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What's the Mudder?

Class of 2013 Cadet William Tucker low crawls through an obstacle at the Marne Confidence Course at Camp Buckner with his fellow Company G comrades during the 4th Regiment's first-ever Stud Mudder Oct. 15. The event combined esprit de corps and warrior ethos for a physically challenging training day for more than 600 cadets on three of West Point's toughest confidence courses. To find out more about this event, see page 4 for story and photos. Visit the West Point Flickr site to see a Stud Mudder photo album at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.

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WANT TO BE ARMY'S BEST RANGER?

Ranger-qualified personnel at West Point who want to participate in the 2012 Army Best Ranger competition need to contact Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Bouchard (938-7577) or Staff Sgt. Terrance Jack (938-5104) to provide their names. At noon Friday, there will be a brief in the G-3 Conference Room, located on the third floor of Thayer Hall, to discuss what's needed to participate in the competition.

West Point hosted National Society of Black Engineers

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Forty college students, including cadets, from the New York metropolitan area majoring in engineering attended the West Point National Society of Black Engineers Fall Zone Conference Oct. 15 at Mahan Hall.

The conference's theme was "The NSBE Blueprint: Teamwork, Leadership and Inspiration."

Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor, Dean of the Academic Board, was the keynote speaker at the event who welcomed the students to the conference.

The purpose of the conference was to brainstorm ideas in all areas of engineering geared toward college students that included workshops on business ethics, the importance of attending graduate school and solving complicated math problems in teams, leadership and exploring the various engineering positions.

In one workshop, Brian Moretti, Ph.D., associate professor in physics and nuclear engineering, spoke to the attendees about what cadets majoring in nuclear engineering have done as capstone projects.

"The research cadets' work on here comes from the (Department of Defense)," Moretti said. "We go out to them to get ideas on what the Army needs. One such project cadets were developing was an integrated detection system that will detect the telltale signs of enriched uranium."

Natural uranium needs to be enriched before it can be made into a bomb.

Enriched uranium may be carried by those who want to utilize a dirty bomb or a bomb containing conventional explosives along with radioactive components in liquid, solid or gas form with the aim of setting off an explosion and contaminating the area with radiation.

Another area of study by cadets was looking into the capability of detecting radiation in a tactical environment.

"The U.S. hasn't done any nuclear testing since the late-1950s, early '60s," Moretti said. "Most of the data we have on nuclear weapons is data collected from the explosion of large weapons. We don't know what the capabilities of smaller weapons are."

Other workshops centered on projects in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering and computer sciences.

Computer science may be of particular importance in the digital age because topics studied included developing systems that block hackers or can stop a hacker from entering a sensitive computer system, such as those used in the military.



Lt. Col. Fernando Maymi, assistant professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, talks to college students about various projects cadets majoring in EECS work on Oct. 15 at Mahan Hall during the National Society for Black Engineers Fall Zone Conference. Maymi detailed a project from the computer science department published in the May 11, 2009, edition of the New York Times, where cadets were working on cyber security. Staff members from the National Security Agency helped with the project by hacking into computer systems while cadets attempted to block the invasion.

"Cadets engage in a cyber war game competition every year at West Point," Lt. Col. Fernando Maymi, assistant professor in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department, said. "Hackers from the National Security Agency try to infiltrate computers and the cadets try to stop them."

The NSBE is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the number of minority students studying engineering at the undergraduate and graduate level, promote public awareness of engineering and opportunities for blacks and other minorities in the engineering profession.

Board of Visitors meeting Oct. 27

The West Point Board of Visitors will conduct its annual business meeting and visit to West Point Oct. 27 to inquire about the academic and honor programs and other matters relating to the U.S. Military Academy.

The BoV meeting is scheduled for 12:30-3 p.m. in the Haig Room. The meeting is open to the public.

Members of the BoV include congressmen and presidential appointees.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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'Be confident, take charge' is the message to Class of 2012

Story by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The junior officer deliberately removed her eye protection to look her Soldiers in the eyes. She kept her emotions in check and told the formation that five of their comrades had died in an improvised explosive device attack. It was a gut-wrenching moment, but she wanted to project strength to this tight-knit military police platoon from Fort Richardson, Alaska.

A video-teleconference at Robinson Auditorium Oct. 12 linked cadets from the West Point Capstone Course (MX400) with officers serving in Afghanistan. One of the questions asked to the panel of junior leaders was how they deal with death and injury during deployment.

"They're your Soldiers, so you have to stay strong for them," 1st Lt. Rionnon Blaisdell-Black told the West Point Class of 2012. "Your reactions drive their reactions, and however they see you act is the course they're going to follow because they look up to you, trust you and they know you'll make the right decisions."

Moderating the event in Afghanistan was the commander of Combined Joint Task Force-1CD, Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn. Shortly after graduating from West Point in 1981, the young lieutenant deployed as a platoon leader in support of Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada. It wasn't until a few years later as a company commander, during Operation Just Cause in Panama, that he first experienced what it was like to lose a Soldier.

"It is incredibly, incredibly difficult," he said. "It's something you as a leader have to prepare yourself for before you get in the position because the reality is in our business there are people trying to kill us. Everything we do, every single day—even in garrison (or) in a training environment—is high risk."

Allyn told the cadets that their West Point training will provide them with all the tools to meet the leadership challenges after graduation. Be confident and be ready to lead, he advised.

"From the moment you take your platoon, be ready," Allyn said. "We've had at least three operations here since we took

over in mid-May where a company commander got wounded and a company executive officer is very rapidly commanding the company in various intense combat. The time to figure out that you wish you had prepared is not then. Be ready."

Respect trumps popularity, and it is better to be admired for leading well than being liked, Allyn advised the cadets. Officers must exude confidence, competence and compassion—and be authentic about it.

"Be yourself," Allyn said. "Don't try to be John Wayne, or whoever you think is the best leader ever. Be yourself, stay within yourself and be confident in your abilities. Then get out there and lead. Soldiers can figure out a fake in about 30 seconds. Once that occurs, it's very hard to step back and recover from."

Class of 2012 Cadet Michael Manzano, Company B-1, enjoyed the way Allyn moderated the VTC and provided perspective from his 30-year Army career.

"Besides the experience he brought to the group, he was also a great speaker who is noticeably very passionate about his job," he said. "This combination of characteristics enabled his message to really hit home with a lot of us in the audience."

Nearly 75 percent of West Point faculty is comprised of active duty Army servicemembers, many of whom have served multiple combat deployments. Nevertheless, it's a rare opportunity for cadets to communicate with officers in theater.

"Through our classes and West Point's organizational structure, we do spend a significant amount of time with officers who have deployed but rarely with company grade officers who are currently on deployment, such as the platoon leaders, executive officers and company commanders that this opportunity afforded us," Manzano said.

