word and an understanding that college is not the end but the beginning of a project of lifelong learning. It was conceived and curated by Maj. Damon Durall, the course executive officer, and Suzanne Christoff, the library's associate director for Special Collections and Archives, and her staff.

Many extremely rare texts were on display including a copy of St. Augustine's "de

Civitate Dei" (City of God) printed in 1486, Copernicus's "de Revolutionibus Orbium Caelestium" printed in 1543 and a 16th century illuminated liturgical manuscript.

Other exhibit highlights included a "Thayer Book" purchased by Sylvanus Thayer in Europe, specially bound in France and brought back to establish the USMA Library collection; a 1626 translation of Ovid's "Metamorphoses" by George Sandy, which is thought to be the first printed verse translation in America; and the original serialized format of Charles Dickens' novel "Great Expectations" as it originally appeared in Harper's Weekly from 1860-61.

In addition to the exhibit, cadets viewed a documentary film, produced by Durall, chronicling the history of writing and the ways in which ideas and technology interact to produce knowledge.

The Departments of Mathematical Sciences, Social Sciences, Geography and Environmental Sciences and History were co-sponsors of the exhibit.



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Added MP safety measure

Military police officer Sgt. Paul Dass, along with the rest of West Point's traffic patrol, have another tool at their disposal. Ten of 15 patrol cars had the Patrol Safety Vision video system installed and the Directorate of Emergency Services is in the process of having them installed in all vehicles. The system turns on just prior to the emergency lights being activated to record the visual and audio of a traffic or emergency stop. The system will continue to record for 10 seconds once the lights are deactivated. By the end of the fiscal year, the military police will have the ability to view traffic stops from headquarters in real time.

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DPW NOTES

Sanitary storm sewer replacement

A Directorate of Public Works contract has been retained to replace selected storm and sanitary sewer lines in Central Post Area through the use of stimulus funding.

This contract is a direct follow up to test pits that were dug in late 2010 to verify the status and the need to replace these lines. In order to conduct this work, a substantial impact to parking and traffic flow in the Central Post Area during all phases of the construction is expected.

This is the first of three anticipated phases which should begin sometime during the first or second week of March, depending on the weather. Additional announcements will be made prior to the start of the other two construction phases.

To minimize impact, this first phase is divided into two parts.

During the first portion (anticipated not to exceed 67 calendar days, weather permitting), the northern half (specifically the area of the Mahan Hall turnaround) of the work will be accomplished.

The anticipated impact will affect five reserve parking spaces on the west side of Thayer Road Extension in front of Bldg. 606. Those spaces are reserved for DENTAC Commander, Employee #023, #024, #036 and #042.

All of the spaces will be closed for both parts of Phase A and relocated along Thayer Road as close to Mahan Hall as possible.

Employees whose spaces are relocated will be notified two duty days before it occurs.

Vehicle traffic will be allowed approximately in front of Bldg. 606 to pick up and discharge passengers and turn around, and also to turn into the parking lot between Bldg. 606 and Bldg. 1.

Traffic will be allowed to travel from behind Bldg. 1 as usual.

No vehicle traffic will be allowed past the line indicated on the GIS.

Pedestrian traffic will be allowed in the area. However, pedestrians should use caution and obey flagpersons.

During the second portion of this phase (anticipated NTE 30 calendar days, weather permitting), three general-use handicap spaces in front of Mahan Hall will be blocked along with one undesignated CPA space.

On the west side of Thayer Road extension, in addition to the spaces blocked in the first portion of this phase, the space designated for Employee #050 will also be blocked.

The parking lot located between Bldg. 606 and Bldg. 1 and all parking spaces will be blocked.

In addition to undesignated CPA spaces, two general-use handicap spaces, two spaces reserved for clinic use and two employee spaces (Employee #008 and 006) will be blocked.

Of the additional spaces being blocked, only those spaces designated for specific employees will be relocated along Thayer Road.

