



Recognition ceremony changes rooks to cadets

By **Scott Sattler**
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On the night of March 26, 2006 at 11:35 pm, Cadet Col. Benjamin Brewster officially recognized the freshman class of 2009 as official members of the Norwich University Corps of Cadets. The event took place in Plumley Armory after weary freshman were awakened by their cadre staff earlier that night and held in suspense as to what was about to take place.

Matthew Kozak, 18, a freshman criminal justice major from Boston, Mass., was unaware of what was going to happen.

“There was a lot of talk about in the previous weeks about our recognition coming up,” Kozak said. “I was pretty nervous when I heard all this noise outside on the UP and I wasn’t sure if this was a fake or real recognition.”

As the freshman platoons marched to Plumley Armory, various upperclassmen watching from the elevated track stood in

silence until given the sign by the regimental commander to begin screaming and tapping their rings against the metal railings.

“As soon as all the upperclassman started to make noise, I had no idea what was about to take place,” Kozak said. “I tried to look to see what was going on but it was too dark.”

Brewster then addressed the freshman class by congratulating them on a long and tough road to becoming cadets.

As the command was given for

the epaulettes to be brought to each company, the freshman were stripped of their former rank as recruits and given the title of cadet.

As each passing cadre member walked through the ranks, the freshman were congratulated personally by Brewster on a job well done.

Mark Lussier, 21, an international studies major from Deer Park, Calif., is the freshman platoon sergeant for Cavalry Company. He said the freshmen

deserved the long-awaited honor.

“The freshman deserved it. It had been a long year and it is good to see them finally become cadets,” Lussier said. “The tradition lives on. After 187 years this school is still able to continue building strong leaders and add to the Norwich community.”

See additional recognition story and photos on pages 6-7.

Campus blood drive yields 366 pints from donors

By **Geoffrey Ankuda**
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The sight of a walking, talking blood drop drew laughs from students on campus this past week and signaled the arrival of the spring blood drive at Norwich.

According to Amy Pecor, an account executive with the American Red Cross, the mission of the blood drive was to “get people to come out and give blood and realize that potentially they are saving a life every time they give blood.”

One goal of this blood drive was to break the current Norwich record of 404 productive units, which Pecor said was set six years ago. In the last blood drive, held in fall 2005, 366 productive units were donated.

The Red Cross has been doing bi-annual blood drives at Norwich for over 15 years, Pecor said.

As in past years, there were two options for giving blood: either the standard drip or a procedure known as “double red,” which takes two pints of red corpuscles but returns the plasma and platelets to the donor.

One student who did the standard procedure, Robert Covert, 22, a junior communications ma-

yor from Manchester Township, N.J., said he has been giving blood at these drives since his freshman year.

Covert said he gives blood to “help others through an accident and it just feels right because you are helping people in a different way.”

Covert said he thought the turnout was a little less than the last

blood drive when he was there, but added that he more people would come in. He also said he saw good turnout from within his own company, Drill Team.

“We don’t come together but a lot of us do donate, one of my rook brothers and one of my rook sisters was here before me,” Covert said, adding he had also seen other members of his com-

pany there as well.

One student who opted to do the “double red” type of donation was Cameron Carlson, 21, a sophomore criminal justice and psychology double major from Miami, Fla., he explained the special type of donation he was doing.

“I’m giving two pints of blood instead of one, and what they are

doing is taking out two pints of blood but also separating it into a machine where it takes out my platelets and plasma but puts it back into my body,” Carlson said. “They are also giving me half a pint of saline so it balances out things.”

Carlson said he did this type of donation because, “they asked me if I wanted to do it because my blood type is one of the ones they needed and pretty much I am one of those people who believe it is a good thing and people should do it.”

Carlson said he liked the way the blood drive was being run this year better than last semester.

“I think it’s a little better run because it is not in Shapiro so no one needs to go all the way down to Shapiro; they come down to Plumley (Armory),” Carlson said.

“Plumley is a nice setting,” he said. “People can relax and talk to their buddies and all that stuff. It is a lot lighter in here than it is in Shapiro; less noisy too, so I like it better this time.”

Students were not the only to turn out. Faculty, staff and townspeople also donated.

“We are seeing a mix, which is really nice because in the past



Norwich students receive instruction from a Red Cross worker prior to giving blood during the biannual blood drive held in Plumley Armory. Donors gave 366 pints of blood, shy of the record 404 pints recorded at Norwich last fall.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I found your article about the CORPS losing it's standards to be interesting. As a casual observer during the year, I really don't see it. We 'old timers' will readily recall that fine line between meeting standard and walking tours. Maybe they ought to bring back the tour formations on Saturday? On the other hand, doesn't everyone get out of the experience what they put into it? Maybe the lessons appear to not stick today, but I'm not sure you can escape from some positive influence during four years of belonging to the CORPS and isn't that what is really important? I know some classmates who were senior bucks that retired as COL. and LTC. or had distinguished careers in their chosen fields. I also know that most of our senior class officers that achieved significant leadership rank built on those achievements and went on! to stellar careers. So I guess what I'm saying is that in the grand scheme of things, it will all work out and in time, you'll see that Norwich has delivered on it's promise, with perhaps a few exceptions that must take responsibility for their own outcome.

