



For NU students who continue to swap music online:

## Violators of file sharing policy get internet shut off

By Mark Zinderman

Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

Joshua Stuart-Shor was taken by surprise when his computer's port became disabled a few weeks before spring break.

He went to Information Technology (IT), located on the floor below the electrical engineer's study in Juckett Hall, for guidance on how to fix the problem.

"IT explained my port was shut down because peer-to-peer (P2P) traffic was found being shared on my computer. They told me to delete it, and I did," Stuart-Shor said, a 20-year-old sophomore studies in war and peace major, from Boston, Mass.

His experience is not an isolated case, either.

The six weeks before spring break, IT monitored and shut off at least 128 students ports on the Norwich campus using the new Intrusion Detection System (IDS). These ports were found to

have signatures for P2P traffic, according to Philip T. Susmann, Vice President of Technology and Strategic Services. P2P traffic is

files that can be retrieved from P2P sharing programs. Some of these well known programs are *Ares*, *Kazza* and *LimeWire*.

ment for IT is online at the IT website (<http://archive.norwich.edu/IT/cs/default.htm>).

see an email get home to mom and dad through the bandwidth, rather than a song get from one person to the next.

Susmann explained the acceptable use policy is being rewritten, and the IT department is looking at about 15 different schools' policies on P2P sharing in order to write the new NU policy.

He explained that students can still operate their computer and ports for other uses, noting that 80 percent of all traffic that shows up with P2P protocols is obtained without compensating the copyright holder.

"I understand how these software packages work, and I know what most students are trying to download with these programs," Susmann said.

There is no way to tell what is and what is not obtained legally with P2P, but considering the statistics and the technology avail

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any type of file that comes into a Norwich port from an outside source, and is called peer traffic because it is usually shared among normal Internet users. The IDS system cost about \$48,000 and was funded by IT department money.

This traffic is most commonly associated with music and movie

"If the bandwidth is blocked with P2P sharing, then it makes it hard to use the network for educational purposes," Susmann said. "Students can use the network for other uses, but our mission is to provide a network allowing for the best possible academic environment." He explained that the mission state-

The first line of the mission statement reads: "The mission of the Information Technology Department of Norwich University is to support and encourage the use of existing and new technology in the academic computing and administrative computing environments."

Susmann said he would rather

Amid concerns of safety and propriety:

## Annual UP500 event prompts survey of student participants

By Michael Nardini

Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

Each year the Norwich corps sophomore class anticipates the first snowfall. Not for it's Vermont beauty, but so that they can participate in an annual rite of passage: running semi-nude around the Upper Parade Ground while fellow upperclass corps members pelt them with snowballs.

It's known as the annual UP 500 run. It has been a strange, annual tradition for as long as anyone can remember and it has brought administrative scorn every year

it has happened.

Generally as the cadets run one treacherous lap around the Upper Parade Ground in below-freezing weather, juniors and seniors hurl snowballs and buckets of water at them.

This year, however, was different.

Instead of only snowballs being launched at runners, some students threw cans of peas and various frozen fruits.

The new hazards prompted a member of the Corps of Cadets

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## Winning Talent



Old City Sound took first place last Friday, March 25, in the annual Talent Night competition in Dole Auditorium. See additional photos page 6. (Plourde photo)



## Letters to the Editor

Letters from the Norwich Community

Dear editor:

This Easter weekend I see a huge improvement from last year. This time last year everyone had to petition and get leave papers in order to go home for Easter. This is a huge holiday for a lot of religions and last year they required leave papers. This year however they allowed general leave to everyone. This is a great thing because not only does it help those individuals celebrating the holiday not miss any special events but also lets everyone get a chance to organize themselves and take a trip with their friends before the school year is over. For Delta company only two people are not taking

advantage of this leave. All the other freshmen are either going home for the holiday or taking trips with their friends. I think this general leave was a very good improvement from last year.

Chris Clement

Dear Editor:

Ever since we came back from spring break, I just want to say that the Norwich University campus has been very well maintained. When we got all the snow, Facility Operations have done a great job plowing and digging out the stairs. The ice has been successfully removed and we no longer have to be worried about slipping; only now we have to

dodge the huge water puddles. Also the mess hall looked successfully presentable. When I went to dinner Sunday night, the floor was waxed and looked completely different.

This past week, in Dodge, I have seen janitors buffing the floors,

cleaning the bathrooms, washing the windows and washing the walls. Because school is ending they are trying to make the dorms more presentable and its working. Campus is looking better everyday and with the snow melting and the mud season coming up,

I'm sure that the janitors are going to have some mopping to do. Facility Operations are doing an exceptional job with keeping the dorms clean and are working hard with making campus more acceptable.

Amanda Nye

## The President's Corner



Welcome back from a well-earned spring break. I hope you all had a great time and are now ready to come back and finish up the year academically and co-curricularly in great form and with great success. While you were gone, our contractors did more work in Alumni Hall. We have worked on additional NU2019 Out Reports. I also selected the new Regimental Commander and BG Kelley, COL Henne, and the Assistant Commandants, with input from the new Regimental Commander, have worked out the assignments for the leadership positions in the regiment for next year. We will announce all of this at the spring promotion parade on 5 April.

The Architectural Department has been preparing for its accreditation and getting Chaplin Hall outfitted with examples of student scholarship and faculty projects, and getting the accreditation team room prepared with the necessary documentation. Many of our professional programs such as Architecture, Engineering, Nursing, Business, Teacher Education, Athletic Training, and Sports Medicine all have individual specialty accreditations. This is true for most programs that lead to some type of licensure. Overall, Norwich University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and presents its credentials for re-accreditation every ten years. We are accredited. This year we have been working on our five-year written report, which is due in the summer, and is spearheaded by Provost Maultsby. We are in the final stages of writing the report this spring and I will sign it on behalf of the institution. Many of the faculty and staff are involved in that work as well.