No vehicle traffic will be allowed past the line indicated on the GIS. However pedestrian traffic will be allowed.

Pedestrians should exercise caution while in the area. The project manager is Tom Ptak, who can be reached at 938-5393.



Rocking Thayer Hall Feb. 16 with a thunderous African drum beat were, from left, Staff Sgts. William Cuthbert, Mark Tonelli, Brandon Nelson, J. Andrew Porter, Jeff Prosperie and Alexis Cole from the West Point Band.

Lecture teaches role of music throughout history

Story and photo by the Department of History

Thayer Hall rocked with the thunderous beat of African drums and clavel rhythm as the West Point Band and the History Department presented a musical lecture on African music and its influence on the musical styles of jazz, rock, hip-hop, calypso and Cuban music.

The Feb. 16 lecture was part of an ongoing series of musical lectures that emphasize the role of music in history and its impact on societies throughout history.

Mixing history and musicianship, Staff Sgt. Jeff Prosperie deftly moved between the roles of musician and narrator, while Staff Sgts. Brandon Nelson, J. Andrew Porter, William Cuthbert and Alexis Cole provided

expert support with percussion, bass and vocals.

The band's enthusiasm proved contagious and fired up students with the link between popular bands of today, such as the Black Eyed Peas, and West African beats that stretched back to the slave trade.

Students of the lecture expressed surprise at the impact of African influences on today's music and society.

The main audience of the lecture were cadets taking the HI108 Regional Studies in World History-Africa Stem, who enjoyed the interaction with the band and joined in the music and dancing at the end of the presentation.

"The best lecture I've been to," Plebe Robert Panchisin said, enthusiastically endorsing the lecture. "Cadets will get a lot out of it."

Maj. John Ringquist, the history

instructor who sponsored the event, echoed his cadet's comments.

"We in the Department of History encourage active inquiry and musical lectures appeal to a wide range of learners," Ringquist said. "Besides, it's fun and everyone gets to expand their horizons while learning more about the world outside of a textbook. The band gave a great performance and really put the whole program together."

The History Department's next African-themed lecture will be conducted May 2, during Dean's Hour in Thayer 144.

Guests are welcome.

Erin Weir, a senior advocate for Peacekeeping at Refugees International, will speak about the relationship between non-governmental organizations, refugees, humanitarian crises and the military.

More time to climb

Child, Youth and School Services extends availability to rock-climbing wall at West Point Teen Center

**Story and photo by Tommy Gilligan
Assistant Editor/Photos**

Beginning in March, Child, Youth and School Services will extend the time of accessibility for the new rock-climbing wall in the Teen Center.

The operation hours for the wall will be 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, according to Maureen Harter, program director.

"Previously our hours were Friday nights and we wanted to reach more kids in the community," Harter said.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn the basics of rock climbing on this state-of-the-art, 24-foot tall and 12-foot wide wall located inside the teen center gymnasium.

"What we have been doing is a lot of free recreational climbing and just letting them get used to climbing," Harter said. "When we open it up in this new schedule, we are going to get into more techniques and instruction on the proper way to climb so they can improve the more they attend."

Interest in the program has already grown.

During a recent Friday night at the Teen Center, four or five children were attending dual sessions.

Participants only need to bring themselves in comfortable athletic clothing and the CYSS will provide everything else.

"Already we have seen an increase in interest due to the time change," Harter

said. "Right now we expect 12-to-14 kids per meeting and if more interest grows, we will look into adding more days to the class."

Harter has been climbing since 2003 and was certified in November by the Professional Climbing Instructor Association to teach individuals climbing techniques.

While climbing may not be a typical sport most children become involved with, there are many benefits learned from the sport.

"Climbing allows people to grow at their own pace," Harter said. "It allows someone to build self-confidence as they are building physical strength and they continue to progress with the climbing experience in the sport."

