



Class of 2012 cadets branching Field Artillery selected their first assignments in order of merit (ranking) inside Randall Hall Auditorium Feb. 2 during Post Night. Maj. Gen. Dave Halvorsen, commanding general of the Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Okla., spoke to the cadets afterward. **DEB DALTON/WEST POINT**

POST NIGHT

Class of 2012 select first duty assignments

By **Kathy Eastwood**
Staff Writer

With a little more than three months until graduation, the Class of 2012 cadets waited in anticipation to select their first duty assignments for their branch affiliation at Post Night Feb. 2.

Cadets, organized by branch, gathered at locations throughout West Point after considering the top three posts and units they would like to begin their service as second lieutenants.

Those highest in the order of merit—or standing among their peers—had the advantage of choosing the earliest that evening and, at most places, the decision was made by selecting the post off the wall. As the walls became bare, cadets grew anxious to get their chance to choose. Some cadets decided to opt for adding additional years of service in order to improve the chance of receiving a choice assignment.

U.S. Corps of Cadets Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Burnett spoke with the future engineer officers briefly before they selected their duty assignments.

“It doesn’t matter where you go,” he said.

“No matter where you go, you will be leading Soldiers.”

Burnett also advised them to join the Army Engineering Association.

“There’s a couple of engineering associations I belong to, but the AEA is us, the Army,” Burnett said.

Some cadets were not particularly worried about getting their first choice, even if they were not in high standing.

Class of 2012 Cadet Antuan Aaron, a native of Dallas, was hoping for an assignment close to home. He particularly wanted to begin his career in Air Defense at Fort Hood, Texas.

“I want to work on Patriot Missiles,” he said. “I have a lot of family in Texas and it will be good to go back home. I think I have a good chance of getting to Fort Hood.”

The most popular assignments in the engineer branch fall within the “Golden Triangle.”

“The golden triangle includes Hawaii, Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort Carson, Colo.,” Maj. Matthew Chase, the engineer branch representative and instructor at the Department of Military Instruction, said.

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Class of 2012 Cadet Amado Gonzalez picks Hawaii as his first duty assignment choice during Post Night Feb. 2. He will begin his career as an Army engineer. Gonzalez will attend the Basic Officer Leader Course before arriving at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. **KATHY EASTWOOD/PV**

African American/Black History Month



**African American/Black History Month
"Black Women in American History and Culture"**

February 2012

African American women have played a vital role in the history of our Nation and our Army since the American Revolution. Their patriotism, loyalty and leadership, coupled with their hard work, intellect and artistic expression, have enriched the African American community and the Nation as a whole. In slavery and freedom, their struggles have been at the heart of the human experience, and their fight against racism and sexism serve as a testament to their perseverance to overcome adversity.

From Harriet Tubman, a leader and conductor of the Underground Railroad, to Rosa Parks, the mother of the modern Civil Rights Movement, to First Lady Michelle Obama, these courageous women serve as role models for all to emulate. The Army has also benefitted from the leadership, intelligence and contributions of the African American women in our ranks, and today we celebrate the recent promotion of Major General Marcia Anderson, the Army's first African American female Two Star General and recognize Ms. Tracey Pinson, the Army's highest ranking female African American Senior Executive Service member. These women, and so many others, are expressions of a vibrant culture in which African American women play a critical role in the strength of this Nation and our Army.

We are grateful for the sacrifices and contributions African American Women, Soldiers, Civilians and Families have played in our success. We encourage the entire Army Family to honor publicly their contributions by encouraging all leaders from across the Army to plan and execute appropriate commemorative activities to celebrate African American/Black History Month.

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Events to honor Black History Month on post

Staff Reports

The West Point Jazz Knights will celebrate Black History Month with a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in Eisenhower Hall.

The concert will feature special guest Michael Cuscuna and the monumental music of historic Blue Note Records.

Free tickets can be downloaded from the West Point Band website at www.usma.edu/band/.

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will be hosting this year's African American/Black History Month observance from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Robinson Auditorium.

The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Marcia Anderson, U.S. Army Human Resources Command's deputy commanding general and the Army's first-ever female African-American officer to obtain the rank of major general.

The theme for this year's event is "Black Women in American Culture, History and the Military."

There will be educational and entertaining performances by the Cadet African American Arts Forum and the Cadet Gospel Choir, as well as food sampling.

The event is free.

Visit the Army.mil website to learn more about Black History Month including a timeline, profiles in bravery and other resources at www.army.mil/africanamericans/.

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Class of 2014 celebrate Yearling Winter Weekend



Ambassador Dell Dailey was the guest speaker at the annual Yearling Winter Weekend Banquet Feb. 4 held at Washington Hall. Dailey is a 1971 graduate of West Point and spoke to the yearlings about his years here, along with a few experiences in his 36 years of active duty.

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Class of 2014 celebrated a cadet milestone Feb. 4 at the annual Yearling Winter Weekend.

It's not a significant countdown like the recent 500th Night for the Class of 2013 or the upcoming 100th Night for firsties, but similar to those it allows yearlings a chance to plan and execute an event that includes the Dean's reception, banquet and the traditional hop.

"The class officers begin planning for YWW in October, this phase of the planning includes picking class mementos, dinner menu and the guest speaker," Class of 2014 Cadet Kathryn Knapp said. "This year we wanted to go back to the traditional hop and get away from the high school prom feel. We picked the Benny Havens Band and contacted them to develop a set list."

Knapp said this is the first time the yearlings have had to work at such a large degree on a class weekend.

"Usually we could get away with using last year's slides or formatting for the evening, but this year we started everything from scratch," Knapp said.

The guest speaker for the event was Ambassador Dell Dailey, a 1971 graduate of West Point. Dailey served in the State Department as the coordinator for counterterrorism, charged with coordinating and supporting the development and implementation of U.S. government policies and programs aimed at countering terrorism overseas. He also was the principal advisor to the former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and President Bill Clinton on international counterterrorism matters.

Dailey amused the yearlings by mentioning his old company F-3 and talking about his less than stellar West Point experience.

"Frankly, I cannot understand how you selected me as a speaker or why you selected me as a speaker," Dailey joked. "I

hated every day here except for graduation. That was (when) the night before I missed a TAC inspection, misplaced my Corvette and went to my graduation unshaven."

The class chose Dailey as speaker because of his work in counterterrorism.

"The class liked that he has a lot of experience in counterterrorism," Maj. Jeffrey Pickler, Class of 2014 officer-in-charge, said. "He has a unique background in counterterrorism, which the yearlings may be facing as lieutenants."

The evening began with the Dean's reception for cadets escorting officers and distinguished guests.

Many cadets were headed off to New York after the Hop or to other places, but some stayed home to complete projects or study.

Class of 2014 Cadet Brett Costabile, a cadet with prior service experience, escorted Lt. Col. Michele Thompsonshoats, regimental tactical officer for 1st Regiment.

"I still have some studying to do and I'm working on a software project," Costabile said. "I have a software program up, but it's only a chat room right now."