Fred Morsheimer '06

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to address a story that was printed in the March 2, 2005 edition of the *Guidon* that spoke to the standards of the corps. As the top ranking NCO at this school it is my job to uphold the standards

of this institution and I feel that I need to set the record straight for all of the loyal readers of the *Guidon* who may have been misinformed by the information in this specific article, and who are not active members of the Corps of Cadets.

Let me start off by saying in my very informed opinion that the Corps standards are not slipping, in fact they are on a steep incline. If one were to look back in the yearbooks from the early ninety's you would say a troubled time for the Corps of Cadets. A time where it was hard to get people to come to this school, a time when hazing was not only tolerated it was a way of life, and the retention in the corps was at an all-time low. The standard of the Corps in this era was low. This year we have a great training program, hazing is a thing of the past and our admissions department has seen a 20% increase in deposits for students that want to come to Norwich next year.

Two of the main themes in the article were people having hands in their pockets and the non-saluting of Cadet Officers. If this is a sign that our Cadet Corps is losing its standard then I will assume that the active duty military has lost its standard too. The problems that we have here, like in every well functioning military unit in the nation and abroad, is with the ten percent of the people that cause ninety percent of our infractions. If we wish to harp on such things than we may, but I consider them minor problems that we will never get rid of.

Perhaps it is my own fault that

this article was misleading, I was approached for comment on it and I declined. However I do wish to set the record straight seeing as how this newsletter is now posted on the internet for just about anyone to see, including alumni who may have had concerns after reading such an article.

I believe that the intent of the article was aimed at stirring some controversy, but I respectfully

ask that if anyone has a problem or a question with the standard of the corps they can approach me, the Regimental Command Sergeant Major, and talk about it. Thank You.

Kevin Ryan, '06

Dear President Schneider:

My name is Michael Welch and I manage the McDonald's of Fair Haven. Earlier this week my store had the opportunity to serve a

busload of your students. As a manager of a fast food restaurant I see many buses from all levels of schools and none represented themselves or their school better than your students did. I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to meet such impressive young people. They are an asset to your school and their community. Michael Welch, Manager McDonald's Fair Haven, Vt.

Next Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31, we

will be hosting RADM von Puttkamer, the senior military attaché from Germany. He will be meeting with a number of students, Professor David Ward, senior members of the ROTC detachments, and the commandants' staff. The purpose of his visit is to explore potential exchanges with military schools in Germany. This would advance

our institutional initiative of internationalizing the campus. If you see him out and about on campus, please be sure to greet him. He will be speaking to the freshman and sophomore classes in White Chapel at 1630 on Friday, March 31. Any other students who would like to hear his presentation about studying in Germany should also feel free to attend. It would be my hope that over the next several months we will be able to solidify an exchange agreement, so that by the spring of next year some of our students who are studying German could travel overseas and study with the German military services. Some of you may remember when we hosted RADM Gates, the senior military attaché from Australia last year, for the same type of program. I am delighted to say that we now have an agreement with Australia and will be sending two students "down under" late this summer for a complete term. We will be hosting some Australian students here for several weeks in our first exchange with Australia. More information will be posted on that as the time gets closer.

It is with great disappointment that I announce to you that the University has been notified that we are being sued by a student who was a rook and withdrew from the University earlier this fall. While certainly the institution does not condone or in any way sanction hazing, it is incredibly disappointing when some of our students behave so inappropriately. Although we have taken disciplinary action on campus against the students who were involved, I suspect that we will be receiving additional press interest and concern on the part of other parents and students as this case unfolds. Please note that we do not comment on litigation and that you may refer media inquiries to the Office of Communications. Their extension is 2080. I want all of you to know that as soon as we were notified that there was a problem, the Commandant took action, conducted an investigation, got to the root of it, and dealt with it. I know this affects everyone's pride and spirit in our school when just a handful of students who act inappropriately appear to overshadow the good actions and accomplishments of so many students. Please realize that I know that so many of you are doing the right things, and that I count on you to do all the right things, no matter what. Taking care of your troops is the first tenant of great leadership. Treating them poorly, subjecting them to mentally or physically inappropriate behavior is not in keeping with the institution's guiding values. I am also sure it is not in keeping with what your parents taught you as far as how to be an honorable human being. It brings great discredit to our institution, and in particular, to our Corps of Cadets. I commend all of you who are living by our values and training your underclassmen properly. Incidents such as this only call for us to be ever more vigilant, as it only takes a handful of unthinking individuals to hurt the entire University.

The President's Corner

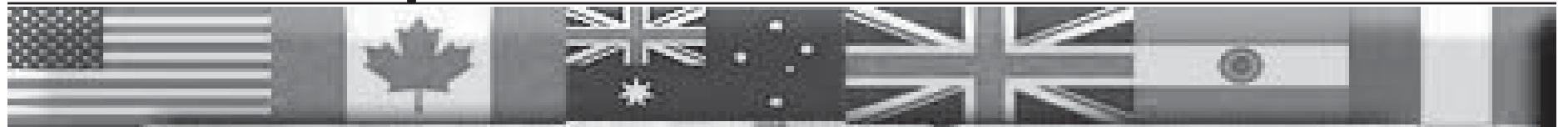


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Returning students recommend study abroad experience

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Christopher Clement, a 21 year-old junior communications major, tried his luck in another country this past semester. The experience of studying abroad has always been on his mind.