The goal of the program is not only to open individuals' eyes to a new avenue in athletics, but also for students to progress to the point where they can advance to more difficult techniques and environments.

"This summer we are hoping to open the class to some outdoor climbing walls as well," Harter said. "We don't have that solidified yet, but we are talking to some professionals and West Point to make it happen."

For more information about the rock-climbing wall program, contact Maureen Harter at 938-8252 or e-mail her at Maureen.harter@usma.edu.

For additional information about rock climbing, visit www.rockclimbing.com/ or <http://rockandice.com/>.



The West Point Child, Youth and School Services will extend the availability of the Teen Center's rock-climbing wall in March. Operation hours will be 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.



February is Pet Dental Month

Capt. Sarah Hurst, West Point's new veterinarian, and Spc. Staci Manan, veterinary technician, check the teeth of Raison, a Calico feline. Raison lives with Cpl. Randy and Erica Maddock. February has been designated Pet Dental Month by the American Veterinary Medical Society and the American Veterinary Dental Society. The West Point Veterinary Clinic will be open today, Friday and Monday for pet dental cleanings. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday (closed from noon-1 p.m.). The clinic offers vaccinations, microchip implantation (mandatory at West Point), blood work, x-rays and ultrasounds. Routine check-ups and sick calls are by appointment. The clinic also offers spay, neuter, dental and biop services. For these appointments, the calendar for the month opens on the first business day of that month at 8 a.m. Clients are encouraged to call early. For more information, call 938-3817.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

FMWR Blurbs

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. today at the West Point Club.

For more information, call 938-3655.

2011 Polar Fest

The 2011 Polar Fest is noon-7 p.m. Saturday at the Victor Constant Ski Slope. Participants can pre-register until Friday 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 through Sunday.

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 Monday 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 and civilian Families. Baseball registration ends Monday.

For more information, call 938-8896/3550.

Evening Childcare at the Lee CDC

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

Hours are 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday starting Tuesday. 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.

West Point Library spring story hour

The West Point Library story hour is held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Bldg. 622.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

Life EDGE! Indoor "First Tee" Golf

"First Tee" Golf returns, but this time it's indoors at the Lee CDC, Wednesdays or Thursdays through April 7, for ages 6-18.

There is no fee. Learn target skills such as golf safety, etiquette, grip, posture, ball position, full swing, chipping, pitching and putting.

CYSS membership is required.

To enroll, go to CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458.

Classes are limited, so enroll early.

Employment Readiness workshops

Spring ahead into your career with ACS' Employment Readiness Program March workshops:

- Resumé Writing Workshop, 10-11:30 a.m. March 10;
- Ten Steps to a Federal Career, 1:30-3 p.m. March 29;
- How to Conduct an Effective Job Search, 10-11 a.m. March 31.

All workshops take place at ACS, Bldg. 622. To sign up for a class, call 938-5658.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations

Come to the West Point Club from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 17 for a traditional corned beef and cabbage lunch or that evening from 4-9 p.m., celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Club's Benny Haven Lounge and, if dressed in green, you will receive a free appetizer.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Club's Friday night dinners cancelled

Dinners at the West Point Club on Friday evenings will be cancelled until further notice.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Youth spring sports coaches wanted

Anyone interested in coaching any spring youth sport should contact the FMWR Youth Sports office at 938-3550/8896.

Life EDGE! Intro to Cooking

March is Breakfast Month. Whip up

delightful breakfasts with Life EDGE! Intro to Cooking in the new state-of-the-art demo kitchen at Lee Area CDC, for children in grades 1-5, from 3:30-5 p.m. on Thursdays in March.

Learn kitchen safety, tools, cleanliness, the importance of reading the recipe thoroughly before getting started, etiquette, proper table setting, food garnishing and nutrition in these four classes.

To enroll, go to CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458.

Art EDGE! Painting Techniques

Art EDGE! Painting Techniques class is offered to children in grades 1-5. Children will learn to paint in watercolor, acrylic and tempera on paper and wood from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fridays in March at the Lee CDC.