Yearling Damon Paulo, on the other hand, had plans after the hop.

"A lot of us rented a house upstate," he said. "We will go up there tonight and just hang out. We will be back in time for the big game Sunday."

Paulo said he would like to branch combat arms and later come back to West Point to teach.

The banquet began with a toast to the President of the United States, to the United States Army, to the military academy and to the ladies. It ended with a silent toast to fallen comrades keeping in mind the lone table with a white tablecloth, inverted glass, salt and a rose symbolizing those who are no longer here and a toast to the Class of 2014, "Forever One Team."

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Engineering is one of the branches that has gender specific duty assignments. The cards that cadets selected had pink or blue tabs on them to indicate which posting was gender specific.

Class of 2012 Cadet Laura Yeungert was eager to pick the only Fort Stewart card with a pink tab because she has family in Georgia and a sister attending school in North Carolina.

Yeungert said she enjoys the physical, hands-on nature of Army engineering and didn't think there was any concern going into Post Night.

"I'm not aware of another female who wants that post, so I don't think I have to worry," Yeungert, whose parents and brother also graduated from West Point, said.

She got it. And Class of 2012 Cadet Maxwell McDonnell got his first choice as well.

"I'm going to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii," the future combat engineer said. "I'm from California and it's closer to home."

To see a glimpse of Post Night, visit the West Point Association of Graduates website for photos and a video at www.westpointaog.org/page.aspx?pid=3284, or visit www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/ for a PAO photo gallery.



Class of 2014 cadets and their dates attend the Dean's reception at Cullum Hall Feb. 4 before the Yearling Winter Weekend Banquet at Washington Hall. The banquet featured Ambassador Dell Dailey as the guest speaker followed by the traditional hop at Eisenhower Hall with the Benny Havens Band providing music.

Lecture presents nuclear challenges to cadets

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Is America ready for a nuclear renaissance? This was the topic presented Feb. 2 at Eisenhower Hall for nearly 1,100 cadets enrolled in general and advanced chemistry courses.

Lending an authoritative voice to the subject was Dr. Sue Clark, a regents professor and tenured faculty member at Washington State University. Clark, a fellow of the American Chemical Society, was appointed in July 2011 by the president to serve on the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board which advises Congress and the Secretary of Energy.

Understanding nuclear chemistry and its uses in weapon and energy applications is one of the goals within the core chemistry program at West Point.

The evening's lecture provided cadets with an opportunity to connect course material with the current policy, developments and application of nuclear energy, which Clark discussed in broad terms.

"With these big societal problems, I'm going to be talking at the 30,000 foot view level, but the devil is in the technical details," Clark told the audience, largely from the Class of 2015. "We need very strong chemists, physicists and chemical engineers. So as you think about your majors and what you want to do with your life, I hope you think about some of the opportunities in the technical challenges, discoveries and excitement many of us feel who work in this particular area."

Clark said nuclear energy is and will continue to be a part of the U.S. and global energy mix, so the challenges and risks regarding waste disposal, reduction and proliferation is as relevant as ever. The disaster at the Fukushima reactor facility in Japan illustrated the need for stronger safety mechanisms within the global nuclear industry, Clark said.

"The problem with nuclear is an accident anywhere is an accident everywhere," she said. "When the meltdown occurred, there

was this injection of radioactivity into the atmosphere, carried by atmospheric currents across the ocean and was soon detected over Washington State, California and New Mexico within 48 hours of the event."

Clark said nuclear power is the key to China's energy future and the biggest growth in nuclear energy will come from that country. Yet, the aftermath of the Fukushima disaster gave them reason to pause, Clark said.

"They had such a tremendous ambition and had been moving their programs forward very quickly," Clark said.

Clark also presented the idea of nuclear being a green energy. Knowing that significant amounts of spent energy exist within the spent fuel, the idea of sustainable fuel cycles requires a way to draw the useful material and return it into the fuel cycle to create a sustainable fuel cycle.

"When you think about nuclear in that way then you can imagine that nuclear is a cleaner part of an overall energy portfolio compared to using fossil fuels,"

Clark said.

There were no shortage of questions from cadets following the lecture, and more than a dozen held court with Clark for nearly an hour after her presentation.

Among them was Class of 2015 Cadet Brandon Woolf, who said Clark emphasized that the cadets asking the questions about energy today will be responsible for providing the answers in the future.

"She was concise and informative and she really made us think about our role as the future leaders of the Army and the nation," Woolf said.

Woolf said the lecture furthered his understanding of America's energy requirements and that current practices regarding nuclear energy are not conducive to creating a more sustainable society.

"I think what was so encouraging about that was (the cadets') questions generally centered on their role as future leaders in the public discourse," Maj. John Schmitt, Department of Chemistry and Life Science assistant professor, said. "They weren't asking about how to pass this class or how to



Dr. Sue Clark, a tenured professor at Washington State University, spoke with nearly 1,100 cadets Feb. 2 at Eisenhower Hall where she lectured on nuclear energy.



After the lecture and question-and-answer session, Dr. Sue Clark and a group of cadets discussed nuclear energy for nearly an hour at Eisenhower Hall Feb. 2.

use this information for the short-term. They were really thinking about how they are going to affect policy at some point on some level and how this subject will affect them."

The subject matter was timely, Schmitt said, and ties in with the Department of Chemistry and Life Science's intent to bring a running dialogue of energy production, consumption and conservation into the classroom.

"And we can do that knowing full well that most of the students in general chemistry won't necessarily become chemical engineering majors," Schmitt said. "But this gives them just that breath of scientific literacy which is one of our course goals."

With West Point selected as one of the Net Zero Energy pilot installations and

the academy's involvement with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiatives, the hope is to keep the conversation going, Schmitt said.

"The issues surrounding energy are clearly complicated," Schmitt said. "But the more viewpoints and the more facts we give cadets, the better they will be prepared to meet future challenges."

The energy conversation will be ongoing for the foreseeable future, Schmitt said, and lectures like the one Clark presented help keep cadets current.

"The topics surrounding energy are scientific conversations by nature and it is critical that the future leaders of America have the foundational tools to understand and explore them," Schmitt said.

Uthlaut among nominees for Spouse of the Year

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Happy for the chance to compete and gracious in defeat, Haley Uthlaut, a West Point spouse and Class of 2004 graduate, was among the nominees selected to represent the Army in the 2012 Military Spouse of the Year competition.

The results were posted online Tuesday and declared El Brown from Monterey, Calif., as the Army finalist who will compete against spouses from the other five military branches.

"I was honored and humbled for being nominated and excited for the opportunity to raise awareness for military spouse employment," Uthlaut said.

Uthlaut, wife of Maj. David Uthlaut, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership assistant professor, is the executive director and co-founder of In Gear Career. The non-profit organization focuses on employment opportunities for military spouses with college degrees or professional career backgrounds.