For the last year, Professors Bob Schmidt and Peter Bartram, along with the Administrative Computing staff, have been working on a very complex and detailed upgrade of our Banner computer system. The first area they are tackling is the Registrar's Office. The first major problem was to completely automate our degree completion program called Curricular Advising & Program Planning (CAPP). This computer system will monitor your academic progress through the course requirements for your individual major and academic program. It will assist your academic advisor and save you and faculty members countless hours of checking to make sure you have the right courses to complete your degree on time. It will check all prerequisites to keep you from enrolling in a course for which you are not adequately prepared. It will also make sure our Corps students have completed six semesters of sequentially difficult ROTC program courses. We will start to test this program on Tuesday, March 29, by asking the faculty to do a sample run on fifteen students in every major. That will be the final test before we actually turn it on for every individual student and faculty member, 24/7. The testing will be completed in about a week and a half, so that everything is ready for pre-registration for next fall.

It is critically important that you pre-register for next fall's semester if you are planning to return to Norwich. Likewise, you must complete the rest of the pre-registration requirements, including paying the deposit and submitting your housing request form. These three activities must all be completed if you are going to be considered pre-registered for the fall semester. To put it bluntly, a Norwich University degree is in great demand right now, and both beds and courses are filling up quickly. If you do what you are supposed to do on time, you should get all the requirements that you need to complete your degree on time. If you fail to comply with any of these requirements, you are the one who puts the completion of your degree on time at risk or the possibility that we will not have a bed for you. If you have any questions at all about the requirements, please contact the Registrar's Office, the Bursar's Office, or the Housing Office.

Have a great spring, stay focused on your academics, and start preparing now for your finals.

## As We See It



During the past few months students, faculty and staff have become more aware of their computers and of others using them.

There have been issues with students downloading inappropriate music and movies, which has resulted in computer network connections being shut off by computer services because of the downloads.

Norwich Guidon staff members have been told the reason for the disconnects was because of copyright infringement laws, but another source tells us it is because of the large number of vi-

ruses, which come into the system because of the downloading.

Whatever the reasons, we in the Norwich community can avoid these nasty viruses and observe copyright laws by not downloading unknown files from other unknown computers.

Although many students are angry about this policy, they can avoid the problems associated with viruses by observing this important policy. In turn, the system will have fewer viruses and run better. We applaud the policy and see its value for all of us.

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# Students continue to complain about police profiling

By Bryan Harr  
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

It was Saturday night, and like most college students Sean, a student at Norwich who wished anonymity, was looking forward to spending some down time by enjoying a quiet evening with his girlfriend.

As the two traveled to her off-campus residence, Sean was surprised to notice flashing lights in his rearview mirror just before he merged onto Interstate 89.

After Sean pulled over, completely unaware at this point what his violation was, the Northfield police officer informed him that his taillight was not working.

Two citations later, amounting to nearly \$300, as well as a tow truck fee for his unlicensed vehicle, Sean's weekend plans with Jen, as well as his money went out the window.

In a recent *Norwich Guidon* article, Northfield Police Chief Jeff Shaw insisted that his police force does not target Norwich students in their efforts to protect and

serve Northfield. He had the statistics to support his case.

Despite the statistical evidence presented by Shaw, students

student," Sean said, adding that "it just seems like it's always us."

Sean is not the only Norwich student who feels this way.

***"I think the officer assumed that I could have been drinking and was just hoping to get a DUI." -Sean-***



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to believe they are targeted.

According to the article, Shaw said the Norwich Community accounted for only 22 percent of traffic citations during the past year.

Sean, however, is skeptical.

"I have a hard time believing that because anytime I see the police involved in a traffic citation, it's always a Norwich

Wayne, another Norwich student who wished to remain anonymous, echoed Sean's concern.

"My perception is that we are targeted," said Wayne, who has been pulled over and cited twice in the last year, adding that he was unaware of the statistics Shaw presented in the *Norwich Guidon* piece.

Shaw was quoted in the newspaper that any and all minor traffic violations will draw attention from the police, especially during the weekend, in order to crack down on drunk driving.

Sean cites his own involvement with the police as evidence that this in effect constitutes student targeting.

"I've lived in Northfield for almost eight months and I've been pulled over four times," Sean said adding that "the police are just hunting for drunk drivers and it ended up costing me big."

"The police around here are very strict, there's not much leniency," Wayne said, adding that he would rate Northfield Police a nine on a scale of one to 10 in terms of how strict they are. "It's definitely not what I'm used to."

Wayne's recent encounter with the Northfield police has led him to believe that maybe they are on the lookout for student drivers.

"I was stopped because a fog light was not working," Wayne said. "I ended up with a \$135

citation for not having proof of insurance."

Sean's recent encounter has left him skeptical about the Northfield police as well.

"It was frustrating in that I wasn't doing anything wrong," he explained. "I just had a broken tail light and happened to be unaware (of it) at the time."

While Sean admits that the citations he received were valid, he remains miffed that he was stopped for such a menial reason.

"I thought it was strange because it was eleven at night and I wasn't speeding or driving recklessly," Sean said. "I think the officer assumed that I could have been drinking and was just hoping to get a DUI."

Sean said he doesn't mind paying the fines he deserves, but he questions some of the motives for stopping students.

"I was stopped one Friday night because my windshield wasn't completely defogged," he said. "I live in Vermont and that just never happens. They turned their flashing lights on, pulled me over, both officers got out of the car."

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able to IT, it is the best course of action to shut down any port with P2P traffic, Suzmann explained.