CYSS membership is required, and children can be enrolled at CYSS Parent Central by calling 938-4458.

Space is limited, so hurry to enroll.

Fit EDGE! Volleyball

Fit EDGE! Volleyball consists of six classes and is open to youth in grades 6-12. The free classes take place at the Lee Area CDC.

Classes will be taught by teen Kayla Martin and CYSS Program Assistant Amanda Slater on Mondays from April 4-May 16.

To enroll, go to CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458.

Arts and Crafts Framing Madness

Come to the Craft Shop for all of your custom framing projects.

Bring one custom framing project and receive 10 percent off your order. Bring two framing projects and receive 15 percent off, bring three framing projects and receive 20 percent off your entire order.

This special offer expires April 30.

For more information, call the Craft Shop at 938-4812.

POINTER VIEW

Help us tell the West Point Story by submitting your 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).

What's Happening

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. Friday at the West Point Bookstore on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans' Reunion

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans' 20th reunion is scheduled Saturday 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.

West Point Women's Club Grant and Scholarship

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

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

For more information, call 859-4278.

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 Drive 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.

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.

Sunday Mornings at Thayer Hall

Join the classes offered by the Protestant Sunday morning teachers from 9-10 a.m. Classes cover 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.

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.

NEW INFO

West Point AOG Gift Shop inventory reduction sale

Take advantage of reduced prices on ladies watches, prints, crystal frames and other great gift ideas at the West Point Association of Graduates Gift Shop inventory reduction sale.

Visit the website, www.westpointgiftstore.com, to view the deal of the week, featured items, new arrivals and best sellers.

Army Education Center

John Jay College's Master of Public Administration Program is now accepting applications for the spring II session at the Army Education Center until March 10.

For more information, e-mail jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com or call 446-5959.

Home Schooling Meeting

The West Point Home School group will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at 315 South Moore Loop, Apt. D.

For more information, call Jody or Eric Bryan at 845-608-0448.

Girl Scout Cookie Time

The West Point Girl Scouts are conducting their cookie sales from house to house until March 4 during the hours of 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Sales are not allowed in government buildings or in the cadet area. There will be a booth area set up at the Commissary/Exchange areas beginning in March.

The Scouts are also participating in Operation Cookie Drop, which delivers donated cookies to troops overseas.

For more information, contact Debra Stafford at staffordcrew@earthlink.net.

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor event

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will present a viewing of "Chosin," a documentary about the epic struggle that took place more than 60 years ago at 2 p.m. March 5.

In the winter of 1950, 15,000 U.S. troops were surrounded and trapped by 120,000 Chinese soldiers in the frozen mountains of North Korea. Refusing to surrender, the men fought 78 miles to freedom and saved the lives of 98,000 civilian refugees.

For more information, call Pete Bedrossian at 845-564-1765 ext. 28.

Leadership opportunities awaits for EEO Office

Would you like to be in a position where one person can still make a difference? If so, you could be one of West Point's newest Special Emphasis Program Managers.

Nominations for the following positions are open to all pay plans.

All West Point federal civil service employees are eligible to apply.

There are six SEPM primary and alternate collateral duty positions that need to be filled—Black Employment Program, Federal Woman's Program, Hispanic Employment Program, Individuals with Disabilities Program, Asian American/Pacific Islander Employment Program and American Indian/Alaskan Native Employment Program.

Potential nominees must have the support of their first line supervisor to devote the essential time required to fill the position.

Duties include working with management officials, employees, community outreach activities and establishing communication at multiple levels. Successful SEPMS should have organizational skills and strong communication skills, both written and oral.

Application packages will be forwarded via e-mail to each organization on West Point for distribution by today.

Contact Tonya Jones, Special Emphasis Manager, for information at 938-8193 or e-mail her at tanya.jones@usma.edu.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Gulliver's Travels, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—The Fighter, R, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

Life Works

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. Friday at 132 Bartlett Loop.