"By improving the employment situation for spouses, I hope to improve the quality of life for our military families. I aspire to help make spouses more resilient, happy, satisfied and financially independent, which will have positive impacts on retention and the quality of the force as well," Uthlaut posted on her competition web page.

A mother of one, "with one on the way," Uthlaut became interested in military spouse employment while studying at the University

of North Carolina.

"As an MBA student, I found out that very few resources are out there for military spouses," she said. "Many spouses are unable to find employment appropriate to their level of education."

Uthlaut also works with other non-profit and advocacy organizations, as well as with the government, to ensure the focus of military spouse employment is for all spouses and not just for those seeking entry-level employment."

"We are also working with J.P. Morgan about creating a military spouse employee initiative and creating relationships with other employers," she said.

In Gear offers career builder programs, résumé writing, networking and mentorship. The In Gear website at www.ingearcareer.org also offers a Community of Practices forum that will develop shared resources, experiences, tools, stories and members can offer tricks of the trade, tips and best practices.

Uthlaut was nominated to compete for Military Spouse of the Year by the In Gear Career board members. The fifth annual competition is sponsored by the Armed Forces Insurances and presented by Military Spouse Magazine.

Another round of voting begins Tuesday to identify one overall winner as the 2012 Military Spouse of the Year at www.milspouse.com/msoy.

The overall winner of the award will be announced at the MSOY Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C., May 10.



Haley Uthlaut was nominated to represent the Army in the 2012 Military Spouse of the Year competition. To learn more about Uthlaut, visit <http://msoy.milspouse.com/ViewProfile.aspx?id=387>.

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Cadets put best projects forward for annual Soldier Design Competition

By Lt. Col. Bruce Floersheim and Joanna Wade

On Jan. 27, nine teams of cadets presented their projects as candidates for entry into the MIT-West Point 9th annual Soldier Design Competition. The competition seeks development of engineering solutions that will support the Soldier or first responder needs. The Center for Innovation and Engineering is the current West Point host and liaison with MIT for the preparation and assessment of the cadet teams.

The teams presented their projects in front of Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin, the senior enlisted advisor to the commanding general, Research, Development and Engineering Command, and to the Corps of Cadets Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Burnett.

These two combat veterans provided students excellent feedback on their projects and gained increased understanding of the scope of some of the project work currently underway at West Point in support of Army needs, and of the extent to which many departments are linked to Army Research and Development organizations.

This initial briefing was the first of three main events that occur between January and April in determining which teams will be recognized for their efforts at the final competition April 18.

The competition at the MIT campus in Cambridge, Mass., will be judged by a panel which typically includes the RDECOM commanding general.

West Point teams in 2010-11 earned \$9,000 in cash prizes and took home first place in the competition.

The top project, a modification to the Hesco-Barrier system of fortification, has already undergone live fire testing and evaluation by the Army as it is under consideration for possible fielding in the near future.

The student teams this year represent four academic departments including Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Systems Engineering, Chemistry and Life Sciences, and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

This year's group of teams represents a very strong field of projects which include:

- Adaptive Hearing Protection System (Civil and Mechanical Engineering);
- On-Demand Thermal Protection (C&ME);
- Waste Heat Take-Off System (C&ME);
- Bio-mechanical Energy Harvester (C&ME);
- Rapidly Deployable Fighting Position (C&ME);
- Soldier Support Team (C&ME);
- Cellular Platform for Dismounted Coalition Command and Control (Systems Engineering);
- Diagnostics on Demand (Chemistry and Life Science);
- Intelligent Load Management System (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science).

Boxing, Admissions team up in Chicago

By Capt. Lauren Gore and 1st Lt. Kelson Lumpkin
USMA Admissions

In an effort to reach out into new communities in novel ways, the U.S. Military Academy Admissions Department teamed up with the West Point Boxing Team for a weekend of events on the South Side of Chicago.

The first of two events was a series of

community boxing matches featuring seven fighters from West Point's Boxing Team.

The four-time boxing national champions, coached by Dr. Ray Barone, fought with Golden Glove contenders hailing from six local boxing clubs. West Point won four of the bouts and had a huge impact on the nearly 250 spectators in attendance.

This audience had virtually no exposure to West Point prior to this event and walked away thoroughly impressed with the physical

pro prowess and determination of the cadets.

A snowy evening delayed the fights for over an hour, and the final match did not conclude until nearly midnight. However the cadets, led by Class of 2012 Cadets Ryan Johnson, Paul Bryant, Andre Shinda and Zoar Morales, rallied the team together for a South Side Chicago Community Outreach event the next morning.

Envisioned by the Admissions Department and organized by the efforts of local field force members, the West Point Boxing Team hosted a boxing clinic for middle and high school students.

The Boxing Team taught the basics of

boxing and shared their stories as to why they chose to attend West Point.

The success of this event provides many future opportunities in the area. The exposure to the local community via the boxing tournament and the clinic provided immediate interest and requests for both Admissions and Army Boxing to return to the area as soon as possible.

Army Boxing and the Department of Admissions also partnered in a similar event last October in Detroit. Both events have set the stage for a systematic and sustainable model for West Point to engage thousands of potential candidates.



Class of 2014 Cadets Gavin Chapman and Kevin Ross work with a Chicago middle school student on the fundamentals of boxing. PHOTO COURTESY OF WAYNE COUNTY



Class of 2012 Cadet Ryan Johnson speaks with a Detroit high school junior about the West Point experience. PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2012 CADET ANDRE SHINDA



Members of the West Point Model UN Team enjoyed a successful trip to Montreal Jan. 26-29. COURTESY PHOTO

Model UN Team places first

By Class of 2012 Cadet Elizabeth Constantino
West Point Model UN Team

Eleven members of the West Point Model United Nations Team traveled to McGill University in Montreal to compete in a Model United Nations simulation Jan. 26-29.

The conference helped develop each cadet's understanding of international relations and diplomacy; enhance each cadet's public speaking, debating and diplomacy skills; and promote greater civil-military relationship with several hundred students from universities around the world.

The West Point Model United Nations Team came in first place overall with several individual awards.

The awardees were as follows: Best Delegate (1st Place): Class of 2012 Cadet Elizabeth Constantino, representing

Abdulqader Mohammed Al-Baghdadi in the Triple Joint Crisis: Libyan Government; Outstanding Delegate (2nd Place): Class of 2013 Cadet William Dickson, representing Deputy Commissioner of Trials: Martin G. Karopkin in NYPD; Honorable Mention (3rd Place): Class of 2012 Cadet Brett Schuck, representing The Washington Post in Convention for Media Strategies; Book Award for Diplomacy: Class of 2012 Cadet Micah Ables, representing the U.S. in the 6th Emergency Session on Afghanistan.

The following cadets also participated this weekend and were integral to the team's success: Class of 2012 Cadets Lauren Pasque and Nathan Schwartzbauer, Class of 2013 Cadet Ross Boston, Class of 2014 Cadets Claire Williams and Patrick Brown and Class of 2015 Cadets Sean Kealey and Ashley Goskowicz.

CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Ski Team (Nordic): The team competed in the Cornell Invitational in Craftsbury Common, Vt., Feb. 3-5.

Class of 2015 Cadet Jordan Roth placed 14th overall with a time of 43:31, and Class of 2012 Cadet Kayla Hodges was right behind with a time of 43:55 to place 15th. Class of 2012 Cadet Haley Johnson rounded out the Army women's participation, finishing in 19th place with a time of 45:12.

The Army women finished third overall in the team rankings, behind top-placing Clarkson and Cornell.

In the Men's Freestyle, Class of 2014 Cadet James Bassette finished sixth overall, with a time of 29:02, while Class of 2015 Cadet Sam Anderson was the second Army finisher in 11th place, completing the course in 31:52. Class of 2014 Cadet Charles Cal placed 15th overall with a time of 30:40.

The Army men came in third overall in team standings, behind No. 1 Clarkson and No. 2 Cornell.

Portuguese Language Club: The Portuguese Club Soccer Team (also known as the West Point Soccer Club) competed in an indoor soccer tournament Feb. 5.

West Point faced five different teams, scored 17 goals and made it all the way to the final only to lose in overtime with 35 seconds left on the clock.

The team was awarded a runner-up trophy and qualified for the national tournament scheduled in Indianapolis this April.

Paintball Club: The West Point Paintball Club participated in the Kill House Tournament at the Hornet's Nest paintball facility in Ancramdale, N.Y., Jan. 28-29.

The indoor field simulated an urban environment and teams were tasked with either attacking and securing or defending a briefcase. The scoring system attached points to the number of players eliminated and whether or not the briefcase was secured.

Both the Tournament and Scenario components of the club were represented this year, as a total of 15 cadets across three lines participated. Three additional cadets accompanied the trip section to serve in an administrative role. The West Point Tournament Team won the event overall, after a precarious one-on-one tiebreaker win by Class of 2012 Cadet Adam Pontrich.

Pontrich was the only upperclassman to actively participate with the other 14 competitors, who were all plebes.

FMWR Blurbs

Arts & Crafts Winter Class Schedule

Arts & Crafts classes for adults will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

The upcoming classes include:

- Ceramic painting class, border painting technique—today;
- Ceramic class, design your own mug—Feb. 23.

Arts & Crafts classes for families with children will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays.

The upcoming classes include:

- Family story time ceramic class, “Good night moon”—Saturday;
- Ceramic class, design your own mug—Feb. 25.

There is a minimal fee for the classes.

For more information and to register, call 938-4812.

SAC Zone a new CYSS program

Come join the fun at the Saturday SAC Zone from noon-3 p.m. Saturday at the School Age Center.

Activities include playing Wii video games, computer lab activities, board games and arts and crafts.

This event is open to students in grades K-5. There is a minimal cost for this program. Reservations are required.

For more information, call 938-8530.

Valentine’s Day Dinner and Dance

Enjoy a romantic dinner with dancing during the Valentine’s Day Dinner and Dance in the West Point Club’s Grand Ballroom from 5:30-10 p.m. Tuesday.

For a complete menu and pricing, visit www.westpointmwr.com/club.

Reservations are required by Friday.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Parent Buddy Training Class

ACS’ Exceptional Family Member Program is offering a Parent Buddy Training class from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The class is held at ACS, Bldg. 622. Registration is required.

For more information, call 938-5655.

Morgan Farm Presidents Day Pet Boarding Special

Morgan Farm is offering four days of pet boarding for the price of three over the Presidents Day weekend.

Drop off your pet Feb. 17 and pick up Feb. 21. Reservations are required.

For more information, call 938-3926.

Community Swim Program Hours

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Community Swim Program hours of operation for February are noon-1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

However, this Monday and Wednesday are the only evening swim dates for the month. The pool is closed Feb. 20 for the Presidents Day holiday.

For updates or changes to the February schedule, call the information tape at 938-2985.

Life EDGE! “A Little Class of Etiquette”

Be prepared for the upcoming CYSS Father and Daughter Dance. Life EDGE! offers etiquette classes for a fee for grades K-5 every Tuesday through Feb. 21 at the Lee Area CDC.

For more information and to enroll, contact Parent Central at 938-4458/0939.

Fat Tuesday lunch celebration special

Celebrate Fat Tuesday at the West Point Club from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 21.

Enjoy a fine selection of your favorite dishes from the south.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Polar Fest

Polar Fest will be noon-7 p.m. Feb. 25 at the West Point Ski Slope.

Enjoy a day of outdoor fun with a barbecue, live band, eating contest, snow twister, arts & crafts, kid’s activities and much more.

Those interested can register at the Ski Sales Office.

For more information, call 938-8810.

Bride’s Brunch at the West Point Club

Bride’s Brunch will be held from noon-3 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Club’s Grand Ballroom.

Enjoy a sampling of menu selections from our bridal packages.

Meet with local vendors including bakeries, florists, photographers, cosmetologists and entertainers.

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

There is a nominal fee for guests.

For more information, call 938-5120.

ACS Mobilization and Deployment class

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment branch is hosting Learn Master Resiliency Training.

The training is offered because it takes more than an apple a day to keep the doctor away. The training is scheduled from noon-12:50 p.m. Feb. 29.

Learn how to enhance your resilience, effectiveness and well-being by attending.

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

CYSS Sports and Fitness Spring Sports registration

CYSS Sports and Fitness Spring Sports registration is ongoing for military families and begins March 1 for civilian families at Parent Central. Registration will conclude for all March 16.

Waiting lists may be formed at any time, so parents are encouraged to register early.

For more information, contact the Youth Sports office at 938-3550/8896.

Winter Madness Framing sale

Arts & Crafts Shop is having a framing sale now through April 30.

The craft shop is located at Bldg. 648 (behind the post office).

For more information, call 938-4812.

School Zone extended

For added community safety, the 15 mph school zone has been extended to Quarters 336.

The school zone now runs from Keller Army Community Hospital to Quarters 336 on Washington Road. Please use caution.

Adaptive Ski and Snowboard Program

The West Point Ski Slope office is expanding the Adaptive Ski and Snowboard Program for those who require adaptive equipment and education.

The fee for this program includes a lift ticket, all equipment and four 1 1/2-hour lessons.

Times will be announced.

For more information, call 938-4637.

Arts & Crafts West Point now offers repair services

The Arts & Crafts Shop now offers a new service to the West Point community.

The following services include minor furniture repair, upholstery repair, minor artwork repair to canvas and picture frames.

All work is done on the premises.

For more information, call 938-4812.

CYSS Hired! Program

Teens ages 15-18 who are interested in working in an internship program can earn \$500 for working 15 hours a week for 12

consecutive weeks.

The West Point Middle School Teen Center offers six free workshops which are mandatory prior to working.