Stuart-Shor is aware of this because he only used *Ares* once. The second time he used *iTunes*, a legitimate sharing program requiring payment for copy written material, Stuart-Shor said.

Stuart-Shor said that he was shut down a second time for the *iTunes*, and that he was told files can still be streamed from his computer, and that's why he was probably shut down.

Stuart-Shor said what really angered him was when he was shut down a third time.

"The third time they shut me down I had done everything they said and deleted any P2P that could have possibly been on my computer," he said.

"They shut me down during midterms, and yet still called and had the nerve to say this is your last warning before we shut you

down for good," Stuart-Shor said. "They were totally unsympathetic and did not help me at all. That really angered me."

Jason Wallace is the Computer Information Security Officer who knows the specifics of the IDS.

Wallace said the IDS does allow legitimately paid for downloading, and he did not hear of anyone being shut down for using *iTunes*.

"If anyone is having their ports shut down for that, they should bring their computer to me," Wallace said. "We'll download a song and see what happens, and figure out a way to fix that problem."

Wallace said that P2P traffic gives off a distinct signature at the IT office, and this is what shows up on the IDS monitoring. He established that on campus sharing of files isn't really the concern, and that simply sending a shared folder through

AOL Instant Messenger or e-mail is not what IDS is searching for.

Wallace monitors during the day, but if downloading is done at night, signatures given off by P2P protocols are still logged. He shared that when he comes in the morning, he will then shut down those ports.

Wallace said that if anyone were running any P2P traffic, IDS would catch it. The amount of music downloaded and when it is downloaded does not matter.

Ryan Nelson, 20, a junior computer information systems major Long Island N.Y., explained that before break he would download music through P2P programs, but never was shut down for it. He thinks the amount of music downloaded does have something to do with getting shut down.

"I heard about some new software IT has, so I don't use P2P programs anymore, Nelson said. "Anyway you look at it people

will find ways around it. For instance they can just burn an entire CD off a computer with *iTunes*, instead of downloading it."

But Ndreu Redden, a criminal justice/political science major, age 20, from Shady Springs, Va., said it's possible to download only one or two songs and stop sharing the file the minute it is done downloading, Andrew Redden said.

Redden was shut down before break, but said he has not been shut off since he started using this technique.

Wallace did not know why certain people are reporting not being shut down for P2P, but explained there is always a constant race going on. At one point P2P came out with a way to escape detection by signatures, but hours later a way for signatures to detect P2P was in place again.

Redden explained he does not

see anything wrong with downloading music, and doesn't know of any policy against it at any other schools.

"Students pay a tech fee to use the technology here, and they should be able to use it how they want," said Jeff Laurendeau, 21, a criminal justice major from Manchester, N.H. He said that no notice was given about the shut downs until students were already cut off.

"If it is to increase the bandwidth then I suppose they should regulate the P2P to one or two songs a day," Laurendeau said. "However I don't think it is their right to stop it all together." Stuart-Shor agreed.

"The money should be spent on expanding the bandwidth, and not on monitoring for P2P. If anything the network has been running slower," Stuart-Shor said.

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## NU students recount experiences of study abroad program

By Chris Clement  
 Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

It's all new and people are thrown right in.

Half the students cannot immediately communicate or comprehend what is going on. The other half even have a challenging time adapting. No one who participates is left unchanged.

This is the world NU students discovered when they took advantage of the study abroad program in various parts of the world last semester.

"I was totally immersed and accepted into this new culture," said Matthew Apostol, 22, a senior history major from Mililani, Hawaii.

"I went to St Cyr, a prestigious military college in France, and they accepted me as one of them," Apostol said. "I did everything like them and the only difference is that I wore the Norwich uniform. I did their

training and their classes. I got to see what it was like to be one of them."

"The thing that surprised me the most was the attitude on drinking. Here in the United States College students think drinking is fun and drink it to get drunk," Apostol said. "For them it's tradition, custom, and culture."

Dave Greenwood, 21, a junior criminal justice major from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, said his experience studying abroad was "addicting. I realized how much I love it and I have seen over half a dozen places and met some really awesome people."

According to Mel Knox, 21, a senior political science major from Los Angeles, Calif., students find rewards in taking advantage of the program.

"I went to Rome, Italy and decided to go a few months before," Knox said. "This decision came right after I left the Naval battalion. I found out I couldn't take a commission so I

was really out of focus and I wanted to experience something that will keep my options open.

"I came back and wanted to travel again. I am going to go back to Australia to go to business school," Knox said.

Ben Bombard, 19, a sophomore international studies major from St. Albans, Vt. went abroad in order to enhance his future.

"I went to the National Defense Management College in Taiwan and we studied Chinese for six weeks," Bombard said. "My ultimate goal is to be bilingual in a law enforcement field and this helps me get closer to that goal."

"Norwich Chinese program here is non-existent and I wanted to bring it to a new level for myself and study in a place where I can get a lot of interaction with native speakers and did a lot of it everyday," Bombard said.

"I think I have a better base because of my experience and I am able to study even further now," Bombard said. "I plan on

going to the same school this summer or a school close by and get even more fluent."

Knox agrees that these kinds of opportunities expand a student's learning. "If you study abroad so many doors open up and your mind is going to be open to new things."

Apostol said he experienced a new culture and a foreign military.

"I got to learn how they operate and I was very impressed how the French Army operates," Apostol said. "I learned this through a lot of training with them and seeing their infantry units and demonstrations."



Four NU students (l to r) Christopher Ryans, Dave Greenwood, Bobby Armstrong and Paul Mitchell enjoy Thanksgiving dinner during their study abroad last fall in England.

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Stuart-Shor and Redden both said that e-mails were sent to them after the fact, and that no notice was given prior to the shut downs.