Clement, from Goshen, Conn., was the first student from Norwich to study in China.

With no prior knowledge of the country or language, he eagerly welcomed the experience.

"I have always been interested in the culture and martial arts, and seeing as it originated in China I felt that it would be a great experience for me," Clement said.

For many students who study abroad, the idea of going overseas seemed to be just a little out of their reach.

But recent census data shows that the number of college students joining the study abroad program has increased considerably.

"I have always wanted to study abroad simply because I have never been out of North America," said Matt Pathammavong, 21, a senior business management major from Atlanta Georgia. "Last semester was the first time I was ever able to go. I went to England and it was one of the best times I have ever had."

According to the *Open Doors Report*, the top five countries in which to study abroad are the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, France and Australia.

Many students seek countries where English is the major language to avoid the problems of a foreign language.

"Even though I didn't go to a place where they speak a different

language, I still learned a lot," Pathammavong said. "I was able to go to eight different countries and study their culture and their everyday lives."

"I was able to use my Marine Corps scholarship to pay for my trip," Clement said. "I was lucky enough to be able to not have to pay for my experience."

Financial aid programs have helped students who are looking to further their education abroad.

Many scholarships will transfer over to other universities, even those in different countries. Students can also study at different colleges within the United States as well, receiving a different experience as well.

"The school that I was able to go to was in the United States," said Nicole Bentley, 19, a criminal justice major from St. Louis, Mo. "It was a different military college. I was able to pay Norwich just like any other year and they paid the school I went to."

"I was lucky enough to be able to go through Norwich directly so there were not many problems with my financial part of the experience," Bentley said.

Along with the other expenses, the study abroad companies are willing to pay many of the fees associated with foreign programs.

Most companies work with whatever universities they can to coincide with the payments.

Vermont ranked 32nd for the number of college students who are in the study abroad program.

According to IIE network the total number of students who studied abroad in recent years is 1,682.

Many students who went abroad are willing to help other students experience studying

overseas.

Norwich graduate Melvin Knox, a former Lexia participant who studies in Rome, now works for the Lexia Company encouraging students to study abroad.

Nicolas Brumm, another student who studied overseas, said he has "been trying to make myself as available as I can to other students and encourage them to try it.

"I don't think of myself as a recruiter, but I am willing to because of the wonderful experience I had while I was there," said Brumm, 21, a senior environmental science major, from Houston, Tex.

"I went to two schools last semester," said Charmaine Morris, 20, a sophomore biology and psychology major from Detroit, Mich. "They were both in Virginia. One was Virginia Military Institute and the other was Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, both were military schools."

Last fall Norwich hosted three

students from France in addition to students from the Chinese Military Academy.

Before enrolling in a foreign program, students must make certain the work they will do while at a school overseas has programs and credits which will transfer into NU.

"The one problem was that because Lexia automatically transfers credits, people didn't think that they needed to take care of anything," Brumm said. "But people with different majors go through Lexia and take different courses for their research projects.

"People could basically make up schedules to fit their majors but they weren't finding out what classes would transfer back to their original school," he explained.

Brumm said that before he could leave he had to get a guarantee that his atmospheric pollution project would transfer as his senior environment science project at Norwich.

"For my communications major I did my field research project while I was (in China), Clement said. "That was to make a documentary that I named *Faces of China*."

In the last three years the top three fields of study for study abroad have been social sciences, business and management, and humanities.

"Since I have been back, I and another student have gotten the job of study abroad peer advising," Pathammavong said. "It is a student job where we promote and help other students on their way to go study abroad."

"Since I have been back this semester I have talked to a few students who are now trying to go to China next semester," Clement said. "My goal is to go back as well and learn the language better.

I will be going back to the same place and have made lots of connections, so it will be worth it to return next semester," Clement said.

Serving in Iraq

Sgt. Cynthia Freudenthal, U.S. Army, is pictured here in a photo taken recently in Iraq. The Norwich cadet, Class of 2008, is currently deployed to Iraq.



(Natalie Hamblin provided photo)



NU Artillery Battery teams with Vt National Guard for training

By Geoffrey Ankuda
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A mouse chewing through the wires of a multi-million dollar simulator and a loss of a day was not enough to stop Samuel Slater of Norwich University's Artillery Battery from getting to teach his freshmen the basics of how the Army field artillery operates and to have some fun.

Slater, 21, a junior from Northfield, Vt. and the platoon sergeant for Artillery Battery, took his freshmen and a few members of the cadre staff to the Vermont Army National Guard Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, Vt. for some hands-on training.

"The purpose, the whole intent of the operation was to get them out there, to get them out on the guns, to see how similar the Army artillery is to the actual Norwich artillery," Slater said. "I really just wanted to have a lot of fun on artillery guns because I know a lot of them enjoy artillery pieces."

One freshman, Jace Kennedy, 19, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Port Angeles, Wash., got the hands-on experience Slater described.

"We got to see how the M-109 howitzers worked," Kennedy said. "We went through fire missions and learned how to load rounds and set up correct targeting."

Kennedy said the M-109 is a mobile 155 mm gun. There are



Norwich cadets with the Norwich Artillery Battery pose with an M-109 Howitzer at Vermont Army National Guard Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, Vt. The students teamed with the Vermont National Guard for training on sophisticated weapons.

several jobs which artillery crews fulfill and Kennedy most enjoyed being the number-one man, although he added everyone got to cycle through the jobs, which included gunner, assistant gunner, number one man and number-two man.