These mandatory workshops will be offered by appointment on the following months and days during spring semester:

- Wednesday, Feb. 22, 29;
- March 7, 14, 21, 28;
- April 4, 11, 18, 25;
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
- June 6.

Contact Marion DeClemente, Workforce Preparation specialist, to schedule an appointment or for more information at 845-938-8889.

NEW INFO

Valentine’s Day Candy-Filled Mugs

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will be selling candy-filled mugs for Valentine’s Day gifts.

The mugs will be sold at The Exchange and Commissary Saturday and Sunday.

BOSS will also be available for gift purchases at Keller Army Community Hospital Tuesday.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Shamrock 5K

The Shamrock 5K and Green Eggs and Ham breakfast presented by the FMWR Fitness Center and the West Point Club is scheduled for March 17.

Pre-registration begins at the FMWR Fitness Center Feb. 17. The race starts and finishes at the West Point Club with registration at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Cost of the race is one FMWR Fitness Center coupon. Cadets can register for free, but they must register.

After the race, visit the Club from 8:30-10 a.m. for an Irish breakfast with eggs and brew in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day.

Purchase a race package and receive a discount at the Club’s Green Eggs and Ham breakfast.

For more information, call 938-6490.

West Point 5K/10K

Registration is now open for the 8th annual West Point 5K/10K on May 12.

To register, go to active.com and type in the keyword “West Point” or call 938-6497 for more details.

CYSS Parent’s Night Out

It’s Parent’s Night Out at Stony Child Development Center Feb. 24 and March 3.

Drop off your child at 6 p.m., go out and enjoy some time to yourself.

Pick up your child by 11 p.m. A small fee applies.

Reservations are required by no later than Feb. 20.

For more information, call 938-3921.

What's Happening

Basketball clinic

The James I. O'Neill High School Athletic Department is hosting a basketball clinic for girls and boys ages 5-13 every Saturday in March. The clinic will be located at the Highland Falls Intermediate School.

There is a fee to register for all four weeks and it includes a Raiders Basketball T-shirt.

Registration ends Friday. Schedules will be mailed out after that date.

For more information, contact Cathryn Biordi at cbiordi@hffmcsd.org or Chester Grant at cgrant@hffmcsd.org.

DUSA grants

Daughters of the U.S. Army Community Welfare Grant applications are now available at the West Point Museum Gift Shop. Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday.

For more information, contact DUSAgants@gmail.com.

African American/Black History Month observance

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will be hosting this year's African American/Black History Month observance from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Robinson Auditorium.

The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Marcia Anderson.

The theme for this year's event is "Black Women in American Culture, History and the Military."

There will be educational and entertaining performances by the Cadet African American Arts Forum and the Cadet Gospel Choir, as well as a food sampling. The event is free.

The points of contact for the event are Master Sgt. Timothy Morgan, USCC EOA, at 938-8456; Master Sgt. Joe Willis, USMA EOA, at 938-7082; and Cadet 1st Class Mary Collins at mary.collins@usma.edu.

NCO Induction Ceremony

There will be an NCO Induction Ceremony at 9 a.m. Feb. 23 at Robinson Auditorium. The inductees are Sgt. Stephen Bonett and Sgt. (P) Alexandria Corneiro.

The event is sponsored by the West Point Sgt. Audie Murphy Club.

Viva Las Vegas

The West Point Women's Club's annual fundraiser, Viva Las Vegas, is scheduled for 6-11 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Thayer Hotel. Presale tickets are now available. There is an entrance fee for the poker tournament.

The presale comes with an opportunity ticket for a two-night stay with airfare to Las Vegas, a complimentary champagne toast and a light appetizer bar.

Tickets the night of the event costs a little more and come without a raffle ticket.

Tickets are available for purchase on westpointwomensclub@shutterfly.com.

For more information, email westpointwomensclub@gmail.com.

Desert Storm Veterans' Association Reunion

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans' Association announced their 21st Reunion is scheduled for Feb. 25 at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, Fort Myer, Va.

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

Book signing

The William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic is sponsoring a lecture at 12:50-1:50 p.m. Feb. 29 in

Robinson Auditorium with Eric Alexander, author of "The Summit." He will be speaking to the plebe class followed by a book signing in Robinson Auditorium.

Alexander's story is one of faith and trust as he describes his journey, scaling Mount Everest with his friend, blind climber Erik Weihenmayer.

The West Point community is welcome.

For more information, call Alexis Tice at 938-2121.

WPWC 2012 Scholarship Applications available

Applications for the 2012 West Point Womens' Club scholarships are available now at www.westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com.

They must be received or postmarked by March 2.

For questions, contact Bernadette Champine at bernwilder@hotmail.com or 978-930-5155.

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Army Education Center

John Jay College Master of Public Administration Program at West Point is now accepting new students for the Spring II Session.

The deadline is March 15.

For more information, contact Gwenn Wallace, JJC onsite administrator, at 446-5959 or email jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com.

DUSA Scholarship applications available

Society of the Daughters of the U.S. Army Scholarship applications are now available at the guidance offices of James I. O'Neill High School, Cornwall High School and Monroe-Woodbury High School.

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior and the son or daughter of an active, retired or deceased U.S. military servicemember whose family resides at West Point (or within a 35-mile radius) at the time the scholarship is awarded. Completed applications are due by March 23.

BBC Foundation scholarship applications

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from high school and undergraduate students of West Point's family housing residents for the 2012-13 academic year.

To apply for these scholarships, go to the Foundation's website, bbcommunitiesfoundation.org, and print out, complete and submit the application and all required materials to Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation at 10 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Applications must be received by April 15.

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.

SAMC meetings

Noncommissioned officers interested in becoming a member of the West Point Sgt. Audie Murphy Club are urged to join SAMC members for study groups at 5 p.m. Thursdays at Ninger Hall.

For those who are interested in joining the SAMC, meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Red Reeder Room in Washington Hall.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Willis at 938-7082.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Wednesdays

Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop.

Childcare is provided. All women are invited.

For more information, contact Amy Griffin at ascgriffin@gmail.com.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Thursdays

PWOC offers an "evening" Bible study on the book of James is being offered from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays.

No childcare will be provided for evening studies.

For more information, contact Amy Griffin at ascgriffin@gmail.com.

Second Infantry Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who has ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the national association and its annual reunion in Reno, Nev., from Aug. 23-27, visit www.2ida.org or contact the association's secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at 2idahq@comcast.net or call 224-225-1202.

NEW INFO

West Point Hunting Club meeting

The West Point Hunting Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in the clubhouse off of Mine Torne Road (first gate on the right coming from Route 293.)

Venison Spaghetti and other wild game treats will be served. The meeting will have a guest speaker and other important information will be discussed. Everyone is invited.

For more information, contact President Mike Nielsen at michael.nielsen@usma.edu or Vice President Jeff Prosperie at jeff.prosperie@usma.edu.