In 2009, Capt. Benjamin Daughters took command of his newly stood up company at Fort Knox, Ky., and deployed with them in January—not a typical change of command experience and far different than when junior officers join their units in theater.

"It's a unique challenge from the standpoint that I

was able to mold the culture of my unit right from the beginning, which was a great opportunity," Daughters, who commissioned from Ohio University's ROTC program in 2004, said.

Daughters spoke to the cadets about the challenges of counterinsurgency operations and working with the Afghan National Army. While fighting a persistent counterinsurgency entrenched in the community, Daughters said it is crucial to win over the civilians in his area of operation. This means partnering with the government, the military and security forces to improve their capabilities, providing stability to the economy.

"And, all at the same time, we're engaging the enemy in ground combat," Daughters said. "So at the small unit level, there's some pretty complex, constantly changing and, sometimes, frustrating challenges."

One cadet asked about mistakes they should avoid when they begin their Army careers. Capt. John Dean, the only aviation officer on the panel, said he concentrated too much on flying and neglected the maintenance component of his job—a mistake he made early in his career. Blaisdell-Black, a 2009 ROTC graduate from the University of Richmond, emphasized the importance of property, something that never weighed heavily in ROTC training. However, as a platoon leader responsible for millions of dollars worth of equipment, paperwork and accountability matter.

It was this blend of experiences from different branch officers that Manzano found interesting. They heard from an ordnance officer suggesting that adaptability was key to being a logistician, while an infantry officer stressed technical and tactical knowledge. A company commander spoke in broad terms of full spectrum COIN operations, but also shared characteristics of a good platoon leader.

"I think where the real benefit came from, though, was hearing where these officers prioritized the points they made. ...bringing in officers of different positions and different branches really allowed us to not only gain perspective on officership but also examine the values and mindsets these different branches and positions require," Manzano said.



Gen. Odierno visits West Point

During his visit to West Point Oct. 13, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army, watched a spirit video (above) shown in the Cadet Mess during lunch, addressed the Class of 2012 at Robinson Auditorium and spoke with the Army football team (right) during practice. PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO



A team of cadets from Company H join hands as they reach the finish line during the 4th Regiment's Stud Mudder Oct. 15 at Camp Buckner.

Fourth Regiment cadets get muddy

First-ever Stud Mudder combines esprit de corps and warrior ethos

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Some teams crossed the finish line arms linked or hands grasping shoulders for support, as they savored the end of the first-ever Stud Mudder Oct. 15.

The Stud Mudder was the Fourth Regiment's version of the popular tough mudder competition that drenches athletes in pools of mud throughout a long-distance course through various obstacles.

The event was held at Camp Buckner and included a plunge into Lake Popolopen followed by a low crawl through the sand. To ward off the morning chill, teams of cadets continued on an exhausting three-mile run through the Anzio Obstacle Course, the Marne Confidence Course (dry course) and the Leader Reaction Course, to complete a

total of about 21 obstacles.

While summer training often incorporates these courses, this was the first time all three were used for one regimental training event. Class of 2012 Cadet Natalia Gruenbaum, the 4th Regiment executive officer, said to promote esprit de corps, teams had the option to wear unique items—everything from headbands and crowns to costumes. Some cadets, already training up for Sandhurst, wore full “battle rattle” in preparation for the military skills competition next semester. Like Sandhurst, the Stud Mudder required cadets to stay together and help each other through every obstacle before moving on to the next.

Class of 2012 Cadet Angela Smith, the 4th Regiment commander, said the intent of the Stud Mudder was to provide cadets a physical challenge that incorporated unit cohesion and

camaraderie to succeed.

“We wanted to create something similar to a tough mudder event, which many cadets have paid a lot of money and traveled long distances to compete in,” Smith said. “We thought if we could create a similar experience, people would really catch onto that.”

Each regiment has the opportunity during the academic year to create a training event which can combine physical fitness, academics and health and welfare.

“This has it all—you’ve got Warrior Ethos, camaraderie and we tried to make it fun too. Ultimately, we wanted to focus on physical fitness,” Smith said.

The three battalions of the regiment planned and operated each site, and Smith said they deserved much of the credit for executing the event. At the dock site, the cadet-in-charge, Class of 2012 Cadet Grant Ward, did more than just oversee each team low crawl out of the water ... he joined them.

“The site itself is pretty simple. First you get them wet and then you get them sandy,” Ward, who took the dive more than a dozen

times, said. “I wanted to join in because that’s what leaders do. If they see you doing it, even if you don’t have to, they get more into it.”

At the end of the day, Class of 2012 Cadet Teddy MacDonald thought his team performed well, considering they passed two other teams that started several minutes before them.

“We had great camaraderie and everyone was pushing each other,” Company E’s 8th Team leader, said. “Everybody gave their all.”

Awards were presented to teams Wednesday morning, to include Best Dressed Team, Muddiest Team and Fastest Overall Team, an accolade that went to the Company F-4 team with a time of 34:35.



Some teams brought props to the Stud Mudder and wore apparel to promote pride in their companies.



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Celebrating diversity at West Point

Third annual Diversity Day highlights world cultures, food and traditions

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Cadets and faculty celebrated the third annual Diversity Day Oct. 11 at Thayer Hall. The celebration included food samples from countries such as China, Korea, France and Russia along with traditional dress and videos about a particular country. The event was hosted by the Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic, Respect Staff and the International Council of West Point.

"This is the first time we have held the event under the name of Diversity Day," Sgt. First Class Timothy Morgan, equal opportunity advisor from the SCPME, said.

An international day celebration was scheduled in February, but Diversity Day is a new way of observing the multi-faceted demographics of the armed forces.

"There are eight Department of Defense observances, such as the Asian Pacific Festival, Spanish Heritage Festival and Black History Month," Morgan said. "This event combines all of those festivals and puts them all together to highlight our international cadets and to show how our diversity is our strength."

Cadets received a Diversity Day Passport, actually a map of rooms where countries were represented. They received extra credit by visiting rooms and having an instructor or representative sign under the "countries" they visited.

International cadet Clara Luz hosted a room providing specialty food items from her native country of Brazil and spoke to cadets and faculty members about her country. Luz said she has enjoyed taking classes at West Point and will continue her military and academic training when she returns to Brazil in December. She is currently in her fourth year at the Algulhas Negras Military Academy.

This year, Diversity Day added a religious diversity room because as diverse as the cadet and community populations are, there are just as many religious beliefs and observations. The purpose of Diversity Day is to display the differences in the experiences and backgrounds of Soldiers and to enhance the global capabilities that contribute to an adaptive, culturally aware Army.