Overall Kennedy said he had fun with only one downside: "I did not like getting up that early. We were up at five in the morning to get there."

Some freshman went to the training with prior knowledge of artillery. One was Jason Feuge, 18, a freshman civil engineering

major from San Antonio, Texas.

"I was on the gun crew for our salute gun we have," Feuge said. "We fired at football games and parades."

Feuge said that although he already had artillery experience he learned a lot at Fort Ethan Allen.

"I learned how they lay in the Howitzers so they can set up and figure out where on the earth it is so they can coordinate with fire control for indirect fire," Feuge said, adding that he also learned "the different combinations of rounds and what all they can do with that."

"It would have been nice to see a live fire mission, to see them actually fire the howitzers and be around for that, but I know they don't have a lot of ammo to play with," Feuge said.

Feuge said he enjoyed being able to spend time with his rook buddies and getting outside to train with different equipment.

One disappointment was that the simulator wasn't working and it was a drill weekend, so there were times that the cadets had to step aside and wait to continue training.

But the downtime was not

wasted however, because there were classes, which Slater conducted, about artillery, such as the different fuses put on the different rounds.

One of the first-timers on the trip was Neil Chapdelaine, 19, a freshman criminal justice major from Bedford, N.H.

"We had some classes beforehand telling us what was going on and what we were going to be doing," Chapdelaine said. "As soon as you get out there, and get your hands on it, and you can see what is going on. It clears everything up and you learn a ton from that experience."

Chapdelaine said the experience gave him some ideas for his future.

"I not sure if I am going to go into the field or not, but it gave me a good feel of what they do, how they accomplish the mission, what fire missions are, and how close-knit of a team they are," Chapdelaine said. "The experience was definitely the best thing."

For one recruit, Jordan Velie, 19, a freshman criminal justice from Whalen, Mich., the trip also gave him a new perspective on his future with the military.

"It opened my eyes to what the Army has to offer as far as different branches," Velie said. "I think after this weekend, I might want to branch field artillery, or artillery in general would be best."

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faculty, staff, and townspeople haven't been as productive as this drive and we have quite a showing of them," Pecor said. "So the fast tracking system is really working and benefitting them."

Pecor explained that the fast track means "that if a faculty, staff, or townspeople comes in, they will get a blue folder and they will get blue lined all the way through the process where we have designed health history areas; where they go right into a health history; right into a unit and they don't have to wait with students and cadets. They have their own waiting area."

One person working the event, Linnea Williams, a Blood Collection Specialist for

the American Red Cross, said that most people come later in the day.

"Most people usually (come) at the end of the day," Williams said, explaining that the late-day rush is especially for community members "who are coming in. It's pretty much when they are getting out of work," usually between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

This was Williams' second blood drive at Norwich. She said the school blood draws are her favorite.

"It is a good drive. I tend to like the big ones because it gets everybody together," Williams said. "Since it is a school event, it is good because there is pride in the school getting the numbers out there and

having everyone donate. It is a great drive; I enjoy it."

As in past years, attendance is increased by offering raffles and giveaways.

"We are doing a Campbell's gift certificate raffle; we are doing t-shirt giveaways; and we are doing a Bolton two-day, two-night ski pass package that is good through 2007," Pecor said.

Pecor said the blood drive could not have happened without its sponsor, Norwich's Student Nursing Association.

Pecor said the students did "all the volunteering, all the poster, all the publicity that I mail them. They put (the materials) around campus and around

Northfield."

According to a representative from the American Red Cross, this blood drive produced 54 double reds units and 265 standard units for 319 total units.

Pecor said if people want more information about donating blood in the New England area they can visit www.newenglandblood.org. For those outside New England area, the American Red Cross website, www.redcross.org, can direct them to a local blood donation center.

International students find NU offerings appealing

By Scott Sattler

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Norwich University serves more than 2,000 students of all races and creeds, who to some extent call campus home.

But some students do not consider Norwich to be a second home. In fact, they do not consider the United States or the North American continent to be their home.

The reason is simple: Norwich is one of many universities in the country which educates international students studying here under government visas.

For the school year 2005-06, Norwich has students studying on campus from over 20 countries.

One international student studying at NU, Antti Sirkkala 26, an international studies major from Tampere, Finland, came to Norwich to learn and live in a military environment because he wanted more from his college experience.

"I met two students from V.M.I. (Virginia Military Institute) in Finland on their spring break last year and they told me about school in America," Sirkkala said.

"That is what made me want to come to here."

Since the first six international students arrived at Norwich in 1827, the school has continued a long tradition of diversity and distinction by being able to accommodate students from all over the world.

"International students add a great dimension to our campus," according to the university's admission's page on International Students. "In the coming years, we will seek to increase the diversity of our campus so that all students may benefit from each other's experience."

More than 20,000 universities nationwide offer programs similar to Norwich's for international students.

Recent census statistics for the 2005-06 year indicated that 572,507 international students study in the United States of which 949 students said they attended a school in Vermont.

At Norwich, there are 55 students from around the world, who are majoring in a variety of subjects.

According to census data, nationwide more than 108,000 international students major in business and management, by far

the most popular major, which was chosen by 20 percent of all international students.