Tax Center open

The Tax Center is currently open and will operate until April 17 in Bldg. 626. The Tax Center will see clients on an appointment basis from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:15-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The West Point Tax Center is free and available to cadets, active duty servicemembers and their families, military retirees and National Guard and reservists who served more than 30 consecutive days on active duty during the calendar year. Taxpayers will need the following documents:

- W-2's for all salary income earned;
- 1099-INT for all interest received on investments and bank accounts;
- 1099-DIV for dividends received on stocks;
- 1099-B for gains from the sale of stocks;
- A cancelled check with bank account number and routing number to enable direct deposit;
- Identification and social security cards for all individuals claimed on the return.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-5920.

Keller Corner

February is American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month and, unfortunately, most of us know someone who has had heart disease or a stroke. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States—one in every three deaths is from heart disease and stroke, equal to 2,200 deaths per day.

In fact, heart disease in the No. 1 killer of women across the globe.

Making these healthy lifestyle choices can help reduce your risk of heart disease:

- Choose lean meats and poultry without skin and prepare them without added saturated and trans fat;
- Select fat-free, 1 percent fat and low-fat dairy products;
- Cut back on foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oils to reduce trans fat in your diet;
- Cut back on foods high in dietary cholesterol. Aim to eat less than 300 mg of cholesterol each day;
- Cut back on beverages and foods with added sugars;
- Select and purchase foods lower in salt/sodium;
- If you drink alcohol, drink in moderation;
- Keep an eye on your portion sizes;
- Exercise.

For more information about heart disease visit www.heart.org, and to schedule an appointment, contact the Keller appointment line at 938-7992.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

By West Point Dental Activity

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. It is the dental profession's major annual dental awareness campaign.

NCDHM primarily focuses on the dental health needs of our children and provides education through community-oriented activities. It is also an excellent opportunity to highlight the importance of oral health for people of all ages.

Good oral health habits should begin with an introductory visit to the dentist before the child's second birthday.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tooth decay affects more than 25 percent of U.S.

Keller under construction

Please pardon our appearance as construction is taking place. We know that to expand our facilities, we'll need to change the way our patients and visitors arrive at Keller.

Although these changes are temporary, we want your visit to be as easy as possible.

We strongly recommend that you allow extra time to reach your destination, and that you plan to arrive at Keller at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. It will allow for parking and arrival to your care location.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting from 2-3 p.m. Monday in the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683, Training Room #10 in preparation for the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Program's Blood Drive March 19-22.

It is requested that appointed key personnel from each activity attend this meeting. Provide the names of those attending to Mary Mandia at 938-2583 or via email at [Mary.Mandia@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Mandia@amedd.army.mil) by Monday.

KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Feb. 20 for Presidents Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

children ages 2–5 years old and 50 percent of those ages 12–15 years old.

Advanced gum disease affects 4–12 percent of U.S. adults. Half of the cases of severe gum disease in the United States are the result of cigarette smoking.

The prevalence of gum disease is three times higher among smokers than among people who have never smoked. More than 7,800 people, mostly older Americans, die from oral and pharyngeal cancers each year.

This year, about 36,500 new cases of oral cancer will be diagnosed.

Oral health plays an important role in overall health. See your local dental treatment facility to learn more.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—We Bought a Zoo, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—The Adventures of Tintin, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM

Command Channel 8/23

Feb. 9-16

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Feb. 16
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Feb. 16
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Valentine's Essay Contest**—Men, tell us all about a romantic gesture gone wrong. The story could have happened on Valentine's Day, first date and/or the wedding proposal. Email your story to jgellman@bbcgrp.com or drop it off at 132 Bartlett Loop by Monday.

One lucky winner will win a relaxing half hour Swedish massage by Wellness Springs Massage at the FMWR Fitness Center.



Directorate of Emergency Services
Sobriety Checkpoint
Friday and Saturday

New on the Menu

West Point senior leaders and community members gathered at The Exchange for the Taco Bell ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday. Pictured are The Exchange general manager Michele Weisshaar, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Powell and Garrison Commander Col. Michael Tarsa. Tarsa talked about the project and said, "This is part of a larger effort that started back in August 2010. I had the opportunity then to talk with the commanding general of AAFES and I asked him to use West Point as his pilot for an AAFES wide transformation. You can tell from the ongoing construction we were successful, and we're receiving a \$7.8 million renovation to our main store courtesy of AAFES. We also took the opportunity to (look over) our concessions outside the store; and immediately we put in a request for Taco Bell. So this is a great day for our young men and women wearing Cadet Gray, as well as the entire Community."

MIKE STRASSER/PV



Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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	6	9					

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: Medium

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

Q & A

An athlete's perspective ...

Julian Simmons

Simmons relishes leadership role, continues his knack for hitting three-pointers

By Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

Army men's basketball faces rival Navy at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and it will be shown nationally on the CBS College Sports Network in front of an announced sold out Christl Arena. The Black Knights are currently 10-13 overall and 3-5 in the Patriot League with a Wednesday matchup versus Lafayette before going into their battle with the Midshipmen.

It will be Army's second meeting against Navy this season. The Black Knights defeated the Midshipmen 75-62 at Annapolis, Md., Jan. 14, which turned out to be Army's first double-digit victory there since 1971.

One of Army's biggest strengths is three-point shooting and the team sunk 13 three-pointers against Navy that day, including three by senior guard Julian Simmons. Simmons scored 18 points against the Midshipmen, the most in his Army career against them, and has continued a torrid pace at the three-point arc since.

Simmons, who is second on the team in scoring with 12.1 points per game and three-pointers made at 54, currently sits in fourth place in school history with 222 three-point shots made. With more than a handful of games left in the season, Simmons is within reach to move into third place ahead of 2002 graduate Chris Spatola (238).

The future Quartermaster officer sat down with the *Pointer View* recently to talk about the upcoming game against Navy, his accomplishments on the court, what being captain means in terms of seeing the growth of the younger players and what his Prep School experience did for his collegiate career.

Pointer View: *Talk about the team's performance to date as you've past the half way point of the Patriot League schedule?*

Julian Simmons: "I think we've done a lot better than we've done in the past. The record shows we're doing better, especially better than last year. However, there is still more that we have to do ... we can play tougher and give more effort. Just like coach (Zach Spiker) says, 'there are some great things we can do,' and we've proven that so far since we're not last in the Patriot League

like we were picked to be."

PV: *Talk about your season so far ... do you feel your game is where it needs to be as you turn the page to the second half of the conference schedule?*

JS: "I don't, I feel like I can do things better such as defense. I think I'm playing well, but I need to focus on one game at a time. I tend to think a little bit further into the season when I really should focus on the next game and not worry about toward the end of the season.

"I want to get to the Patriot League Tournament and win the Patriot League Tournament, and that goal is there. But sometimes you just forget to take it day-by-day or even take it one practice at a time, having a great practice and gaining the confidence that you're going to play well in games and win games.

"I believe I've played well, but I just think there's always room to do better and to not get complacent with what you've done or what you've accomplished. It's a blessing to be able to accomplish those things, but as an athlete you have to continue to push forward and continue to get better."