To register, call Jodi Gellman at 446-6407.



Systems Engineering takes title

The Systems Engineering basketball team, which finished 15-3 in the regular season, took home the North Division Championship in Noontime Basketball Feb. 15, by sweeping the Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics in the best-of-five series. Members of the Systems championship team are (back row from left to right) Maj. Brian Sawser, Maj. David Hughes, 2nd Lt. Cleveland Richard, Maj. Mike Tilton, Maj. Rob James and Maj. Brandon Thompson. The front row from left to right are Lt. Col. Dan McCarthy, Lt. Col. Russ Schott, Maj. Sam Huddleston, Maj. Scott Greco and Andre Rayford.

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Keller Corner

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 Tuesday, March 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.

Check your wallet...

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, including active duty servicemembers and cadets, should have a TRICARE Prime card.

You can request one by speaking to a customer service representative at 1-877-874-2273.

Present this card along with your military ID card whenever you need civilian health care.

The card also contains important information about emergency and out of area care.

Check your wallet...now.

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.

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Command Channel 8/23

Feb. 24-March 3

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

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: Hard

TOWN HALL MEETING

The U.S. Army Garrison-West Point is holding a Community Town Hall meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. March 8 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom. If a community member wants to call in, the number is 446-5504. The meeting will be broadcast on Channel 8/23.

Women's Basketball takes "Star," defeats Navy 57-46

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

Army tied a West Point women's record with 11 three-pointers and senior forward Erin Anthony hauled in her 1,000th career rebound as the Black Knights collected a key Patriot League victory over service academy rival Navy, 57-46, in the annual "Star Game" Feb. 19 at Alumni Hall in Annapolis, Md.

In a contest televised nationally on the CBS College Sports Network, Army shot 11-of-21 (52 percent) from three-point range en route to its first win over Navy since 2009. Army (12-14, 6-6 Patriot League) ended its three-game losing skid in the process and did so against a Navy (15-11, 8-4) team that entered the game tied for first place in the conference standings.

After a back-and-forth start to the game, the Black Knights took control with a 10-2 run on their way to a 31-23 halftime lead. Army came out of the break on a 17-11 run. Consecutive three-pointers by sophomore guard Molly Yardley capped the spurt and gave the Black Knights a 48-34 lead with 9:41 to play in the game. Army led by double-digits the rest of the game.

Anthony extended her double-digit scoring streak to 20 games with a game-high 14 points. She added nine rebounds and three blocks in 40 minutes of work.

Senior guard Nalini Hawkins and senior guard/forward Laura Baranek added 12 and

10 points, respectively.

Classmate Jessie Coiffard added eight points, as Army's seniors combined to score 44 of the team's 57 points.

"Hopefully this will be a catapult-type game for us and get us back to playing at the level we know we're capable of playing," head coach Dave Magarity said. "We were playing that well at the start of Patriot League play. I can't say enough about our effort today. Our defense played terrific and I look up and down this stat sheet and note such balance. We have to build on this heading down the home stretch.

"We made some big shots," Magarity added. "We had not been shooting the ball that well from behind the arc and had to rely entirely too much on (Erin) Anthony to have a big game every night. Although she had a good game today, she got some great help."

The Black Knights shot 40 percent (21-of-52) from the field, while holding Navy to a 31 percent (15-of-49) effort. Army limited Navy leading scorer Angela Myers to just one field goal and seven points on the afternoon. The senior point guard did not score her first basket until the 4:53 mark of the second half. Senior center Cassie Consedine netted all eight of her points in the first half, including six in the first nine minutes of play.

"The defense on (Angela) Myers today was the key to the game in my opinion," Magarity noted.

Army won the battle of the boards by a



Senior forward Erin Anthony hauled in her 1,000th career rebound Feb. 19 while getting a game-high 14 points to lead Army over Navy 57-46 at Annapolis, Md. With the win, the Black Knights earned the "Star."