Jennifer Hasenfus, the Norwich International Studies Director said "that for the most part the international students seem to lean towards business management and the hard sciences like biology and some of the computer sciences.

"College is all about the experience for students as well as the different people you meet," Hasenfus said. "Teammates and rook buddies make it easier for international students to overcome cultural and social challenges."

Also to help international students, who need to cope with the culture shock of coming to Norwich, there is an orientation provided by the school to help familiarize them with American culture as well as on-campus weekly clubs.

Most international students who come to the U.S. to earn a degree do so using their own money.

Nearly 80.9 percent of all international undergraduates in this country use their own money, while the U.S. government and U.S. universities and colleges provide only 2.4 percent of tuition

expenses.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 affected international student enrollment nationally but Norwich maintained a higher number of applications.

"After (Sept. 11) the country's international programs dropped by 2.9 percent but surprisingly Norwich saw a 25.1 percent increase, doing a complete opposite of what all the other universities statistics were doing," Hasenfus said.

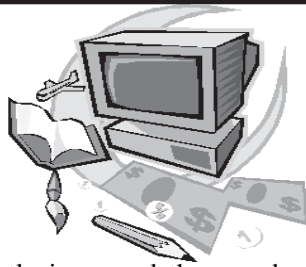
According to the NU 2019 plan, the university intends to make a national brand which will be recognized nationally as well as internationally.

Of the current 55 international students, most come "from Canada and they all are not members of the hockey team," Hasenfus said. "The next largest group would be from Taiwan, then the Republic of China. A large emerging population is from central Asia or from Soviet countries."

"In Finland people did not help you study in college," Sirkkala said. "There you are locked into studying only one subject, not like in America where you have the choice to switch major to major. In Finland, they do not realize what experiences they can get by studying in America."

Career Corner

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



The use of computers has vastly improved the speed and efficiency of the way the world conducts business. They can help you do the same thing for your career search. Checking some of these sites could save you a lot of time, energy and money.

1. General Career Information: These sites discuss the "how to's" of finding a job.

- CollegeGrad.com - is the number one entry-level job site and offers extensive career resources including job listings, resume posting, sample interview questions, research and advice.

2. Job Matching Sites: These sites match student posted resumes with employer posted job opportunities. Some sites accept all resumes while others specialize in certain career fields.

- CampusCareerCenter.com - helps college students and recent grads find internships, part-time and full-time positions. Sign up for a free newsletter and "classified" job postings.

- E Jobs.org and sciencejobs.com provide links to environmental and science related job opportunities in the USA and Canada.

- Be sure to post your resume on the Norwich on-line community at <norwichalumni.org>. Call the Career Development Center at extension 2125 for more information and your user access code.

3. Company Information Providers: These sites provide industry and company research.

- WetFeet.com offers news on companies and industries, as well as offers an in-depth "Insider's Guide" series. There may be a charge for some services offered by WetFeet.

- Ohio State Business Job Finder contains information on a variety of business career areas and other reference materials.

4. Salary Information Sites: Check out the following sites to see what starting salary is appropriate for your career field, job title and geographic location.

- Visit the Career Development Center in Harmon 214 and check out the "regional salary" data on Career Search.

Be sure to stop by the Career Development Center, located on the top floor of Harmon Hall, 485-2125, for answers to your career related questions.

Keeping Iraqi highways safer



Norwich 2004 graduate 2nd Lt. John S. Kim leads his amphibious-designated unit over the sands of the Iraqi desert. His main task has been providing security on the highways around Fallujah.

Freshmen Promo



Clockwise from upper left rooks stand at attention awaiting instructions to march down to Plumley Armory.

Rooks stand at attention in the armory listening to Cadet Col. Benjamin Brewster.

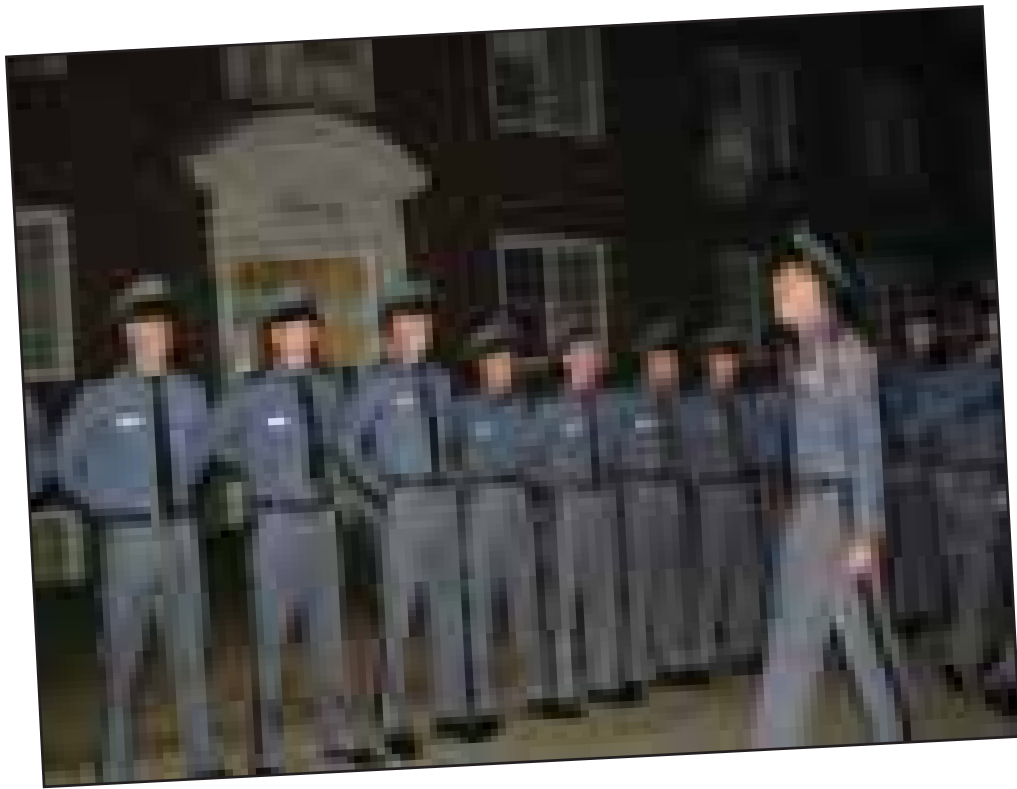
Lt. Col. Matt Reith congratulates a freshmen on becoming a cadet by performing a ritual of tapping him on the shoulder.