International cadet Clara Luz speaks to attendees about her country, Brazil, at the Diversity Day event Oct. 11 at Thayer Hall. She said the military academy in her country, Agulhas Negras Military Academy, is a five-year program. The bars on her shoulder indicates she is a fourth-year student. Cadets and faculty enjoyed several rooms at Thayer Hall serving food samples of their specific country including Korea, China and Brazil.

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Marathon Team runs Army Ten Miler

Submitted by the West Point Marathon Team

The West Point Marathon Team participated in the 27th running of the Army Ten Miler Oct. 9. The race, which runs through the heart of the nation's capitol and ends in front of the Pentagon, is the biggest of its kind and the Army's annual flagship race.

This year's Ten Miler lived up to its reputation with 30,000 participants hailing from every Army installation in the U.S., as well as overseas. The field also included more than 50 wounded warriors as well as many civilians and members of the Navy, Marines and Air Force.

The West Point Marathoners were led by their team captain, Class of 2012 Cadet Colin Chapman, who finished in a blistering 58 minutes and 28 seconds to place 131st overall and 16th in the Men's 20-24 division.

Following closely behind Chapman were Sean Robinson (1:00:43) and Johannes Olind (1:01:27) who both fell just short of breaking an hour. Ben Karn (1:06:09) and Keith Buell (1:06:23) brought in the pack for the men, while Elaine Gill (1:11:51) had a strong showing for the women's side of the team. As a team, the West Point Marathoners finished in 4:06:47 (top four placers) placing 28th overall and 2nd in the ROTC division behind St. John's University of Minnesota.

Other notable members of the West Point community who had a strong showing were West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr. (1:35:08), Department of Social Sciences instructor Lt. Col. Liam Collins (54:13), and the



Members of the West Point Marathon Team pose for a photo with West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., at the Army Ten Miler.

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MATTHEW LEARY/WEST POINT PAO

Marathon Team OICs Maj. Thomas Tolman (1:00:18) and Capt. Sharon Kircher (1:24:28).

The team is looking strong in the final weeks leading to the Richmond Marathon Nov. 12. The men look to put 10 runners under three hours and the women look to put six runners under three and a half hours. The Marathoners will run one more race, the Cornwall 10K, Sunday before heading to Richmond.

Class of 1986 to present gift during 25th Reunion

Submitted by the West Point Association of Graduates

The Class of 1986 will present a gift of \$1,092,757 to the Superintendent's Endowment Homecoming Weekend on the occasion of its 25th Reunion Oct. 27-29.

The Superintendent's Endowment exists to provide the flexibility to direct funding where it's needed most.

The superintendent can direct needed funds to any of West Point's major activities where federal funding is not currently available, ensuring that cadets have access to a wide range of opportunities and resources.

The Superintendent's Endowment supports co-curricular clubs, academic trips, research projects, cultural immersion trips, capstone projects and academic conferences.

Such opportunities are truly what define the "margin of excellence" and are what make West Point the nation's top colleges and the world's renowned leadership development institution.

Since their graduation, members of the Class of 1986 have given more than \$2.15 million to West Point; almost \$1.4 million of that was raised since their 20th Reunion in 2006.

West Point Fire Department talks fire safety to community



Maggie Findlay, Marie Hosein and Ian Findlay explore a fire truck at the Stony Lonesome II Fire Station during a fire safety event Oct. 13. The children were able to climb aboard while firemen demonstrated how the lights work and its heat-sensing equipment.

**Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer**

National Fire Prevention Week was Oct. 9-15 and in recognition of it, the West Point Stony Lonesome II fire station held a fire prevention event for children and adults Oct. 13 with the fourth annual firehouse safety open house. The Washington Road fire station was also involved with a fire safety event at the West Point Middle and Elementary schools.

“The fire safety event is to bring fire prevention to young children, to train them in what to do when there’s a fire,” First Lt. Firefighter Tom Furchak said. “They get a big kick out of the fire trucks.”

Children were exposed to the various equipment firefighters use to fight fires including a heat sensor device that aids firefighters when looking for children or others in smoke-filled rooms.

Fire Prevention Week is observed in the U.S. and Canada to inform people about the importance of fire safety and prevention.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, firefighters responded to 384,000 home fires in 2010 with 2,640 individuals losing their lives and 13,350 injuries. Most victims succumb to smoke or toxic gas inhalation, not from burns.

At the West Point fire prevention event,

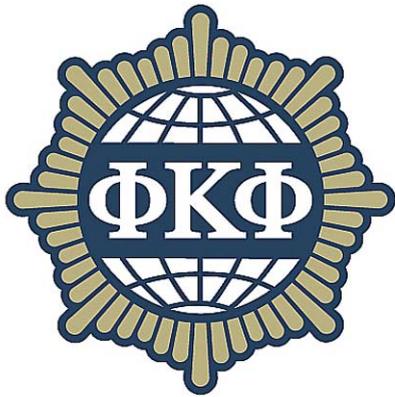


Firefighters Tom Furchak and Tony Ferraiuolo helped children learn more about fire safety Oct. 13 during a fire safety event.

firefighters provided coloring books to reinforce fire safety information and introduced equipment and vehicles that aid firefighters.

Community firefighters throughout the nation generally have a fire prevention event during the week to teach school children fire safety such as stop, drop and roll if clothes catch fire, crawling under smoke by getting on hands and knees to avoid smoke inhalation while exiting a room or building, and the importance of installing smoke alarms.

THE HONOR SOCIETY OF

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Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. The West Point Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi would like to congratulate the following new initiates who were selected to membership. Cadets and faculty members were recognized during an induction ceremony in the spring. Those chosen were:

Faculty Members:

Dr. Brock Barry (Civil and Mechanical Engineering), Dr. Robert Goldstein (Law), Dr. Michael Matthews (Behavioral Sciences and Leadership), Dr. William Pulleyblank (Mathematical Sciences), Dr. Scott Silverstone (Social Sciences), Col. Irving Smith (Behavioral Sciences and Leadership), Lt. Col. Tom Timmes (Geography and Environmental Engineering) and Dr. Kenneth Wickiser (Chemistry and Life Science).

Class of 2012 Members:

David Bierbrauer, K. Merlin Boone, Daniel Borchik, Matthew Bourdeau, Richard Brantley, James Burns, Robert Chung, Bonita DeAntona, Adam Fulling, Luke Grant, Joseph Griggs, Robert Hall, Ethan Heckmann, Erik Hoempler, Sarah Jeon, Kyle Maggard, Derek Marchant, Carson McReynolds, Kaitlin Merrick, Taylor Mosera, Lelan Namy, Rollin Nash, Heather Newstrom, Alexander Pagoulatos, Salvatore Parascandola, Jennifer Parsons, Luke Pittman, Bradley Potts, John Scudder, Anna Stein, Lauren Ulmer, Rachael Volpe, Ryan Waldorf, Michael Wright, Tyler Wright, Clark Yuan and Jeremy Zanolini.

