



Military Appreciation Day at Michie Stadium

It was Military Appreciation Day at West Point Oct. 30 as more than 32,000 fans gathered at Michie Stadium for the festivities and to see the Black Knights topple VMI, 29-7, for their fifth win of the season. Army's final home game is Saturday against service academy rival Air Force.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

SportsNation to invade Black Knight territory

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

ESPN's Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle will make their first road trip to West Point Tuesday when SportsNation broadcasts live on Thayer Walk.

The broadcast duo recently left the headquarters in Bristol, Conn., for a Big Ten College Tour visiting the campuses of Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Penn State. The live shows featured the hosts interacting with the college crowds and guest appearances from student-athletes and coaches.

"I like to hit the road," Cowherd said, via e-mail. "There's good energy on the road. It's fun, it's different..."

Beadle agreed the college scene was more unusual than the regular studio audience—so much so, that even the odd technical glitch became part of the fun. At Penn State, one segment featured a dunk tank that refused to cooperate.

"That was just a big fat fail because it worked when



ESPN's Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle will bring SportsNation to West Point Tuesday.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

academy grounds earlier in the day. Asked to name his favorite Big Ten campus stop, he picked Michigan for the scenic campus and smart audience.

"It's just more fun to broadcast in a very picturesque place, and that's why I think West Point will be fun."

Beadle said Wisconsin also provided a great backdrop,

we practiced it, but when we needed it, of course, on live television it got stuck," Beadle said. "We're 0-3 on dunk tanks—we will never do a dunk tank again."

Beadle and Cowherd can talk sports with the best of them, but operating a dunk tank was simply a bridge too far.

"You just add young kids and water and throwing footballs and it's problematic," Cowherd quipped. "We're not a good dunk tank show. We should not be asked. Don't ask us to do difficult things like dunking people and throwing at targets. That's way more than we can handle."

Cowherd's radio program, "The Herd," will also be recorded on

but she most enjoyed the Iowa campus despite a heavy downpour interrupting the broadcast.

"When I say it rained, that doesn't even do it justice. It was like an explosion of water," Beadle said. "...it was such a good energy and they stayed out there so it was hard not to be excited even though it got cancelled 41 minutes in," Beadle said. "They were hardcore. For me, it was just, 'wow, these kids actually stayed out here.'"

So what will the Corps of Cadets need to deliver on SportsNation to rank among the top campuses?

"Be loud, and hopefully they'll get our jokes," Cowherd said. "I expect really good things. I expect it to be respectful, but rowdy."

"Just be loud, show up and everyone's going to look amazing in their uniforms—that's going to put them above," Beadle said. "I'll take some one arm pushups."

Beadle added an additional request.

"Can they do something to Colin? I would like that," Beadle said. "They have to do something to him. I want them to intimidate Colin, because he's an anti-authoritarian."

The West Point community—cadets, staff, faculty, military and Family members, are invited to represent the academy during the live taping as members of the audience.

Those wishing to participate must be at Honor Plaza no later than 3:45 p.m.

West Point DPTMS readies winter alert system

By Christine Guerriero
West Point DPTMS

Winter is on its way, and the Hudson Valley will soon experience the season's harsh conditions. Accumulated snow and ice can create treacherous conditions and generate concern for the health and safety of all persons on West Point. So it's good to know how decisions are made which may impact installation operations, what impact these decisions have on the workforce and the West Point community, and where to find information on local road conditions, closures or delays.

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security is responsible for monitoring weather conditions and, with the assistance of other installation support organizations, provides the garrison commander information and advice to help keep you safe.

Generally, the decision-making process begins with a conference call among representatives from DPTMS, the Directorate of Public Works, Director of Emergency Services, NEC-West Point, West Point Schools, Balfour Beatty and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"Based on the gathered recommendations, we get the garrison commander on the conference call and tell him the situation," Joe Colombo, DPTMS's Chief of Plans and Operations, said. "We give him the weather conditions and overall situation, for example, that the storm is expected to be hitting at six in the morning and, based on that information, we recommend whether to initiate a Code White or Code Red or to have no change to normal operations."

After a brief consultation with the West Point Chief of Staff, the GC makes the decision whether or not to implement USMA Policy 40-03, Leave During Adverse Weather.

If possible, the decision is made before 5 a.m., before most employees depart for West Point. Unless otherwise advised, all employees must assume they are to report to work as scheduled, even though adverse conditions may exist. While some winter-related conditions may make it more difficult to get to work, they do not necessarily create a need to modify operations.

More severe conditions, however, may prevent employees in significant numbers from reporting for duty. For a situation to be considered an emergency in this context, it must be general rather than personal in scope and impact, and existing and developing conditions must make it unreasonable for employees to safely report to—or stay at—work. The health and safety of employees are the prime concern when making these decisions.

During adverse weather conditions that start prior to the workday, three basic alerts are used:

- "West Point is CODE WHITE until (stated time, or, all day)." This means that the Leave during Adverse Weather policy is in effect until the stated time or all day. Employees, who might be prevented from reporting to work or who believe that they might not be able to return home if they come to work should be granted annual leave, accrued compensatory time or LWOP if they prefer. Advance approval of the leave is not necessary. Specific procedures for requesting leave in these circumstances are at the discretion of each activity director. Employees in weather essential positions are expected to report at their normally scheduled time.

- "West Point is CODE RED until (stated time)." This announcement means that part of the installation is closed until the announced time, and employees should not report until that time. Supervisors will excuse absences without charge to leave for all employees affected whether or not leave was previously approved. Employees who do not report for work by the announced time will be charged leave for the remainder of their absence if it was properly requested and approved. Employees in weather essential positions are expected to report at their normally scheduled time.

- "West Point is CODE RED all day." This means that only employees in mission essential positions should report for work. Mission essential positions are pre-designated and affected employees are informed by their supervisor of their designation. Employees in non-mission essential positions should not report to work until their next regularly scheduled workday.

When adverse weather conditions develop during duty hours, the GC may decide to institute the Leave during Adverse Weather Policy for employees who are on duty at the time of the dismissal. Such decisions will be conveyed to major activity directors who are responsible for notifying all activities under their control. Tenant activities will make the decision for tenant employees. The announcements will be made as follows:

- "West Point is CODE WHITE effective (stated time)." This means that the Leave during Adverse Weather policy is in effect at the stated time.

- "West Point is CODE RED effective (stated time)." This means that the Leave during Adverse Weather policy is in effect at the stated time. All employees who are not mission essential and are on duty at the time of the CODE RED should be excused for the remainder of their workday (placed on administrative leave). This is true if they were scheduled to take leave later in the day. Employees who were

on duty, but chose to leave prior to the effective time of the CODE RED, should be charged leave from the time of their departure through the remainder of their workday. No excused absence is authorized for these employees. Employees who would normally report for duty after the time of the dismissal should call their supervisors for instruction.

On weekends, if necessary, the GC may direct a Code Red when weather conditions make travel in and around West Point unsafe. Once DPTMS is alerted to the possibility of a weekend winter weather event, a conference with selected organizations will be convened with recommendations briefed to the GC.

During adverse weather conditions, West Point employees can obtain weather, road conditions and operations information by calling 938-7000 or by looking for announcements on the Command Channel 23. Employees also can go to the Internet to find DES updates on the West Point web site (<http://westpoint.edu/WeatherConditions/>) or listen to area radio stations for updated weather notifications. Individual activities all have hotline phone numbers that patrons can call to determine if an event is cancelled.

When a storm occurs, it's important that snow removal operations are not impeded. The snow removal plan has five priorities, ranging from the main roads and main parking lots to the smallest nook on post. Critical to conducting these operations efficiently is the cooperation needed from everyone to try to park off the main roads when adverse conditions are approaching. Call the Snow Control Desk (938-4707) with questions and concerns and to report areas in need of ice control/snow removal.

Snow removal for the housing areas is provided by West Point's RCI partner, Balfour Beatty Communities. Residents are responsible for clearing their own driveways and sidewalks from the street to their homes.

Balfour Beatty has ice melt for residents to pick up at their Maintenance Facility, Bldg. 695, by the cemetery and fitness center. Residents should report snow removal concerns in Family Housing using Balfour Beatty's maintenance number at 446-3570. Another key aspect of snow cleanup and safety is the role of designated building commandants to assist in clearing snow and ice from around their buildings and immediate areas. Many building commandants find it useful to include building occupants in their clean-up plans.

"It's also important for building commandants to get the equipment they'll need," Colombo said. "They can get these items from DPW Supply Branch (Bldg. 905; 938-2560), but they should go and get it now, while supplies are in abundance."

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

9	8	1	5	2	6	4	7	3
2	3	6	8	7	4	9	1	5
5	4	7	3	1	9	2	6	8
4	7	5	2	3	8	6	9	1
1	6	3	9	5	7	8	2	4
8	2	9	4	6	1	3	5	7
3	1	8	6	9	5	7	4	2
6	5	4	7	8	2	1	3	9
7	9	2	1	4	3	5	8	6

See SUDOKU PUZZLE, Page 12

POINTER VIEW

The Army civilian enterprise newspaper, the Pointer View, is an authorized publication for members of the Department of Defense. Contents of the Pointer View are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of the Army or West Point.