Rooks are ordered to do pushups prior to the promotion ceremony.

Rooks wait while the promotion activities proceed.



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Freshmen recruits were promoted to Cadet Privates in an annual ceremony performed in Plumley Armory at 11:45 p.m. Sunday, March 27.

(NUCC Public Affairs/Morales photos)



(Upper left) Rooks form up outside barracks on the Upper Parade Ground prior to the march down to Plumley Armory. **(Above and below)** Rooks are ordered to do pushups as part of the traditional promotion process. **(left)** Cadet Col. Benjamin Brewster and Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Ryan observe as the epaulettes are exchanged on freshmen uniforms.

Pegasus Players to perform *Greater Tuna*

By Luis Anthony Morales
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

The Norwich University Pegasus Players will be performing *Greater Tuna* this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Dole Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The original spring musical, *Side Show*, about two Siamese twins from a freak show and their trip to stardom had been cancelled due to complications with performing the music.

Greater Tuna is a comedy set in Tuna, Texas, the third smallest town in Texas.

Greater Tuna is slated as being the most produced play in America and has been entertaining audiences for over 20 years.

It all started as a party skit inspired by a political cartoon in Austin, Texas before the creators, Joe Sears, Jaston Williams, and Ed Howard, turned it into a critically acclaimed show performed nationwide.

The show is intended to be played by two performers but the



Kelly Tyner and Colleen Thayer rehearse a scene for this weekend's performance of *Greater Tuna* in Dole Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. (Morales photo)

Pegasus Players production will have nine separate performers portraying the crazy and very conservative citizens of Tuna.

Only Joe Sears and Jaston Williams had performed the original touring production.

Not only did it inspire an HBO special in 1985, it also was the highlight of Scotland's Edinburgh Festival.

In 1990, they even performed for President and Mrs. Bush in the White House before conducting a repeat performance in 1991.

The popularity of the play had grown so much that it prompted

the talented creators to produce a sequel entitled *A Tuna Christmas*.

The sequel premiered on Broadway in December 1994 earning not only rave reviews but also a Tony Award nomination for Joe Sears for Best Actor in a play.

After the success of *A Tuna Christmas*, another installment of Tuna life had been served to the American public with *Red, White and Tuna*.

The Pegasus Players are confident that the Norwich audience will enjoy their portrayal of life in Tuna Texas.

Students, faculty treated to magic of crystal imaging

By Laura Lemire
Norwich Guidon staff writer

The technology which makes possible the etching of crystals has been around for about seven years, according to Roger Bouwman, Executive Manager of 3-D Me Crystals Keepsakes Inc., but the possibility of etching images into crystals hasn't been explored until recently.

A scanner compiles a series of 18 different images using light and shadow and by reading a series of stripes a computer determines the distance of a body or object from the background, using the information a three-dimensional

image can be created, according to Bouwman.

The result is a three-dimensional replica of the image scanned etched into a crystal.

Students lined The Mill on March 7 waiting their turn to sit in front of the scanner and have an image of themselves forever etched into crystal.

"The way the laser works is we convert the 3-D file that we create into a cad file and send it over to the laser, which creates a point cloud," said Bouwman.

"The laser has optics that focuses it down to a point and crosses over itself," Bouwman said. "It's like playing with a magnifying glass in the sun but instead of burning ants or setting leaves on fire, we focus it at the center of a crystal."

The image itself is created by fractures that are produced from the extreme heat generated when the laser beam crosses over itself, Bouwman said.

"Most images are about 125,000 to 150,000 microfractures to create the image," Bouwman said. "It takes about three to five minutes to burn the images."

An amazing feature of the 3-D images is the illusion created on the backside of the crystal. The opposite side of the image appears to move as the crystal is turned, making the image seem as if it is turning against the movement of the crystal.

"On the backside, what you are getting is just a hollowed out, 3-D image," Bouwman said. "When you turn it, the perspective change, that's why it looks like it's following you."

The company, based out of Grand Rapids, Mich., was booked by student activities and offered students and faculty one free crystal portrait.



What's happening at NU?