Frank Armeson said, 22, a criminal justice major, from Satellite Beach, Fla. said students pay for the service, and therefore it should be theirs to do what they please.

He said it's the same as buying a car, and then having someone tell you where you can and can't go with it.

Armeson explained that last year they tried to hold honor boards for students who used file sharing. He said that approach didn't work at all. "This (new method) is effective, but they didn't give any notice prior to the shut downs, just afterwards," he said. "I guess actions speak louder than words."

Wallace said that notice was given via a pamphlet handed out in the beginning of the 2004 fall semester.

Susmann said that after letting

students have a free weekend to download before returning to shutting ports on a Monday prior to spring break saw a significant decrease in the amount of P2P on that Monday morning.

He explained that the amount of shut downs went from 128 students to just 28 students, after that weekend was over. "Students are getting the picture IT doesn't want them to do this," Susmann said.

As for the legality of monitoring ports, Susmann said it is legal, and that there is no expectation of privacy unless the operator of the computer takes specific action to hide their traffic.

He explained that the school does not want to be a middleman for P2P sharing that could possibly be illegally obtained. "In a legal and ethical sense it would be as if the university was saying it is ok to use P2P, if IT did nothing about it" Susmann said.

Page 29 of the IT policy's guide, states, "The university will investigate properly identified allega-

tions arising from the institutional community and will comply with applicable (state and) federal laws," according to the IT website (<http://archive.Norwich.edu/IT/>).

Appendix B in the policy guide states that the university complies with relevant federal laws including Copyright Act 17 USCS. Within this act there is language stating infringement policies on anything involving sound or visual images.

As for the actual monitoring of the ports by the school, Susmann explained in essence, it is similar to the law term of plain view. If a ports Internet traffic is out in the open, and anyone can see it, there is no reason it should be held as private.

IT is not monitoring ports to look into people's private lives, Susmann said. He clarified that IT really doesn't concern themselves with private lives and furthermore they don't care.

Susmann said the IDS monitor's fragments of transfers through

ports, and does not put the whole messages together to figure out what you are sending. He said only certain signatures are looked at within the messages.

It is not only monitoring for P2P, but perhaps more importantly for viruses or attacks on the system, Susmann explained, adding that monitoring for P2P is but a small part of the operation.

Susmann said that the primary goal for stopping P2P is to increase the bandwidth and therefore the speed of the network.

According to Susmann the traffic through the bandwidth was quadruple the amount on the weekend than it was on Monday morning when students were no longer allowed to download.

Wallace said that with P2P, the graphs have shown the network running 30 megs going through a pipe that can handle about 32 megs. Without the P2P, the system was pushing two megs through the pipe.

He said that this makes the network significantly faster, and that

he can show graphs to prove it. He also explained that P2P traffic tends to be strictly from students and not faculty or staff.

System crashes are lower compared to last year, Armeson said. However, the network seems to be running slower on a day-to-day basis, even after the limiting of P2P, Armeson said.

Wallace said that more likely than not it's the individual computers making it run slow, rather than the speed of the network.

Wallace explained that the future of the IDS will involve full automation, and that specific people will be identified. He stated that the proof would be able to establish who downloaded what and when.

Eventually we will go after individuals sharing copyrighted material, and ask to see the proof of ownership, Wallace explained.

If they have none, the individuals should be punished to the fullest extent in accordance with

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university policy. After about five such cases, the rest of the studentbody will see the conse-

quences and fall in line, Wallace said. Susmann said he would like to

see the future of IDS as simply limiting individual users to about 56k of bandwidth if they are

caught with P2P, and not even have to shut them down at all.

Laurendeau said a slow Internet would be better than no Internet, but such action would still get the point across to the student.

Susmann also said in the future IT and the university might look into getting on-campus music sharing, where the material shared is copy righted and paid for within the student's tuition. This would make it legal and students would still get their music. It could, however, make it expensive, he said.

Armeson said he would pay extra for this service, because he goes through music like crazy and likes variety when doing homework or working out.

Nelson said he would pay for such a service as well.

"I know plenty of schools that have a campus-based P2P program service for free, such as Amherst in Mass," Stuart Shor said.


Susmann explained the on-campus P2P sharing wouldn't be so bad if it was legal, because IT is more concerned with outside traffic coming in and slowing down the bandwidth.

"It shouldn't even be an issue because of the honor code. Students assume that it's ok because they're in their room and using their computer," Wallace said. "As far as I'm concern it's the same thing as walking into a music store and stealing a music CD."

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# Career Corner

It's your future we're talking about....



On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!...to the **Career Development Center (CDC)** on the **top floor of Harmon Hall** or call **485-2125**. We have lots of information to get you started down the career path of your choice. It's never too early to start! Here are some guidelines...

**Freshmen and Sophomores:**

- Visit the CDC to consider options for a major
- Get to know faculty members in your program
- Become involved in extracurricular activities
- Consider a career-related summer or part-time job
- Draft a resume

**Juniors:** Apply all previous activities PLUS:

- Talk to alumni or other professionals in your field of interest
- Develop leadership experience on the job and through extracurricular activities
- Consider graduate school
- Refine and polish your resume and write a cover letter

**Seniors:** Apply all the previous activities PLUS:

- Invest in an appropriate suit or outfit for interviews
- Clarify your salary and location requirements
- Research potential employers thoroughly; use "Career Search" at the CDC, the Internet, network with friends and alumni, consider on-line career resources such as WetFeet.com, and read the Wall Street Journal and other trade publications
- Finalize your resume and complete your list of references
- Practice interviewing
- Send cover letters and resumes to chosen companies and be sure to follow-up
- Use Internet job search resources like campuscareercenter.com and collegegrad.com

Finding the right job requires time and effort on your part. Starting early will make the process easier and the outcome rewarding!