The Pointer View © is an unofficial publication authorized by AR 360-1. The editorial content of the Pointer View is the responsibility of the West Point Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 600, West Point, New York 10996, (845) 938-2015.

The Pointer View is printed weekly by the Times Herald-Record, a private firm in no way connected with the Department of the Army, under exclusive contract with West Point. The Times Herald-Record is responsible for all commercial advertising.

Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr.
Superintendent

Joseph V. Tombrello
Acting Director,
Public Affairs Office

Linda L. Mastin
Chief, Web & Print Publications Branch
938-8366

Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor, 938-2015
Tommy Gilligan
Asst. Editor/Photo, 938-8825
Mike Strasser
Asst. Editor/Copy, 938-3079
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer, 938-3684

Printed weekly by the

TIMES HERALD-RECORD

40 Mulberry Street, Middletown, NY 10940

recordonline.com

For information, call (845) 341-1100

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement of the products or services advertised by the U.S. Army or the Times Herald-Record.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user, or patron.

A confirmed violation or rejection of this policy of equal opportunity by an advertiser will result in the refusal to print advertising from that source.

West Point

The United States Military Academy

Website: www.pointerview.com

Why research matters at West Point

West Point's chief scientist talks cadet education, faculty development and outreach

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

Preparing the average textbook from conception to distribution is a three-year process. Oftentimes, when a student studies one technology from the book, new technology has already replaced it. That's a problem, Lt. Col. John Graham, West Point's Chief Scientist and Associate Dean for Research, said.

"We at the academy cannot afford to teach our courses out of textbooks alone," Graham said. "By the time the information of a particular discipline makes it into a text book, many times, we've already discovered the next thing. Many of our instructors supplement the texts with additional readings that are cutting edge. Most of our upper-level courses, our senior courses, now involve developing new information, developing new insights."

Graham, who was recently appointed as the Dean's lead on research information, outreach and oversight, is keenly focused on increasing the relevant research West Point cadets and faculty engage in. By relevant, he means those projects that yield positive results for the academy, the Army and the nation.

While West Point is known primarily as the Army's academy for developing leaders of character, research plays a critical role in how these leaders are developed.

West Point's model for research, Graham said, is a reflection of the Army's operational needs in theater. Senior leaders are looking for critical thinkers and creative problem solvers, and that's what West Point graduates deliver.

"We've learned that there is no scripted answer to how you 'take the hill.' Most, if not all, of our senior leaders say the same thing—"I need an officer with an experimental mind set."

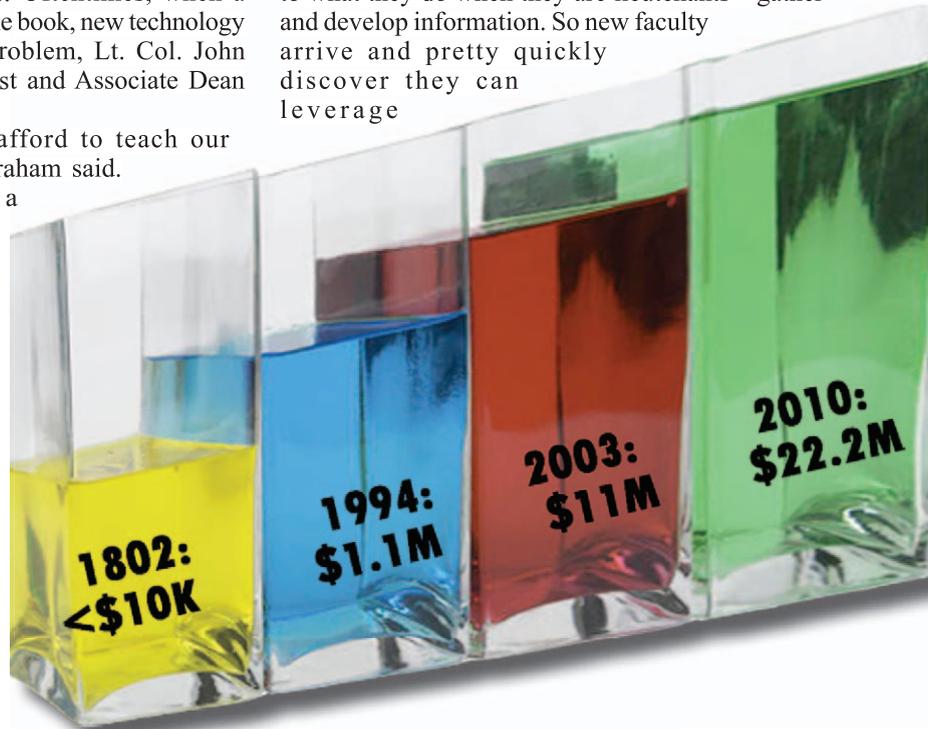
Of those two components of cadet development, Graham said the creative problem-solving is particularly interesting for faculty to explore with cadets.

"What we're saying is, 'I'm going to teach cadets a theory here, but I'm going to expect them to apply it or expand on that theory with their own insights.' Think about the confidence that builds; the trust in their ability to search the world and grasp what's going on in the environment. That will make them great officers in an uncertain and volatile environment."

Cadet research is a constant, cumulative activity at West Point. The results are most visible at the annual Projects Day, when cadet teams present their work to the public—a demographic heavy with scientists, researchers and the project managers who've presented a particular issue for the cadets to solve. There have been numerous successes, some more prominently featured than others—the Statue of Liberty evacuation device, the bionic foot and the Black Knight I space satellite, to name the more recent highlights. Others are more theoretical in nature, some whose applications are not yet fully realized, but acknowledged by leaders in that field.

"Other schools would never consider using an undergrad

as a partner in research," Graham said. "They would never develop an undergrad to even conduct research. Undergrads are designed to receive information, not develop information. But we expect our students to develop information. It's core to what they do when they are lieutenants—gather and develop information. So new faculty arrive and pretty quickly discover they can leverage



In 1994, \$1 million was granted for West Point research. Today, the number is significantly higher at \$22.2 million. In 2010, West Point has produced 885 scholarly journals, papers and books. Nearly \$1.2 million in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics grants have funded numerous teacher conferences and cadet participation in high school classrooms.

and work with these really bright students and execute fantastic research."

Research, Graham said, encompasses everything within a cadet's 47-month experience that has to do with knowledge and discovery. Research is not limited to the confines of a laboratory because the West Point experience takes cadets out of classroom and into a foreign country, a Department of Defense organization or to an Army installation where different research is conducted.

West Point experienced a dramatic sea change with the introduction of civilian faculty in 1992. Prior to this, rotating military faculty, fresh from graduate school, would replenish the academy with new information.

"When the civilian faculty got here, it changed our model because they said, 'Why aren't we doing research?,' Graham said. "'Why aren't we participating in knowledge discovery?'"

At first glance, West Point is not recognized as a research institution, but Graham said it is unique in its own right.

"Every person that's engaged in research is tied to the classroom in some way," Graham said. "And through that, we've been as or more successful than some research universities. Also, our researchers openly share and collaborate at a rate few can replicate. That creates solutions that draw from multiple disciplines and are far 'out of the box.'"

New faculty who expect little in the ways of research here are often surprised, but Graham wants this to become the norm

and not the exception. Some professors, like Dr. Jean Blair, Vice Dean for Education, sought out a West Point appointment because they fully understand the research potential.

"The reason I came here to teach was because West Point's a place that appreciates both teaching and research, and those are important to me," Blair told the *Pointer View* in a recent interview.

Blair is currently conducting research on network structure and algorithms through the Network Science Center, and said faculty research keeps the mind agile. This translates to better instruction in the classroom.

The question Graham hears most often is why certain research goes wholly unnoticed. Short of screaming it from the top of Battle Monument, is there really a way to garner enough attention to a breakthrough in molecular biology? Part of the problem is even doing that, scientists speak in complex terminology requiring unappreciated translation for others to understand its significance. But is the problem even there, Graham questions.

"It is not the case that the project went unnoticed," Graham said. "That project made it to the top names of their field, and it was celebrated by faculty members and their department, and the professor thought that was good enough."

Or so it was at one time. Now, Graham wants to make sure more is done to acknowledge the successes of faculty and cadet research for a mainstream audience. Doing so can garner more requests for quality research which meets the academy's goal of making the research relevant.

"It is so important to the Army and to the nation that people understand that not only do we produce these incredible young men and women who are going out and doing wonderful things, but those officers also did some amazing things in research as cadets," Graham said.

West Point also participates heavily in STEM programs as the nation engages in global competition to develop the future engineers, mathematicians, scientists and innovators of tomorrow. Nearly \$1.2 million in STEM grants have brought hundreds of students and educators to West Point for various conferences and classes.

Recently, the Haig Room was the site for the annual Arabic LEARN conference, a gathering of Arabic instructors nationwide who met for the betterment of language education. Over the summer, math teachers gathered to discuss best practices in their field of education. At the same time, high schoolers visited various classrooms throughout Thayer Hall to see new technologies being developed. Oftentimes, cadets will travel off post to share their knowledge at local schools.