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| Sat. Apr. 15 | ACM LAN Party |
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| Sat. Apr. 22 | Junior Ring Weekend |
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Putting the climbing wall in Shapiro Fieldhouse to use:

NU climbing club seeks new members of all abilities

By Amanda Nye
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

The rock climbing wall in NU Shapiro Field house is put to use by the climbing club.

The Norwich Climbing Club meets on a regular basis just to climb and have fun.

Jon Adams, a 22-year-old civil engineering major from Simsbury, Conn, is the president of the club.

He wants people to know there is a group of students on campus who climb the rock wall in Shapiro on a regular basis.

"We meet two times a week, Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm, and on Sundays 6pm to 9pm," Adams said. "We would like to meet more often, but that would mean for more participation.

"We try to get up on the wall as much as possible, especially during the winter season," Adams said.

More participation from those who are interested in climbing would increase the current number of 20 participants to a larger group. Usually about five or six come to each meeting.

"We plan to go outside to a few different places when the weather warms up," Adams said. "Two places we plan to go is Deers Leap in Killington and also to Bolton."

Until recently, the weather and the outside conditions, restricted club members to the indoors.

Participants have different techniques which they use to help improve their climbing.

"We have the capability to do some sport climbing, which is when you bring the rope up with you, rather than having it above you," Adams said. "So therefore you anchor yourself to the rock, as you go up.

"It has a little more of a risk than top roping, which is when the rope is anchored above you," Adams explained. "So in case you fall, you only fall the length of the rope."

For those who don't know much or even anything about rock

climbing, the current members are happy to strap on a harness and help others learn the sport.

"Anyone is welcome to come and try out," he said. "We have extra harnesses. We are willing to introduce anyone to the sport.

Dan Spagone, a 20-year-old majoring in mechanical engineering from Newport, RI, has learned a lot from the climbing wall.

He has become more comfortable and learned to trust others. "The climbing club is designed

ing walls, which club members climb. The club also has responsibility of the climbing wall for the Leadership Challenge Weekend (LCW).

"There are four separate walls to the climbing wall, and within

you use to get to the top of the wall."

"We are also responsible for opening the wall for LCW and for other community organizations."

Katy Smith, a 22-year-old majoring in chemistry and math from Seattle, Wash., is a member of the climbing club and enjoys her time on the wall in the fieldhouse.

"The climbing club allows us to use the wall in Shapiro," Smith said. "We use it both for both recreation and for training, such as the LCW weekends."

Adams started climbing when he was young. It was a summer job that he had which sparked his interest.

"I started climbing at a Boy Scout camp. They asked me to come back and I ended up being a counselor," Adams recalled. "I worked for that camp for three summers.

"I tried rock climbing while I was there and from then on I tried to get on the wall as often as I could," Adams said. "During my senior year of high school I took an adventure education certification course at Northwestern Connecticut College.

"I worked at another camp as a director of high ropes and climbing," Adams said.

The Climbing Club hopes to do some fundraising in the future, Adams said. Members are currently looking for new equipment.

What they currently have for gear is good, Adams said, but if more people become interested, more gear will be needed.

"As we do get more interest in the climbing club, we will eventually need to get more gear," Adams said. "With new members and more people part of the club, we can raise more money for equipment, and we hope to do that through fundraising."

The experience in the climbing club ranges from beginners to over eight years.

"It is an excellent exercise tool," Spagone said, adding it is a "leadership program and safe way to attack any fear of heights."

**"The climbing club is designed around developing all levels of ability and comfort on a rock wall."
-Spagone-**



**"No experience is necessary. We will help anyone of any age and any level."
-Adams-**

"We teach the basics of climbing and belaying," Adams said. "We have a lot of experience," Adams said. "No experience is necessary. We will help anyone of any age and any level."

around developing all levels of ability and comfort on a rock wall." Spagone said. "It's also a great way to make new friends, and learn a new level of trust." There are four different climb

that we have separate routes," Adams said. "We are open to others making new routes if they have experience. A route is a series of hand and foot holes that

Pushard brings experience to role as asst conditioning coach

By **Cody Hatt**
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After spending four years as a standout athlete for the Norwich University Softball Program, 23-year-old Alycia Pushard has been a familiar face in the Cadet workout facility in the basement of Plumley hall since her arrival on campus in fall of 2001. Now graduated, she has switched roles from a student-athlete in training to an instructor under the guidance of Norwich Head Strength and Conditioning Coach Justin Goulet.

A native of Litchfield, Maine, Pushard graduated from Norwich in 2005 with a degree in athletic training. As a four-year member of the Cadet Softball Program, she garnered first-team all-conference and Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Rookie of the Year honors as a freshman, before being tabbed as a second-team all-conference performer as a sophomore. She's currently in her first year as Norwich's Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.

"I got a job offer from Coach Goulet, and I took advantage of it with hopes that I could get some great experience in this type of work and be able to put it on my resume," Pushard said. "I really think that working under Justin [Goulet] and learning from him will help me a lot in terms of being more prepared for a future career in medicine."

While working with varsity athletes from all sports during their in-season and off-season training programs, Pushard said that she has adjusted easily to her new role as a strength coach. She said that "its been great working with all the athletes here," and that "seeing all the positive improvements that guys have been able to make in a short period of time has been very rewarding."