PV: *Among your accomplishments, you're currently fourth all-time in school history in three-pointers made at 222 ... talk about shooting from outside the arc, and the confidence that comes with taking those shots?*

JS: "I didn't establish that as one of my strong points until I got to college because in high school it wasn't one of my strong points—I used to drive to the basket more. I think after I learned how important it was to our offense and how great the system is for a three-point shooter—the way we move the ball and the way things break down to where we get a three-point shooter open—I really focused on three-point shooting.

"Before and after practice, I take three-point shots constantly and continue on work on that part of my game, but that's not to take away from any other part of my game.

"I do whatever helps the team win and I will continue to shoot the best I can, and the big thing is keeping my confidence and being a confident shooter. Coach (Spiker) always talks about shooting as being mostly about confidence because there are other aspects,



Senior guard Julian Simmons is second on the team in scoring with a 12.1 points per game average and three-point shots made (54). He is currently fourth all-time on Army's list for three-pointers made at 222. TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO

such as shooting mechanics, but it's being able to shoot with confidence because you'll shoot more and make more shots."

PV: *In the earlier Navy matchup, the team earned its first double-digit win against Navy at Annapolis since 1971 ... for yourself, how special was that game to the team?*

JS: "For the team, it was special because a lot of guys got a taste of how special that game is and how important that game is to folks at both academies.

"We have a lot of freshmen who've never been a part of the Army-Navy rivalry and I'm glad they got to see how important it was because I want them to treat every other game like that game. After we won, we were on cloud nine and it gave me a chance to let the guys know that we have to approach every game that way.

"I never beat Navy by that much and I never beat Navy down at Annapolis in my career here. It was a great feeling because I had never done that. That feeling in the locker room after the game, I hope these younger guys feel that every year.

"After the game, just to be able to sing (the alma mater) last in front of all of our fans who came down was a big accomplishment. I'll never forget that feeling singing last because I'd never beaten them down there. It's a great feeling for the freshmen with the first time playing Navy and beating them at their place, I hope they can continue to build on that during the course of their career."

PV: *Army hasn't sweep Navy in a season since 1991-92 ... your thoughts about getting that shot to break that 20-year run and how it would feel for you guys to do that?*

JS: "To get the series sweep would be something special. It's always a great feeling to read about when we break a record or do something that hasn't been done in so long. We've talked all season long about making history and the biggest part of that is winning the Patriot League Tournament. This is a small part of that history if we get two wins (against Navy)."

PV: *As a captain, talk about leading this young squad on the court and what strides*

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Army Rifle defeats Navy for third straight "Star"

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Senior Kelly Buck captured medalist honors in both the smallbore and air rifle disciplines to lead Army's rifle team to a one-sided 4,674-4,567 win over Navy in the annual "Star" Match at Bancroft Hall Rifle Range Feb. 4 in Annapolis, Md.

It is the third straight year that Buck has captured smallbore honors in the series.

Army (7-3) went into the meet needing a strong road performance in its bid for its ninth straight NCAA berth, and the Black Knights swept both disciplines as they responded with a season-high 4,674.

Not only did it shatter Army's previous high of 4,666 set during the fall, but is the team's highest aggregate score since posting a 4,678 during the 2007-08 season.

The Black Knights' winning mark of 2,352 in air rifle is not only a season high, but is just five points off the school record set in November 2007.

"I am very pleased with our performance today as it raised the team's NCAA qualifying average to 4,668," Army coach Ron Wigger, who won his sixth Navy meet over the last seven years, said. "Our score allowed us to move from fifth place into fourth place in the (CRCA) Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association standings."

Buck equaled her highest smallbore score in the Army-Navy series in duplicating last year's winning mark of 586, while her 592 mark in air rifle is just one point shy of the career-high 593 she set last year.

Army swept the top three places in air rifle with sophomore Richard Calvin (589) taking runner-up honors and sophomore Michael Matthews (586) placing third.

The Black Knights claimed four of the top five positions and seven of the top ten places.

Sophomore Zachary Wells' 585 (fifth

highest score in the meet) rounded out the Black Knights' air rifle unit that shattered the previous high 2,343 set in the fall against North Carolina State.

Buck led an Army sweep of the top five places in smallbore, beating Matthews (580) by six points to earn medalist honors for the

fourth time in that discipline this season.

Sophomore Jacob Costa, setting a personal best, and junior William Mengon tied for third-place honors with 579s, with sophomore Joseph Todaro next at 577.

Mengon's 582 score in air rifle is just one shy of his career high.

Buck and Wagner share AAA Athlete of the Week

After authoring impressive individual performances against Navy Feb. 4, Army senior rifle shooter Kelly Buck and Black Knight senior jumper Tom Wagner were tabbed Army Athletic Association co-Athletes of the Week Monday.

It is the first time this season that a sharpshooter picked up the AAA weekly award, and it's the fifth occasion that Buck has been singled out for this honor.

Buck captured medalist honors in both the smallbore and air rifle disciplines.

Wagner went 3-for-3 winning events at Navy in Army's 96-83 "Star" Meet loss. He won the long jump, triple jump and high jump, all surpassing IC4A Championship-qualifying standards.

Competing in the long jump, Wagner won the event with a career-best leap of 7.14 meters.

He followed that performance by recording a triple jump of 14.30 meters. The senior rounded out the clean sweep by eclipsing the bar at 2.09 meters in the high jump.

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you see this group making?

JS: "I always tell everyone, especially the freshmen and sophomores, that they have the ability and skills to do great things in the Patriot League. They already have the work ethic and they want to work hard every day to get better and know they are good at it."

"I try to be an example and get in the gym before practice and stay in the gym after practice taking shots, just showing those guys how important it is to work on your game."

"One of the things I want to happen is to be able to look back (down the road) and see what those guys are doing and see them grow into a great team and not ever be where we were—we were at the bottom for two years."

"I want them to have great careers and it would mean so much if they're able to take everything that they've learned and use their talents and work ethic throughout the season to win. Whatever part I can play in helping serve the team, I'm definitely going to do it to contribute to its success."

PV: *You averaged 24 points a game in your season at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School ... talk about how that experience shaped you on and off the court?*

JS: "It was really good as far as my development especially since I never knew anything about the military, so it helped me on the military side with training and all that stuff."

"But, as far as basketball, it gave me time to work out every day and I got better with the offense that we ran. That's where I got focused on three-point shooting. I was a good shooter, but I knew I could be a better shooter."

"The big thing for everyone who goes there to understand is it's a big development year and it gives you the time to be a better athlete and work on your basketball skills. It's just about getting into the gym every day and that's something I definitely want to bring if I'm working down there (as a graduate assistant next fall) ... I want to be able to help those guys understand how important it is and it makes the transition to college so much easier because I was ready from day one to play Division I basketball."

"The Prep School is really a tool for helping along the way. It gives you time to continue to develop, get bigger and stronger so you can be the best you can be when you get to (West Point)."