"What's great about this is I have cadets who are teaching information from their majors to these younger kids and also they're learning to communicate this knowledge," Graham said. "And in learning to communicate and educate, they walk out of here better officers."

Graham is encouraged by the emphasis research is broached by senior leaders here. It's an oft-mentioned word the superintendent and dean of academics uses in public addresses.

"Research and outreach are vital components of the U.S. Military Academy," Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr., USMA Superintendent, said recently. "Cadets, staff and faculty are working continuously to provide relevant research that supports the requirements of our Army and the U.S. government. Research serves key purposes in linking our intellectual capital with our U.S. Army, and ultimately in serving the Soldier serving around the world."

To learn more, visit www.dean.usma.edu/research.

Liberty presents best argument at WP Debate

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor/Copy

They spoke fast and came armed with arguments.

Hundreds of collegiate debaters competed Oct. 22-24 at the 43rd annual West Point Debate Tournament, which included teams from the U.S. Naval Academy, Stanford and the University of South Carolina.

Five West Point teams debated in the preliminary rounds, which provided some of the academy's more novice debaters a taste of home turf competition.

Making the cut from a pool of about 200 cadets trying out for the team this year, Plebes Leslie Cornelius and Christopher Smith found themselves debating varsity teams for the first time.

"It was definitely a good experience because we were exposed to a faster and more intense kind of debate," Cornelius said.

The two debaters have participated in two tournaments this season where they competed at the novice level.

Cornelius said having debated against more advanced teams will be helpful in future competitions.

"We lost all of our rounds, but this weekend for us was more about seeing how the open division works," Cornelius said. "This will definitely work in our favor when we go back down to the novice level and compete at our next tournament."

Yearling Paul Tindall joined the team to improve his communication skills and network with students nationwide.

In high school, Tindall experienced

national leadership conferences, and said the debate team would improve his understanding of factors which influence policy decision making.

Tindall teamed with Yearling Montana Sweet to represent West Point at the debate tournament.

"Montana and I do really well as a team," Tindall said. "We work well together and write arguments for each other. We each have different strengths that complement each other."

"We learned how to respond to many theories, critiques and framework arguments at this tournament," he added.

The rest of the West Point Debate Team stayed active that weekend, working behind the scenes as tournament administrators and assisting the judging panels and competitors.

Cow Aleksandr Klevenskiy would have preferred debating instead of conducting trash detail, but said he looked forward to seeing the final round which featured a distinguished panel of academic and policy experts.

The panel included Col. Cindy Jebb, professor and head of the Department of Social Sciences; Professor Margaret Stock, an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alaska, Anchorage; and Lt. Col. Reid Sawyer, director and co-founder of the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point.

Although Georgetown University was not present to defend its title, a new champion was presented the U.S. Military Academy Traveling Trophy after the Liberty College team defeated Cornell in the Open Division.

Army and Navy joined forces and earned



Yearlings Montana Sweet and Paul Tindall make an affirmative case on visa eligibility during the 43rd annual West Point Debate Tournament Oct. 22-24 inside Thayer Hall. Approximately 130 teams (260 students) and a total of about 375 people from 25 schools took part in the tournament. The U.S. Military Academy Traveling Trophy was presented to the Liberty College debate team who defeated Cornell in the final round of the Open Division.

second place in the Novice Division.

The final round at the Open level was

between Liberty and Cornell with Liberty winning the tournament.

Society of Women Engineers examine Systems Thinking

By Maj. Kristina Richardson
Dept. of Systems Engineering

The Society of Women Engineers, led by Firsties Emeline Hood and Jessica Davis, club cadets-in-charge, attended the annual Systems Thinking Conference, sponsored by the System Design and Management Program from Oct. 22-23 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The conference is devoted to showcasing the new ways of thinking, working and leading required to address today's complex challenges.

Focused on energy, sustainability, health care, and service systems, this two-day conference was carefully designed to provide practical information about using systems thinking to integrate technology, management and social sciences to achieve success.

Speakers included experts from MIT and industry, each of whom described an interdisciplinary "systems thinking" approach that can be applied across industries and around the world. SWE members had the opportunity to engage with several renowned individuals from academia and industry.

Professor John Sterman of the Jay W. Forrester Professor of Management at the MIT Sloan School of Management addressed "Systems Thinking and Modeling for Climate Policy."

Professor Deborah Nightingale addressed her work in using systems thinking to treat Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in "Service Systems Innovation for Treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome in the U.S. Military."

The content of the West Point engineering courses and the systems thinking approach prepared the cadets for the challenge of solving complex problems, integrating technology

and also managing and leading Soldiers in the Army.

The conference reinforced the importance of engineering fundamentals and the demand for systems thinkers across industries, to include the Army.

It also gave the cadets insight into opportunities for graduate level education and how they can apply the systems thinking skills now and to their immediate future as Army officers.

Go Army, Go Navy...Beat IEDs

Firstie puts rivalry aside during summer internship to aid naval scientists, engineers

Story and photo by Troy Clarke

Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona Public Affairs

NORCO, Calif.—Firstie Geoffrey Hewitt of Corona, Calif., spent his summer at a Navy base where he made a big impression with scientists and engineers in the first partnership between the command and the U.S. Military Academy.

With the Army-Navy football battle looming, that partnership might seem unlikely. But the friendly service rivalry was put aside during the summer to fight a common enemy in the war on terror—the threat of improvised explosive devices.

Hewitt, 22, who will graduate in December, interned for three weeks at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, the Navy's independent assessment agent, where he worked with experts on pattern analysis and used mathematics to predict when enemy forces are most likely to attack Army combat units with IEDs. The Corona Warfare Center is located in Norco, a Southern California suburb about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

His mother, Laura Hewitt, heads NSWC Corona's Force Training Analysis and Assessment Division and suggested her son work at the base where his late father, Clifford Hewitt, and she met years ago as young engineers. Hewitt intends to become the third generation of engineers in the Hewitt Family, only the cadet plans for his career to be in Army engineering.

"He was the ultimate intern," Taylor Cole, who mentored the cadet in the pattern analysis section at the base, said. Cole said Hewitt added a new dimension, a military mindset, that other interns from area universities lacked in previous internships.

"He's got the mindset to do what we do here. Geoff has all the tools—a command performance even if he's still in college," Cole said.

Top guns run in the Hewitt Family. The cadet won the academy's Top Gun Award for mathematics in his sophomore year. And early in her career, his mother provided battle group assessment to the Top Gun naval training range at Miramar, the top naval aviator training school portrayed in the Hollywood blockbuster, "Top Gun," starring Tom Cruise.

Hewitt's internship took him to a different training destination, however—Fort Polk, La., where the NSWC team conducted analysis work for Army brigades preparing for combat tours in Afghanistan.

The internship proved so successful that his mother hopes West Point will continue the program and that the other military academies will take advantage of the Navy's only independent analysis and assessment center that gauges warfighting capabilities of Navy ships and aircraft.

Hewitt's internship was endorsed by Navy Capt. Jay Kadowaki, NSWC Corona's commanding officer and 1986 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, as well as the cadet's academic advisor, Army Lt. Col. Robert J. Rabb, a professor in the civil and mechanical engineering department at West Point.

The summer internships are important, Rabb said, because "the solutions they help develop may be part of their actual military experience after graduation."

Army Lt. Col. Joseph Hitt of the academy's mechanical engineering research center said the experience to cadets is invaluable.

"In the classroom, we simply cannot duplicate the same hands-on, fully-immersed experiences that they receive at various government and private organizations during the summer Academic Individual Advanced Development," he

said.

Kadowaki echoed similar sentiments from his command's perspective.

"We were extremely pleased to have Geoff with us for his internship. This was a first for our command, and just like our partnership with the Army, we are very much looking forward to expanding our relationship with West Point to develop the next generation of military leaders and strengthen our nation's fighting force," Kadowaki said.

In another Hewitt Family connection, Hewitt worked on a NSWC Corona project at the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.—the birthplace of NSWC Corona's counter-IED partnership with the Army—where his older brother, Army Chief Warrant Officer Richard Christiansen, is stationed as an aviator, following his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

"You have to see Geoff," said the proud mother of her burly son with the close-cropped haircut.

She said her son, at 6-foot-1 and 245 pounds, cut an imposing figure on the base where mostly government scientists, engineers and mathematicians work in and around three premier laboratories and assessment centers. The defensive lineman, who chose West Point from among many other universities offering academic and athletic scholarships, started every game his junior year, but his football career was later sidelined by a back injury. The cadet is the "runt" of the



Firstie Geoff Hewitt, right, and his mother, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division Force Training Analysis and Assessment Division Head Laura Hewitt, during interview.

Hewitt sons, with two older brothers standing at 6-foot-5.

The Hewitts commuted together each day and she said working with her son—even for just three week—was a special time for her.

Now back in the swing of a hectic class schedule, Hewitt said the internship was rewarding.

"I really enjoyed my experience working at NSWC Corona over the summer. I learned a lot, and it was great getting a firsthand account on what our civilian counterparts are doing to help in our efforts against the war on terror. I would suggest this AIAD to any of my fellow cadets here at the Point."