"Most of the athletes here know me from when I was still in school, so they trust me and know the type of background I have in athletic training and what I can do to help them," Pushard said. "I think people understand that I'm com-

mitted here and that I'm really focused on learning what Coach Goulet has to say, so when I say something to them, they are confident that it's the same thing that he would be telling them."

Goulet said that he has been impressed with Pushard's personable style of relating to athletes while working on technique and how to avoid injury. He said that her "background in athletic training and familiarity with the

"Alycia has really done a fantastic job stepping in this year and, having been an athlete here herself for four years, she has a real good understanding of what I like to do in terms of exercise technique and program design," Goulet said. "She's always on hand to give me advice about injuries and specific rehab techniques related to those injuries, which has really been a huge help."

Pushard's soft-spoken demeanor is a perfect complement to Goulet's more aggressive style of coaching.

"The thing about Coach Goulet is that he's a dominating presence in the weight room, always challenging guys by getting in their faces and firing them up to get the most out of their lifts," Kelley said. "With [Coach Pushard], she gives you space and sometimes you don't even realize she's

With aspirations of returning to school and studying to become a certified Physician's Assistant (PA), Pushard said that she is hoping to gain experience with specific strength exercises and program designs that will allow her to offer a wider-range of treatment options to her future patients. While expressing a deeper interest in the medical side of athletic performance and human mobility, she said that "it's very important to have a solid understanding of the strength aspect of things to be a well-rounded professional."

"When I become a PA and start to write home programs for patients, I want to be focused on letting patients know what they should be doing long-term after injury," Pushard said. "I don't want to be someone who treats an individual on the spot and then sends them home with no direction for a rehabilitation program, and hopefully my time spent working in strength and conditioning will help me to be able to do more than most PAs."

Overall, Pushard said that she wants to continue to use Goulet as a source of knowledge for "learning about proper technique and program design and how everyone in the strength and conditioning field has a different philosophy towards getting positive results." She said that she has been intrigued to learn of the extensive amount of variability and independence that exists among professionals in the field, and that she hopes to apply a similar type of philosophical freedom while working in the orthopedic technician field and later on as a PA.

"I really like the [strength and conditioning] field, and I have plans to come back next year because I don't want just one year of this type of work on my resume," Pushard said. "But I'm not ready to put the books down completely and stop studying and get right into a job. I still have a desire to keep learning."

"Most of the athletes here know me from when I was still in school, so they trust me and know the type of background I have in athletic training."
-Pushard-



Alycia Pushard, seen here last year as a Norwich senior and one of the tri-captains for the Norwich Women's Softball team, is now on the athletic staff as NU's Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.

specific structure of the strength program at Norwich has her made a truly valuable asset to have around."

Norwich Sophomore Dave Kelley, a 20-year-old physical education major from Bennington, Vt., said that

there, but then she'll come up to you and say something about what you could be doing a little better that really makes sense."

NU athletic trainers help team members with injuries

By **Andreas Craig**
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Being an athletic trainer is not easy, especially when some sports teams overlap throughout the different seasons and when they are having success in their sports, said David Botelho, head athletic trainer at Norwich University.

Athletic trainers strive to do their best and makes sure that everyone recovers fully from injuries they may sustain throughout the season.

David Botelho, in his 15th year training athletes, has spent 11 of those years at Norwich University.

Throughout his career, Botelho has seen and dealt with multiple injuries in many different sports.

"I have dealt with a lot of ankle sprains, contusions, and strained muscles in my 15 years as an athletic trainer," Botelho said.

So, what does it take to become an athletic trainer?

Botelho said being a trainer is fun because he deals with different athletes who want to help themselves rather than doing the typical physical therapy.

He started his career in training by getting a degree in physical education and a minor in athletic training at the University of Rhode Island.

From there Botelho earned a master's degree in education with a concentration in athletic training. He also earned his certificate in athletic training,



"I like when it's football season because there is so much to do and it always has action going on." -Botelho-

which required him to pass a national examination.

Sonia Masse, a 2005 Norwich graduate who is currently a student at California Pa. College in Pittsburgh, Penn., said she is earning her master's degree with plans to be a certified trainer.

"Right now I am going to college to achieve my master's degree and with it I can finally take the nationwide test to be a certified athletic trainer."

"First of all I love athletics and to travel, but for right now while I'm young I want to help injured

athletes get back into shape when they get hurt," Masse said

"When an athlete gets hurt on a certain play, I go through a system of elimination to figure out what is wrong with the athlete," Botelho said. "After I tend to the individual on the spot of the injury. I then get the player back to the training room for more tests."

"I remember when I have gotten injured and how good the trainers worked with me to get me back on the field," said Darnell Jackson, 18, a communications major from Miami, Fla.

Sometimes as an athletic trainer the job gets tough especially during season changes, because the sports change.

"I like when it's football season because there is so much to do and it always has action going on," Botelho said.

"For example, the men and women basketball teams made the NCAA tournaments. But for us trainers it just means that we have to adjust to the stretch of the season," said Meagan Robinson, 21, a pre-med/sport

athletic training major from Randolph, N.H.

"Because spring season is next, that means we are going to be doing athletic training for those sports," Robinson said.

Athletic training is essential to athletics and with college athletes getting bigger, stronger and faster there will be more injuries to treat.

"As an athletic trainer we have to be ready for any situation that might happen, and we have to be extremely watchful of the little accidents because those are the types of injuries that are hazardous," Masse said.

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