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37-32 margin.

Anthony's nine rebounds led Army, while freshman guard/forward Jen Hazlett pulled down a career-high seven caroms.

Nguyen named "Diver of the Meet," men finish second at PLs

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

Sophomore Chris Nguyen was named the "Diver of the Meet" after winning the three-meter diving event with a Patriot League Championship record score of 398.35 points, leading the Army men's swimming and diving team to a second-place finish at the 2011 conference championships Feb. 19 at Bucknell University's Kinney Natatorium.

The Army men finished with 603.5 points to place runner-up to Navy (1,056 points). It marked the highest finish since 2007 for the Black Knights, who edged third-place Bucknell (566) by nearly 40 markers after turning in a stellar third day of competition. Lehigh (380) finished fourth, with Colgate (363), American (201), Lafayette (183.5) and Holy Cross (130) rounding out the eight-team field.

The Army women, meanwhile, took fifth at conference championships for the third straight season after totaling 323.5 points. The Colgate women won the event with 862 points, while Navy finished runner up with 760. Bucknell (581.5) placed third, with American (332) a distant fourth and Army fifth. Lehigh (230), Lafayette (226) and Holy Cross (144) finished sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively.

"This was a very good championship meet for our young team," Army head coach Mickey Wender said. "We accomplished a lot of our goals and we learned a lot this weekend. I thought we got great performances from our seniors, and I am very grateful for what they've done over the past four years.

"They've meant a lot to this program and I could not be prouder of them," Wender added. "I am very satisfied with the outcome of the meet."

Nguyen headlined Army's diving contingent, which placed four divers in the top six off the one-meter board. Senior Brendan Georgas placed fourth with a personal-best score of 313.40, sophomore Chad Drake finished fifth with a score of 308.25 and senior Chris Rojewski came in sixth with 284.10 markers. Their efforts off the boards this weekend helped Black Knight diving coach Ron Kontura earn Diving Coach of the Year accolades for the second consecutive season.

"It feels amazing to win the Patriot League title off the three-meter board," Nguyen, who won the conference's three-meter title last winter, said. "We all trained so hard this season and really zeroed in on the Patriots this year. All our hard work definitely paid off, and it feels very good right now. Breaking the records was secondary for me, though. I really wanted to beat all of the other divers and help our team score more points."

Freshman Brock Redondo led the Army men in the pool as the first-year swimmer capped his outstanding weekend by placing fifth in the 1650-yard freestyle. The Mission Viejo, Calif., native recorded the second-fastest time in academy history, touching the wall in a personal-best clocking of 15 minutes, 40.15 seconds.

Later in the evening, Redondo teamed with junior Cody Reeb and sophomores Dan Foky and Bill McCarty to place fifth in the 400-yard freestyle relay team with a time of 3:06.36.

Sophomore Ayman Andrews posted a fourth-place showing in the 200-yard butterfly, clocking the fourth-fastest time in school history (1:49.17). Freshman Wesley Trumbauer finished eighth in that event, touching the wall in a personal-best time of 1:51.87.

Elsewhere, junior Chuck Zhou placed seventh in the 200-yard backstroke (1:52.63). Senior Matt Leegan won the consolation final of the 200-yard breaststroke with a personal-best time of 2:06.06. Freshman Michael Drives also posted a personal best in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:06.41).

"It feels good to cap my four-year career with a good weekend here at the Patriot League Championships," Leegan, one of the Black Knights' team captains, said. "We set a lot of goals at the beginning of the season, and just about all of them were met this weekend. We came in on Thursday with a good mindset, and we carried it through the entire meet."

The women posted four personal best days the final day with three of those times breaking into Army's top 10 charts.

Divers Rita Snyder and Katie Woodhams turned in Army's top finishes off the three-meter board as they placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

Snyder registered a personal best 216.80 points, while Woodhams compiled 202.20 points.