Cadets fly high at intercollegiate aviation event

Story and photo by Maj. Zachary Mundell
Cadet Aviation Club OIC

The West Point Cadet Flying Team competed in the 2010 National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region VII Safety Contest event Oct. 20-23 at Dowling College in Shirley, N.Y.

Three cadets competed with other college students, most of whom are enrolled in undergraduate aviation programs in the northeast.

Events in the competition included a short field approach and landing, a power-off approach and landing, navigation, preflight, navigation planning, E6B computer accuracy and flight simulator precision and aircraft identification tests.

Yearling Nevada Shelton, Plebe Frank Arnold and Yearling Bryan Wilson each earned awards at this year's SAFECON.

Shelton earned fifth place in overall pilot rankings and took second in the navigation event. Arnold took second place in the aircraft preflight and message drop events.

All three contestants ranked in the top 10 on several other events.

Much of the team's success this year was a result of the excellent coaching and mentoring team members received from Air Force 2nd Lt. Spencer Bell, a prior NIFA competitor, who attended the event with the cadets and assisted Coach Maj. Zach Mundell throughout the competition.



The West Point Cadet Flying Team landed some accolades at the 2010 National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region VII Safety Contest. The three cadets competing at the SAFECON received trophies and medals in various events throughout the three-day competition. Pictured are Yearling Bryan Wilson, Plebe Frank Arnold and Yearling Nevada Shelton. The West Point Aviation Club provides access to discounted flight training, Private Pilot Written Test preparation, assistance finding FAA Flight Surgeons for FAA Medical Exams, aviation seminars and meetings. No prior flight experience is required to join. Cadets who have at least a private pilot rating may compete with the West Point Flying Team.

West Point Band to honor veterans in concert

Story and photo provided by
the West Point Concert Band

The West Point Concert Band, under the direction of Lt. Col. Jim Keene, will present a concert honoring the service of America's veterans at 3 p.m. Nov. 14 at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. This concert is free and open to the public.

Tickets are available at the West Point Visitors Center, WHUD Radio, Eisenhower Hall Box Office, National Purple Heart Hall of Honor (New Windsor), Hotel Thayer, FMWR Ticket Office, Keller Army Hospital front desk and the Egner Hall Band, Bldg. 685.

The concert program includes patriotic works, with numerous multimedia elements designed to highlight the contributions of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Services. The concert opens with a stirring arrangement of the familiar tune "America, the Beautiful." Emphasizing the accomplishments of the men and women of the U.S. Army, James Kazik's Fantasy on "Army Strong" expands on Mark Isham's tune "Army Strong," featured in recent Army advertising campaigns. The Band's field music group, The Hellcats, will present a feature demonstration of the rope drum and bugle calls for which they are so popular.

Members of Rolling Thunder will be present to receive recognition for their efforts to account for all POWs and MIAs of all wars. The Concert Band will perform Master Sgt. Douglas Richard's fantasy on the song "Rolling Thunder," written by Rolling Thunder member Harvey Hilburgh.

Also attending the event will be the Patriot Guard Riders. With more than 200,000 members, the Patriot Guard Riders attend the funerals of members of the U.S. armed forces at the invitation of a deceased's Family.

In addition, the group greets troops returning from overseas at welcome home celebrations and at deployment ceremonies and performs volunteer work for veteran's organizations. The group also assists Families in financial difficulties with travel and housing arrangements, and visits



The West Point Concert Band performs for free at Eisenhower Hall Theatre at 3 p.m. Nov. 14.

military hospitals to encourage and honor wounded service members of the U.S. armed forces.

The second half of the concert opens with lighter swing pieces of the World War II era. Arranger Wayne Scott's Glenn Miller in Concert highlights a number of Glenn Miller's signature tunes. In the same vein, Master Sgt. MaryKay Messenger will be joined by Staff Sgts. Alexis Cole and Carla Moebius to perform a medley of tunes made famous by the Andrews Sisters.

As the concert comes to a close, the Band recognizes the

service of the men and women of the armed services with The Armed Forces Service Medley.

Allow extra travel time for the vehicle and photo I.D. inspection at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates. Due to changing security requirements at West Point, call the Academy Band's hotline at 938-2617 or check www.westpoint.edu/special before leaving for the concert.

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call the Academy Band's 24-hour hotline at 938-2617 or visit www.westpoint.edu/band.



Free coffee and NASCAR tires?

Spc. Desmond Mobley of East St. Louis, Ill., and Germany, wins a new NASCAR tire at the quarterly Warrior Transition Unit muster at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center Oct. 20. The Soldiers enjoyed a full breakfast, went to dental appointments and received their flu shots. Pfc. Robert Bromley from Vermont won a used NASCAR tire autographed by several pro racers, including Dale Earnhardt, Jr. With Mobley is Amy Rodick, interim supervisor of the SFAC. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Think Snow!

Junior Alpine Ski Team to meet Nov. 17

Submitted by retired Sgt. Maj. David Brzywczy

The West Point Junior Alpine Ski Team takes to the slopes of Victor Constant Ski Area for the eighth year this winter.

The club includes girls and boys 8-14 years of age and has grown from an initial membership of 20 youngsters when first organized by retired Lt. Col. Bill Adams and Col. Tyge Rugenstein (USMAPS), to 50 racers last winter.

The club holds its annual Fall informational meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 17, at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge. New members are welcome. The skier requirements for junior ski racers are:

- Ability to ski on intermediate terrain (blue runs);
- Ability to change the size of their turn shape;
- Ability to stop quickly on demand and be mindful of instructors and fellow skiers.

There is a registration fee for all members. The team conducts four "home" races at Victor Constant Ski Slope, two in January and two in February (none on holiday weekends) and usually attends a couple of optional "away" races at neighboring mountains, like Hunter, Windham, Belleayre or Plattekill.

The WPJAST has provided a great forum for young skiers to have fun and build confidence with large motor skill development, as they learn to "ski with tactics" (race). Racers practice and compete in "J" groups broken down by age:

- Age 8: J-VI;
- Ages 9 and 10: J-V;
- Ages 11 and 12: J-IV;
- Ages 13 and 14: J-III.

The team has been a feeder program for the O'Neill High School Ski Team, which has sent high school racers to compete at the N.Y. State Sectional High School Competition each year. WPJAST practice sessions are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m., and Saturday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m.

The coaches have an abundance of teaching and racing experience at both the Professional and Amateur Ski Instructor level. This year's WPJAST staff and coaches include:

- President: Corina Morano-Ender;
- Co-Vice Presidents: Tony McGowan and Master Sgt. James Barnard;
- Treasurer: Kristine Learey;
- Director of Coaching: retired Sgt. Maj. David Brzywczy;
- Coaches: Steve Skyer, Rob Rodi, Alison Nichols, Austen Zivec and Matthew Learey.

The coaching staff also includes a team of parent volunteers, who assist the coaches on race day as gate judges, course maintenance and registrars. If you think your children are up to the challenge of a little controlled speed on the hill this winter, come join the group at its initial team meeting. The team is always looking for new coaches, so if you're an experienced skier/racer and would like to join the WPJAST Family, visit www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/SKI/index.HTM.

For additional information, call David Brzywczy at 938-3614 or Corina Morano-Ender at 446-2177.



Harvest Fest yields plenty of fun



(Above) Two princesses take part in a hula-hoop competition Oct. 31 during the Harvest Night Festival at the Post Chapel. The community gathered for a night of free food, balloons, fun, games and a horse-drawn carriage ride. Cadet volunteers from Young Life, Wyldlife and Awana programs were there to help out with the activities. (Left) A pixie sits patiently during a face painting.

PHOTOS BY SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

FMWR Blurbs

Fall back now into your career development plan

Sign-up now for November Employment Readiness workshops:

- Noon-1 p.m., today, How to Conduct an Effective Job Search;
- 9-11 a.m., Tuesday, Federal Resumé Writing Workshop.

All workshops will be held at ACS, Bldg. 622. To register, call 938-5658.

Hunting lottery for rifle season opening day

The hunting lottery for the opening day of rifle season begins at 6 p.m. tonight at Victor Constant Ski Lodge.

Patrons must bring N.Y. State and West Point hunting licenses to participate.

For more information, call 938-2503/3860.

School Age Center Night

A School Age Center Night will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Lee Area CDC for children in grades 1-5.

The theme for this event will be "Jersey and Sports Madness."

Activities include a Scavenger Hunt, HORSE Basketball and Sport Jersey making.

There is a minimal cost for this event.

To make reservations, call 938-0942.

TLC—Together, Listening, Caring

Join TLC, a support group for Families of children with special needs, for its next meeting from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday at ACS, Bldg 622.

To register, call 938-5655.

Coping with a Deployment course

Join ACS from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at ACS Bldg. 622 for a Coping with a Deployment course presented by the Red Cross.

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

Refreshments are provided.

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

CYSS Art EDGE! Intro to Watercolor

Art EDGE! Introduction to Watercolor Fall classes take place at 3:30-5 p.m. every Wednesday through Nov. 17 in the Youth Center Art Room.