Combat Weapons Team supports training for local law enforcement

By Class of 2014 Cadet Daniel Freeman

The Combat Weapons Team conducted a shooting class for local law enforcement officers Oct. 9. This training session takes place every fall with officers traveling to West Point from various departments throughout New York.

The session is structured yet flexible, since every year officers of different training levels participate.

"This is one of the greatest challenges we face," team coach Garry Salman said, "keeping the training relevant for the less experienced shooters while maintaining the training value for the more experienced officers can be quite challenging."

The day started early as the range was prepped with targets and instructors. Class of 2012 Cadet Eric Gallagher and Class of 2014 Cadet Danny Freeman were the primary instructors with new team members from the Class of 2015, Cadets Judd Ford and Daniel Sales providing support. The CWT officer in charge, Maj. Benjamin Thirey, along with Sgt. 1st Class Sean McCracken and civilian coaches Craig Jackson and Gary

Salman provided oversight and additional instruction.

The training began with shooting fundamentals. Even though the majority of these officers have been serving as law enforcement for more than a decade, training always reverts to the fundamentals of marksmanship. If the fundamentals are not present, shooters will never achieve their full potential.

The morning agenda then shifted to accuracy. The shooters were coached to slow down and focus on each individual shot. Gradually, the officers added more complexity, engaging targets repeatedly from the draw. This is important to the safety of the officer. They do not walk around all day with their main weapons at the low ready and, if they need protection, it comes from the holster.

The afternoon training incorporated movement and scenarios. The officers were put into situations to help improve their reaction times, similar to what they may experience on patrol.

The final phase of instruction covered shooting in

low light situations. The low light/night training was praised the most from participants because the highest number of incidents happens late at night during routine stops and disturbance calls.

"Our departments do not have the facilities to accommodate such training, and this is the kind of training that saves lives," one officer commented at the conclusion of the training.

The Combat Weapons Team's mission is not to just become good shooters, but to become great teachers as well, for this skill will better them as Army leaders.

"The chance to be a primary instructor is both rewarding and challenging. It is very different when asked to teach a task instead of perform it," Class of 2012 Cadet Eric Gallagher said.

Whether the task is training law enforcement, helping West Point cadets earn their German Proficiency Badges, or teaching foreign weapons familiarization and utilization to cadets for military development, the CWT meets the challenge.

Cadet Activities Update

Baptist Student Union: Members of the Baptist Student Union recently traveled to Dallas, Pa., for a three-day retreat. They met with students from several area colleges to worship, study the book of Galatians and participate in fellowship activities.

Officers' Christian Fellowship: Fifty-five cadets recently attended the Fall Retreat at the White Sulphur Springs OCF Conference Center in Manns Choice, Pa.

Cadets grew in their faith in God and strengthened the Human Spirit Dimension of cadet development. They heard throughout the weekend from Pastor Robert Brown from North Carolina and learned from Ephesians. There were also 20 Coast Guard Academy cadets who attended the retreat.

Cadets had plenty of time to enjoy good Christian fellowship across the services and recreational activities such as hiking, horseback riding and playing pick-up games of football.

Water Polo: The Water Polo team had a great home tournament Oct. 15, going 2-0 with wins against the Coast Guard (15-4) and Navy (14-9). The tourney was preparation for the N.Y. State Tournament/Qualifier for Nationals Saturday and Sunday.

The highlight of the weekend was the team's defeat of the Navy Club Water Polo team.

Following the tournament, the team hosted a dinner at Benny's Lounge for the Coast Guard and Navy teams.

Cadets return to West Point as Ironmen

On Oct. 8, Class of 2014 Cadet Kelly Kingma and Class of 2012 Cadet Andrew Webster earned the title of Ironman at the KONA Ironman World Championship.

The event consisted of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run, for a total of 140.6 miles.

Kona is considered the toughest, hottest and windiest triathlon course in the world and West Point was the only military academy to have cadets who qualified.

Kingma was the youngest female and Webster was the fourth youngest male competitor at the event. Kingma finished 12th for females under 25 with a time of 11 hours, 8 minutes and Webster finished 31st for males under 25 with a time of 11 hours, 56 minutes.

On Oct. 16, the Triathlon Team competed in the Toga Duathlon in Nyack, N.Y., at the Rockland Lake State Park.

The West Point Team was led by Class of 2015 Cadet Rylan King during the first 5K, but once on the bike his classmate Cadet Brad Bachand surged to the front and held the lead for



Cadet Andrew Webster



Cadet Kelly Kingma

the rest of the day, finishing third overall.

The women were led into by Class of 2014 Cadet Rachel Philips throughout the entire course.

Class of 2015 Cadet Katie McCrum was on Philips' heels all day as the two finished second and third overall. The team was not only represented in the overall category, but they also swept the podium in their respective age groups.

West Point students recognized for Fire Prevention Week posters

The awards for best Fire Prevention Week posters were presented to the following West Point students:

Kindergarten: 1st, Gabriella Morris; 2nd, Ella Garcia; 3rd, Maxwell Jaffett. **Grade 1:** 1st, Caleb Radik; 2nd, Andrew Snel; 3rd, Brooke Banks. **Grade 2:** 1st, Gretchen Goethals, 2nd, Emma Bronikowski; 3rd, Samantha Reeves. **Grade 3:** 1st, Lily Jones; 2nd, Annie Wilkins; 3rd, Gavin Menhart. **Grade 4:** 1st, Lali Aguirre; 2nd, Mason Chambers; 3rd, Jared

West. **Overall Elementary School winners:** 1st, Lali Aguirre; 2nd, Caleb Radik; 3rd, Lily Jones; **Grade 5:** 1st, Blake Hales; 2nd, Thai Dodge; 3rd, Cynthia Kroeger; **Grade 6:** 1st, Caitlyn Speier; 2nd, Jake Burgess; 3rd, Chloe Schretzman; **Grade 7:** 1st, Nick Allen; 2nd, Denis Rosa; 3rd, Isaac Snel; **Grade 8:** 1st, Sarah Hann; 2nd, Ashley Mullaney; 3rd, Olivia Watts. **Overall Middle School winners:** 1st, Sarah Hann; 2nd, Blake Hales; 3rd, Nick Allen. Results were provided by the West Point Fire Department.



(Above, below) West Point Garrison leaders and Fire Department personnel visited the schools on post Oct. 5 to award students for creating the best posters during the Fire Prevention Week contest.

PHOTOS BY WEST POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT



Speaking of Fire Prevention...



