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## **Army's Fisher honored as the Men's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year**

*Black Knight junior wins first League academic award of his career*

**CENTER VALLEY, Pa.** – Army's **Carl Fisher** (Tampa, Fla./home schooled) was named the 2005 Patriot League Men's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the League's Sports Information Directors. Fisher is the third Black Knight to win this award, joining **Rae Cho** (1998) and **Travis Burns** (1999 & 2000).

Fisher is both a Patriot League Honor Roll and USMA Dean's List member. The Economics major currently holds a 3.71 cumulative grade point average.

The First Team All-Patriot League selection posted a 21-18 doubles record, playing mostly in the number one spot, and went 16-15 in singles action. He was 4-1 in both singles and doubles play against Patriot League opponents. The junior Black Knight picked up a pair of doubles victories in the Patriot League Tournament, helping his team to an upset win over American for the 2005 title. He ended the season winning six out of seven doubles contests, falling only to No. 15 Texas Tech's top duo at the NCAA Tournament.

Fisher was also named to the All-League Second Team in 2004 and owns an all-time record of 53-36 in singles play and 58-34 in doubles action.

To be eligible for this award, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average and be a starter or key player in his/her sport. Freshmen are not eligible for this honor.

The Patriot League, which was founded on the principles of admitting athletes who are academically representative of their class, is in its second decade of academic and athletic excellence. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of the undergraduate experience. The Patriot League, which began as a successful Division I-AA football conference in 1986 and became an all-sport conference in 1990, includes American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy as full members and three associate members. These institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation and their alumni have played leadership roles in the shaping of our country. In the most recent NCAA Graduation Rate Report of student-athletes, the Patriot League ranked **FIRST** among NCAA Division I conferences.