Enroll at Parent Central (Lee CDC behind Subway).

Classes are taught by Maggie Oakes, FMWR Art Specialist.

Free for youth in grades 6 and above.

For more information, call 938-0829.

ACS Relocation Readiness

The Home Sweet Home Workshop will be held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 18.

In this workshop, ACS prepares you for the decisions that lie ahead and gives you useful tips for narrowing down the perfect home for your Family.

All workshops take place in the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 622.

Please RSVP to reserve your spot.

For more information, call 938-2519/3487.

West Point Club's Bridal Expo

There will be a Bridal Expo held from noon-4 p.m. Nov. 21 in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Enjoy music, sample fine foods and visit with vendors as you explore the wedding displays.

There is a minimal entry fee to enjoy this grand event.

For more information, call 938-5120.

2010 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Join Leisure Travel Services Nov. 25 in New York City to see the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Transportation departs LTS at 6 a.m. and returns immediately after the parade.

Reservations are now being accepted.

For more information, call 938-3601.

Thanksgiving Day feast

A Thanksgiving Day feast will take place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (one seating) Nov. 25 in the Grand Ballroom.

Advance reservations are required by Nov. 23.

For pricing and more information, call 938-5120.

Army Photography Contest

The 2010 Army Photography Contest is now open for submissions through Nov. 30.

Complete details of the contest are available at www.arts.armymwr.com or by calling West Point Craft Shop at 938-4812.

West Point Post Library Fall Story Hour

The West Point Post Library conducts its fall session of story hour at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday through Dec. 7.

This program is open to all West Point community children ages 3-5. There are no fees.

Registration is required on a weekly basis. Stop by the Post Library in Bldg. 622, or call 938-2974 for more information.

Art EDGE! Intro to Voice

Art EDGE! Introduction to Voice takes place at 3:30-5:30 p.m. every Thursday through Dec. 16 in the Youth Center Music Room.

Enroll at Parent Central (Lee CDC, 938-4458—behind Subway) by Wednesday.

Classes are taught by 30-year Barbershop Chorus Director, June Noble.

Free for children in grades 6 and higher.

For more information, call 938-0829.

Tickets for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular

The holiday's hottest tickets have arrived and are now on sale at Leisure Travel Services, Bldg. 683 (inside the FMWR Fitness Center). Show dates are:

- 5 p.m., Dec. 13 Show—2nd Mezzanine (bus leaves LTS at 1 p.m.);

- 5 p.m., Dec. 16 Show—2nd Mezzanine (bus leaves LTS at 1 p.m.);

For more information, call 938-3601.

Ski Locker and Lodge Lottery

West Point Victor Constant Ski Slope's annual locker and lodge lottery application process continues.

Visit westpointmwr.com for the applications and rules for each lottery. Applications can only be submitted online.

For more information, call 938-8810.

CYSS Kids' Club

Kids' Club activities are held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Lee Area Child Development Center for children in grades 1-5.

The activities include: Monday—Art Club, Tuesday—Sports Club, Wednesday—Science Club, Thursday—Cooking Club and Friday—Exerdance Club.

To make reservations, call 938-0942.

Golf Pro Shop Fall sale

The West Point Golf Course Pro Shop Sale is ongoing. Hurry in to save 20-30 percent on selected items.

Also, the West Point Golf Course will have twilight rate greens fees all day for the rest of the season.

For more details, call 938-2435.

NEW INFO

FMWR Community Skate Program

The FMWR Community Skate Program begins Sunday at Tate Rink and continues every Sunday through Feb. 27.

Program hours are 3:30-5:15 p.m.

Admission is free, but patrons must provide their own skates.

In case of inclement weather, patrons can call the FMWR information tape at 938-2991 for updates for that day.

Turkey Trot 5K

The FMWR Fitness Center presents the second 5K in the new FMWR race series.

The Turkey Trot 5K kicks off at 8 a.m. Nov. 13.

Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center the week before or the day of the race.

Prizes are given to top finishers. Cost of entry is one FMWR Fitness Center Group Fitness Coupon.

For more information, call 938-6490.

BBC LifeWorks

Toy swap collection

Balfour Beatty Communities is collecting gently used, but in good condition, toys at 132 Bartlett Loop.

All donated items will be displayed from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. today for children to select and take home.

For more information, contact LifeWorks coordinator Jodi Gellman at 446-6407 or e-mail at jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

What's Happening

West Point Middle School Veterans Day Assembly

The West Point Middle School will host its annual Veterans Day Assembly from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday. Members of the community are invited to attend. It will be an afternoon of poetry, music, drama and comedy to entertain guests and community members. The assembly honors all veterans.

Veterans are invited to a reception prior to the assembly at noon.

For more information, call Ronnie Coffey at 938-2923 or e-mail mary.coffey@am.dodea.edu.

Veterans Day Ruck March

There is a cadet-sponsored Veterans Day Ruck March with a registration beginning at 6:15 a.m. and step off at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 11 to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign.

The march begins on the apron in front of Eisenhower Barracks.

Cadets can sign-up on the USCC page or through their company CFC representative.

Donations are welcome for this 12-mile, self-paced march. No ruck is necessary.

For staff and faculty members or civilians who want to march with the cadets, contact Erin Anthony at 845-515-2996.

To donate, contact Dave Liem at 845-515-4815.

This Week in Army Football

The "This Week in Army Football" radio show takes place at the Cadet First Class Club from 7-8 p.m. Nov. 11, Nov. 18 and Dec. 8.

The show, hosted by Rich DeMarco, previews Army football's upcoming game with head coach Rich Ellerson.

Fans in the audience have the opportunity to ask questions and win prizes. There is complimentary food and drink specials. It's open to staff and faculty, cadets, civilians and all Army football fans.

Ike Hall presents Toby Keith

Eisenhower Hall Theatre is offering a special added performance to this year's schedule. Country superstar Toby Keith and his American Ride Tour, presented by Ford F-Series, will perform at Eisenhower Hall on Veterans' Day at 8 p.m. Nov. 11.

Come hear favorites such as "Beer for My Horses," "Bullets in the Gun" and "American Ride." Tickets available now online at www.Ikehall.com.

Arrive early and enjoy a meal or refreshments at Ike's Riverside Café.

West Point Class of 1929 Gallery presents artist

The West Point Class of 1929 Gallery is displaying New Windsor artist Dorian Lee Remine's exhibit called "New York and the Hudson Valley" through Nov. 14.

The exhibit features many West Point scenes.

The gallery is located on the 5th floor of Eisenhower Hall.

NEW INFO

Guy Fawkes Night at Boscobel

Gather in Boscobel's West Meadow for a roaring bonfire, hot chocolate and toffee apples to celebrate Guy Fawkes Day from 5-8 p.m. Friday.

British traitor Fawkes unsuccessfully conspired to blow up the English Houses of Parliament in London in 1605 and is celebrated annually in England.

Boscobel is located on Route 9D in Garrison. Reservations are not necessary, but recommended. Visitors may bring a

blanket or chair.

For more information, go to www.boscobel.org or call Donna Blaney at 845-265-3638.

Volkssport Club Walk

The Volkssport Club of West Point invites all walkers to New York City Saturday for a walk. All participants will meet at 10:45 a.m. to register at Super Runner Shop at 51 W. 42nd Street, across from Bryant Park.

The 10K trail is rated 1+ or easy and includes Greenwich Village, Chinatown, Little Italy, Washington Square and Chelsea.

The walk qualifies for AVA special programs: Authors and Literary Landmarks, Islands, Railroad Heritage and Riverwalk America.

For more information, call 845-446-4709 or go to www.ava.org/clubs/westpoint.

O'Neill High School Drama Club entertainment

The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District's Arts in Education Booster Club presents the James I. O'Neill High School Drama Club's Cabaret and Dinner with an evening of song, dance and skits beginning at 6 p.m. Nov. 12.

The event includes a pasta dinner in the O'Neill H.S. cafeteria. The cabaret will begin immediately after the dinner in the auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

To purchase tickets, e-mail Debbie Waters at AIEBCOneillhs@gmail.com.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Old Testament Seminar

The Post Chapel is hosting a walk through the Bible Old Testament Seminar 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Post Chapel.

In just a few action-packed hours, the world's most popular Bible-based seminar will change your life. Using hand motions, catch phrases and group review, you will understand the Old Testament like never before.

Limited childcare is provided for ages 6 months to 4 years old. Children ages 10 and up may participate in the seminar with parents. Lunch is provided for all participants.

For more information or to sign up, call 938-2003.

4 Paws Humane Society Silent Auction fundraiser

There will be a 4 Paws Humane Society Silent Auction fundraiser to benefit the animals in our community from 1-2:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Grace Baptist Church on Old State Road in Fort Montgomery.

A small entry fee entitles you to a bidding number and access to a variety of food and beverages.

All proceeds go directly to helping animals.

For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Lee Anne Newton at 845-282-1997.

West Point Band Honors Veterans in a Concert

The West Point Concert Band, under the direction of Lt. Col. Jim Keene is presenting a concert honoring the service of America's veterans at 3 p.m. Nov. 14 at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public.