T.J. Ayotte and Analyn Paul listen as firefighter Danny Hayes explained the heat sensor machine during a fire safety event Oct. 13 at Stony Lonesome II station for Fire Prevention Month. Firefighters also held a fire safety event at the West Point Middle and Elementary schools. Hayes had the children place their hands on the firetruck for a few minutes and used the heat sensor to show how the palm prints show up. This allows firefighters to locate items and people in a fire. If you missed it, see related story on page 7.

PHOTO BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

FMWR Blurbs

FMWR presents Camp Buckner's House of Horror

Join FMWR from 6-9 p.m. Friday at Camp Buckner off of Route 293 and see what lurks in the haunted house.

There will be kids' activities and refreshments too. Wear your Halloween costume and get a discount off admission.

Family members of deployed servicemembers can enjoy the activities for free as well as children five years old and under.

Open to the West Point, Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery communities.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Halloween Family Fun Night

A fun-filled Halloween Family Fun Night will be presented by the Army Family Team Building program from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at ACS Bldg. 622.

Join our AFTB staff for a Trick or Treat parade, Halloween crafts, Monster Cookie Station, games and prizes.

To register for the event, call 938-5654.

FMWR community swim program October hours of operation

The community swim program's hours of operation in October are:

- Monday through Saturday—noon-1:30 p.m. at Crandall Pool;
- Monday and Wednesday—6:30-8:30 p.m. at Crandall Pool;
- Closed during the home football game Oct. 29.

Check the information tape at 938-2985 for any changes to the schedule.

Hired! Program workshops

Teens ages 15-18 who are interested in working and meet the Hired! Program requirements can earn \$500 for working 15 hours a week for 12 consecutive weeks.

Hired! workshops are offered for free at the Youth Services Bldg. 500 from 3-5:30 p.m. ACS will be offering workshops Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

Interested teens can contact Marion DeClemente at 938-8889 or email marion.declemente@usma.edu.

Make a Difference Day

West Point's inaugural Make a Difference Day is scheduled Nov. 4.

Inspired by National Make a Difference Day, FMWR encourages community members to volunteer their time and work together to positively impact our community.

To sign up for a project or to discuss project ideas for your group or organization, contact Christina Overstreet at christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

Strong Spouses and Young Heroes Deployment Support Groups

New deployment support groups for spouses and children will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 by the ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program in Bldg. 622.

The Strong Spouses Journaling through Deployment group discovers how to record thoughts, special events and milestones while sharing your feelings about your deployment experience with others.

Meet new friends and learn about helpful resources.

The Young Heroes Learning about Deployment group helps children gain support and have fun while learning about life in Iraq and Afghanistan through deployment-related activities.

Military youth are taught and recognized as heroes through this support group.

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

Life EDGE! R.E.A.D.

The EDGE! program has partnered with Reading Education Assistance Dogs for children in grades 1-3 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov. 30 at the FMWR Training Center (Bldg. 695, Buckner Loop) for a nominal fee.

A CYSS membership is required. To enroll, go to Parent Central (Lee CDC, Bldg. 140, Buckner Loop) or call 938-4458/0939.

MST Center Open on early dismissal days

The West Point Middle School/Teen Center (MST Center) will open at 11 a.m. on

scheduled early dismissal days at the West Point Middle School for those 6-8 grade students registered with CYSS. A small fee is applicable.

Check with WPMS for their early dismissal dates.

For more information, call 938-8525/3727.

Part Day Preschool openings

The Lee Child Development Center currently has openings for its part-day Preschool five-day afternoon program from 1-4 p.m. This program is for children 3 years and older.

For more information, call 938-4458/0939.

NEW INFO

Bingo at the West Point Bowling Center

Bingo is coming to the West Point Bowling Center starting Monday.

For more information, call 938-2140.

West Point Club now serving dinner three nights a week

The West Point Club is now serving dinner from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday in the Pierce Dining Room.

Bring the whole family to experience the new menu created by Chef Dan.

For more information, visit the club's website at westpointmwr.com/club and check out the new dinner menu.

On Post Parent Education Opportunities

There will be parent education opportunities on post to include Navigating the Teen Years from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Lee Area CDC, Bldg. 140.

Parent education classes are offered through Parent and Outreach Services.

Many classes are offered on post and others are available through Orange County.

For more information, call Jodi Cabrera at 938-8899/3921.

CYSS Halloween Costume Party

West Point Child, Youth and School age Services is hosting a Halloween Costume Party from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Youth Center.

There will be food, games, activities and dancing, with prizes for the best costumes.

Open to all CYSS-registered youth in grades 6-12.

For more information, call 938-3727.

CDC Parent's Night Out

The Stony Child Development Center is holding a Parent's Night Out Nov. 4.

Drop off your child at Stony CDC at 6 p.m. and go out and enjoy yourself. Pick up is at 11 p.m. All children must be between 6 weeks to 10 years old and registered with CYSS to participate.

Reservations must be in by Oct. 28.

For more information, call 938-3921.

Fall Story Hour

The West Point Post Library will hold its fall story hour sessions at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 6.

The sessions are open to all West Point community children ages 3-5. The library is located at 622 Swift Road. Registration is required.

For more information, call 938-2974.

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career

ACS' Employment Readiness Program is hosting a free "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career" class from 9-11:30 a.m. Nov. 17 at the West Point Education Center.

The class is intended for officers and senior enlisted who plan on leaving the service within the next five years.

For more information, call 938-5658.

Art EDGE! Holiday Gifts

Art EDGE! for Kids "Make Holiday Gifts" for grades 1-5 will be held at 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays from Nov. 3-Dec. 1 for a nominal cost. Enroll at CYSS Parent Central at Lee CDC or call 938-4458.

Art EDGE! for Teens "Make Holiday Ornaments and a Gift" for grades 6-12 will be held at 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays from Nov. 2-30 at no cost.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central, the Youth Center or call 938-4458.

What's Happening

Pink Out at O'Neill High School

The O'Neill Volleyball Program will be hosting a 'Pink Out' game Friday. The O'Neill varsity volleyball team will be playing Liberty High School.

It will be the team's senior night along with a Breast Cancer fundraiser.

There will be no charge to attend, however, there will be a bake sale during the game along with raffles.

Donations will be both accepted and much appreciated.

October Motorcycle Safety Courses

The West Point Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Safety Course for cadets through Sunday.

For more information, call the West Point Safety Office at 938-3717.

West Point Diving Club

The West Point Diving Club is offering learn-to-dive lessons at Crandall Pool in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

All ages and experience levels are welcome. The ability to swim is a prerequisite.

Lessons are offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday. There are also noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Saturday lessons when available.

For more information, contact diving coach Ron Kontura at ron.kontura@usma.edu or 938-4207.