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## Talent Galore



The annual NU Talent Show, sponsored by Youth Mentoring Program and the March of Dimes, was held Friday, Mar. 25. Several acts performed, including Keith Peskusky (above left) on the drums. Melissa and Melinda Luciano (above) performed a duet.

Sara Bateman (below) performed a song as her talent during the talent show.



As part of the faculty research presentations:

## Knauf provides insight into Robert Frost's writings

By Cosmo St. John  
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

Speaking to a capacity crowd, English Professor Andrew Knauf presented his faculty research entitled "One Step Backward Taken: Strategic Withdrawal in the Poetry of Robert Frost."

Knauf, who serves as the Humanities Division Head, presented his lecture Mar. 22 in the Kreitzberg Library multipurpose room, the most recent lecture to be given in the Dana Lecture Series.

Knauf began his presentation by reading the poem for which his lecture was named "One Step Backward Taken."

"In the poem, Frost speaks of a simple gesture, spare in movement, but with large consequence, a motion against a 'standpoint shaken,' as he puts it, 'in the universal crisis,'" Knauf said. "If the whole earth tears loose in cataclysm, Frost has this well-practiced gesture to save himself from going [down]."

"Frost wrote throughout his long career offering gestures of

withdrawal and strategic retreat and rhetorical deflection against whatever life tossed up to thwart his progress," Knauf told the capacity crowd.

These gestures that Frost wrote of in his poems were the main topic of the lecture.

But in an effort to help the audience better understand why he chose this as his lecture topic, Knauf explained some of Frost's mixed background.

"Frost, not always content to back away, sometimes preferred to think himself the joker, the playful poet who, when he couldn't quite face life straight, could always do so slant, in jest," Knauf explained. "A gloss of his life shows why he almost had to."

"There was the death of his first son at the age of three in 1890, his daughter died in 1907 (the same year she was born), and the death of his wife in 1937," Knauf recounted, adding that Frost's eldest son "Carroll suffered disease and depression, and, in 1939, took his own life with his dear rifle."

Knauf described how and why

Frost sometimes used his poetry as his escape from the realities of the world.

"Frost found a way to represent the dodge from the 'universal crisis' in assuming the posture retrograde," Knauf said. "For, in fact Frost found life in reverses--the ill luck of family; crops that wouldn't grow; physical and psychic trouble on all sides--he could also give the world, and himself, poems of more positive advice, through which he could remind himself to step back, deflect bitter insight, and couch dark thought in riddle."

Knauf said that "more often Frost embraced what might be called the philosophy of deflection; the attitude that life is often better met with a passing glimpse than with full concentration."

Knauf pointed to Frost's works that were written to advise others in how to avoid the "universal crisis." In particular he mentioned a work called "In a Glass of Cider."

"So the one step backward

taken might, in the end, be temporarily and even reversible," Knauf said. "Rather than dancing off experience, Frost comes partially to embrace it, celebrating life's occasional uplifting moments."

"From the negative momentum implicit in apocalyptic avalanche,

from the more personal outrages of life's misfortune, Frost can say, towards the end of his long time on earth, that even life, sufficiently fermented, can occasionally bubble up with joy," Knauf explained.

Humanities Div. Head and English Professor Dr. Bud Knauf explains a point during his presentation "One Step Backward Taken: Strategic Withdrawal in the Poetry of Robert Frost." Mar. 22 in the multipurpose room of the Kreitzberg Library. (Morales photo)



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to survey students about the tradition and to then present the results to the administration.

Ben Bragden, 21, a junior history major, created a survey that was distributed to four members of each class in each of the 15 companies in order to gather student opinion on what they thought of the UP 500 and other questions regarding its purpose and of course safety.

"I distributed around 240 surveys to the corps student body and got back more than half," Bragden said. "The mission of my staff was to find a safe, friendly, respectful, and appropriate alternative to the UP 500." On Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>,

Bragden presented the results to Brig. Gen. Michael B. Kelley, Commandant of Cadets and Vice President of Student Affairs, Thursday, Mar. 24.

Bragden said the survey showed that 95 percent of sophomore cadets have participated in the event; 75 to 80 percent of juniors and 60 to 65 percent of seniors have also.

Freshman were excluded from the polling since they are not allowed to participate or even watch the event.

"This year we tried to control it more than we have in past years," Bragden told Kelley. "There were first sergeants, sergeant majors, and the cadet colonel who were out trooping making sure that if

the event was going to happen that it was going to be safe.

"We also had medical staff posted around the UP just so we can have that medical presence in case we needed it," Bragden said.

The second question on the survey asked: "Do you know how, or why, the UP 500 was started or created?"

"I took some answers right from my survey and I had many that said they had heard teachers and other staff talk about it and how it was a lot of fun," Bragden said, adding that other students cited "family who are Alumni and it's seen as a right of passage for sophomores."

In Bragden's presentation he mentioned that "Vermont is very boring" and that the corps sees the excitement of the UP 500 as one of those events.

"It was cool because you got to take a break from school work and the frustrations of midterms and just run it all out and cut loose," said Geoffrey Hunton, 19, a sophomore political science major.

"Personally I had a blast and running it again wouldn't be the same. It's a one-time deal that you will never forget," said Adam Willets, 19, a sophomore political science major.

Bragden said in his presentation to Kelley that when students were asked if they look forward

to participating in the annual UP500, every reply was "yes."

"It is a once a year thing that all the cadets look forward to, especially the freshman because they hear all the yelling during the event and the next day in class they hear all the stories and see the pictures, so of course they think it's the coolest thing and can't wait for their chance to run it," Bragden said.

Bragden said that of the 60 sophomores who ran the event this year, the type of injuries sustained were "minor scrapes, bumps and scratches.