In Memoriam



Former Army head cross country and track and field coach Jerry Quiller died Feb. 2 in Colorado at the age of 69. He had been battling cancer for the past five years, prompting his retirement as head cross country and track and field coach for Army in June 2008 after 13 seasons. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and three sons, Ryan, Rory and Robb. He coached 48 All-Americans and produced a handful of Olympians on his watch at the University of Colorado and West Point. He coached U.S. teams at international events, including the 2000 Sydney Olympics. During a 38-year career, Quiller coached future Olympians Adam Goucher and Alan Culpepper from Colorado and Dan Browne and Anita Allen from West Point.

COURTESY PHOTO

Hockey resumes RMC series, routs them 9-1

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

Senior forward Danny Colvin and freshman forward Zak Zarembo each had two goals and two assists and senior forward Mike Hull netted two scores as Army routed the Canadian Royal Military College, 9-1, Feb. 4 in an exhibition game at a sold out Tate Rink.

Eleven different players posted points for Army, which improved to 26-12-1 against its Canadian brethren at Tate Rink.

Hull had a three-point night with an assist, while senior forward Mark Dube, freshman defenseman Mac Lalor and junior forward Andy Starczewski all had a goal and assist apiece.

Seniors defenseman Marcel Alvarez and forward Bryant Skarda each had two assists. Defensemen freshman Maurice Alvarez, junior Cody Ikkala and senior forward Kyle Maggard registered assists for Army.

Army junior goalie Ryan Leets made 20 saves while junior Matt Walsh, seeing his first career action, turned away two shots at the fourth sellout of the season at Tate Rink.

A combined color guard with cadets from both Army and RMC, the playing of the Canadian and U.S. national anthems, a pregame faceoff with hockey legend Jack Riley, who spent 36 years behind the Army bench, and Danny McLeod from RMC were all part of the festivities as the rivalry renewed



Senior forward Mike Hull scored two goals to help lead Army to a 9-1 win over the Canadian Royal Military College Feb. 4. Freshman forward Zak Zarembo notched two goals, including the score below, and two assists.

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for the first time since a 3-3 overtime tie on Feb. 11, 2006 in Kingston, Ontario.

Army came out firing, racking up 25 shots on goal in the first 20 minutes alone.

Zarembo opened the scoring six minutes

into the contest. Lalor started the play and moved the puck to Starczewski who fed Zarembo.

Just 35 seconds later, Hull netted his first goal of the game off of a pass from Maggard.

Dube extended the Army lead to 3-0 with a power play tally, knocking home a rebound off an Ikkala shot. Skarda brought the puck up ice and was credited with an assist as well.

Not only was Army strong offensively, the Black Knights limited RMC to just four shots on goal in the opening period. RMC was credited with its first shot on goal with 7:27 remaining in the first period.

Army continued its offensive onslaught with a four-goal second period. After RMC broke the shutout two minutes into the period, Colvin answered with a power play goal 30 seconds later off assists from Hull and Marcel Alvarez.

Zarembo netted his second goal, short-handed this time, with less than three minutes left in the period. Colvin and Maurice Alvarez earned assists.

Less than a minute later, Starczewski blasted in a goal with assists to Colvin and Zarembo.

Hull ended the five-goal second period with his second tally of the game, a power play score off of a Marcel Alvarez assist.

Army added two goals in the final period to close the scoring.

Lalor netted a power play tally with assists from Skarda and Dube while Colvin's short-handed tally came with under three minutes left off of a Zarembo assist.

Army scored on 4-of-6 power play opportunities and netted two short-handed tallies.





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Hot shooting, three-pointers catapult Army past Bucknell

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Junior Anna Simmers (18 points) and sophomore Jen Hazlett (13) combined for 31 points as the Army women's basketball team scored eight of the final 12 points of the game en route to a 60-56 win over visiting Bucknell in Patriot League action Feb. 4 at Christl Arena.

Army (11-12, 5-3 PL) led 30-27 at the half and benefited from an 8-0 run in the final minutes of the game to secure its fifth Patriot League win.

Bucknell fell to 2-21 overall and 0-8 in conference action.

The Black Knights shot 50 percent (21-of-42) from the field, while the Bison registered a 47 percent (23-of-49) effort. Army drained nine three-point field goals to Bucknell's two treys on the afternoon.

Senior co-captain Meagan Doucette put together a standout performance with seven points, five rebounds and three assists.

Freshman forward Olivia Schretzman totaled nine points on 4-of-8 shooting. Junior guard Molly Yardley scored nine points and made all three of her field goal attempts.

"I can't say enough good things about Bucknell and the way they hustled today," Army head coach Dave Magarity said. "We got lucky down the stretch. When you're on a 12-game losing streak (as Bucknell is), I think that creeps into your head at the end of a close game. We were there and went through this during a seven-game losing streak this year.

"We had kids step up big-time today," Magarity continued. "(Meagan) Doucette and certainly (Olivia) Schretzman made some huge plays for us down the stretch."

Lindsay Horbatuck led three Bucknell players in double-figure scoring with 15 points.

Army opened a 6-0 lead over the first two minutes of play before Bucknell cut the deficit to 6-5 with 17 minutes on the clock.

Doucette's lone three-pointer of the day (15:06) jumpstarted a 5-0 run as the

Black Knights took an 11-5 lead with 14:17 remaining in the first half.

The Bison began to click midway through the first half, using a 12-4 run over the next 5:52 to take a 19-17 lead with 7:58 left before the break.

Yardley's first three-pointer of the game from the right baseline put the Black Knights back on top, 20-19, with 5:38 to play. Simmers later drilled consecutive three-pointers within a 45-second span, as Army stretched its lead to 26-21 with two minutes on the clock.

The Black Knights led 30-27 at the half.

Bucknell scored the first four points of the second half, giving the Bison a 31-30 lead two minutes into the frame. Schretzman's layup at 17:47 marked the Black Knights' first bucket of the second half, while Hazlett followed with her first three-pointer of the afternoon, as Army retook a 35-31 lead with just under 17 minutes to play.

While the Bison continued to keep things close, Simmers' third trey of the game gave the Black Knights a 40-36 cushion at the

13:36 mark.

Bucknell wasted no time tying the score at 40-all with 12:48 on the clock.

After a pair of sophomore forward Jessica Waggoner free throws at the 11:44 mark, which gave Army a 45-42 lead, the teams continued to play within a single point of one another over the next five-plus minutes.

Simmers, who once again had the hot hand for Army, buried her fourth triple of the game from the left baseline as the Black Knights took a 52-49 lead with 5:02 remaining.

Bucknell took its next two possessions to level the score for an eighth time, 52-52, with 3:26 left.

Yardley and Schretzman came up with back-to-back three-point plays on the Black Knights' next two trips down the floor. The plays spurred a timely 8-0 run as Army began to distance itself, 60-52, with two minutes to go.

Although they did not score in over the final 1:59, the Black Knights hung on for the victory.