The concert is comprised of patriotic works, with numerous multimedia elements designed to highlight the contributions of men and women of the U.S. Armed Services.

Members of the Rolling Thunder will be present at the performance to receive recognition for their efforts to account for all POWs and MIAs of all wars.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Brian Broelmann

at 938-5202 or e-mail brian.broelmann@usma.edu.

Civilian Employees Benefits Fair

There will be a Civilian Employees Benefits Fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

For more information, contact Billy Szabo, human resources specialist, at 938-3943.

Native American Heritage Observance

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with children's arts and crafts, a Native American dance display from the Red Hawk Dance Troup, artifact displays and food samplings for all to enjoy from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 19 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

This event is open to the public. Admission is free.

The theme of the event is "Life is Sacred—Celebrate Healthy Native Communities."

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Key at 938-8456 or Master Sgt. Ryan Goldsmith at 938-2581.

Weekend Sales Associates needed

The DUSA Gift Shop located at the West Point Museum is in need of weekend sales associates.

Applications are available in the Gift Shop. For more information, call Tanisha McInerney at 446-0566.

Book Signings

John Gresham and Dwight Zimmerman will sign their book "Uncommon Valor" from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday at the West Point Bookstore in Thayer Hall 4th floor.

Sebastian Junger will sign his book "War" from 8:15-9 p.m. Nov. 15 at Eisenhower Hall.

Tim Hetherington will sign his book "Infidel" from 2-3:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at the West Point Book store and from 9:30-10:30 p.m. at Robinson Auditorium.

Command Channel 8/23

Nov. 4-11

Army Newswatch
(broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and Monday through Nov. 11
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point
(broadcast times)
Thursday, Friday and Monday through Nov. 11
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Keller Corner

KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

Flu Vaccine Schedule

Flu vaccines are available beginning Monday, on a walk-in basis for retired servicemembers and non-military TRICARE beneficiaries, during the hours of 8-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the KACH Immunization Clinic.

Flu vaccinations are also available Thursdays from 8-11:30 a.m.

Military staff and faculty vaccinations are available from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. today and Friday in Thayer Hall, Room 144.

For additional information, contact the Keller Flu Vaccine information line at 938-6398 or the Immunization Clinic at 938-8476.

Pediatric and Family Medicine Clinic Coloring contest

The clinic is making new well-child handouts and we are looking for drawings.

Stop by the clinic to pick up entry forms to draw or color your favorite ways to stay healthy and safe.

The contest runs through Nov. 15 for all age groups.

The winners' pictures will be

used in our new clinic handouts and prizes will be given to the winner of each age group—ages 2 and under, 3-4 years old, 5-6 years old, 7-8 years old, 9-11 years old, 12-15 years old and 16 years and older.

West Point Pharmacy #1 in patient satisfaction

Congratulations to the KACH Pharmacy for being #1 for overall patient satisfaction in the North Atlantic Region Medical Command for eight consecutive months.

There are nine military treatment facilities in the NARMC Region.

Continue to fill out the Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey that you receive in the mail.

We value your opinions and suggestions.

Mass Notification System Government Phone Test Wed.

At 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, the Installation's Emergency Operations Center will perform a test of West Point's telephonic emergency notification system to validate the phone numbers in its data base. This test will involve a pre-recorded phone call made to all assigned government desk (938) phones.

If you are in the data base and receive a call, listen to the message that will direct you to "press a numeric key on your phone to receive an important message" (if you hang up it will call you back).

Next, you will hear a message and be told what button to push to end the call. Again, if you hang up without listening completely, the system will continue to call your phone number.

If the system cannot contact you at your desk phone, and you have a registered cell phone, the system will then contact your cell phone. The message you will receive for this test will state, "This is a test of the Installation Emergency Notification System. Had this been an actual emergency, you would have received incident specific information or instructions. This is only a test."

Organizations have the ability to customize the database by adding personal cell phone numbers and home phone numbers. If an organization wants to include additional contact numbers within the installation's mass notification system, contact Matthew Cassidy, Installation Antiterrorism Officer, at 938-3650.

Army-Air Force football force protection and parking message

Submitted by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

In support of the Army-Air Force football game at noon Saturday and to facilitate game day operations and associated events because of the sellout, the following measures will be implemented:

Cullum Road will be closed to vehicle travel from the Quarters 101 intersection to the Doubleday Lot entrance to support the Daly Field bonfire from 7:15-8:30 p.m. tonight. Vehicles leaving Clinton and Doubleday Lots must turn right and exit toward the Cadet Library.

Personnel going TDY or on leave are reminded not to park in any of the lettered lots or in Clinton or Doubleday Lots. Employees and residents needing access to the Central Area must park in the upper parking lot near Bldg. 606.

To allow for activities at Black Knight Alley on

Saturday, Mills Road will be blocked from the Stony Lonesome to Howze Place intersections beginning at 6 a.m. and will not reopen until after the game.

Beginning around 8:30 a.m., all roads leading to Michie Stadium will be blocked near the stadium. Vehicles without an exemption pass distributed by DPTMS' Force Protection Office are not permitted entry through any blocking positions surrounding the stadium area.

Military Police will patrol the housing areas throughout the day. Housing area residents are requested to notify the Military Police Desk at 938-3333 of any suspicious activities or unidentified vehicles remaining in the housing area during and after completion of the game and related activities.

Remember to lock your house and car while you attend the game. **If you see something, say something.**

As a reminder, residents can send reports by using the iWATCH site found at www.usma.edu/.

West Point Range Control will be hosting two personally-owned firearms range days in preparation for the "Big Game Season." Authorized users may sign in at Range 5 (Route 293 across from the Round Pond entrance) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today and Nov. 13. Additionally, Mine Torne Road will be closed today and Nov. 13 for the training. For more information on what is required to participate, call Alec Lazore, West Point Range officer, at 938-3007.

DPW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Replacement of the sidewalk along Thayer Road, in front of the Thayer Hotel, continues and is approximately 60 percent complete. Drivers and pedestrians should continue to use caution while in the area;

- Work continues on the steamline repairs on Ruger Road with work in the manholes and site restoration.

The road is open to vehicle traffic, but the sidewalk is still closed. Work will continue for the next week in the area;

- Brewerton Road has been repaved. Some additional work continues in the manholes, but we expect only minimal impact to vehicle and pedestrian traffic;

- The temporary blocking of four CPA parking spaces behind Lincoln Hall is expected to begin the first week of November for a period of three weeks.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Inception, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—You Again, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—The Town, R, 9:30 p.m.

Nov. 12—Easy A, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 13—Legends of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga' Hoole, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 13—Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

UPCOMING IKE HALL SHOWS

- Nov. 11, 8 p.m. — TOBY KEITH
- Nov. 13, 2 p.m. — MOSCOW BALLET'S NUTCRACKER
- Dec. 12, 3 p.m. — THE TEN TENORS "Holiday Edition"
- Jan. 23, 4 p.m. — FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
- Feb. 5, 8 p.m. — JIM BRICKMAN "An Evening of Romance!"

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

			5	2	6		7	3
		6			4	9		
	4	7	3				6	
4	7					6	9	
		3				8		
	2	9					5	7
	1				5	7	4	
		4	7			1		
7	9		1	4	3			

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

Difficulty: Easy

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Volleyball's rolling into important weekend

Story and photos by
Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

Army volleyball reached new heights last season when the team finally broke American's eight-year championship dominance, won the Patriot League championship and earned its first trip to the NCAAs.

After achieving a record of 76-15 the previous three years, a dip in play might have been expected especially after losing the team's "quarterback" and four-year starter at setter, Maureen Bannon.

Injuries to key players early and players playing out of position didn't help Army's start, but the team found its stride in recent weeks and now is rolling into its most important weekend of the season on a seven-match conference winning streak.

With a 16-11 record and 9-1 in conference, Army faces Navy (7-19) Friday and American (23-2) Saturday at Gillis Field House. The start of the season may have been bumpy, but head coach Alma Kovaci says the team is in a good position at this point.

"It was a rough start, but we're

playing the best we've played (this season) and that's what you really want," Kovaci said. "Every time we've stepped out on the court, we've improved. I'm really happy with where we're at right now and the results show that."

The key to improving has been the growth of the team's youth. Army is a very young team at its core with Yearlings outside hitter Ariana Mankus and right side hitter Francine Vasquez the top hitters on offense, although Plebe Margaux Jarka had to pick up for Vasquez when she was out with an ankle injury early in the year.

"(Vasquez) is the key to our offense, especially on the right side, and it took a couple of matches to get going following her injury, but right now she is playing great volleyball and I'm excited," Kovaci said.

Jarka isn't the only plebe to have made a difference this year on the court. Middle blocker Megan Wilton and outside hitter D.J. Phee have been top contributors on the evolving squad.

"Megan Wilton has been a surprise. She has done a great job in the middle," Kovaci said. "I'm very

impressed because she went to prep school for a year and wasn't able to play volleyball.