"One of the biggest concerns is intoxicated students," Bragden said. "Bad things happen when (students) drinks and we just don't want people getting into trouble especially during an event like this because one bad apple can spoil it for everyone."

Bragden said this year nobody was under the influence of alcohol.

"There were cans of peas that we had found on the U.P afterwards that had been thrown, other produce items were found, and a hose that was connected to Girard Hall used to soak the runners in the below freezing weather," Bragden said. "Luckily I have heard nothing of anyone being hit with those items."

In his presentation to Kelley, Bragden said that "another concern was the amount of ice that

covered the UP from students dumping buckets upon buckets throughout the day to freeze it over."

He said the little hill "between Wilson and Goodyear was like a skating rink. We were extremely lucky nobody was hurt.

"We also found students disassembling bed frames and setting it up on the UP and covering it with snow for the base of a barrier," Bragden said.

"Luckily someone had seen the bed frame being covered, because if that bed frame was in it there could have been broken legs, trampling, and puncture wounds," Bragden said.

Bragden said that quite often what happens with the UP500 is a mass of people running together who won't stop to help pick up another student who may have fallen "because they're going to get hit so people just keep on running."

But despite this, Bragden said "there is also a sense of comradeship when this event is run."

Bragden said that next year if there is a UP500, it would be a good idea for each company to have "the company commander and the first sergeant out there watching over and regulating individual sections as the runners pass through."

Kelley was pleased with the ideas Bragden presented and surprisingly endorsed the event

under certain circumstances.

"I think the ideas of sectioning out the companies is a great idea and it should stop the throwing of unnecessary objects and inappropriate behavior," Kelley said, adding that there should be a set OPORDR for the event with proper LOI's and to make it part of the training matrix.

"It will give the event organization so that everyone is on the same page and we can be sure that everyone knows exactly what is going on," Kelley said, adding that it will include "all the guidelines that will come with it, without losing its spirit of tradition."

One major change, however, will be what will be worn by those participating in the event.

"Expect to see a set uniform like BDU's for the upperclassmen that are throwing and PT gear for the sophomores that will be running,"

Bragden said.

"We're a military school; we can have fun and go nuts but at the same time we need to stay professional," Bragden said.

"It's something we can look forward to and talk about for the next three days after," said Craig McGrath, 20, a sophomore communications major.

"I ran it in a canteen belt and canteen with sneakers, and never had so much fun, it was a huge rush," McGrath said.

By Sarah Davis

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## Deployed NU Students

Since their deployment in November, members of the Vermont National Guard, including Brent Gaines, a 21-year-old criminal justice major from Brick Township, N.J., have been adjusting to their new environment.

First moved to Camp Shelby in Mississippi, they are now deployed overseas.

"It's already 90 degrees here, I can't wait until July," Gaines said. He is stationed in Kuwait at Camp Virginia, where he and other members from his guard unit, including a number of other Norwich students, are being used for security and other tasks.



**Brent Gaines (above) fires his weapon on a range at Camp Virginia, Kuwait. Gaines and other members in his squad including fellow NU students Ryan Watari and Scott McGrath, pose for a picture in Kuwait.**



**Above: Pegasus Players rehearse for their upcoming production this weekend** (Morales photo)

**Below: Students enjoy the blackjack table at Casino Night.** (Morales photo)



## Students shine at NU talent show

By Jessielynn Bagnas  
Guidon Entertainment Editor

It was a night that showed off the hidden talents of students and even a staff member from Norwich. The annual talent show that raised money for Norwich's Youth Mentoring Program and the March of Dimes proved to be another success as the show drew in a little bit over in \$1200 in funds.

"I was surprised that a lot of people showed up because it was Easter weekend," said 22 year old junior English major Natalie Saiger from Syracuse, NY "I'm glad a lot of people did though because I think the talent show is one of the most entertaining things that happen around campus every year."

The acts ranged from hip hop dancing, to rap, to rock bands, singing, and even a drum solo.

"I liked the acts that got the audience involved and excited

like the hip hop dancing and I thought the singer who sang I Will Always Love You by



Whitney Houston was really good," said Katie Serafine, a senior Psychology major from San Antonio, TX. "Anyone who can sing that is pretty impressive."

The show's host, senior Justin Fitzgerald was also a big hit among the audience.

"His constantly changing wardrobe and crazy sense of humor captivated the audience in between all the acts," said senior Razy Molina, a business

management major from Roswell, NM. "Fitzzy did a great job stalling for time in between acts., he made a great impression of a swan."

The show also featured bands made up of Norwich students as well as performers performing their own original pieces.

"It was really cool seeing people that you have in your classes or you see around campus perform," said Adam Lazar, a senior civil engineering major from San Antonio, TX. "It's surprising to see just how much talent everyone has."

Individuals who liked different types of music or forms of entertainment most likely found an act that suited their taste. From classical music, to rock songs, to country music were all represented by the different performers.

"I also like the diversity of all the acts, some dancing, some singing, and bands," said Saiger, "but I like the hip hop dance the best because there were a lot of different things to watch and kept you interested."

The winners got a third place, second place and first place cash prize. Third place prize was awarded Edson Batista, Johnny Walker and Blake Jackson for their dance performance which blended hip-hop, rap, and reggae music. Second place went to Angela Hill, a staff member in the Norwich Air Force Department for her rendition of I Will Always Love You. And first place was awarded to Old City Sound which consists of students Eric Beauregard, Mike Carchedi, Phil Corey, Justin Murphy, and Luke Nabonzy with performances of their own original songs.

"Overall I thought it was a really good show plus it was for a good cause which makes it even better," said Serafine. "It's nice to see a cool show and also contribute to the community at the same time."