Combined Federal Campaign is underway

The West Point/Orange/Rockland/Sullivan 2011-12 Combined Federal Campaign began Oct. 10 and runs through Nov. 11.

This year's theme is "50 Years of Caring."

For further information, contact your agency keyworker or Joanne Nocton at 938-2331.

Scrapbooking events

Are you ready to scrapbook? Let's get together and have some fun. If you are interested in scrapbooking at West Point, email Suzanne Schultz at suzanne.marie.schultz@gmail.com.

Bowling league needs a male bowler

The West Point Monday Night Mixed Bowling League needs a male bowler to complete one of its teams.

If you are interested in having a fun night of bowling, contact Paul Merritt, league secretary, at 938-6239.

Free Computer Training

The Information, Education and Technology Division is offering free computer courses. The courses include Microsoft Office 2007 software such as Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and SharePoint 2010.

Other courses offered are Computer Hardware and Software Orientation and a Keyboard Typing Skills Lab. Courses are given in Jefferson Hall, fourth floor, Room 414 (IETD Classroom) through July 27, 2012.

Courses are open to cadets, USMAPS cadet candidates and computer users from any USMA activity.

For more information, call Thomas Gorman at 938-1186 or send an email to Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu.

For course dates, go to the IETD Course Calendar at <http://usma-portal/dean/staff/ietd/training/Pages/default.aspx>.

NEW INFO

Jewish Holiday Observance

In observance of the Jewish Holiday, Simchat Torah, the following services will be available at the Jewish Chapel:

Tonight—Simchat Torah Holiday evening worship at 7 p.m.;

Friday—Simchat Torah Holiday worship services at 11:30 a.m.

For any questions or further information, call the Jewish Chapel staff or Rabbi Felzenberg at 938-2710.

The chapel is located on post at 750 Merritt Road.

Men of Higher Ground Ministry's Father-Child Breakfast

The Men of Higher Ground Ministry's annual Father-Child Breakfast is scheduled for 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the West Point Club.

There will be a guest speaker, a drum circle and prayer during the breakfast.

The guest speaker is Tom Michaels Zahradnik, who is the CEO of Sound of Life Radio Network.

This is a free event for the West Point and surrounding community.

Email the number of guests in your party and reserve your space to anthony.johnson@usma.edu.

Book Signing

The Daughters of the U.S. Army Gift Shop will have "Old Grad" Capt. Preston Pysh here to sign copies of his highly acclaimed book, "The Diary of a West Point Cadet."

The signing will be held in the foyer of the West Point Museum from 9-11 a.m. Oct. 29 and from noon-2 p.m. Oct. 30.

Personally Owned Firearms Range

The West Point Range Control will host a Personally Owned Firearms Range from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 4-5.

The POF Range is located on Route 293 across from the Round Pond entrance.

Military personnel, family members, retirees and DoD civilian employees are authorized to participate. Authorized users must show proper identification.

Personnel attending this range must bring their own targets, hearing and eye protection.

For more information, call Alec Lazore at 938-3007.

Veterans Day assembly at the West Point Middle School

The annual Veterans Day assembly at the West Point Middle School is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. Nov. 10. The West Point community is invited to attend.

There will be a special dedication to the Buffalo Soldiers. Students will entertain our veterans with dancing, band selections and choral music.

Local veterans are invited to a reception prior to the assembly at noon in the West Point Middle School Library.

Call the school at 938-2923 or email Mary Coffey at mary.coffey@am.dodea.edu if you would like to attend.

West Point Band presents a Salute to Veterans

The West Point Band will host a celebration of America's citizen-soldiers throughout history in a Salute to Veterans at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 in Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

All musical elements of the West Point Band will come together as the Concert Band, Jazz Knights and the Hellcats perform historical music from times of conflict.

The performance will showcase how music has been used in the history of the military. Fifes and drums will recreate the sounds of the Civil War, while popular music from World War II to the present will highlight the songs that servicemembers have enjoyed.

Dancers onstage will add to the nostalgia as they perform well-known dances associated with the songs from various periods of military history.

Free tickets can be downloaded at westpointband.com or picked up at the following locations: West Point Visitors Center, West Point Museum, Eisenhower Hall Box Office, Hotel Thayer, FMWR and Egner Hall (Bldg. 685).

Free ticket locations outside of West Point include WHUD (Beacon), Mix 97.7 (Poughkeepsie) and the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor (New Windsor).

For tickets by mail, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: West Point Band, Attn: Veterans Day Tickets, 685 Hardee Place, West Point, N.Y., 10996

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com.

Army hosting viewing party for Vanderbilt game

Army football fans who are unable to see Saturday's game at Vanderbilt can view it at Michie Stadium.

The event is free and open to the public.

The gates open at 6:30 p.m., with the scheduled kickoff at 7 p.m. Fans are welcome to watch the game from the field or the stands. Concessions will be available.

DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
West Point, NY

Sobriety Checkpoint



Friday and Saturday

Taking back unwanted prescription drugs

Submitted by Keller Army Community Hospital

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 28, the Army Substance Abuse Program and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring medications for disposal to The Exchange at 1204 Stony Lonesome Access. For more information, call 446-5446. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of

prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Last April, Americans turned in 376,593 pounds—188 tons—of prescription drugs at nearly 5,400 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners.

Keller Corner

Flu Vaccine Information Line

KACH Department of Primary Care has a scheduled beneficiary flu drive for all eligible beneficiaries and retirees. The drive is scheduled from 3-7 p.m. Nov. 3.

The flu drive will be conducted in the Primary Care/Family Practice Clinic at KACH. No appointments are necessary.

Laser Vision Correction Surgery for Active Duty

The KACH Refractive Surgery Clinic is now offering laser vision correction surgery to eligible active duty servicemembers on a year-round basis.

Attendance at a refractive surgery seminar is mandatory prior to making a preoperative appointment.

The next seminar is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in Thayer Hall,

Room 144.

For detailed information on getting started, visit the clinic's website at http://kach.amedd.army.mil/index/clinics/CRESP_Home.html or call 938-2207.

Bariatric Surgery Support Group

Have you had or are you considering bariatric surgery? If so, join the Bariatric Support Group at Keller Army Community Hospital. Meetings are held once per month. The next meeting is scheduled for noon Nov. 8.

Join us as we discuss ways to enjoy holiday eating in a healthier way.

For more information, contact the Nutrition Care Division at 938-6661.