"She hadn't played for about a year-and-a-half, so her transition in the beginning was a bit rough and she is so much of a perfectionist that we had to continue motivating her to keep her going," she added. "But now she is becoming a dominant force in the front row."

While the younger players have served the team well, a couple of firsties have been doing a lot of the grunt work to get the team performing better week by week.

Firstie libero Brittany Jensen is someone Kovaci classifies as an unsung hero, a person, like in the libero mode, gets very little glory for being a defensive specialist but is very important to the process.

"(Jensen) is a steady player on defense and in the passing game," Kovaci said. "We lead the conference in digs per game, and I think she has stepped up into that role ... what she does for the team is something you can't replace."

The other firstie who has been playing above and beyond is setter Karyn Powell. The team co-captain spent the last three years on the bench awaiting her turn behind Bannon.

Powell did start three games a year ago, but the team faltered in a couple of them, specifically losses to American and Navy when Bannon was injured.

But those losses last year and the rough start this year didn't turn Powell into a shrinking violet—she has come on strong and is one of the reasons why Army has won 10 of its last 13 matches.

"(Powell) is mentally tough. She brings a sense of confidence and steady leadership that when things do go wrong, you can look to Karyn and still have a sense of calmness that everything is going to be OK," Kovaci said. "That is very much valued in the sport of volleyball where things happen in a matter of seconds and that is what Karyn brings us—steadiness and calmness."

Kovaci praised Powell for stepping into a big role.

The setter basically sets up the offense for the team's big hitters and since Bannon seemed to be an irreplaceable piece to the offense, Powell had to earn the respect of others who didn't think she could do the job as well.



Firstie setter Karyn Powell (#14) helps "quarterback" the offense, but she has given a boost to the defense with her blocking abilities.

"A lot of people have told her she had big shoes to fill," Kovaci explained. "Sometimes, it can wear on you, but she has done a tremendous job. The team has confidence in her now."

The biggest thing Powell offers as the setter is an extra tall body in front of the net to help with blocking.

"(Powell) gives us a block where Maureen didn't, so it's a give and take there," Kovaci said about the 5-foot-11-inch West Harrison, Ind., native. "The team knows what Karyn can do and they trust her now ... she is a better blocker (than Bannon) and has better timing."

With all the young players in the lineup and Powell getting her first regular duty, the team has slowly come together for success.

However, after three years on the bench, just being out on the court is something Powell relishes most.

"As an athlete you want to compete, you want to be on the court and the past three years there have been many ups and downs," Powell said. "My attitude has been positive, but there have been times where I've had to hide my emotions. It's been a learning experience and I really wouldn't have changed any of it."

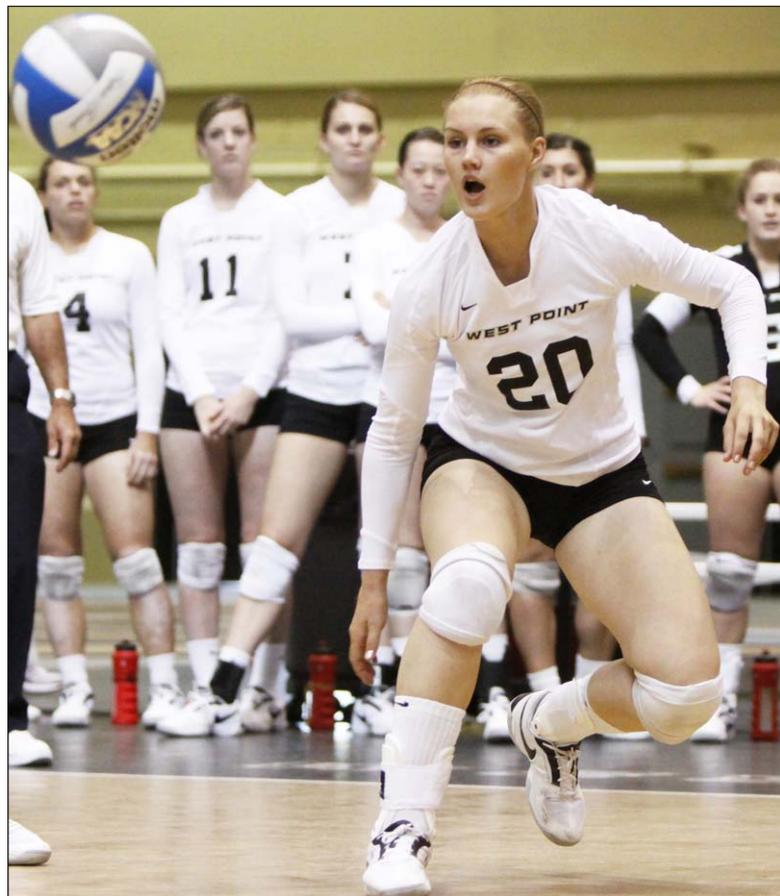
"I learned a lot from (Bannon) and what she was able to do as a setter," she added. "I can't be grateful enough for the opportunity to step up this year and take it over."

The best moment in Powell's career was the team's Patriot League championship last season and it's important to her to help the team continue its success.

"We really couldn't have asked for more with beating American in the championships and then going to the NCAA Tournament for the first time," Powell said. "The program has a history of success and the past few seasons have been great. We're trying to continue that ... I always look toward the goal in the end, which is the Patriot League championship. If we win, that's awesome; if we lose, take it, learn from it and move on."

With the big weekend coming up, Powell is excited to play Army's two biggest rivals in the PLs. However, the American game has more at stake than just a win; it will most likely determine where the PL championship is played later this month.

"Every game is important and having lost to them (on their court), we have something to prove," Powell said. "We're working really hard for that and we're ready to go."



Head coach Alma Kovaci said Plebe middle blocker Megan Wilton (#20) has been a pleasant surprise this season in the front row. She missed more than a year of play due to prep school.

Helbling's last second goal gives Army top seed

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Army Cow forward Erringer Helbling attempted to cross the ball in the waning seconds of play when instead it went off the side of her foot and over goalkeeper's head and into the net with just 25 seconds left on the clock to lift the Black Knights to the regular-season Patriot League women's soccer title on the strength of a 1-0 blanking of Holy Cross at Linda Johnson Smith Stadium in Worcester, Mass., Oct. 29.

The Black Knights (13-3-3, 4-0-3 Patriot League) took over sole possession of first place in the league after finishing the season with 15 points, en route to capturing their fifth regular-season conference title and first since 2002.

Army will be the tournament's top seed and host Friday and Sunday. The field is set and Army will face four-seeded Colgate at 4 p.m. Friday.

The shutout was Army's 15th of the season and the 10th for Firstie goalkeeper Alex Lostetter, who was called on to make two of her three saves in the second half to improve to 8-2-3. Lostetter's 10 shutouts are one shy of her season high set during her yearling year, while stretching her school and career mark to 30.

Helbling's goal is her third of the season and second game winner, and was described as "ugly" by coach Stefanie Golan after leading her team to her first title in her second year at the helm. The Army mentor was on the staff when the Black Knights captured the tournament crown and first-ever NCAA bid two years ago.

"We had missed four opportunities that we did not finish," Golan said. "In the first half, we played into the wind and the second half we had the wind at our backs. We were more dangerous in the second half, but also gave up a couple of opportunities, so I am happy we pulled this out. The team earned it and now we will get a chance to host the tournament.

"Our goal in the preseason was to get ourselves into the tournament, and then win it, but as the season progressed and we got into league play and were successful, we changed our goal to let's win the regular-season and bring it home," she added. "Our next step is to win our semifinal round Friday to advance to the finals and put ourselves in the position to win the title and the NCAA Tournament berth."

Army had seven shots (five on goal) to Holy Cross' three in the second half, and three of the Black Knights first five attempts were on goal with another, a shot by Firstie team captain Kelley Robbins, hitting the post.

Helbling's first shot of the game was on goal and rejected by Angell in the 73rd minute, followed by both of Army's corner kicks prior to the junior's winning tally as the Black



Cow forward Erringer Helbling scored her third goal of the season with 25 seconds left to lift Army over Holy Cross 1-0 Oct. 29.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Knights boosted their unbeaten streak in the series to 15 straight.

The Black Knights stretched their unbeaten streak to eight straight following their 13th win of the season for the most victories since recording 16 in 1997.

Sports calendar

Corps

Nov. 4-12

FRIDAY — VOLLEYBALL VS. NAVY, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 7 P.M.

SATURDAY — FOOTBALL VS. AIR FORCE, MICHIE STADIUM, 7 P.M. (TELEVISED: CBS COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK.)

SATURDAY — VOLLEYBALL VS. AMERICAN, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 7 P.M.

TUESDAY — WRESTLING VS. DREXEL, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE, 7 P.M.

NOV. 12 — RIFLE VS. MISSISSIPPI, TRONSRUE MARKSMANSHIP CENTER, 3 P.M.

NOV. 12 — MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. VASSAR, CHRISTL ARENA, 7 P.M.

Club

FRIDAY — MEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS. AIR FORCE, ARVIN 2ND FLOOR, 4:30 P.M.

FRIDAY — WOMEN'S LACROSSE VS. AIR FORCE, DALY FIELD, 4:30 P.M.