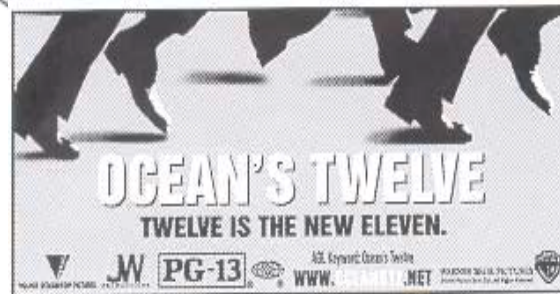
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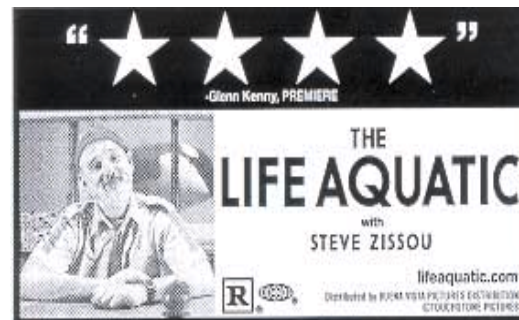
- Mar. 31-Apr 3 Pegasus Players  
Dole Auditorium
- April 2 Mad River Ski  
TBA
- April 5 NUAC Meeting  
Harmon 205 7:30 p.m.
- April 6-9 Writers' Symposium TBA
- April 8 Comedian John Caparillo  
Dole 7:30 p.m.
- April 9 LAN Party Dole 3 p.m.
- April 9 Mel Knox-Original Composer
- April 9 Mr. Norwich Contest  
Dole 7:30 p.m.
- April 12 Spring Intramurals-Softball  
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- April 14 ISO/NCF Dinner Mill 5:30 p.m.

## Movies on Campus

Dole Auditorium 7:30 p.m.  
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# NU cheerleaders win first place in CT Spirit Invitational

By Luis Morales  
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

On March 5 the Norwich University cheerleading team brought home first and third place trophies in the CT Spirit Invitational held in Mohegan Sun, Conn., signifying continued excellence in this year's cheerleading program, according to team members.

The cheerleaders have been performing very well since August when they begun and have two more competitions before the end of the year. Partially, the reason for their success is the division between game competition teams.

The cheerleaders work hard in order to achieve the type of success they are now experiencing. They practice five days a week for two hours. "We start off with stretching and warm ups, usually our dance. Then we move on to stunts and our routine," said Selena Walton, a 22-year-old senior architect major.

Cheerleading is a very demanding sport which requires many different skills in order for the team to be successful.

"Cheerleading is one of the most dynamic sports out there because it requires so many different art forms and you need to work as a team," said Kim Sorber, a 19-year-old freshman, sports medicine major.

In the past, the cheerleaders have not received much support from the school, but with the help

of their performance this year that has a chance to change.

The cheerleaders are hoping to receive club sport status next year, and eventually varsity if the team is good enough.

The cheerleaders do have more support this year than in previous years, however. The school has

send of video with the application in order to decide who will be eligible to come," Walton said. The team needs approval as a sport before they can have their pre-season conditioning.

Norwich cheerleading is making a name for itself.

"We've only been to three competitions so far but that's three more than we've ever been to before," said Emily Bittner, a 20-year-old, junior English major.

In their first competition in Utica, N.Y., the stunt team received second place. The cheerleaders won first in both

Walton sustained during a practice one evening when she fell from a height of approximately 15 feet.

Walton injured her back and will be unable to be involved in cheerleading again, but she still looks forward to continue coaching.

"Cheerleading is a lot harder and more dangerous than people think," Sorber said.

In order to keep up this level of performance the cheerleaders will hold tougher tryouts next year.

With a planned seven competitions, they need a good team. Everyone will be able to try out although the ones admitted into the pre-season training will have an advantage.

The team will be trying to keep a strength and conditioning schedule like the other sports teams, attend all sports games away and home, as well as attend some college level cheerleading camps.

The team also hopes to hold cheer camps for some of the local high schools as well.

The cheerleaders would eventually like to have varsity status and a fulltime cheerleading coach.

An improved cheerleading program may also help bring more women to campus and help decrease the high guy-to-girl ratio.

"Females are looking for cheerleading as a sport not a club," Walton said.



NU cheerleaders Nick Fair, Selena Walton, Kim Sorber and Ashley Nelson pose with their first place trophy, which they won at the CT Spirit Invitational held March 5 in Mohegan Sun, Conn.

helped pay for some of the team's expenses when traveling to competitions.

With sport status in mind, the cheerleaders are already gearing up for next year by sending info to incoming students and requesting applications for their pre-season training before school starts.

"We are sending them information and asking them to

"It's not just our school that recognizes us but I notice that other teams come up to us and say how good we are even though we aren't as well established," said Ashley Nelson, a 19-year-old freshman, architect major.

The team has set itself apart from its previous reputation of mediocrity through its performance in competitions.

team and stunt group categories in Utica, NY. Most recently in Mohegan, Conn., they won third and first places.

Their next competitions include one at the Basket Ball Hall of Fame and as well as Six Flags, both in Massachusetts.

Unfortunately, they will be unable to compete in the team portion because of an injury

# NU students win jujitsu match at 'Beast of East'

By Chris Clement  
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Nine Norwich University students went up against intense competition Feb. 26 and came out on top in a tough Jujitsu tournament.

"We went to the Beast of the East submission grappling tournament in Elizabeth, New Jersey," said Anthony Cincotta, 20, a sophomore computer security information assurance

major from Bitterford, Maine. "This was the highest level of competition I have seen and they were all from really good schools and everyone was serious and competitive."

According to Cincotta, all nine people who participated were as prepared as possible in light of their limited amount of training.