Sumo Dashing

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center held its Monster Dash 5K Oct. 15. Runners, many donned in Halloween costumes, braved the strong winds and enjoyed a shotgun start executed by NFL Hall of Famer Franco Harris. Top 5K runners at the event were Martin Tyce (male category) with a time of 19:57, Erin Mauldin (female category) with a time of 22:34, Carl Tyce (boy, age 11) with a time of 25:24 and Chloe Thompson (girl, age 6) with a time of 36:02. KAYLA VANDERBERG/DFMWR

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—The Help, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Colombiana, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—The Debt, R, 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 28—Warrior, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29—Apollo 18, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29—The Help, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Oct. 20-27

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Oct. 27
 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Oct. 27
 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

LifeWorks at Balfour Beatty Communities

- **Best Decorated Halloween House:** Decorate your home and yard for Halloween and possibly win a prize. Nominate your house or another's by email to Jodi Gellman.

Judging will take place at registered homes starting at 5 p.m. Oct. 27. Winners will be selected and prizes awarded Oct. 28.

For more information, call Jodi Gellman, LifeWorks coordinator, at 446-6407 or email her at jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

- **Halloween Trick or Treat:** Trick or treating on post takes place from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 31.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/ECS

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2 Difficulty: Medium

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

Volleyball defeats Colgate, now tied for first

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

The Army volleyball team moved into a first-place tie with defending champion American after a 3-2 victory Oct. 15 at Colgate. Sophomore middle blocker Megan Wilton, junior outside hitter Ariana Mankus and sophomore outside hitter Margaux Jarka combined for 55 kills as the Black Knights escaped with a hard-fought victory.

Wilton led the way with 19 kills and a .417 hitting percentage. Mankus and Jarka totaled 18 kills apiece and both finished with a double-double contributing 15 and 11 digs, respectively. The Black Knights hit for a .211 percentage as a team, while freshman setter Mary Vaccaro led all players with 56 assists.

Army won the opening set 25-19 before Colgate won the next two sets to take a 2-1 lead. The Black Knights dominated Colgate in a 25-14 fourth set and followed with a 15-11 triumph in the fifth set.

Lehigh downed American 3-0 to hand the Eagles their first Patriot League loss. Army and American closed the weekend tied atop the league standings with 6-1 conference records.

"I'm so proud of how our team fought tonight," head coach Alma Kovaci, who guided her team to a 3-0 win Oct. 14 at Bucknell, said. "To come out of this weekend with two wins is huge. It's a long road trip against two very good teams. Colgate in particular has become one of the top teams in the conference each year. This was a big win for us."

The teams tied 42 times and changed leads 20 times throughout the two-hour-plus affair. After being tied at 5-5 early in the match, the Black Knights went ahead for good at 6-5 on a Jarka kill. The Black Knights led 13-7 on a Wilton kill and the team never looked back. The Raiders got within two (14-12), but Army proceeded to go on a 6-2 run and take a 20-14 lead. Mankus highlighted the spurt with back-to-back service aces.

The teams tied 10 times in the second set before Colgate tied the match at 1-1 with a 25-20 win. After a back-and-forth battle to start the set, the Black Knights got consecutive Mankus kills late to pull within 21-19, but the Raiders responded with a 4-1 run to end the set.

Momentum shifted in Colgate's direction after the Raiders edged Army 25-23 in the third set and took a 2-1 lead in in the match. In a third set that featured 16 ties and eight lead changes, neither team led by more than three points the entire way. Army went on top 18-15 midway through the contest, but the Raiders bounced back to level the score at 18-18. The score tied five more times before Colgate broke a 23-23 tie with a kill and service ace to end the set.

The fourth set belonged to Army as the Black Knights stayed alive with a 25-14 win. Army led nearly the entire way, but it was a decisive 11-4 Black Knight run that sealed the deal midway through the action.

Indicative of a back-and-forth match, the fifth set mirrored the match's entirety. After playing through seven tie scores, Army broke a 10-10 tie with a 5-1 run to end the match. Wilton had two kills and assisted Vaccaro on a block during the match-ending surge.

Army improved to 15-6 overall and 6-1 in conference play. Colgate dropped to 9-12 and 5-2 in the Patriot League. Lindsay Young led the Raiders with 18 kills and four total blocks.



Freshman setter Mary Vaccaro (#8) led all players with 56 assists against Colgate Oct. 15 as Army defeated the Raiders three games to two to move into a first-place tie with American on top of the Patriot League.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

Rifle outpoints Mississippi, earns weekend sweep

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Army's rifle team is off to a 2-0 start following a 4,649-4,625 decision over the University of Mississippi in a Great America Rifle Conference match Oct. 9 in closing out its trip to Oxford, Miss. The Black Knights defeated GARC rival Memphis, 4,663-4,605, Oct. 8 at the Patricia C. Lamar National Guard Readiness Center in its opener.

Sophomore Michael Matthews claimed medalist honors in smallbore firing a 584 with junior Will Mengon earning runner-up (579) as the Black Knights captured four of the top five individual places. Senior Kelly Buck and sophomore Joe Todaro tied for fourth place with identical 576's as Army compiled a four-man 2,315 composite in outpointing the

Rebels by 20 points.

Emma Holman, competing individually for Ole Miss, was the high shooter in air rifle with a 587 to edge Buck and sophomore Richard Calvin by a point for that honor.

Matthews registered a 584 to finish fifth with sophomore Zachary Wells rounding out Army's four-man scoring unit with a 578 as the Black Knights (2-0, 2-0 GARC) edged the Rebels by four points (2,334-2,330) for their second sweep of the weekend.

"I was very pleased with today's win over Ole Miss," head coach Ron Wigger said. "We redeemed ourselves after losing to them last year.

"We posted a top NCAA score this weekend with a 4,663 against Memphis on Saturday, which I believe is the second highest mark fired this season," he added. "It was a great way

to start off the season with a pair of conference wins."

The Black Knights, off to their first 2-0 start since the 2009-10 season, returns to action Saturday when the team heads to Morgantown, W.Va., to take on the defending GARC champion University of West Virginia Mountaineers.

West Virginia was runner-up to GARC rival Kentucky at last year's NCAA Tournament and was picked third in the College Rifle Coaches Association preseason poll.

Army and Mississippi were picked seventh and eighth, respectively, with defending national champion and GARC runner-up Kentucky ranked No. 1. TCU, the 2010 NCAA champion, was picked second with Alaska-Fairbanks and Murray State rounding out the top five places.

Army will compete against that group during the course of the season.

Army returns to action and faces SEC opponent Vanderbilt

By Army Athletic Communications

The Black Knights (2-4) come off their first bye week of the 2011 season with their second straight road game. Army heads to Nashville, Tenn., to face Vanderbilt (3-3) at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The game will be televised by ESPN2 with Clay Matvick doing the play-by-play and Brian Griese providing the color analysis.

Listen to the game on the radio on the Army Sports Network.