Three Black Knights placed in the 100-yard freestyle, led by junior Paige Brink's first-place finish in the consolations in a time of 52.34.

Senior Corri Payne was 10th in a personal-best time of 52.48, which placed her sixth on Army's all-time ledger, followed by freshman Grace Hamilton's 53.15 for 13th place.

Thomes earn wins, Army falls to Navy

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

The 55th installment of the Army-Navy wrestling rivalry was contested inside Christl Arena Feb. 19 with the Midshipmen winning seven of the 10 bouts en route to a 24-9 victory over the Black Knights.

Navy won the first three bouts to take an early 11-0 lead, but Army responded to win the next three matchups and trim the Midshipmen advantage to 11-9.

Navy finished off the match by winning the final four contests to set the final margin.

Navy improves to 5-3 on the season, while Army slips to 7-8.

The match began at 197 pounds with Navy's Oscar Huntley scoring a 15-6 major decision victory opposite Army junior Orion Ross. Huntley was credited with six

takedowns en route to the bonus-point win.

The Midshipmen won the next two bouts to extend their lead to 11-0. Dan Miller took an 11-4 decision from Black Knight junior Daniel Mills in the heavyweight bout, and Aaron Kalil followed by securing an 8-0 major decision against Army junior Travis Coffey in the 125-pound bout.

Army got on the scoreboard in the 133-pound matchup as sophomore Jordan Thome picked up a 7-2 decision versus Navy's Allen Stein. Thome recorded a takedown, reversal and near fall in order to pick up the victory.

The Black Knights' momentum carried into the 141-pound bout as senior Casey Thome took a 7-3 decision from Dustin Haislip. Thome, who nearly pinned Haislip late in the second period,



Senior Casey Thome earned a 7-3 decision victory versus Navy's Dustin Haislip at 141 pounds Feb. 19 at Christl Arena.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

accumulated approximately four minutes of riding time in the convincing win.

Sophomore Daniel Young made it three wins in a row for Army and cut the Black Knights' deficit to 11-9 as he blanked Joe Locksmith, 5-0, in the 149-pound matchup.

The score was deadlocked at 0-0 heading to the third period, but Young escaped to start the stanza and added a takedown later in the frame. He picked up single points for stalling

and riding time to round out the scoring.

Navy halted Army's string of victories at 157 pounds as Bryce Saddoris took an 8-4 decision from Army junior Jimmy Rafferty. Rafferty stayed close with one of the top wrestlers in the nation, but Saddoris was able to secure the win and extend Navy's lead to 14-9.

The Midshipmen won the three remaining bouts to secure the match. Mason Bailey scored a late takedown to rally for a 5-3 victory over Army freshman Alex Smith in the 165-pound bout, Matt DeMichiel edged Black Knight sophomore Collin Wittmeyer, 3-1, at 174 pounds and Luke Rebertus authored an 11-3 major decision opposite Army freshman Wil Brown.

"The bottom line is that we fought hard, but this is not a sport

where you get an 'E' for effort," first-year head coach Joe Heskett said. "You've got to get the 'W' for win. I loved the effort that we put out, and going in I knew we would have some uphill battles in some of the individual matchups, but we put ourselves in position to win, especially at 165 and 174.

"Collin Wittmeyer's effort was phenomenal," Heskett said. "I think that's what he needs to have to hit the next level because he's only a sophomore. Seeing that type of effort gives me a lot of comfort knowing that we have him for another two years. I think it was a great turning point for him.

"There were some bright spots in that we won the matches we were favored to win at 133, 141 and 149," Heskett added. "Other than that, there are not a lot of positives when you think about losing to Navy."



Sophomore Jordan Thome recorded a near fall during his match with Navy's Allen Stein. Thome won 7-2 at 133 pounds to get Army's first win.