"The majority of the people have had a only a year's experience and we have been training since the beginning of

this semester," Cincotta said. "Most of them had only about a month experience maybe a little more."

"We did really well as a club," Cincotta said. "We had Frank Armeson win in the super heavyweights novice division and we had Brad Shaughnessy take third in the 160 to 170 weight class but everyone had really good matches."

"I went up against the first-seeded guy nationally in my

division and did really well but lost overall because of points," Cincotta said. "I could have done better and should have won the match but I learned a lot."

Cincotta said the best part "was getting to see people I have been instructing for awhile have success."

Adrian Lindsey, 21, a senior communications major from Clinton, Maryland said he "did pretty well but lost. But I was surprised we all did so well

against people that go to academies."

"We are only a club and all the people there go to a martial arts school and can train daily almost five times a week," Lindsey said, adding that there were about nine different schools in the competition and "they took all their best fighters in order to represent the schools' name. This contributed to the high level of

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competition because a school's reputation rode on how well they fought."

"I am definately happy we went and put our name out there as a university," Lindsey said. "They never heard of a club coming to a tournament like this and to think Armeson placed first in the super heavyweight division is crazy."

Frank Armeson, 22, a junior criminal justice major from Satellite Beach, Fla., said he "participated in the super heavyweights which was 210 pounds and above and I weighed in at 215. I took first place in that division.

"I have never participated in an official tournament before and I thought it would be real good experience and was really pumped I took first," Armeson said.

Armeson said that in order to win he used the speed he learned by training the past six months in the club.

"It was difficult because I just made over the heavyweight so I was stuck in the super heavyweight and the next lightest guy I fought was 245 (pounds) and he was like (six feet-two inches)," Armeson said. "They were just big people and these guys were just a lot heavier than

I was used to fighting.

"I used speed and technique that was mainly it. I had been

Armeson said. "But these guys didn't move as fast so the fast pace training with Huse paid off."

***"I picked up the sport really quick because it is extremely easy to pick up and learn."***

***-Shaughnessy-***

fighting with Huse for training and we weigh about the same give or take a pound or two,"

Bradley Shaughnessy, 18, a Freshmen Biology major from Buffalo New York took third at the event in his division.

"I lost one and won three," Shaughnessy said. "I placed third over all. It was between 25 to 30 people in my division and these were guys with a whole breadth of ages.

"The range went from an overweight 40-year-old to the most jacked man I have ever seen at 170 pounds who ended up winning my division," Shaughnessy said. "This was my first tournament and I never had any training before only the past

month or so with the club.

"I picked up the sport really quick because it is extremely easy to pick up and learn," Shaughnessy said. "The positions are simple and it stems from a couple positions and everything varies off of it."

According to Shaughnessy, the event was a culmination of "the training since the beginning of the semester. It was a great way to prove ourselves as an up and coming club. I cant wait to compete again."

"The whole experience was just amazing we didn't think we were going to go at first," Lindsey said. "We had so much trouble getting it off the ground but we solved it and did everything possible to get there."

Lindsey explained that when "we finally got there, it was like they were playing to win that day.

"The look on their faces showed how much we had put into training and how much work went to getting there," Lindsey said. "In general it was awesome because we got the school's name out there and are starting a reputation for ourselves."

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# Paintball club president resignation further hinders attendance

By Cosmo St. John

Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

It came as a shock to paintball club members when their president resigned amid allegations of plagiarism, leaving the club without needed leadership.

"I am sorry to announce that I will have to step down as the president of the paintball club due to circumstances beyond my control," said Mike Jones as he relinquished the role of club president after being suspended for plagiarism at the end of last semester.

Along with the resignation of the president, all the senior members of the club left as well.

"Matt Giffin was left in charge. I think that he is capable of running the club since he saw us run it

and he has a good knowledge of paintball himself," said Josh VanHees, 21, a senior Computer Science major from Ontario, Wisc. "I don't think that anyone else left in the club could do as good of a job running the club as Matt can."

But for Christian Winner, 22, a senior criminal justice major, from Massapequa, NY., the leadership has changed over the years.

"When I joined the club in my freshman year it was kind of a joke because of the leaders," Winner said. "Then we took over and made it what it should have been all along. A club where people would join and have fun playing paintball."

"The paintball club has been an active club for many years, and I think that Mike and the other club officers have really brought it up

from where it was when they took over the club," said Director of Student Activities and Recreational Sports Chan Stowell. "But naturally when your leaders leave, the next leaders who come up don't know the process as well as they should, and the club will drag for a while."

The club has seen a sharp decline in membership since the former president left.

At the beginning of the school year the club had a strong following of more than 30 members. Now that number has dropped down to only three to five members showing up for the regular Monday meetings.

"The club has always been up and down," Winner said. "I think they are in a rebuilding stage right now, and the winter is a tough time to rebuild."

Members agree that something needs to be done about the current lack of attendance to the club's meetings.

"They should probably do the same thing that we always did in the past," VanHees said. "Make their presence known at open houses for incoming students and try to advertise some sort of fundraisers around campus."

"If they could get the field up and running then you'll see many more people playing," Winner said. "Also new club members would help out a lot since there are so many companies that want to go paintballing and right now they don't have enough equipment to host them all."

Giffin has some ideas about how to get attendance back up. He recommends hosting a Halo 2

LAN party/tournament in upper Harmon; getting a message out to all students in the Norwich Weekly bulletin; and hosting a tournament once the snow melts in the spring.

But current club members are preparing for the possibility that the club may not exist much longer.

"The school would take an inventory list and see what is due to the university and if anyone wants to buy it we can sell it off," Stowell said. "The club may also die off for a year or two but it can come back for three or four years after that."

Those interested in more information on the paintball club can attend the Monday meetings in upper Harmon in the student lounge at 7 p.m.

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