Hear all the action on WABC 770-AM New York, WALL 1340-AM Middletown, WEOK 1390-AM Poughkeepsie or Sirius Satellite Radio (Channel 134).

Rich DeMarco will provide the play-by-play action while Dean Darling provides the color commentary.

Coaching Match Up

- Army head coach Rich Ellerson
Alma Mater: Hawai'i, 1977
3rd Season at Army (14-17, .452)
12th Season Overall (74-58 .561)
Record vs. Vanderbilt: 1-0
- Miami head coach James Franklin
Alma Mater: East Stroudsburg, 1995
1st season at Vanderbilt (3-3, .500)
1st season Overall (3-3, .500)
Record vs. Army: 0-0

Black Knights Recap

• Army is still looking for its first victory of the season away from West Point after having dropped three straight on opponents' home fields.

• The Commodores are Army's second opponent this season that plays in a BCS automatic-qualifying conference. The Black Knights upended Big Ten foe Northwestern Sept. 17, marking the third straight year they have beaten an AQ opponent.

Army has never defeated two teams from BCS leagues in the same season.

• Army has run for at least 300 yards in



Sophomore running back Raymond Maples has three straight 100-yard games to give him 534 yards rushing this season.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

each of the first six games. It is the program's longest run since the 1996 team reached that plateau in eight straight outings to start that season.

• The Black Knights enter Saturday's tilt against the Commodores as the nation's No. 1 ranked rushing offense with a 361.33 yards-per-game average. Army will face a stiff test in Nashville. The Commodores are ranked 27th in the country against the run, giving up only 109.67 yards per game.

• Sophomore running back Raymond Maples has led the Army ground game over the last four games, averaging 118.0 yards per game, including three straight 100-yard games. A 100-yard effort by Maples against the Commodores would tie the academy record.

Junior fullback Jared Hassin was the last Army player to do it, reaching 100 rushing yards in four straight games last season.

• While Maples has been on a tear lately, junior quarterback Trent Steelman is still the team's leading rusher at 536 yards. His 11 rushing touchdowns far and away lead the Black Knights and are the most by any quarterback in the nation this season.

He ranks tied for fifth overall nationally in that category.

• Defensively, senior linebacker Steven Erzinger leads the team and is 12th nationally with 10.67 tackles per game. Erzinger also leads the Black Knights with 7 1/2 tackles for loss and three sacks.

Scouting the Commodores

• Vanderbilt head coach James Franklin is in his first season on the Commodores' sideline and his first season as a head coach. Franklin spent the previous three seasons as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at Maryland.

In February 2009, he was designated as Ralph Friedgen's successor, but left the Terrapins for Nashville in December 2010. Franklin also served as offensive coordinator at Kansas State (2006-07).

• The Commodores have lost three straight games, all versus SEC opponents. Vanderbilt lost its last game, 33-28, versus Georgia. The Bulldogs raced out to a 23-7 lead, but the Commodores closed to within five points at 26-21. The two teams exchanged touchdowns in the fourth quarter to set the final margin. Zac Stacy ran for 97 yards and a score, while Andre Hal added a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

• Offensively, Vanderbilt is averaging 261.83 yards and 21.67 points per game. The Commodores run for 129.33 yards and throw for another 132.5 yards per contest. Stacy is the team's leading rusher at 63.5 yards per game, while Jerron Seymour has a team-best three rushing touchdowns. Larry Smith and Jordan Rogers have split the quarterbacking duties. Smith has completed 57.3 percent of his throws (59-103) for 481 yards and three scores and five interceptions, while Rodgers is 24-for-51 (47.1 percent) for 236 yards and a touchdown. Jonathan Krause is the Commodores' top receiver with 20 catches for 108 yards.

• The Commodores are 26th in the nation in total defense, allowing only 329.83 yards per game and rank 37th in the country in scoring defense at just 21.67 points per game.

Chris Marve paces the team with 46 tackles. Tim Fugger leads the team with eight tackles for loss and is tied with Rob Lohr for tops on the team's quarterback sacks list with three.

Lasting Impression

• The Black Knights and Commodores have split the first eight meetings in the all-time series. Army evened the series at 4-4 with a 16-13 overtime win at Michie Stadium Oct. 10, 2009.

Army Inline Hockey Team sweeps opening weekend

Submitted by Army Inline Hockey Public Affairs Division

Points abounded for the Army Inline Hockey Team in Feasterville, Pa., as they outscored their opponents by a combined total of 21-9 in a three-game sweep Oct. 8-9.

Aside from Sophomore Jonathan Roman's nine points on the weekend (3 goals, 6 assists), the scoring was spread almost evenly throughout the lineup, as nearly every player contributed to Army's strong preseason performance.

The Pride and Dream on Wheels opened up the weekend against the University of Rhode Island Rams. Senior captain, Matthew Riopelle (3 goals), wasted no time as he scored 15 seconds into the first period, paving the way for the rest of the Black Knights to put up a total of nine goals throughout the rest of the game. Riopelle would score again in the second period, which led to his selection as the game's first star.

Freshman William Jacques made his presence known as

he also scored two goals in his first appearance for the Army team, earning him the second star of the game. Army gave a strong defensive showing against the Rams, giving up a total of eight shots against in their 9-1 victory of Rhode Island.

West Point's next game proved to be a more difficult test, as they faced off against the University of New York at Buffalo Wings. Sophomore goaltender Michael Lesmeister, dominated his crease as he posted a .944 save percentage, giving up only two goals on 18 shots.

Senior defenseman Zachary Ciampa led Army's scoring with two goals in the first period, receiving both opportunities on assists from Roman. Army would hold on to this lead throughout the rest of the game, scoring two more goals in the second period. They again thrived on a strong defensive performance, exemplified the backchecking efforts of junior forward Brett Kroll, who thwarted multiple odd-man rushes with exceptional speed and hustle.

Finally, the Black Knights finished the weekend in a virtual

shootout against the Neumann Knights. Army's scoring was led by junior forwards Francesco Candelfmo (3 goals, 1 assist) and Zachary Engen (2 goals) and sophomore forward Jeff Lesmeister (3 goals, 2 assists), who each put up two goals in the game. Senior goaltender Tony Day came off the disabled list to start in his first contest of the season.

Army went into the first intermission with a 3-1 lead on goals by Candelfmo, Roman and Lesmeister. After each team added a tally in the second period, the third involved nail-biting back-and-forth action as Neumann scored twice following Candelfmo's second goal early in the period. Army finally put the game out of reach when Lesmeister put up his second of the game only 20 seconds after a Riopelle powerplay goal. The only dark cloud over the weekend occurred when Army suffered a serious loss in the first shift against Buffalo, when senior forward Todd Graham, one of last year's top scorers, suffered a broken wrist. His return is tentatively placed at six-to-eight weeks.