Sports calendar Feb. 24-March 4

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

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

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. FAIRFIELD (10 A.M.) AND MANHATTAN (2 P.M.), LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

SATURDAY—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS.

BUCKNELL, CHRISTL ARENA, 1 P.M.

SUNDAY—MEN'S TENNIS VS. HOFSTRA (NOON) AND MONMOUTH (5 P.M.), LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER.

WEDNESDAY—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 3 P.M.

MARCH 4—MEN'S TENNIS VS. NJIT, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 3 P.M.

MARCH 4—WOMEN'S TENNIS VS.

QUINNIAC, LICHTENBERG TENNIS CENTER, 6 P.M.

Club

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY—PISTOL VS. NAVY, TRONS RUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 8 A.M. BOTH DAYS.

SATURDAY—MEN'S TEAM HANDBALL, NORTHEAST HANDBALL LEAGUE COMPETITION (NYC, BOSTON), ARVIN CADET PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 11 A.M.



Army celebrates after a goal as the Black Knights defeated American International 4-1 in an outdoor game played Feb. 19 in East Hartford, Conn.

Army overcomes blustery outdoor conditions, beats AIC

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

Despite the blustery winds, the extra layers, eye black, long walks with skate guards on the snow surrounding the rink; it was still a hockey game. And an important one as the regular season winds down.

Junior forward Mike Hull handed out four assists and junior forwards Mark Dube

and Bryant Skarda had multiple points as Army swept the season series with American International following a 4-1 outdoor victory Feb. 19 at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Conn.

Playing in what Army head coach Brian Riley called the “opportunity of a lifetime,” Hull tied his career best with four assists and Dube collected a total of five points on the weekend in an Atlantic Hockey Association

contest under sunny skies.

Junior forward Danny Colvin, senior forward Cody Omilusik, Skarda and Colvin accounted for Army’s goals as Army improved to 10-18-4 overall and 9-12-4 in league contests.

Army won all three games against AIC this season and swept a weekend series for the first time this season. Senior goalie Jay Clark made 31 saves as AIC fell to 7-20-1 overall and 7-17-1 in conference games.

The game was part of Whalers Hockey Fest 2011, festivities which ran from Feb. 11 through Sunday. In addition to five collegiate games, a 25th anniversary celebration of the 1986 NHL All-Star Game was held as well as high school and prep school games.

The Army-AIC contest was just one of several activities at the outdoor rink Feb. 19. A high school contest started the day, while the Connecticut Whale took on the Providence Bruins in an American Hockey League matchup at night.

AIC held a 14-9 advantage in shots on goal in the first period, but neither team was able to break through in a wind that was capable of knocking sticks out of the players’ hands.

Army, which scored five goals in the second period Feb. 18, struck three times to

take a 3-0 lead after two periods.

After Army killed off a pair of AIC power play chances, Dube continued his hot hand with his 11th goal of the season. With an AIC player serving two minutes for tripping, Hull brought the puck up ice and fired a shot. The rebound went right to Dube for Army’s first goal of the game and Hull’s 17th assist this season.

Colvin extended the Army lead to two goals when he posted his eighth goal this season, knocking home a loose puck in front as Dube and Hull collected assists. It marked Dube’s second assist this season and second consecutive multiple-point game.

Omilusik netted his second goal in as many days, going top shelf 40 seconds after Colvin’s tally. Hull posted his third assist of the game and Skarda his ninth of the season for a 3-0 Army advantage.

Army added to its lead in the final period when Skarda re-directed junior defenseman Marcel Alvarez’ pass for a 4-0 Black Knights’ advantage.

Shortly after the teams switched ends of the ice midway through the final period, Richard Leitner scored his fourth goal this season ending Army’s shutout bid. AIC had a power play chance to end the period but Clark and the Army defense stood tall.



Senior forward Cody Omilusik (#6) scored one of Army’s four goals, while junior forward Mike Hull assisted on each goal.

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