FRIDAY — MEN'S RUGBY VS. AIR FORCE, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, 5 P.M.

FRIDAY — MEN'S HANDBALL VS. AIR FORCE, ARVIN 4TH FLOOR, 5 P.M.

FRIDAY — CYCLING VS. AIR FORCE, VARIOUS ROADS, 5 P.M.

FRIDAY — BOXING VS. AIR FORCE, CREST HALL, 6 P.M.

FRIDAY — JUDO VS. AIR FORCE, ARVIN 2ND FLOOR, 6:30 P.M.

FRIDAY — PAINTBALL, ACADEMY CLASSIC, VICTOR CONSTANT SKI SLOPE, 7 P.M.

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY — WOMEN'S RUGBY, NRU QUARTERFINALS, ANDERSON RUGBY COMPLEX, TBA.

Sprint football beats undefeated Penn 36-21

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Army sprint football kept its College Sprint Football League title hopes alive by knocking off previously unbeaten Penn 36-21 Oct. 29 at Franklin Field in Philadelphia.

Yearling Javier Sustaita made his first career start at quarterback for the Black Knights and proved himself worthy of the role. Sustaita completed 64 percent (27-of-42) of his passes, tallying 362 yards and two touchdowns, while also rushing for two scores.

Army broke into the scoring column just over halfway into the first quarter, as Sustaita marched the Black Knights down the field, hitting four different receivers on a drive starting at Army's own 39. Sustaita capped the drive with a 10-yard touchdown run.

Army kept ahead of Penn the whole game, leading 29-21 midway through the fourth quarter.

With 7:24 remaining, Army went to the ground game to burn some of the clock. Cow running back Mike Meier rushed three consecutive times, setting up a pivotal fourth-and-one at Penn's 44-yard line.

Sustaita rushed for seven yards on fourth down, giving the Black Knights a critical first down, allowing them to remain in the driver's seat.

Meier made the gamble pay off, running the ball 22 yards for a game-securing touchdown with 2:34 remaining putting Army up 36-21.

Army boasted 533 total yards of offense, while the defense racked up four sacks, including two by Firstie defensive end Eric Kanney.

Army improved to 4-1 with the win, while Penn drops to 5-1. Navy (5-1) defeated Cornell (4-2) Oct. 29, setting up a potential CSFL title game as the Black Knights travel to Annapolis, Md., to face the Midshipmen Friday.

Army seeks bowl berth with win over Falcons

By Army Athletic Communications

The Black Knights are just one win away from earning bowl eligibility for the first time since the 1996 season, and thousands will pour into Michie Stadium Saturday hoping it will happen against academy rival Air Force.

The Army defense is ranked 17th in the nation, allowing 313.9 yards per game. The Black Knights' boast the 27th-best rushing defense (117.75) and have limited six of their eight opponents to less than 125 yards on the ground. Army has held four opponents to less than 100 yards rushing in 2010.

Army's final home contest features two of the top rushing offenses in the nation. The Black Knights ran for a season-high 316 yards in its win over VMI and now ranks seventh in the country at 281.4 rushing yards per game.

The Falcons boast the nation's second-best rushing offense, averaging 313.56 yards per game. Army has run for 26 touchdowns in 2010, while the Falcons have scored 27 times on the ground.

Offensively, besides being stout on the ground, Air Force is also throwing for 123.4 yards per game and rank 26th in the country with 437 yards of total offense per game.

Running back Asher Clark is the team's leading rusher with 735 yards in nine games (81.7/game). Eight different players have at least one rushing touchdown, including seven Falcons with at least two rushing scores.

Army has had five different players lead the team in rushing this season.

Yearling fullback Jared Hassin is the only player to do it more than once, topping the list four times, including the last three games.

Kickoff is set for noon and the game will be broadcast live on CBS College Sports Network.

Army Black Knights 2010 Record: 5-3; Overall Football Bowl Subdivision Rankings

PASSING YARDS RUSHING YARDS POINTS FOR POINTS AGAINST

120th 73.5 **7th** 281.4 **45th** 30.4 **45th** 21.8
Overall Overall Overall Overall

Air Force 2010 Record: 5-4 overall, 4th in MWC; Overall FBS Rankings

PASSING YARDS RUSHING YARDS POINTS FOR POINTS AGAINST

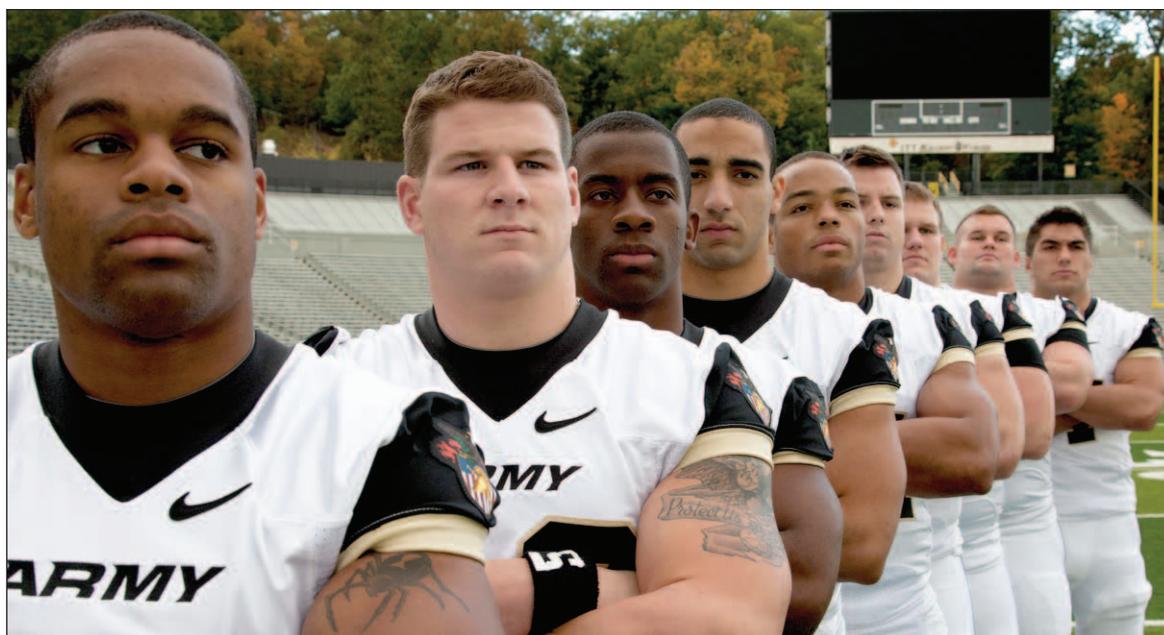
116th 123.4 **2nd** 313.6 **52nd** 29.1 **49th** 22.4
Overall Overall Overall Overall

Sideline Reporter



Firstie Sam Roddy stands next to the record of recent football wins against Air Force in the Beat Air Force Tunnel. He is hoping that 2010 will be painted on the wall soon. He will be on the sidelines reporting the Army-Air Force home football game Saturday for CBS College Sports. Roddy was encouraged to audition by his peers who believe he will represent West Point well during his coverage of the game. The Columbus, Ohio native is a running back for the Company D-2 intramural football team, and has cheered on the Black Knights as a Rabble Rouser in the past. Roddy has noticed high levels of morale and team spirit within the Corps of Cadets following the Black Knights' favorable season performance so far. "There's nothing like being in the middle of the Corps when Army makes a really good play," Roddy said. "We just explode with excitement. It really influences and impacts all of us. Their performance is really lifting us up right now."

SGT. VINCENT FUSCO/PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE



With four regular season appearances left, the firsties are looking to leave their mark in Black Knights history starting with a win over Air Force Saturday, and then earning a bowl berth—Army's first since 1996.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PV

Game Recap



29-7



By Army Athletic Communications

Yearling fullback Jared Hassin recorded his third straight 100-yard rushing game as Army beat Virginia Military Institute, 29-7, at Michie Stadium Oct. 30.

"It was a hard-fought game," head coach Rich Ellerson said. "Don't let anybody tell you there's

anything easy about this game. That was a very physical and hard-fought contest. Give a lot of credit to VMI, especially on the defensive side of the ball. They did some smart things, and they did them very well."

Hassin recorded a 38-yard touchdown run to finish with a career-best 158 yards, along with 54 yards receiving.

Yearling quarterback Trent Steelman scored on a one-yard dive to put the Black Knights up 7-0 in the first quarter. Hassin's TD run early in the second quarter made it 14-0. A safety and a field goal put Army up 19-0 at halftime.

The play of the game came early in the fourth when Firstie defensive back Donovan Travis intercepted the ball and flipped a lateral to Firstie defensive back Jordan Trimble who raced 42 yards for Army's final score

of the game.

"On the interception return, I kind of ran out of gas a little," Travis said. "The next best thing was behind me so I pitched it to my brother right here, Jordan Trimble. Thank God he scored, that's all I have to say."

In addition to the interception, Travis also registered eight solo tackles and broke up a pass to pace the defense while Firstie linebacker Stephen Anderson made seven tackles, including six primary stops.